

## To Believe In Easter

Most of us know what it is to observe Easter. Some of our observations are more appropriate than others, the Easter Bunny, the Easter Egg, the new spring outfit have all become a part of the holiday aspect of the Easter festivities. To meet with the faithful, in the Church of One's choice and to mingle one's voice in a Shout of Celebration is the most fitting way to commemorate the resurrection of our Lord.

## Playground News

We wish to thank all those who have given support to the playground project. Response was excellent with many families volunteering to give physical help and serve on a playground committee. The swimming pool park area emerged as the favoured location for the playground and a request for playground space in the park is being submitted to the Parks Committee. We will keep you up to date on our progress via the Russell Review. For further information call 445-5711.

Our Easter celebrations should be congruent with a belief in Easter which is a belief in the resurrection with all its universal ramifications.

To believe in Easter is to believe in a living God. Easter proclaims that God is alive and well and that man is not alone in God's universe, and that the same power that raised Christ from the dead can raise us above our dead selves enabling us to achieve a measure of growth, fulfillment and wholeness.

To believe in Easter is to believe that the historic Jesus can become our personal Saviour and Lord. The same Jesus, who lived and taught in Galilee so many years ago, who shared with men a trust in God, who healed the sick, fed the hungry and who transformed sinners into saints by mingling with them and accepting them for what they were and what they could become, can be a living force for good in our lives to-day. To believe in Easter is to know the power of a living Christ let loose in a hurting world, a power that can enable, heal and save.

To believe in Easter is to believe in life everlasting, it is to know a life that conquers death. In short Easter is to live in a new kind of climate which creates a new environment.

A belief is not simply an intellectual assent to a theological dogma, but an experimental realization of the Risen Christ in the hearts of people resulting in a program of reconciliation between man and man and between man and God.

Rev. Woolfrey

## Easter Message

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!  
Power! That's what Easter is about, power. Nothing much happens without power. A car without gas is dead. A tree in the winter with all its leaves gone has the appearance of death. Human bodies without health and vitality are inhibited, struggling. Human personalities without confidence and self appreciation are full of pain and are unable to be effective.

Gasoline mobilizes cars. The warmth of spring revitalises the tree. The renewal of health brings roses again to a pale cheek and a gleam to a listless eye. Self appreciation and a sense of joy at being human brings serenity and the ability to create and to accomplish.

The disciples were a dead and shattered group when Jesus was arrested. They had had it. But He came back, still loving them, and, crazy thought, still needing them. His main purpose in appearing to them was to convince them of the reality of His message, "Lo I am with you always". We hear that message at every Eucharist with the accent on the "You". Christians, you see, don't worship a dead Christ, a memory, but one who lives and acts and is power.

When He is with us and we know it, then we "Blossom and flourish like leaves on a tree" No matter our past mistakes and failures. Look at the disciples. They arose out of theirs on Christ's presence. So will we. Christ is risen!. Alleluia!

Rev. Lamble

## Baptist Church Easter News

Easter at the Russell and Kenmore Baptist Churches is a time of recalling the uniqueness of a happening long ago in Palestine. The results of that happening are evident in modern life. Jesus Christ, God's Son, came back to life after His death and those who give their lives to the Living Christ see a change in their own lives.

On Easter Sunday, at the Kenmore Church, at 7:30 p.m., the boys and girls of the Sunday School invite their parents and friends to witness their singing and sharing of the message that Jesus Christ is very much alive today. Some of these young people travel the Sunday School bus from as far as Forest Park. The power of the Living Christ is evident in the homes of these Sunday School pupils. Along with the singing, a film title Apache Fire, will be shown depicting the true story of a North American teenager who after much tragedy, found the answer to life.

The Russell and Kenmore Baptist Churches are enthusiastic about the Easter message and it is their desire to make welcome anyone who is looking for a ray of hope in this searching world.

Pastor Walte Gawa

## "Easter"

Among the gay, exultant trees,  
Over the green and growing grass,

The catkins fling abroad HIS name,  
While birds from every bush and spray  
Strain feathered necks, and tipped with flame  
The hills all stand to greet HIS day.

Each violet and bluebell curled  
Wakes with the dead CHRIST'S waking eye,  
And like burst gravestones clouds are hurled  
Across the wide and waiting sky.

And drenched, for very height of mirth,  
With clean white tears of April rain,  
Like Mary Magdalene the earth  
Find's April's risen LORD again.

When Theodore Maynard wrote his poem "Easter", he saw the living Christ in the burgeoning trees; the birds singing with joy as all the living things had gone to rest and now were coming back to life; the flowers awakened as the dead Christ rises from HIS tomb.

