

RIDEAU CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

December was a very busy month at the school. In addition to the regular classroom work, many other activities took place. The halls and rooms were very gaily decorated for the Christmas season.

The students were doubly busy as they participated in Sherlock's Challenge, a general knowledge contest run by Mr. Bevens. The winners were Paula Penfold, Hugh Chant, Nikki Twiddy, Dana Brown, Lisa Gallagher and Sean Rodgers. Each received a silver dollar for their efforts.

On the afternoon of Dec. 18th, the primary and special education classes entertained the rest of the school. Many interested parents attended.

Mrs. Moon's Grade 2-3 class put on a play, Mrs. Carr's Grade 1-2 class performed several dances. Mrs. Sled's class provided several recitations and Mrs. Mayhew's Kindergarten class sang several selections. This was followed by a carol sing in which the whole school participated. Our thanks are extended to Sylvia French who played the piano for us.

On December 19th, the whole school held a pot luck lunch, followed by a dance for the 5,6,7 and 8 classes, and individual classroom parties for the primary and junior classes. Gifts were exchanged and school was dismissed for a Christmas vacation.

January provided a very cold start for the beginning of classes, but did not dampen Portland's enthusiasm for outdoor education. In place of the daily run around the perimeter of the school grounds, the students and teachers are now snowshoeing and Cross Country skiing. The snowshoes are provided by the Board, and we will have them for about 2 weeks. The students provide their own skis and are given instruction on waxing and care of skis as well as the fundamentals of skiing itself.

The staff and students have received permission from Mr. Kenneth Hull to use the land adjacent to the school, and have laid out several trails.

In conjunction with the outdoor activities, the students are also learning to identify tracks of various woodland animals in their science classes and utilize this information during their outdoor activities.

IF EVERYONE

If everyone who drives a car
 Could lie a month in bed
 With broken bones and stitched up wounds
 Of fractures to the head
 And there endure the agonies
 That many people do
 They'd never need preach safety
 Anymore to me or you.

If everyone could stand beside
 The bed of some close friend
 And hear the doctor say, "No hope"
 Before the fatal end
 And see him there unconscious
 Never knowing what took place
 The laws and rules of traffic
 I am sure we'd embrace.

If everyone could meet
 The wife and children left behind
 And step into the darkened home
 Where once the sunlight shined
 And look upon the "Vacant Chair"
 Where daddy used to sit
 I am sure each reckless driver
 Would be forced to think a bit.
 If everyone who takes the wheel
 Would say a little prayer
 And keep in mind those in the car
 Depending on his care
 And make a vow and pledge himself
 To never take a chance
 The great crusade of safety
 Would suddenly advance.

Portland

COUNCIL NOTES

Township of Bastard and South Burgess

JANUARY 5, 1981

-moved and seconded that Council pay General Voucher No. 1 in the amount of \$18,340.32. (Carried)

-moved and seconded that Council pay Road Voucher No. 12 in the amount of \$24,597.02. (Carried)

-moved and seconded that Council approve the rate of \$15.00 per visit for V.O.N. for the year 1981. (carried)

-Council of the Twp. of Bastard and South Burgess are requesting Bell Canada to consider the possibility of an extension of the calling services within our Township boundaries.

Council adjourned to meet again Jan. 19, 1981, at 1:00 p.m.

JANUARY 19, 1981

Council met in the Council Chambers at 1:00 p.m. Peter Hannah was a delegation regarding our Zoning By-law.

-moved and seconded that Council pay General Voucher No. 2 in the amount of \$7,769.84. (Carried)

-moved and seconded that Council engage J.L. Richards and Associates Ltd. to prepare a revised letter stating the costing of our Zoning By-law, and the clerk to request a grant for the cost of these documents. (Carried)

-moved and seconded that Council approve Grants for 1981 to the North Leeds Lantern for \$500.00 and \$200.00 to the Delta Agricultural Society. (Carried)

-moved and seconded that Council accept the proposed wage scale for 1981 for Council and Staff as presented. (Carried)

-moved and seconded that Council request the Ministry of Natural Resources to enlarge the parking area, if possible, at the park located adjacent to Hwy. 15 on the North side of the Village of Portland. (Carried)

-moved and seconded that Council request information from the Ministry of Natural Resources pertaining the stocking of fish for the lakes within the boundaries of our Municipality. (Carried)

-moved and seconded that Council authorize the Road Superintendent to apply to the Ministry of Transportation and Communications for the final subsidy for road expenditures for the year 1980. (Carried)

Council adjourned to meet again Feb. 2, 1981 at 1:00 p.m. or at the call of the Reeve. (Carried)

The Royal Canadian Legion

Rideau Lakes (Ont. 231) Branch

The monthly meeting was held at the Portland Community Hall on Jan. 8th. It was a busy meeting discussing and planning the many events that are forthcoming. A Valentine's dance will be held at the Portland Hall on Sat. Feb 14th. Everyone is welcome.

A Fish Derby will be held on Feb. 21st, to coincide with the opening of the trout season. The derby will open at 6:00 a.m., with registration from 10:00 a.m. and closing and weigh-in at 6:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$3.00 and includes a hot lunch. Watch for posters. "The small boy had gone fishing with his grandfather for the first time. When they returned empty-handed his mother feared him to be disappointed but the boy was radiant as he explained: 'We didn't catch anything Mom, but it was close. There were teeth marks on the worm.'"

The annual Legion Public Speaking Competition is being organized. Details have been forwarded to the schools. The competition will be held the last week in February.

The January issue carried the results of the Literary Contest. Timmy Best, Grade 7 at South Crosby Public School, won the first prize in the poem category. He has since placed first at the zone level and is now entered in the District. Congratulations, Timmy, we are pulling for you all the way.

A Zone Euchre Tournament is to be held at Gananoque on Feb. 14th. A team consisting of Comrades Hiram Leegsma, Floris-Bakker, Lint McConville and Ken Bruyere, will represent our branch.

Our branch will host the zone convention on March 15th and a zone rally on a later date. The next monthly meeting will be on Feb. 5th.

Portland - Elgin Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

For their final meeting of 1980 the Cubs and Beavers had a "Mac Attack". Films were shown courtesy of the Rideau Lakes Union Library and games were played.

Over the holidays Stan Haskin and Robert Lee, cub leaders took nine boys skating on the Rideau Canal, Ottawa. Afterwards they enjoyed a visit to the Cub Centre.

The parents committee are helping the leaders in having a Father/or Mother and Son banquet at the Portland Hall Monday February 9th for the Beavers and Cubs.

The Kub Kar program is well underway with Portland being the hub of this Activity. Several invitational meets with other packs are planned.

The regional meet will be held at the County Fair Mall, Smiths Falls on Saturday February 21, 1981 with approximately 125 boys attending.

The national meet will be held in Perth on Saturday April 25, 1981 in conjunction with the Festival of Maples.

The Scouts are planning a trip to Foley Mountain, Monday February 16 to practise "Survival in Winter". They enjoyed snowshoeing at their last meeting and with the help of their leader, Doug Bond, built a fire to boil water for a hot drink.

The Cubs and Scouts will be selling hot cross buns again this year, early in April. If you are not approached and would like to support the boys, feel free to call Judy Pattinson 272-2736 or Lynne Myers 272-2232.

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