

Chatter

Cycling for curling

The Metcalfe and District Lions club raised \$8,000 for the community's curling rink when it sponsored a cycle-a-thon in mid-May.

The 33 kilometre course was cycled by 209 cyclists of all ages in beautiful spring weather.

Former Osgoode Reeve dies

John Eldon Boland, a former Osgoode Township Reeve, councillor and clerk died at Winchester Memorial Hospital May 17th after a long illness. He was 74 years old.

Mr. Boland was first elected to council in 1949. In 1951 he was elected reeve and served until 1958 when he became township clerk. He is survived by his widow, the former Jean Stanely, four daughters and one son.

Wage increases in Russell Township

Russell Township employees have received wage increases well below the annual rate of inflation. Township council approved a nine to 11 per cent wage increase for its nine salaried employees and an 11 per cent increase for its seven hourly-rated employees whose wages now range from \$7.04 to \$7.98 an hour.

Embrun Citizen of the Year

Regina Maheu, 78, was chosen by the Embrun Board of Trade as Embrun's 1982 Citizen of the Year. Miss Maheu is the daughter of Omer Maheu who started Maheu and Sons Furniture in Embrun in 1896. "I was very happy and surprised when I heard about being chosen Citizen of the Year," said Miss Maheu at a dinner held in her honour in early May. "I want to thank the Chamber of Commerce for everything it has done for the village of Embrun.

Fixing up Metcalfe arena

A \$256,000 contract for improvements to the ice plant at the Metcalfe arena has been awarded by the Osgoode Township Council. The project is estimated to cost \$295,680. Recreation and Wintario refunds will reduce the money to be raised locally to \$120,590. The arena has \$60,000 on hand and permission from the Ontario Municipal Board to borrow a further \$60,000.

Metcalfe Women's Institute Elections

Mrs. Edward Scharf has been elected to succeed Mrs. Earl Reaney as President of the Metcalfe Women's Institute. Mrs. John Boland was chosen as the Institute's first vice-president. Elected vice-president is Mrs. R. Usher. Mrs. Ben Galloway is the Institute's secretary-treasurer.

Just what we needed

Tired of the same old weeds sprouting in your garden or fields? Don't worry, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food has announced that we can expect some new variety. Several new types of weeds and ones resistant to herbicides have been found in Eastern Ontario. Farmers who find unknown weeds or ones that won't die when sprayed should contact Ontario's weed alert system for help.

New Township officers

Gérard Bélisle has been appointed treasurer of Russell

Township. Appointed as the Township's Planning and By-law enforcement officer is Michel Dignard.

Embrun Lobster supper

The Club Optimiste of Embrun will hold its annual lobster supper and bazaar night on Friday, June 25th.

New Russell Arena Manager

The Russell Recreation Association has chosen Mr. Jack Gardner for the position of Arena and Facilities Manager. The salary for the position is \$17,000 a year. Twenty people had applied for the job.

Metcalfe bank robbery

The Ontario Provincial Police has a warrant out for a person who robbed the Metcalfe branch of the Royal Bank in early May. The person made away with an estimated \$2,000 and is still at large.

"We think this individual may have been involved in another robbery in the area," said Constable Brian Markell of the OPP's Manotick detachment. "We have an investigation involving a number of officers under way. And we have a suspect."

Constable Markell did not release the name of the suspect.

The bank robber entered the bank in mid-afternoon, just before it was to close, accosted a female teller and demanded that the contents of her till be emptied into a plastic bag. He waved a handgun but didn't fire it.

The robber was able to escape by driving south of the village. Roadblocks set up by six area OPP detachments failed to stop him.

Industrial park for Township

The Ontario Municipal Board has decided to allow Russell Township to establish a 125-acre industrial and commercial park near highway 417.

The OMB had originally vetoed the idea arguing that the commercial and industrial uses of the park would conflict with those of nearby farms.

However, in June 1980, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food redesignated the land from rural to industrial. And so the OMB was left with little to argue against the establishment of an industrial park.



