

At the Senior Citizen's "Drop in," Centre a Christmas Party was held. They entertained a group from Osgoode and Morewood who helped to celebrate the first year's activities. The Russell Boaters were busy as well as successful with Weekly Card parties, enjoyable Bus and Boat Trips and an outstanding Bazaar and Tea.

flourescent lighting, modern kitchen facilities, a pool table for the men folk. Capable ladies show their ability in sewing, quilting and all types of fancy work. You do not have to be 65 years to be with us. You are welcome!

We are now approaching the festive season. We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year, with 1977 the best year ever.

NEW EXECUTIVES

Recreation Association

At the Nov. 29 Public Meeting the following officers were elected to the 1977 R. A. Executive:
 President — Peter Romme
 Vice-Pres. — Marilyn Sullivan

Treasurer — Kevin Hamilton
 Secretary — Carol Tougas
 Directors — Jack Chaters, Daele Hill, Bob Bond, Paul Butler.

Curling Club

1977 Executive:
 President — Randy Hicks
 Vice-Pres.— Max Mailing
 Treasurer — Wendel Stanley
 Secretary — Steve Schroeter

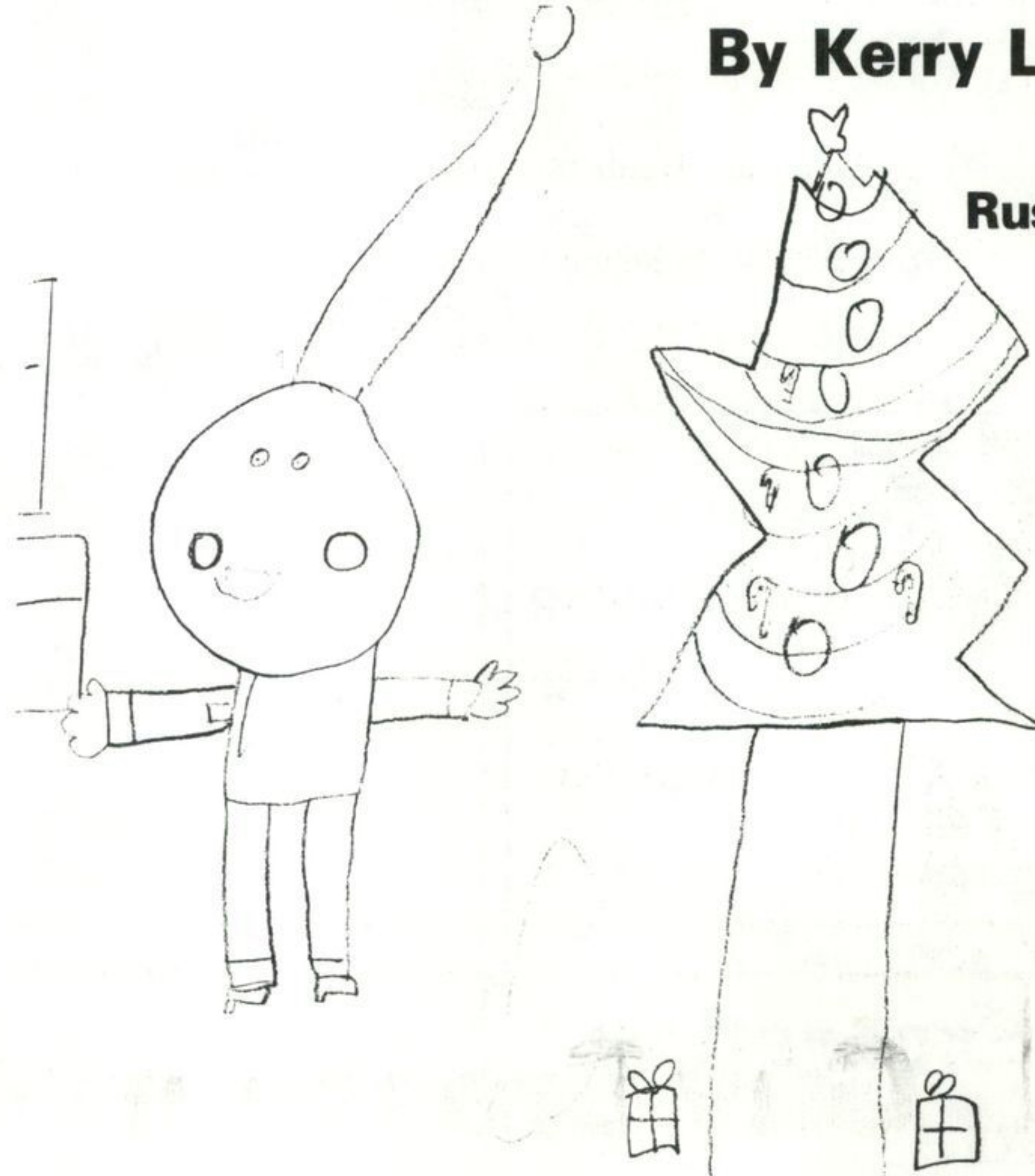
Wednesday Evening — Mixed
 Thursday Evening — Men
 Friday Evening — Couples curling (with bar).

The new season is under way with the following:
 Monday Evening — Men
 Tuesday Evening — Ladies

If you are interested in Curling after the Holiday season, please contact Merrill McVey at 445-2824. Good Curling!

