

Farm News and Views

An Interview with Mr. R. Morgan Warner

It sure has been a long spring started off great and then slowed right down to a standstill, anyway I finally finished planting on June 9, had about one hours work left on Tuesday and got caught in the thunder storm, I just got wet but I hear some people were out of Hydro till late the next day.

During the long hours spent on the tractor there is lots of time for contemplation and thought, analyzing past mistakes and planning new ones. The government farm organizations and agribusiness all come under close scrutiny. One thing that upsets all farmers is the price of our inputs; we pay what we're asked and when we sell take what's given to us.

A good example of where we are paying too much is the seedcorn salesman who has to meet a goal to get a free trip or other bonus. Eg., if he sells 1000 units he wins an all expense paid trip to Hawaii for two. The way I see it, that comes to close to \$'s per unit. I would rather save that money to go on a trip of my own, I have always wanted to see Marionville but never had the money.

The multitude of grades in seedcorn also provokes me. I don't know why a flat 5 or round 3 can't be the same for all varieties so that the same plate would fit them all. It would make things too easy I guess.

That was quite the demonstration by Quebec farmers on Parliament Hill; while the violence occurred is not to be condoned it did get results. Mr. Whelan and Quebec representatives have been talking ever since and there are signs of some change in policy. Just one guess who will come out for the better, Quebec or Ontario. I recall a motion on the books demanding strong and decisive action by Russell County Fed. of Agr. which resulted in a bus trip to O.F.A., headquarters in Toronto and produced absolutely zilch.

The province reduced the moneys available for tile drainage and each township is allowed a percentage of the amount that was loaned out last year, so a township that had a large acreage tiled in 1975 is in a lot better shape than a township like Russell where \$55,000 was used up by the first two applicants. If anyone is thinking of tiling in the near future, better get your application in and join the waiting list.

Springwork and it's inevitable rush always brings with it farm accidents. A Mr. Quesnel, 49, of St. Albert was killed on June 3, while attempting to pull out a bogged down tractor his tractor turned over and pinned him underneath. It serves as a warning for us all, there just isn't anything THAT important. Safety should always come FIRST.

Parting shot: Give a politician a free hand and he'll put it in your pocket.

P. Romme



THE STAFF OF WARNER'S STORE, 1912
Mrs. McShea, Mr. Duford, Morgan Warner, Osios Thibault, John Carkner, Miss McShea, Lawrence Carkner.

On a stroll through Russell, one cannot help admiring the beautifully manicured shrubs and garden of Mr. Warner's home. During our chat, I didn't learn the secret to his horticultural success, but I did discover a very interesting story about a long-time Russell resident, which I would like to share with you.

Born in Osnabruck Township, west of Cornwall, Mr. Warner worked on his family's farm until 1903 when he took a job in the general store in Osnabruck Centre. Can you believe his earnings for a 6-day week totalled exactly \$2.50?! McArthur's Store in Kenmore was the next stop on the way to Russell. In 1908 Mr. Warner began working for Mr. McArthur, and four years later joined the business.

Just prior to opening the store in Russell, Mr. Warner married Lyla Pearl Wyatt in Cornwall. The long association in the store business began in January 1912 at the present Russell Food Mart. This was to remain Mr. Warner's business location for the next 62 years!

Many events highlighted those 62 years for Mr. Warner, including the birth of his two daughters, Frances and Thyra. The Warner family now includes 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren! The fire of 1915 is vividly remembered by Mr. Warner. All day long he helped to feed fire fighters while the New

York Central train brought out the fire engine and water pump. Most of downtown Russell was demolished, but Warner's store remained untouched.

In 1951 the Warners built their present home. Mr. Warner continued to be involved in the Cancer Society, CNIB, Curling Club and Agricultural Society. Upon his retirement in 1974, he was awarded a plaque for 62 years of business with Imperial Oil.

Since 1970 Mr. Warner has travelled extensively with his family, to the British Isles, and to the West and East Coasts of Canada. When he is not trimming those beautiful evergreens, Mr. Warner enjoys visits from his family and many friends.

Thank you for an enjoyable chat, Mr. Warner. And to those of you who are new to the village, take a walk down Mill Street and call out a friendly greeting to one of our oldest Russell residents.

Suzanne Schroeter

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Mr. Bruno Rouleau Farewell Dinner



On Tuesday Evening, June 22nd, a Farewell Dinner and pleasant evening will be spent in honour of Mr. Bruno Rouleau, a former teacher of Osgoode Township High School, presently at Colonel By, who is retiring after 38 years of service.

The Testimonial Dinner is being held at the R. A. Centre on Riverside Drive at 7:30 p.m.

His present colleagues are organizing the evening and they would be happy to have all former pupils, colleagues and friends attend.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Mrs. Jack Twiname, 445-2854 for further information with regard to price etc. as soon as possible.

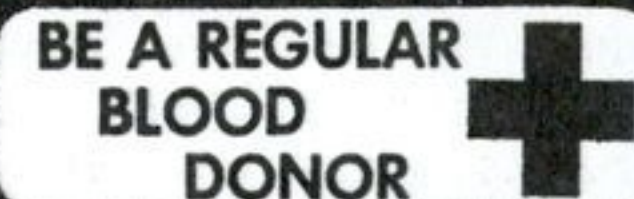
A very interesting Japanese Flower Demonstration program was presented at the Library on June 2. Forty-five ladies attended.

During the summer the Library will not be open on Wednesdays. This service will be started in September. June 16 will be the last Wednesday the Library will be open until Sept.

Story Hour
Wed. June 16 — English Story Hour, Wed. June 23 — French Story Hour, Wed. June 30 — English Story Hour.

The story hour will not be held during the months of July and August. Please watch the Review for the date of the first story in September.

We wish to thank the person or persons who returned the two missing encyclopedias to the library. We appreciate the return of these valuable books very much.



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