Lochaber Bay Classmates meet again after 50 years



Cuthbert and Bertha Smith, of Russell Village, recently hosted the first Lochaber Bay School class reunion in more than 50 years at their home "Glen Avon", 99 Castor Street. Lochaber Bay, once a thriving Scottish farm community, near Buckingham, Que., was named by the Duke of Argyle who went there every autumn to Hunt. Long-time Russell resident Bertha Smith was raised there and attended Lochaber Bay School. Former classmates pictured to the right are, front row, from left, Hazel Nesbitt, Inez Nesbitt, Ethel Webster, Bertha Smith, Edna Maclachlan, Alberta Lamb, Effie Ivall and Florence Skinner. Back row, Grace Toop, Sam MacEachern, Robert Nesbitt, Cuthbert Smith, Norman Ivall, Stanley Lean, Laura Lean and Kenneth Nesbitt.

In the photo below are, front row, Maurice Kemp, Stuart Macdiarmid, Angus MacLachlan. Second row, Harold Maclachlan, Mrs. Jach MacLachlan, Mable Faris, Grace Macli, Grace Kemp, Isobel Elliott, Jean Gichot, Ethel Wigney. Back row, Harry Toop, Bruce Johnson, Lloyd Ivall, Angus Maclachlan, Hugh Nesbitt, Sam Macli, Irma Nesbitt, Manson Walsh, Bruce Johnson.



OPP AT THE "EX"

Castor Constable on hand

If you wander by the Ontario Provincial Police kiosk at the Central Canada Exhibition, you might spot a familiar face...the face of Constable George Barre.

Cons. Barre, who regularly patrols Russell Village, will be the only representative of the Casselman OPP detachment on duty at the kiosk.

In addition to answering questions about policing in general, Cons. Barre and other officers will be trying to raise money for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

"We'll have cameras on hand and we'll charge a small fee to take pictures of kids sitting on a police motorcycle," Cons. Barre explained. "The money will be turned over to the hospital."

The constable, one of 14 stationed at Casselman, described the picture-taking project as the policemen's way of recognizing International Year of the Child.

His involvement in the kiosk will be good experience for Cons. Barre in his new capacity as community services officer for Russell and Cambridge townships. He begins the job in September on a part-time basis.

His duties will involve lecturing to school children on such pertinent questions as bicycle safety. He'll also outline to students details of the Block Parent Plan now picking up momentum in Russell Village.

Cons. Barre has been screening Block Parent applicants and has so far processed about 40 names. All have been cleared to participate in the program, he said.

Russell Village is the first community in the Casselman detachment's jurisdiction to set up such a program. It has already proven its worth on one occasion. "A couple of kids walking on the street were harassed by a motorist. They went to a home displaying the Block Parent sign and police were called."

He plans to screen a film depicting the program sometime this fall.

As part of his new job, Cons. Barre will make himself available to readers of the Castor Review to answer any questions on the policeman's role. His comments will be published in future issues.

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