

Chatter

Christmas Concerts

The Russell Public School has been working at organizing its annual Christmas Concerts. This year they'll be held Tuesday, December 15 and Wednesday December 16th.

Cutting the school cards

Cut the cards and we'll see who'll be chairman.

That's how the Prescott-Russell Separate School Board decided who would serve as Chairman of the Board.

Roger Cayer won the cut. Cayer, who was elected chairman for the first time last year, was challenged for a second term by outgoing Board Vice-chairman André Henrie.

When both trustees got an equal number of votes, a set of playing cards was brought out to decide who would become chairman.

Serge Lalonde was elected Vice-chairman.

Politely saving a dog

From Jude McGann's

The other evening we received a phone call asking if we had a golden coloured dog. My heart sank. We have already lost one dog to the traffic on the bridge. Some of my equilibrium returned as I realized our dog was at home. In a still unsteady voice I suggested another family he might call who had a similar dog. It wasn't until after he hung up that I realized how young the voice on the phone had been. Some young man cared enough about a lost and shivering dog to screw up his courage and call around town to total strangers. Extremely well spoken he was too, if a little self conscious. Some Russell parents have brought up a young man they should be awfully proud of. I just wish I'd caught his name so I could thank him personally.

Public school tea

The Parents' Association of the Russell Public School work hard to make their "Holly Tea" fund-raising a success and it was. The tea, which was held in the afternoon of Saturday, December 5th, raised \$800.

Both flags will fly

The Carleton Board of Education has decided that it's schools should fly, not only the national flag, but the provincial one as well.

A sneak washroom thief

While two teams of the Russell Old Timers hockey league were on the ice playing a recent evening game, some sneak thief worked his/her/it's way through the pockets in the dressing room slithering away with over \$400.

Since the doors to the dressing rooms are locked while teams are on the ice, this character must have either been hiding behind the locked door of the washroom or passed like a bad smell under the door.

This is obviously a misguided individual who needs a firm hand — applied where it will do the most good. And the injured parties in this latest incidence of vandalism are just angry enough to do the applying.



Welcoming two new Canadians

by Mark Wimperis

Grade nine and ten students of Osgoode Township High School were treated to a rare sight. Judge Kerr, of the Canadian Court of Citizenship, pronounced the school gymnasium an official court and granted two of the schools students their Canadian Citizenship. The students; Millicent Smith and Kim Parker of grades twelve and thirteen respectively, took the required oath and became two new, not to mention happy, Canadians.

Millicent, who is eighteen years of age, and from St. Mary's Jamaica has been residing in Canada for the past ten years and plans to attend Royal Mission School in Illinois after graduating in the spring. Kim, who is seventeen, has been living in Canada for twelve years, her previous residence being England. Kim plans to attend Royal Military College after graduating from grade thirteen.

The families of both girls were present at the ceremony, and along with half of the student body, they witnessed the taking of the Oath of Citizenship. The judge then presented the girls with their Citizenship certificates, closely followed by a bouquet of flowers from the head boy and girl, on behalf of the school. A reception was held for the two following the formalities, by fellow classmates.



Sue Lumsden, the news announcer for the six o'clock CBOT news helps Cora Booth announce a prize winner at the United Church Bazaar. Miss Lumsden officially opened the bazaar and stayed as a guest for tea.

Fire hall renovation

By Norm Inglis

The renovations to the fire hall in Russell have nearly reached completion with only a few minor finishing touches left to do. All of the work with the exception of the electrical hook up and installation of the doors was done by the members of the department on their own time with no remuneration.

When will it be paved?

by Ian Darragh

First the good news. The new road from Cochrane's Corners north to the 417 expressway is going to be paved. But — and here's the bad news for commuters — it won't be done until late May or possibly even June of 1982.

That's the latest word from Gilles Leduc, project manager of Kostuch Engineering Ltd. which is overseeing the road construction. He says the project is being undertaken over a number of years in order to save money. The Ontario government is paying the lion's share, with the townships of Osgoode, Cumberland and Russell also chipping in.

Leduc says the final stage of the project will improve the road all the way south to Marionville, with extensive reconstruction in the village itself to put in storm sewers and curbs.

Until next spring Russell commuters will remain without a good connection to the 417. The choices now are to: backtrack to Embrun; brave the potholes and shifting gravel of an unpaved section of the north Russell Road; or, twist and turn into Edwards and then jog along Anderson Road to the 417.

Who said commuting is dull?

The new truck bay has relieved the cramped conditions we were working in before and the new space it has created will be put to use for storage, work areas, and training facilities.

We had only one other major capital expenditure and that was to outfit our tanker truck with a 300 gallons per minute power take off pump and a hose reel. This means we now have two trucks capable of fighting a fire either independently or together.

It has also cut our tanker refilling time by almost 7 per cent since the truck can now be filled directly from its own pump instead of using a remote portable pump. This makes Russell the only volunteer department in the area with this type of set up.

Because of a couple of unforeseen expenses while renovating the fire hall we went slightly over budget this year and final figures won't be available until the books have been brought up to date at year end.

The construction work at the fire hall notwithstanding it was a fairly quiet year in Russell for the department. During the year we answered nine fire or fire related calls for structures, five vehicle fires, three false alarms, two first aid calls, one call to assist police at an accident, one downed hydro wire, three controlled burns at request of the owner, and held 26 regular practice sessions.

We were also involved in community work such as pumping out the swimming pool, clearing sewers, and doing regular inspections of schools, public buildings and house inspections.

We hope that the upcoming holiday season and new year is as quiet for us as the past year has been and would like to extend our wishes to everyone for a safe and happy Christmas.

Mr. Inglis is the Chief of the Russell Fire Department.

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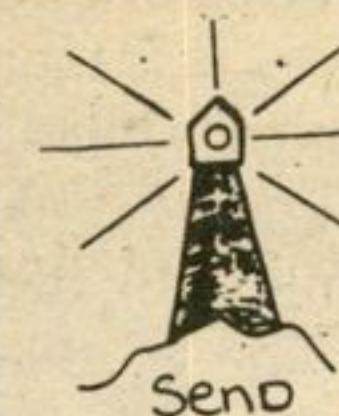


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10:00 a.m. — Family Bible School

There's a class for all ages

7:00 p.m. — Evening Fellowship in the Kenmore Church

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