

Meditorial

By Rev. Jim Paul

In a recent edition of the Christian Science Monitor there was an interview with the real-life Fonzie, actor Henry Winkler. Judging by the 55,000 fan letters he receives each month from young people across North America, one could say he's a bonafide teenage hero. Scores of acne-faced young men dream of being like the "Fonz" walking down the street with a girl clinging on each arm. Other teens glorify their hero by speaking English with a "Fonzie" dialect. It's not uncommon to hear young people express their feelings of joy with "eh, eh, eh", as they wiggle their thumbs around in the air, or express their feelings of approval with "cool, cool", as they shake their hands from side to side. Teenagers who have adopted the mannerisms of this TV hero should also accept his counsel for their lives. When asked what he thought of today's teen, Winkler said:

It hurts me that many young people, for some reason, at this moment in history, have no sense of future. They can't see past their nose... It's irresponsible to be self-destructive, and you can never meet your dream if you are a slave to an outside substance such as drugs or alcohol. Freedom isn't something that someone gives you — it comes from within your soul.

Do you know that Jesus Christ, the most worthy hero of all time, concurs with Henry Winkler's counsel? Jesus said in John 8:35 that "every one that commits sin is a slave of sin". This Divine Hero in the next few verses goes on to explain what the real-life Fonzie did not—that is how freedom can come from within your soul. "If therefor the Son shall make you free" Jesus says, "you shall be free indeed". Real freedom that changes lives and causes you to live forever only comes through God's Son, Jesus Christ. Don't settle for any less than the best, invite Jesus into your life today.



Suzanne Schroeter's

Scrapbook School daze

It is a rare treat for a teacher to spend a weekend with a former student. On the long Victoria Day weekend, my former student, Helen Humphries, rode her motorcycle from Toronto to Russell to take a closer look at the country and at her countrified, former Grade-Three teacher.

Last October, Helen and I were "reunited" at the 25th Anniversary party of the G.P. Mackie School where I taught Grade Three for three years. It was an incredible experience meeting with former staff and students after an eleven year absence. Children grow up but faces never change. Although most of my 'kids' were now

nineteen year old university students, they were easily recognizable in the crowded gymnasium.

During that weekend I found out that eight year olds remember everything. Even though Helen wasn't in my first class, she had heard how I had talked myself hoarse by the second week of school and my mother had to call in sick for me! She remembered every class trip, our pet hamster, Velvet, and all the teasing Mrs. Belbin and I dished out in fun.

Helen and I talked about writing. She was intent upon becoming a writer and was really pleased because she had just won a high school writing

contest. Her prize-winning poem has since been published in Quarry magazine.

Since that time Helen and I have corresponded. In one of my letters I indicated to Helen that she could stay in Russell if she ever wanted to check out Ottawa's universities. I guess she couldn't contain her curiosity any longer and besides, she wanted to take a maiden voyage on her new Honda motorcycle.

When all the reminiscing was over, we showed Helen the country joys of watching one-day-old baby kildeers, patting calves at the Experimental Farm and the beauty of the Gatineau Park despite rain and fog.

Helen hit the road early Tuesday morning and our fun was over. I was sad to see her leave on the long trip home, but I'm sure all the while she was composing her next short story. I wonder what it will be titled?

Anglicans get new minister

After a month of uncertainty following the departure of Rev. Michael Fleming, the parish of Vars, Bearbrook and Russell will welcome a new minister on

August 1st. He's Rev. Clem Francis.

Rev. Francis, a native of Trinidad and Tobago, is currently completing his duties at Westboro

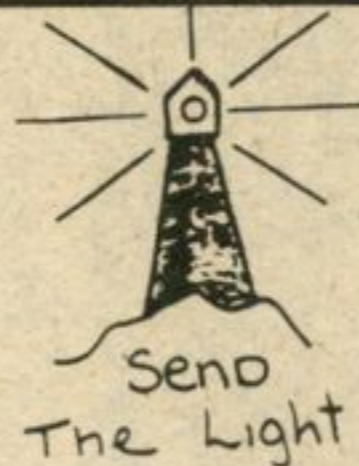
Anglican Church in Ottawa.