A course held at Metcalfe on April 24 on how to give first aid to heart attack and choking victims was attended by 31 people from 10 local communities, including as far away as Limoges, Navan and Mountain. Above: Kevin Heslop, pretending to be a choking victim, manages to keep smiling as his sister Heather Dancer of Metcalfe pounds him on the back. The technique is designed to dislodge a blockage from the victim's throat. Kathy Kelsey photo



Spring is in the air

Tom Van Dusen does a dance to celebrate the arrival of spring at the annual flower giveaway for members of the Russell Horticultural Society.

Marc Bélanger photo

Societies to bloom together

by Connie Bélanger

The Russell Horticultural Society has decided to amalgamate with the Russell Agricultural Society in sponsoring the annual Fair Flower Show, commencing in the fall of 1983. The vote to amalgamate was taken at the annual spring membership meeting on May 11th and was carried 20 - 18 in favour.

After hearing several speakers, it was generally accepted that the Horticultural Society should join the Fair Committee on a trial basis to determine whether the idea would be as successful in Russell as it has in other communities. Many members favour the increased community participation this would allow, while also attracting more attention to the work of the Society. The co-sponsored Fair Flower Show will eventually replace the Society's annual Fall Flower Show and Tea.

Guest speaker Josee Brown, a well-known judge at many area flower shows, entertained the meeting with a witty and informative lecture on perennials and general garden care. An enthusiastic question and answer period followed the lecture, with

the members and Mrs. Brown providing each other with advice and useful hints on a variety of gardening problems.

The Horticultural Society has decided to proceed with plans to place several hanging baskets about town this summer to make our main streets more attractive. This project was suggested and will be supervised by Mrs. Betty Hay. The style, choice of flowers, and locations will be decided in the near future.

In addition to maintaining the local park, the Dr. Kinnaird Community Centre gardens, and several other projects, the Society has agreed to provide assistance in landscaping and caring for planned flower beds in front of the new curling club.

Members at the meeting heard several reports, and president Judith Tapley volunteered to try to attend the Ontario Horticultural Society annual meeting (to be held in Guelph, June 16-18) on behalf of the Russell Society.

The annual Flower Show and Tea has been scheduled for August 21, 1982 at the Anglican Church hall, from 2 - 4 p.m.

Those interested in showing are reminded that there are some changes in the classes and arrangements this year to try and cover more categories and special interest areas.

The meeting closed with refreshments and a social hour and plant exchange.

The Society executive for 1982 is:

Past President — Betty Lloyd Hay; President — Judith Tapley; First Vice-President — Ina Kinkaid; Second Vice-President — Barbara Boland; Secretary — Dorothy Kinkaid; and, Treasurer — Ruth Bertrand.

The Directors are — Joan Roberts; Bertha Smith; Mary Inglis; Dianne Wade; Ann James; Mabel Gamble; Ada Latour; Boukja Bakkers; Barbara Boland; and, Lida Nyenkamp.

The Junior Garden Committee is — Coby Bols and Carol Webster; Park Committee — Ola Atkinson; Ina Kinkaid; Nominating Committee — Betty Lloyd Hay, Margaret Burton; and Auditors — Eileen Hamelin and Helen Morrow.

Quarterly meeting

by Eunice McCaffrey

The Township of Osgoode Home Support Committee held their fourth quarterly meeting on April 20. Five areas and three senior citizens' groups were represented.

The reeve, Mr. Albert Bouwers, expressed the appreciation of the council for the work being done by these volunteers. The meals-on-wheels program has been temporarily discontinued. However, if someone requires meals on a short term basis, the committee is prepared to find a way to provide them.

The committee is awaiting approval of the 1982-83 budget by the Ministry of Community and Social Services. The Drop-in Centre at Osgoode has undertaken to provide one-half of their funding from other sources.

Senior citizens who require help with their housecleaning or yard work are asked to call the Home Support Office.

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