We also are full of new life and joy as we feel the grandeur of renewed life which reminds us of the resurrected CHRIST in which we find the hope of our own resurrection to Eternal happiness.

May this spirit of spring be to us all a source of renewed life to increase our joy in being able to celebrate another Easter.

Rev. Minvielle

## RUSSELL FAIR Aug. 6, 7, 8

PRIZE LIST OF FLOWERS — All exhibits must be in place in the hall by 11 a.m. Aug. 6th, 1976. Flowers — Prizes: \$1.00, .75, .50.  
1 Asters, 5 blooms, in a vase

## Girl Guides

We congratulate Pamela Smit on being selected to attend an Inter-Provincial camping trip to Pelee Island. Pamela was one of 24 girls selected to represent Ontario.

Kerri Middlemiss and Natalie Campbell are the latest newcomers to our Company. Kerri was presented with her Tenderfoot pin by Mrs. Fish, District Commissioner.

Mrs. Griffin, Div. Com., and Sarah Cooper, a Metcalfe Ranger, visited us recently. Mrs. Griffin spoke on summer camping and showed slides and souvenirs from her trip to our Cabana in Mexico. We are now awaiting selection of Guides who will be going to Mexico this year.

Recent activities have included a snowshoe hike and cook out in Little's Bush, and a trip to Nepean Sportsplex for swimming and weekly semaphore lessons given by Mr. D. Campbell.

- 2 Bachelor Buttons, 7 blooms
- 3 Calendulas, 5 blooms
- 4 Cosmos, 5 blooms
- 5 Dahlia, 1 bloom, over 5", stem not more than 1/2 inch, floated in flat container, own foliage.
- 6 Dahlias, pom pom, 5 blooms in a vase.
- 7 Gladioli, Best collection, 3 spikes, any colour or colours.
- 8 Marigold, French, 7 blooms, small flower type
- 9 Pansies, 9 blooms, in a low container.
- 10 Petunias, 5 blooms, single, plain edge.
- 11 Petunias, 3 blooms, double.
- 12 Phlox, annual phlox, 3 stems.
- 13 Phlox, perennial, 3 trusses.
- 14 Roses, Best hybrid tea, 1 bloom.
- 15 Roses, 2 stems, Floribunda, own foliage.
- 16 Sweet peas, 7 stems, in a vase.
- 17 Snapdragons, 5 spikes.
- 18 Zinnias, 7 blooms, pom pom.
- 19 Zinnias, large, 5 blooms, any colour or colours.
- Arrangements — Prizes: \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50
- 20 Arrangement — Autumn colours, using mostly yellows to be viewed from all sides, not to exceed 18" in length or width.
- 21 Rainbow Charm — floral arrangement for a coffee table not to exceed 12" in height, in suitable container.

- 22 Pink Champagne — an arrangement not exceeding 8" using pink, white, and silver.
- 23 Mantle arrangement featuring foliage and 3 blooms.
- 24 Large basket of garden flowers facing one side only.
- 25 Miniature arrangement not to exceed 4" in any dimension.
- 26 Display of Hybrid tea roses, minimum of 3 in a suitable container.
- 27 Rural beauty, scenic arrangement, flowers, shells, rocks sand and water.
- 28 Father's Day Arrangement.
- 29 Hallowe'en Arrangement
- 30 Floral arrangement for dining room table using candles.

Potted Plants — Prizes: \$1.00, .75, .50. Must be grown in pots in which they are exhibited.

- 31 Geranium, 1 plant
- 32 Coleus, 1 plant
- 33 African Violet, single
- 34 African Violet, double
- 35 Perpetual Bloomer
- 36 Cactus garden, 5 varieties
- 37 Any other plant in bloom, not listed.

Special — open to organized groups.

"Olympic International Floral Display", depicting any one country (name the country), props pertaining to country of one's choice may be used. Approximately 3' x 3' backdrop could be used, not compulsory.

## Letter To The Editor

P.O. Box 166,  
Russell, Ontario.

To the Editor:

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the Russell Review for its efforts to inform readers of the activities in the community. The reporting of recreational, historical, and social affairs are commendable.

However I do wish to express my disappointment at the lack of information concerning our local government. I do not believe we are aware of a number of issues involving this area.

For example, I recently received a notice regarding the proposed installation of sewers. In contacting other residents, I soon realized that they had little knowledge of this project. Since the project was "approved" more than three years ago,

property owners have not been advised of the development or proposed financing which will affect them. Mr. Jean-Guy Bourdeau of the township office in Embrun was able to offer some assistance but really only indicated that there would be a public meeting "sometime in the future".

What about the commission to study the future planning of this area? Is there no information that could be made available to the readers?