St. Mary's Anglican Church wishes to thank all those who attended their Spring Bazaar and Tea, helping to make it an enjoyable afternoon.

The winners of the bazaar raffle were: hooked rug, Melissa O'Leary; baby afghan, Mrs. Helen Loucks; door prize, Mrs. D. Hall.

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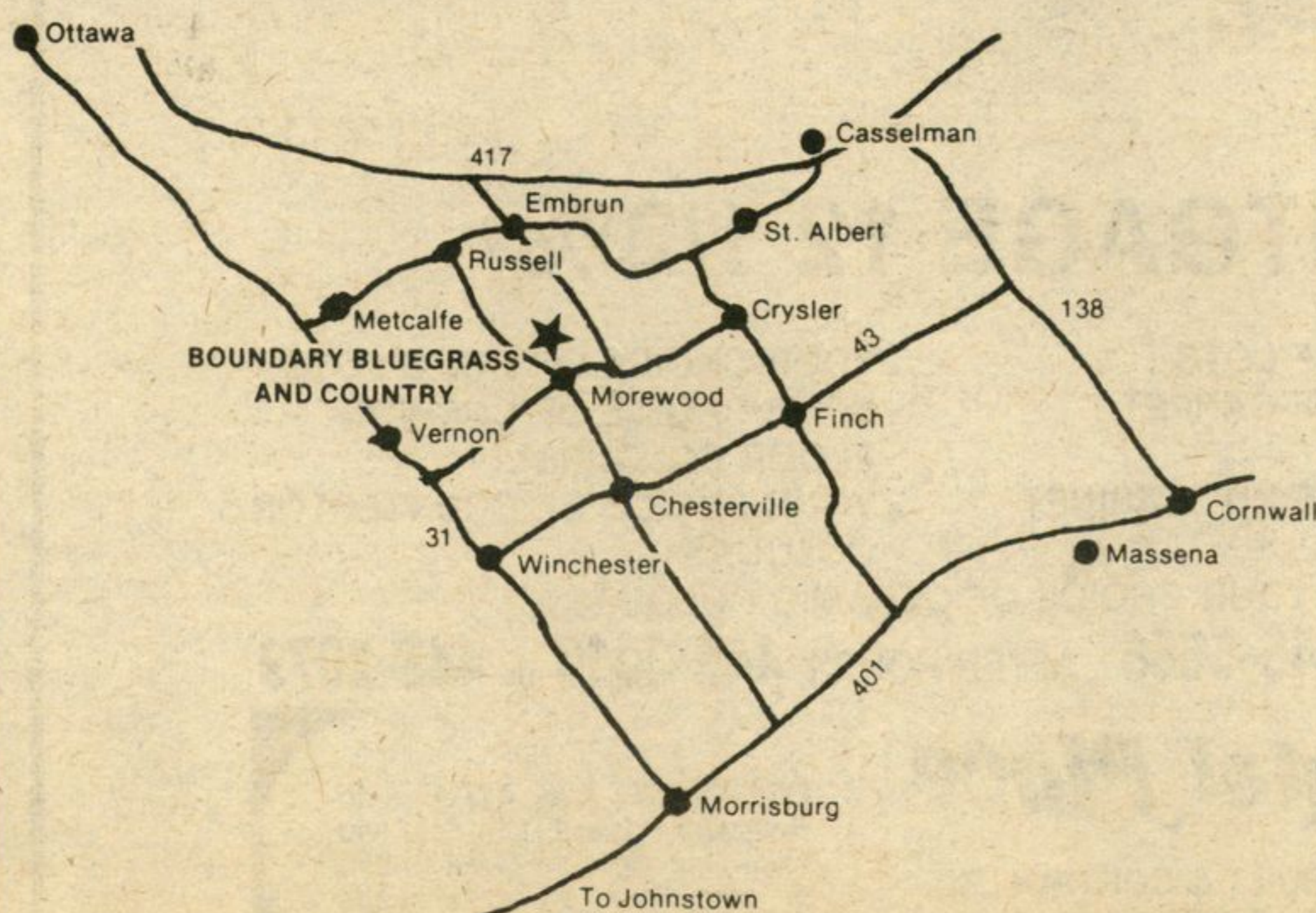
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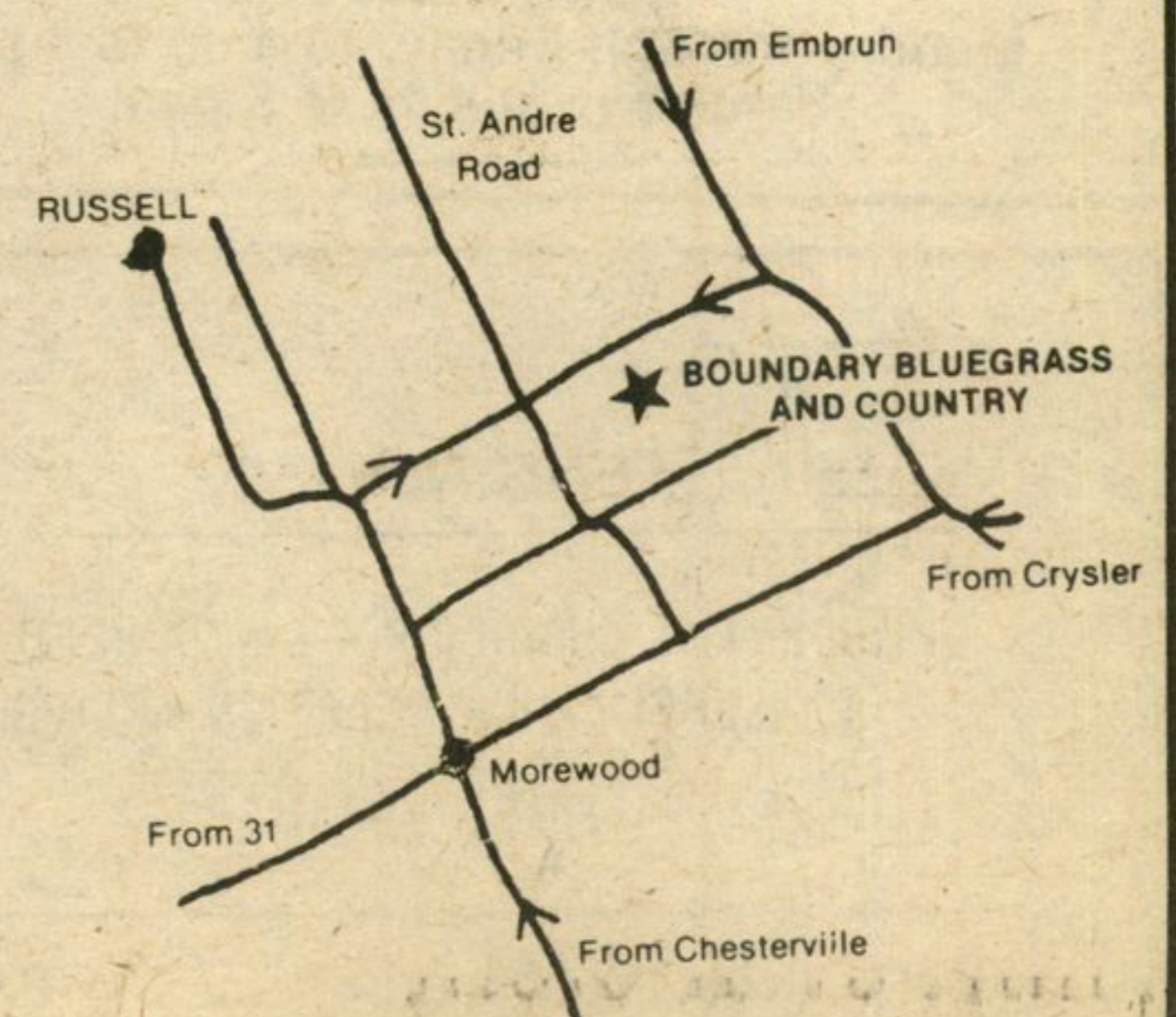
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