

Queen's Park Report

From J. Albert Belanger, M.P.P., Prescott-Russell

This is my first report to you since the provincial election and, before I tell you what is happening at Queen's Park, I would like to thank you for re-electing me as your M.P.P. I enjoy serving the people of Prescott-Russell and am honoured to once again be given the job.

The Legislature was called back into session immediately following the election because a number of important pieces of legislation had to be discussed. One of these was the Essex County School Bill.

Although Essex is just outside Windsor, at the opposite end of the province, the government bill calling for construction of a French-language secondary school has wide ramifications. Only two Members, both Liberal, spoke against the bill. Everyone else realized that, especially at this time in our country's history, we must ensure that French-speaking Ontarians have the right to receive an education in their mother tongue.

Also on the agenda were the budget and the related finance bills. These had to be passed so that the various tax proposals could be officially implemented. The Land Transfer Tax was removed for non-residents purchasing residential, commercial and industrial land and the Land Speculation Tax was changed so that the tax on investment properties is reduced in half the time.

These parallel changes should serve to encourage job-creating investment and attract needed residential development.

The Northern Affairs Ministry was formally established and M.P.P.'s from every party took the chance to give the new (and first!) Minister, Leo Bernier, a "shopping list" for his new position.

In all, 25 new bills were passed. As our House Leader, Bob Welch, commented, "It's been a very brief and very productive session."

At the end of June Premier Davis announced that 13 people had been chosen to receive the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship.

This medal, awarded by the Lieutenant-Governor, is given to people who contribute to the common good of society without expectation of reward.

This year one of the winners is from our end of the province: Ottawa to be exact. Leo Henri was chosen because he befriended a woman dying of multiple sclerosis and encouraged her to write poetry.

If you would like to contact me for any reason, I can be reached at my Queen's Park office, (416) 965-4811, or at my constituency office, (613) 632-2706.

Larger Print in Directories

Prescott and Russell M.P.P. Albert Belanger reported today that following inquiries made to Bell Canada in Ottawa, a decision has been made to revert to the larger-size print in next year's Cornwall-Hawkesbury telephone directory.

Mr. Belanger wrote to the telephone company when he received complaints from constituents, especially senior citizens, who were having difficulty in reading the small print in the 1977 directories.

While the type in the Ottawa-Hull directory will have to remain small in order to keep the book to a manageable size, Mrs. Sylvia Boyer, Bell Canada's commercial manager for this area, advised Mr. Belanger that senior citizens and others with Visual Handicaps are entitled to full Directory Assistance free of charge.

Those who are interested in using this service may write to Bell Canada, 160 Elgin Street, Ottawa or telephone their local Bell business office to obtain the necessary form. Once the completed form is received, Bell Canada will automatically cancel the normal charge for this service from the applicant's account.

Russell Residents bid Farewell to Pelot Family

A large crowd of friends gathered at the Russell Community Centre on Sat., July 30 to say good bye to Bernie and Kate Pelot, who are soon moving to Ottawa.

Guest speakers included Father Minvielle, Albert Bourdeau, Peter Romme and David Wade, who acted as Master of

Ceremonies. A large hand carved table lamp was presented to the Pelots along with a guest book decorated by Mrs. Wilma Nyencamp.

The Russell Review wishes to thank Kate for the hours she has volunteered to this paper, overseeing the out-of-town mailing list. Best of luck to you all!

Scout News

Canadian Jamboree — CJ 77

Nine Russell Scouts attended CJ 77 in Prince Edward Island this summer.

The photographs show them clean and neat preparing for the official opening of the Jamboree and not so clean and neat, having just won a mud-hole tug-o-war.

We had a great time. We toured the Island Province, we ate lobster and scallops and some of us got sick. We swam, skin dived, went jigging for cod

and fishing for Mackerel and perhaps best of all we met people from British Columbia to Newfoundland. We were particularly friendly with a group of "Newfies" whose Scoutmaster turned out to be the nephew of Rev. Woolfrey of Russell, small world isn't it!

I think everyone of us will carry some special memory of the Jamboree with us for life, thanks boys for a great week. Dick Sherwood



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We have also gone swimming twice.

As the year progressed we were asked to go to work at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto at the tag-a-tot. We will be looking forward to seeing some familiar faces from Russell. We have also volunteered our services to the Meters for Millions in Ottawa. We are sorry we didn't make it home in time to help clean up the river.

During the month of July, Rangers will also be quite active. Rangers from British Columbia are making their way across Canada. We intend to have them stay in Russell. A day is planned with a trip to the Parliament Buildings to see the Changing of the Guards and a shopping spree at the Sparks Street Mall.

The week-end of the 17th to 19th of June was lots of fun. Three out of five Rangers became Junior Leaders at a Brownie Camp at Rideau Hill Camp. The fun was not greatly interrupted by rain, and activities were not stopped. Next year we hope to be invited again. The three of us were not assigned to the Russell Brownies. I was assigned to the 1st North Gower

and made 9 little friends and 1 leader friend just in 1 cabin. There was a total of 85 little Brownies in all. Tena and Karen were assigned to the Manotick pack and made new friends also. Nepean Fun Fair was in progress that weekend. Ask Pam Smit how she enjoyed it.

Mrs. Sally Fish, the District Commissioner retired. A retirement party was held in her honor in Russell a couple of weeks ago. We wish her a happy retirement.

Thanks also is extended to the Figure Skating Club for letting us set up a table at their Plant and Garage Sale, profits totaled \$16.00 or more.

We have another thing to accomplish and that is a closing meal at the Japanese Village with Mrs. Fish, us Rangers and our two leaders attending.

As the year draws to an end Karen Butler, Kristine Frappier, Pam Smit, Tena Weatherall and myself would like to thank Ann Lee Carscadden and Loretta Rombough for putting up with us through the year and hope to see them being our leaders next year. Also we would like to see a few new members.

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80th Anniversary of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario

Under sunny skies, over 1,300 Women's Institute members from across Ontario arrived at Bingeman Park, Kitchener, by bus and carloads, July 13, 1977 to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the founding of Women's Institute groups.

For this special occasion, Mrs. Lyndsay Hacket-Pain, Sussex England, who is honorary treasurer of Associated Countrywomen of the World was guest speaker. She has had a close association with the World of Finance, Banking, is also a chartered accountant, and a financial director for an engineering group. She brought greetings from her own Sussex W.I. branch and all members of England, Wales and Scotland.

While in Eastern Ontario she was a house guest of Mrs. G. E. McCaffrey, Past Provincial Board Director of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, and second Vice President of the Area. Mrs. McCaffrey will be one of the five voting delegates from F.W.I.O. to the A.C.W.W. Convention which will be held October 10, to Oct. 21 at the Kenyatta Conference Centre, Nairobi, Africa.

During her stay in Russell Mrs. Lyndsay Hacket-Pain visited Ottawa, Upper Canada Village, Metcalfe, and Winchester Branches of the W.I.

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