



BEWARE OF ALERT

Use of the Alcohol Level Evaluation Road Tester by Casselman OPP has led to about 40 impaired driving charges in the Castor area. But more important to local policemen is the fact accidents have dropped compared to last year. The suspect motorist is asked to blow into the device which delivers a verdict of "fail", "warn", or "pass".

More blackouts to come?

There could be more and serious blackouts in Russell Village, according to information received by the Castor Review.

One of the problems is that electrical conductors are not heavy enough to carry the current when overloading occurs, as it does in extremely low temperatures such as occurred in early January.

Town electrician Ewart Campbell immediately went out and discovered a tripped switch due to overloading. It was impossible to correct the situation without the

aid of a Hydro crew which at the time were busy with a problem in North Gower. They reached Russell Village at about 11 a.m. and the damage was speedily repaired. Later in the afternoon another blowout occurred in the Solidex project.

Ewart Campbell stated the problem was definitely due to overloading. "Too many heaters, car plug-ins, furnaces and people getting breakfast all at the same time."

Castor Chatter



Community volunteer work can become a full-time, unpaid job, Embrun resident Andre Beriault has discovered. Andre took on the task of organizing the Embrun Carnival this year and was surprised to learn how much was involved. "It's all the little details to take care of," he said, pausing for breath a few days before the Jan. 23 kickoff. A 45-member committee helps put on the annual event. In the past, community centre president Rene Brisson and vice-president Marcel Bouchard have done much of the spade-work.

Russell Village resident Stuart Walker recently experienced jury duty for the first time and found it to be a learning experience. Stu was part of a jury which convicted a father of 11 children of bribery at l'Original after deliberating for about eight hours. The jury was sequestered at a local motel after it failed to reach a verdict by 11.30 p.m. one night. "I didn't really want to do it because it meant a lot of travelling back and forth. But I found it interesting."

Osgoode Township may crack down on unsightly automobile repair shops. Council has asked its solicitor to review municipal bylaws with a view to putting the brakes on shops which leave cars under repair visible to passersby.

Rocco and Lise Zavarella, 2000 Jasmine Crescent, Ottawa, were the lucky winners of the Russell RA all-expenses paid trip to Chateau Montebello at the New Year's Dance, which they attended with Diane and Bruno Santilli. Rocco is Bruno's cousin.

Osgoode senior units this spring

By Lois Lajeunesse

Construction of a \$1-million senior citizens' home will begin in Osgoode Village this spring.

Reeve Albert Bouwers said construction will begin "as soon as the frost leaves the ground."

The 34-unit apartment block will contain 10 two-bedroom apartments and 24 one-bedroom units.

A government grant of \$107,000 will reduce the total mortgage costs, said Bouwers.

The home is one of two planned for the area.

A 51-unit block in the village of Metcalfe is also planned and construction will begin this fall, with the help of a \$159,000 grant.

Bouwers feels that statistics indicate there is a large demand for this type of apartment accommodation for seniors.

"The numbers that have applied already are great, but you don't always get everyone who said they are interested," he said.

The proposed sited have been surveyed and Bouwers is optimistic the projects will be completed on schedule.

"Everything is going well and we hope to open the doors in the fall."

The Canadian National Housing Committee is in charge of the project and meetings are held every two weeks to assess progress.

Russell Home filling slowly

A number of residents have moved in to the Russell Senior Citizens' home where they are enjoying a friendly atmosphere, bright sunny rooms and the pleasure of not having to worry about shovelling snow or keeping the place warm.

Of those in residence, most expressed themselves pleased with the facilities.

Millie Harrison who travelled across the road from her former home on Church Street said she was "very happy" with her apartment.

"It will be nicer when there are more people in residence," said Teen Campbell, former district nurse, whose sister Pearl is in residence.

The apartments are filling slowly as a number of those whose applications were accepted seem to want to wait for warmer weather before moving in.

Officials in charge are hoping that all of the 30 apartments will be occupied by the end of February.

Greetings from Cancer Society

The Russell Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society extends greetings for the new year to all the residents of the community.

