



**PORTLAND A.C.W.**

Emmanuel's A.C.W. brought an interesting speaker to their October meeting when Beth Hart of Athens, Ontario came to tell the group about baptismal ministry. She gave an account of a national meeting held in Edmonton to discuss this topic. Her first reaction was one of disappointment because, instead of being inspired to dash out and start preaching, she was forced to sit still and think about the meaning of the term "baptismal ministry" and what skills and gifts she had herself to enable her to minister to others. Then she went on to tell us we all have much to contribute in God's service and must search out our skills and then make use of them so that our Christianity shows in our way of life.

Our November meeting began with a Litany of Intercession from Prayers for Work and Stewardship, a booklet prepared by the Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of Ontario. The material in the booklet is derived from The Book of Alternative Services. This was followed by the devotions from the Anglican Magazine led by Zena Firth and Doris Scott.

The members decided that a tea and sale will be held in Myers Hall, Emmanuel Church, Portland on December 1 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

After the business meeting, the officers for 1991 were chosen, Rector, The Reverend Paul Kompass; Honorary President, Kathy Kompass; President of the A.C.W. from January to June, Clara Hull; and from July to December, Claire Myers; Vice-President from January to June, Claire Myers; and from July to December, Clara Hull; Secretary from January to June, Reba Bolton; and from July to December, Joan Ross; Treasurer, Shirley Horsfall; Hall Board Representative, Anne McInrue; Program Conveners, Betty James and Evelyn Swain; Auditors, Reba Bolton and Doreen Campbell; Vestry Representative, Doris Scott.

The meeting closed with prayers.



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**P.A. Day**

Rideau Centennial School staff attended a mandatory P.A. session on "Substance Abuse", with the address being given by Dr. Robert Dupont.

Dr. Dupont is an author and psychiatrist at Georgetown University Medical School. He has been a contributor to both Time and Newsweek magazines and a commentator on ABC's Good Morning America. During the afternoon 31 curriculum related sessions were offered.

**Interlink**

Our 2 choir groups (Gr. 3/4 and senior citizens) have had several sessions under the direction of William Morris and the latest report is that all involved seem to be enjoying the singing and fellowship. More seniors are welcome, so please pass the word to anyone you think may be interested. The group meets at 1:00 on Fridays at Mill Bay Court. Our first joint rehearsal will be held on December 14, 1990 at Mill Bay Court.

**Legion Poster and Essay Contest**

Students are being encouraged to put their thoughts on paper, in either prose or poetry, as they reflect on the many freedoms we enjoy. If your child shows an interest in this activity, your support would be appreciated.

**Fundraising/Cookie Sales**

More than \$12,000 worth of cookies have been distributed to our super salespeople for delivery. The profit will help out a great deal in offsetting the cost of buses for sports, theatre, nature hikes and other curriculum related events. Special thanks to parents who responded so quickly in picking up the orders.

**School Committee**

At the first regular meeting for '90-91, Rideau Centennial School Committee made a \$1,000 donation towards a CD-ROM for our students. The CD-ROM is a compact disc/computer system for encyclopedias. Through special funding from the Ministry of Education, our Board of Education made available to each school a \$3,200 CD-ROM unit with schools being required to pay \$800 towards the purchase. Our parents group quickly agreed to contribute the \$800 plus an additional \$200 towards the compact disc. The CD-ROM has arrived and staff are learning how to use it.

**Report Cards/Interviews**

A large part of November goes into the preparation of report cards and planning of interviews. Please plan now to attend the interview appointment for your child; we as a staff are expected to met with all parents during this first reporting session. The week of November 26 and the November 30 P.A. day will be set aside for interviews.

**Looking Far Ahead**

Save the evening of December 12 to attend our annual Christmas concert.....Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells!!