By Kerry Lynn Thompson

Grade 1
 Russell Public School



Swimming Pool '76 Summary

The Russell Centennial Swimming Pool has completed a very successful swimming season. A letter of apology was received by the Chairman, from the Red Cross Water Safety Society regarding cancellation and date changing of examiners. It was felt that the letter should be published as a formal apology to the parents and children who were inconvenienced by these happenings.

anyone interested in serving on the Pool Committee for next season to call 445-5409 for information, in the meantime — remember to "KEEP IN THE SWIM".

Carole

August 25, 1976

Dear Mr. Roger Ruest:
 I would like to apologize on behalf of the Red Cross Water Safety Service to yourself, your pool staff and particularly to the children and parents within the Russell Community Pool Program for any inconvenience that may have been caused as a result of the numerous changes of the exam date. I realize that such changes leave many children disappointed and their parents frustrated.

Thank You's
 To our very capable staff:
 Supervisor: Andra Jamieson
 Instructors: Brian Little and Ingrid Vanderlinden
 Leaders: Deana Salt and Michel Ruest
 Maintenance: MaryAnne Bols
 Congratulations for a job well done.

The society depends upon capable volunteers to conduct examinations. Although it rarely happens, sometimes a volunteer does not live up to their commitment, as was the case, and consequently, the whole program, as well as the society's image, suffers. However, despite drawbacks, the strength of the Red Cross Water Safety Service lies in its volunteers.

To the Russell Lions Club for their support of our Swim Team and to the many people who helped drive the kids to the swim meets.

To Mrs. Joan Cousens for taking time from her busy schedule to teach some synchronized swimming, which many people will remember watching at our family day party.

Finally to every other person who helped make the pool season a success.

A special thanks goes out to Chairman, Roger Ruest who spent many hours keeping things running smoothly. The many hours I can testify to. He also will be surprised to see his name in print.

In closing, I wish to invite

Once again, I would like to say that I am sorry for any inconvenience that resulted from the confusion over exam dates, and I not only hope but will make sure that this does not occur in the future.

Yours sincerely,
 Jonathan Rothschild,
 Summer Area Supervisor,
 Water Safety Service.

Hydro Increases Rates

Due to the increase in operating expenses and capital expenditures forecast for the year 1977, Russell Hydro Electric System find it necessary to increase its rates for its operation and the provision of service to its customers.

I also advise you to the best of our knowledge to the estimates of operating expenses and capital expenditures for 1977 conform to the intent of both Federal and Provincial anti-inflation guide lines.

Therefore, commencing January 1, 1977, with monthly billings and February 1, 1977 with bi-monthly billings, Russell Hydro's new rate structure will be as follows:

RESIDENTIAL	
Minimum	\$3.50
First 50 kwh	6.5
Next 200 kwh	3.2
Balance kwh	2.25
GENERAL SERVICE	
Minimum	3.50
First 50 kwh	6.5
Next 200 kwh	3.4

Next 9750 kwh	2.75
Balance kwh	1.5
Flat Rate Water Heater	\$12.10
Sentinel Light	8.69
Street Lighting	7.90
AVERAGE INCREASE	26.9 percent.

Keith Boyd,
 Secretary-Treasurer
 Russell Hydro Electric System
 Telephone — 445-2888

Figure Skating Honors

Congratulations to those who passed badges during 1976-1977 season.

Beginners:
 Kim Ambrose, Tracy Lee Anderson, Susan Bird, Jackie Bogden, Rhonda Carscadden, Michelle Gaydamack, Donna Hopperton, Lisa King, Claudette Lauzon, Shannon O'Reilly, Joyce Plaxton, Lee Ann Provost, Christine Rombough, Rose Marie Rombough, Angela Semple, Sharon Walsh, Kerry Lynn Thompson, Lizanne Leroux, Lisa Romme.

Stroking:
 Ann Adams, Susan Buckingham, Natasha Gaydamack, Tracy McVey, Melody Plaxton, Maureen Semple, Carol St. Denis, Julie St. Denis, Annette Therkelsen.

Elementary:
 Helena Bols, Cindy Hayward, Carol Lalonde, Debbie McVey, Elizabeth Therkelsen.

Basic:
 Helena Bols, Cindy Hayward, Carol Lalonde, Debbie McVey, Elizabeth Therkelsen, Sandy Cochrane, Cathy McNeill, Sandy McNeill.

Novice 1:
 Cindy Cochrane, Cathy McNeill, Sandy McNeill.

Dance 1:
 Cindy Cochrane, Cathy McNeill, Sandy McNeill.

On behalf of the Figure Skating Club we wish to thank all parents for their co-operation and support.

Castor Valley Figure Skating Club

Hockey Report

Hello Hockey Fans.
 Here we are again, the middle of December and our Pee Wee (A) team really doing good. Out of 6 games, we have won 3 and tied 2 for a total of 8 points and I think that Russell is in first place as of December 8th. The players on the "A" team are: Kevin Baas, Tony Baas, Kevin O'Reilly, Ronnie Bouwhuis, Tim Paquette, Chris Laviolette, David Latimer, Paul Cochrane, Derek McLaren, Joe Fleming, David McNeill, Bill Bokker, Brian Graham, all under the coaching of Mike Miller and Gaetan Forbes.

Now our "B" division of the Pee Wee team is doing very well with the boys winning their first game against Metcalfe by a score of 2-1. Our next game was won by Uplands.

See you next time and hope you continue to support minor hockey every Tuesday night between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.