

# SPORTS

## OTHS News

The days of April 1st, 2nd and 3rd were very special for OTHS band members. The OTHS band travelled to Brighton, Ontario to have a concert at East Northumberland Secondary School. Brighton is a town with a population of 3000 and lies between Trenton and Cobourg. The school is attended by about 1400 students and 80 teachers. The school is about twice the size of OTHS.

The OTHS band arrived in Brighton on Thursday about 7 p.m. They ate some fabulous Chinese food at Wong's Restaurant and then left for ENSS to have a rehearsal before the concert. They billeted with people in the village.

The next morning the band played their concert in front of 1400 students in the gymnasium. Their director said the OTHS band played very good music. They later left for the Science Centre in Toronto. Both bands had a combined rehearsal and a dance and party followed. On Saturday morning the band left for Metcalfe.

The ENSS band came to OTHS to do a concert for us. They were fantastic! They received a standing ovation after their performance.

Around the beginning of May the OTHS will be holding a band-a-thon in which they will try to keep playing for 8 hours. Good luck to all participants!

OTHS hosted the Seventh Annual Elementary Boys Basketball Tournament. It was attended by six teams, Metcalfe, Russell, Nationview, Rideau Valley, Elizabeth Park and St. Catherines. Metcalfe finished in first with a 5-0 record. At 3-2 were Russell, Nationview, and Rideau Valley. Elizabeth Park was 1-4 and St. Catherines was 0-5.

I'll just be giving scores involving Russell and Metcalfe at St. Catherines. First round action saw Metcalfe shut out St. Catherines 14-0 while Russell beat Rideau Valley 14-4. Metcalfe dumped Rideau Valley 17-4 in the second round while Nationview beat St. Catherines 12-4 and Russell demolished Elizabeth Park 22-13. Metcalfe kept on rolling beating Nationview 13-6. Rideau Valley slipped by St. Catherines 12-10 on the other court. Russell then lost to Nationview 15-11 while Elizabeth Park beat the hapless St. Catherines 17-6. Metcalfe surprised Russell by winning 14-10. The last two matches saw Russell dump St. Catherines 19-4 and Metcalfe bombed Elizabeth Park 16-2.

Since Russell, Nationview and Rideau Valley were tied for second place with 3-2 records there had to be a tie-breaker. Russell beat both Nationview and Rideau Valley by scores of 15-4 over Nationview and Rideau Valley by scores of 9-4 over Rideau Valley.

In the final Metcalfe beat Russell 30-25 so Metcalfe is this year's champs. Sorry I couldn't make it.

## Girl Guides

We again congratulate Pamela Smit, who has been selected for the Ontario Adventure trip to Mexico. She is one of the two girls selected from this division and is presented in Toronto for the pre-trip briefing. Pamela has, understandably, had to decline the trip to Pelee which now goes to her alternate.

Two more newcomers to our Company. We welcome Cindy Hayward and Julie Danis.

## Softball Registration

Boys and Girls: age 7-16 years, Saturday, May 8th, 1976, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Russell Lions Ball Park, no fee.

This will be the only official registration, so to make sure your child gets there, bring him or her yourself.

We need volunteers to assist the coaches, to manage, to umpire and to provide transportation to games.

If you can't make it to registration, phone 445-5304.

## Russell Public School

Russell Public School wish to get rid of an old piano, best offer, phone 445-2190.

The Russell Public School boys' basketball teams attended an invitational basketball tournament on Saturday, April 10. Each team was guaranteed five games and the 2 teams with the highest number of points at the end of these played off in a final match of four eight-minute quarters. The contest between Metcalfe and Russell provided good entertainment. It was a very exciting game, with Metcalfe winning 30 to 25.

A girls basketball tournament was held at Osgoode High School on April 24.

On May 1 a volleyball tournament was held at Russell Public School.

Chris Coates

## Scouting News



May 8 at the Legion Hall has been set for an afternoon of movies, slides and souvenir displays of the 14 World Jamboree of 1975. There will also be a "thank you" presentation to Branch 372 Royal Canadian Legion for their support in financing Jamboree experience for Russell boys. For many of you older residents who contributed so cheerfully to our fund drive it will be an opportunity to see where our boys went and what they did, so, in a way it is a big thank you to all of you too.

## Ball Hockey

Anyone interested in a 30-week season of summer Ball Hockey? The action starts in early May on Thursday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the arena. It's a great chance for hockey old-timers and anyone else to keep in shape this summer. Call George Eastman at 445-2107 or Cam Tucker at 445-5473.

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## Man And His World

### A Matter Of Attitude

We were out to the woodlot tonight, me and a youngster. He had been poking around the frog pond the other day, seen things that interested him and called me for technical support.

We brought a bucket of swamp water containing three tiny tadpoles, a caddis fly larva and various other bits of life. We watched as one of the tadpoles, apparently hurt, was snatched by the jaws of the caddis fly larva. How the worm, dragging its grass house behind it, managed to grab the tad so fast is beyond me but that's what nature is all about. Live, die; life, death; strong and weak; sick and healthy, that's the way it is.

One thing is certain. Tadpoles and caddis fly larva will forever after, be real and personal creatures for that young fellow. And because they are his attitude toward them will, I'm sure, change. Swamps, for example, will no longer just be places they drain for housing projects they will be the home of a lot of fascinating creatures who live and love and fight and die and are entitled to consideration.

And that of course is the secret. Increased awareness. An increased awareness of the world and all its creatures. An awareness that will allow all aspects of environmentally oriented problems (and what one isn't) to be considered instead of just the people oriented, dollar value aspects.

Because people are, in the final analysis, just another living species, wholly and completely and ultimately dependant on a living, healthy earth for survival. That fact must somehow be embedded in the minds of our young people, young people who are growing up in an age of engineering spectaculars. Feats far more dramatic, far more exciting, far better advertised

than the occasional victory of earth over engineer.

It becomes more obvious with each passing year that we are expecting too much of Mother Earth. Like a mother cat with too many kittens, try as she might she cannot provide enough to go around as her brood grows more and more demanding.

Our young people must understand this basic facet of survival. It's not good enough, any more, to teach kids how to canoe and camp and fish and hike just because these are healthy happy summer activities. We must use outdoor recreation activities to try and develop a kinship between child and nature, to ensure each child has friends out there in the woods, personal friends. Because we have a different attitude toward our friends and that's what's needed, a different attitude.

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