**"If You Can't Remember, Think"**

That was the theme of our Remembrance Day Ceremony, held in the gym on Friday, November 9. Students reminded us of our freedoms and many blessings, made sure by the sacrifice and service by many young Canadians during World War I and II and the Korean conflict. Musical selections included a "Remembrance Day Prayer" and "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands" by the primary choir; "It's a Small World" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth" by the Grade 3-4 class. The Grade 5-6 students told us about several local veterans including Ford Stevens, Charlie Bryden, Bertie Clegg, Arthur Gillespie, Charles Cannon, Willie Joynt, Earl Gallagher, Doug Heath, Everett Cross and Patrick Alban O'Meara as a wreath was placed for each one. Representatives from the Legion included Mr. and Mrs. Joe Raison, Alf Cassidy and Joe Dillon, who expressed their thanks to the students for presenting such a fitting tribute to our local heroes and for remembering the Canadians presently on active duty in the Persian Gulf. Stephanie Sled and Philip Kompass represented RCS at the community Remembrance Day service held on Sunday in the village.

**Library Books**

Please check carefully at home for books borrowed from the Portland Community Library. Our classes visit the library every second week and have the privilege of borrowing books. If those books are not returned promptly when our class makes its next visit, the cost in both time and dollars is increased considerably. Since the recording system at the library is based on the expectation that books borrowed on class time will be returned during the next class time, we ask that, if possible, students return

their books then, rather than by dropping them in the slot at some other time. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

**Council In Action**

Monday, November 5, Grade 3-8 students attended the Bastard and South Burgess Council meeting held in the gym. Reeve Arch Ostrom, Deputy Reeve Anna Greenhorn, Clerk-Treasurer Shirley Bryden and Councillors Howard French, Phyllis Tackaberry, Gary Rees, answered questions and shared lunch time with the boys and girls. One of the special presentations dealt with waste management and protection of the environment through reduction, reuse and recycling. Representatives from the Ministry of the Environment attended the meeting and spoke to the student group.

**Old and Young Together**

On Tuesday, November 6, grandparents and Grade 3-4 students joined together for a time of sharing, story telling, tea and cookies. Special guests included Phyllis Fuller, Ruby Simmons, Dorothy Cassel, Norma Chant, Gwen Chant, Faye Clark, Linton and Viola McConville, William Gould, Mary Shire, George and Mary Wing and Betty Bond. This event wrapped up our Grandfolks theme and was greatly enjoyed by all. Special thanks to William Morris for his assistance.

**People Are Important: Meet Our Most Senior Employee**

On February 1, 1964 Don Burchill went to work for the Bastard and Burgess School Board at Rideau Centennial School.

A new school board, five or six principals, and twenty-six years later Don still works at Rideau Centennial.

In the early days Don worked at the RCA plant in Smiths Falls and cleaned the school in the evenings with the assistance of his wife Noreen. As time passed and the school grew, Don became a full time employee of the Board. Noreen and Don raised two daughters and are now providing a home for their two grandchildren, which Don says "is an enjoyable task".

Open heart surgery last year hasn't slowed him down, he says "now when I chase the teachers I'm afraid to catch them."

Don is looking forward to retirement with Noreen and maybe that position as the unofficial Mayor of Portland will become a new career.

Don Burchill, still young, after 26 years with the Board.

**PORTLAND FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TURKEY BINGO**



**DECEMBER 13, 1990 at 8 p.m. Portland Legion Hall**

**CORRECTION- RECYCLING DAYS**

An Error was made in the last issue of the North Leeds Lantern of the days our recycling bins are available. It should read

PORTLAND - Saturday and Tuesday.  
DELTA - Saturday and Thursday

Sorry for any inconvenience.

1991 Dog Licences are available beginning January 2, 1991 and may be obtained from:

Municipal Office, Chantry Morris' store, Delta Sled's store - Portland

Prices: Dog Licences purchased by June 30th., 1991:  
Male - \$5.25  
Female - \$10.25  
Spayed Female - \$5.25  
Kennel Licence - \$27.00

AFTER June 30, 1991, a penalty of \$5.00 will be added.