



Suzanne Schroeter's

Scrapbook

Chainsaw blues

When you have a six-foot-high tree stump rotting in your back yard, the best thing to do is remove it, right? We thought so too and Wilton Gamble even offered to do the job. He figured the task would take one half-hour at the most and, after refreshments, he'd be a few dollars richer. Well...

This was a stubborn old elm stump, measuring over four feet in diameter at the base. Wilton's 19-inch chain saw had a big job ahead.

To begin things, Wilton made a circular cut around the perimeter of the trunk at ground level. Then he cut out the first of many large wedges, hoping to reach a point where the blade could cut through the central portion of the trunk.

At this point a small hydraulic car jack was put into use exerting some pressure under the stump. Unfortunately, under the strain, the jack yielded to its defects and collapsed. Wilton kicked the

stump and muttered something under his breath.

After a hasty trip home to pick up some tools and after refills of fuel and chainsaw oil, the men (Steve had been supervising all the while) continued the wedging job which resembled the penknife sharpening of a giant pencil. Alas, the mighty trunk wouldn't budge.

It was a long, difficult job cutting through the middle inches of the trunk. Finally a coat hanger cleared through the "pencil point". With a weak "TIMBER" the old stump fell. To make matters worse, while halving the remains for removal, Wilton's saw struck a piece of fencing embedded in the wood! No wonder the job was a tough one.

By the way, after the task was finished we counted ninety rings on the stump, refreshments were served in a 1978 Beef Bar BQ glass and Wilton was more than a few dollars richer.

Thank you Wilton!



DEATH SCENE

This is the aftermath of a one-vehicle accident in which Carl Crump, 48, of Chesterville died last month on the Coronation Bridge in Russell. Police said Mr. Crump was heading north when he attempted to overtake another vehicle on the bridge. The left front wheel of his truck caught the railing and the vehicle flipped over. He was thrown from the truck and was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Frank Kinnaird. Police said it appeared Mr. Crump was not wearing a seatbelt. Constable Steve Sloboda investigated.

(Michael Van Dusen Photo)

Referendum comment (from page 1)

***Wendell Stanley, Russell Registrar:** "I can only hope the vote will go "no". But you never know for sure until the results are in. I want Quebec to stay. I'm proud of the country and the fact we have a French-speaking area."

***Denis Latremouille, Embrun businessman:** "If we stay together as a country, our freedom as individuals will increase; but if we drift apart, the greater the possibility of an invasion by the United States. No matter the referendum outcome, there must be federal-provincial talks towards very important constitutional changes."

***Dianne Custance, Russell lawyer:** "Sometimes I feel Quebec is more trouble than it's worth but I'm thinking of the whole country and I want us to stay together. I'm afraid of violence if the "no" side wins. I wouldn't put it past some of the fanatics of the Parti Quebecois to throw bombs if they start to feel desperate."

***Albert Bouwers, Osgoode Township Reeve:** "The "no" side is going to win by a small majority. It'll be very tight, about 51 per cent. It scares me that it will be that close because you can't tell what's going to come after that. You might get some hotheads running the province."

***Jean-Guy Bourdeau, Russell clerk-treasurer:** "It's going to be very, very close. I don't want Quebec out of Canada but I want to be recognized as a French-Canadian. I think that is happening now and I think it can be accomplished without separation."

***Nick Pora, Metcalfe businessman:** "The thinking men of Quebec, the businessmen will vote "no". Why can't everybody get the message that it's easier and more beneficial to learn a language than to destroy a country. We have to convince Quebec that we have a pretty good deal and that we can make it better."

***Jim McVey, real estate sales, Embrun:** "I think it will go "yes" and I have mixed emotions about that. On the one hand, I'm upset about all the money the federal government spends in Quebec but on the other, I don't want to see

the country split into different parts. I'm concerned that other political influences would gain a foothold in Quebec should it separate. I'm talking about communism."

***Dr. Frank Kinnaird, Russell physician:** "I think the "no" side will win but there'll be a lot of changes in Confederation in the next five years. I don't think there will be any violence if the "yes" side loses. Levesque is going to want another referendum eventually and it would be a real detriment for his side if there were violent outbreaks."

***Mary Cooper, Osgoode Township councillor:** "I'm hopeful the "no" forces will win. It's really a shame people are being so devisive about the issue. I think a multicultural society enriches the country and the literature and art of Quebec add a lot to the Canadian makeup."

***Leo Provost, Russell Township councillor:** "Ryan will win. Trudeau getting involved has really helped things out. I feel that a majority of Quebecers want to stay in Confederation but I would be against military intervention to force them to. In a way, I'm glad the referendum is taking place. It wakes people up, makes them think of what they have and proud to be Canadians."

Home for Christian School

A rural school house will be the first home of the Metcalfe and area community Christian school.

The Christian school association hopes to eventually build a four-room facility right in Metcalfe but, starting this fall, an anticipated 40 pupils will receive instruction at Herbert's Corners.

A building there is being vacated by the Carleton Roman Catholic school board and is being turned over to the association.

"We'll have to pay maintenance, heat and hydro," said Anne Bouwers, who'll have two children enrolled in the community school.

The school's proposed Metcalfe location has been the subject of controversy with some residents claiming the site should be reserved for residential use.

The Ontario Municipal Board will hear from objectors May 29.

Mrs. Bouwers said 22 students have been confirmed with the tuition fee expected to average out at \$1,200 per family.

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