What about the proceedings and decisions of our local government? What are the local politicians doing?

I hope that the Russell Review will continue its excellent efforts in reporting and that our local politicians can be encouraged to keep this community informed through this media. I should

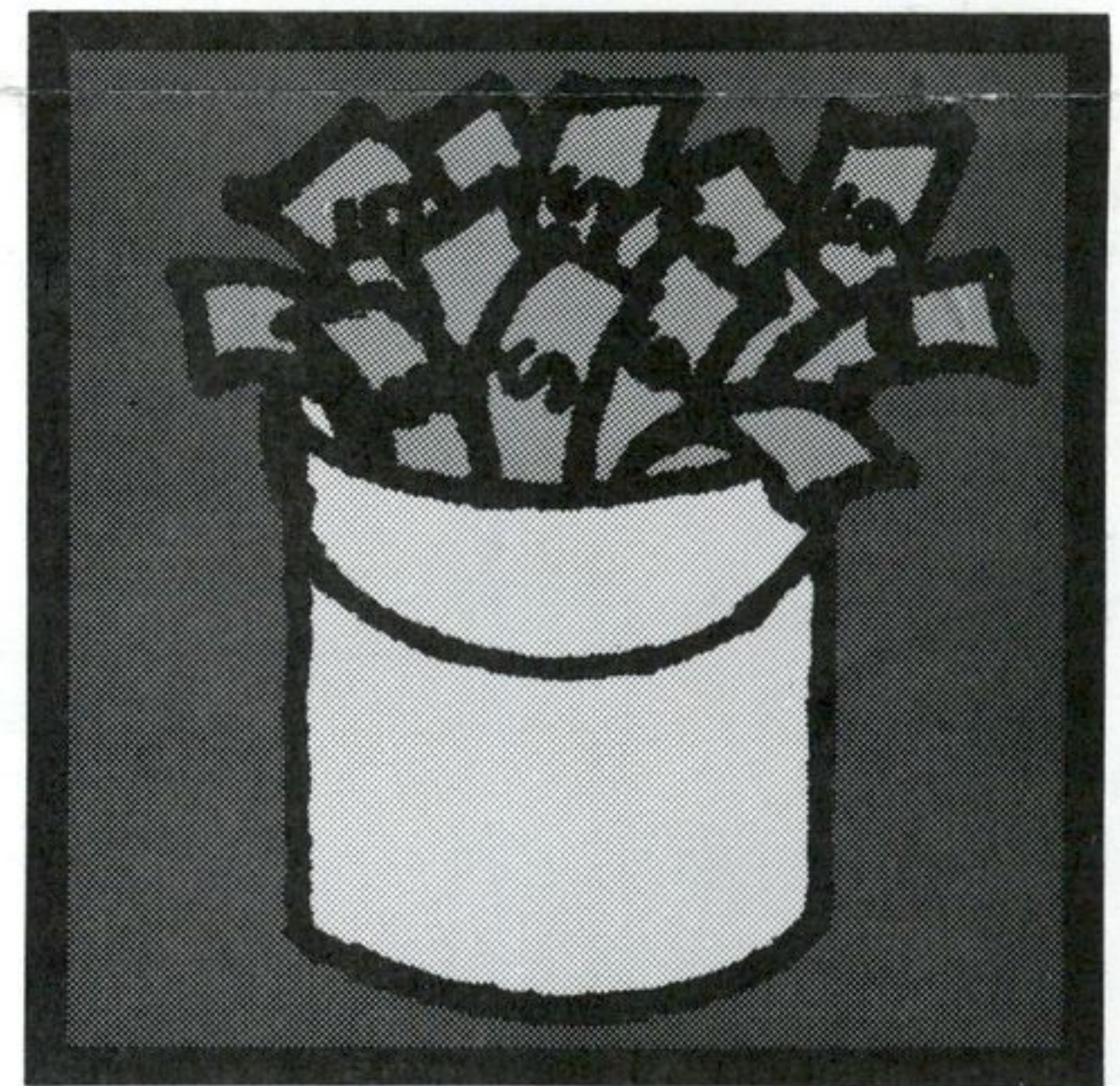
certainly like to hear from them.  
L. B. Rowsell

Editor's Reply

1. Thanks.
2. We'd love to report local politics and issues, but find ourselves galloping off in all directions just handling social and recreational news. We will, however, try to mount one more horse.
3. The Township office isn't yet pursuing us, we've had to ask for everything we've printed, including simple announcements.
4. The regional planning committee seems to have hibernated. We've checked for life twice with no response!
5. We'd appreciate it if readers would speak up through this paper on all kinds of issues.

Ed

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