The Russell community was a part of the Terry Fox national campaign, raising \$175.33 through individual donations and a collection box in the post office. The Russell Senior Citizens, led by Mrs. Bertha Smith, generated \$501. through a Christmas dinner they hosted on December 1st.

The Russell Branch of the Cancer Society will organize another Fashion Show in the spring, as part of this year's campaign in April. Further details on this event will be conveyed through the Castor Review.

Any resident of the community requesting advice or assistance on cancer related programs or services is asked to contact either Eileen Hamelin (445-5335) or Shirley King (445-5335).

Sidewalk Talk

Tabernacle television

By Mark Van Dusen



The few times I watched Ernest Angley strut across the television stage and slap one more believer on the forehead, I winced.

I winced not at the impact of the slap but at the total desperation which must have forced the poor victim to get up there in the first place.

I repeat, victim. For I believe these poor souls who hobble and wheel themselves on to Angley's stage have been coddled, coached, coaxed and cajoled to the point of doing anything to be healed. Even to the point of letting themselves be slapped on the forehead on national television.

It's the ultimate in high pressure sales. Take the Bible, thousands of people crammed into a cathedral awash with television lights, uplifting music and the raw, punchy showmanship of a ringmaster and you can sell anything. P.T. Barnum proved that, without the Bible, cathedrals or television.

Angley, although one of the most flamboyant, certainly has no monopoly on high-pressure preaching. Just check the Sunday morning TV listings. There's a steady stream of well-packaged, slick, breast-beating, Bible-thumping shows.

From 7 a.m. to noon, you can get Angley, Jimmy Swaggart, Rex Humbard, James Robison, Robert Schuller from the Crystal Cathedral, Oral Roberts, Jerry Falwell and Kenneth Copeland's Believers Voice of Victory, to name a few.

I ask myself what is it these men (for they are only men) are selling. I've concluded most — not all — are selling themselves. Why else would they need Lear jets, estates, interests in companies, \$500-suits and limousines.

These men model themselves after Jesus Christ, so they say. But Jesus Christ, the Bible says, gave all and took nothing. Do they?

Tabernacle television is still more or less a U.S. phenomenon. We get the shows in Canada but the gurus of the movement are still based south of the border.

A growing number of Americans have been giving up their paychecks for the cause. Some have even mortgaged their homes. Do we want that in Canada?

And, while the electronic evangelists get fatter and fatter, the little community churches suffer. Do we want that?

But, you say, you saw Ernest Angley miraculously heal a cripple right on your own TV screen. Television is itself miraculous and can show things that are not always there.

What you don't see on the screen are the pathetic cripples in the first row struggling to get up. They never make it.

CASTOR CUPBOARDS

with Margot McCallum

Dorothy Meharey Morrice's soup and tea biscuits

"Could anything be better than simmering soup and hot tea biscuits on a frosty winter day?" Dorothy asks.

SOUP

Two pounds of meaty beef bones. Cover well with water. Add 2 teaspoons salt. Simmer for 2 hours or until tender. Remove from bones, cut fine, return meat to stock.

Add 1 cup barley, 1/2 cup rice, 1 finely chopped onion, 2 cups carrots, 2 cups diced turnips, 2 cups whole canned tomatoes. You can also add potatoes, celery, broccoli according to preference.

Add seasoning to taste, stir during cooking to prevent sticking.

BASIC TEA BISCUITS

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt

6 tablespoons shortening
2/3 cup of milk (approx.)

Sift dry ingredients together, cut in shortening, add milk and stir with a fork until dough is formed.

Turn out on a floured board. Pat or roll lightly to 3/4-inch thickness. Cut with a cookie cutter. Bake on ungreased pan about 10 minutes at 450 F.

Double the batch, if you wish. They will freeze well and will be just as good by thawing and re-heating in a 375 F, oven for 3-5 mins.

Dorothy Morrice (nee Meharey) was born in Russell Township, concession 2 North. She moved to concession 4 north to farm with her husband John (or Jock, as he is better known), a native of Brechin, Scotland. Dorothy has been a faithful member of organized groups in North Russell, Russell and Vars. She moved into Russell Village in 1972 and is a member of Russell Village senior citizens.