

**PORTLAND
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Rideau Centennial School

"Where are we headed"

Our committee is now meeting on a monthly basis, with Mrs. Joan Hutchison in the chair. We would like some input from the parents as to what they would like to hear discussed at our meetings, what they think our role is, and where they think we should be working to better our school.

Plans are now under way to have a piece of playground equipment made locally, with the money derived from the sale of hot dogs each Wednesday.

Mr. Fat McManus gave a detailed report of the last Central School Committee, and will act as our regional representative at these meetings. He has set up a joint meeting with Sweets

Corners School Committee, to be held Wednesday April 5, 1978 at 8 p.m. at Sweets Corners School.

Parent participation was very poor at Mr. Wayne McCuen's morphographic spelling evening, and just a little better for Mr. Barry McQuay's talk on his teaching program at Foley Mountain. Barry showed a series of slides on the Outdoor School, and explained the variety of programs available to all teachers.

A letter was sent to the Minister of Transport, Minister of Education the leaders of the opposition party and the secretary-treasurer of the Leeds-Grenville Board of Education, proposing "the safety conditions in all school buses be examined to determine if there is any better way to protect children in the event of an accident, and further - that seatbelts for school bus drivers be made mandatory as quickly as possible".

Mrs. Dolores Wing, Delta, our representative on the school board was present at our last meeting.

Mrs. Diane Haskin questioned the need for competition during the winter carnival week. Mr. Boyd explained that all activities were held in groups, so there was no individual competition.

Mrs. Schwartz attended, and complimented Mr. Boyd on the friendliness and open-ness in the school.

The accessibility of the School Board was discussed. Mrs. Wing pointed out the board had moved the meetings around, but not many parents attended. Parents need to pick up their phone and call the school, Mrs. Wing, or the board office if they have a compliment or complaint.

Mr. McManus enquired about the lack of involvement from our school in the Legion Public Speaking Contest. The time involved was too great, and the children who were interested were encouraged to participate on their own time.

Our next school committee meeting will be in the library at Rideau Centennial Wednesday March 29th at 7.30 p.m.

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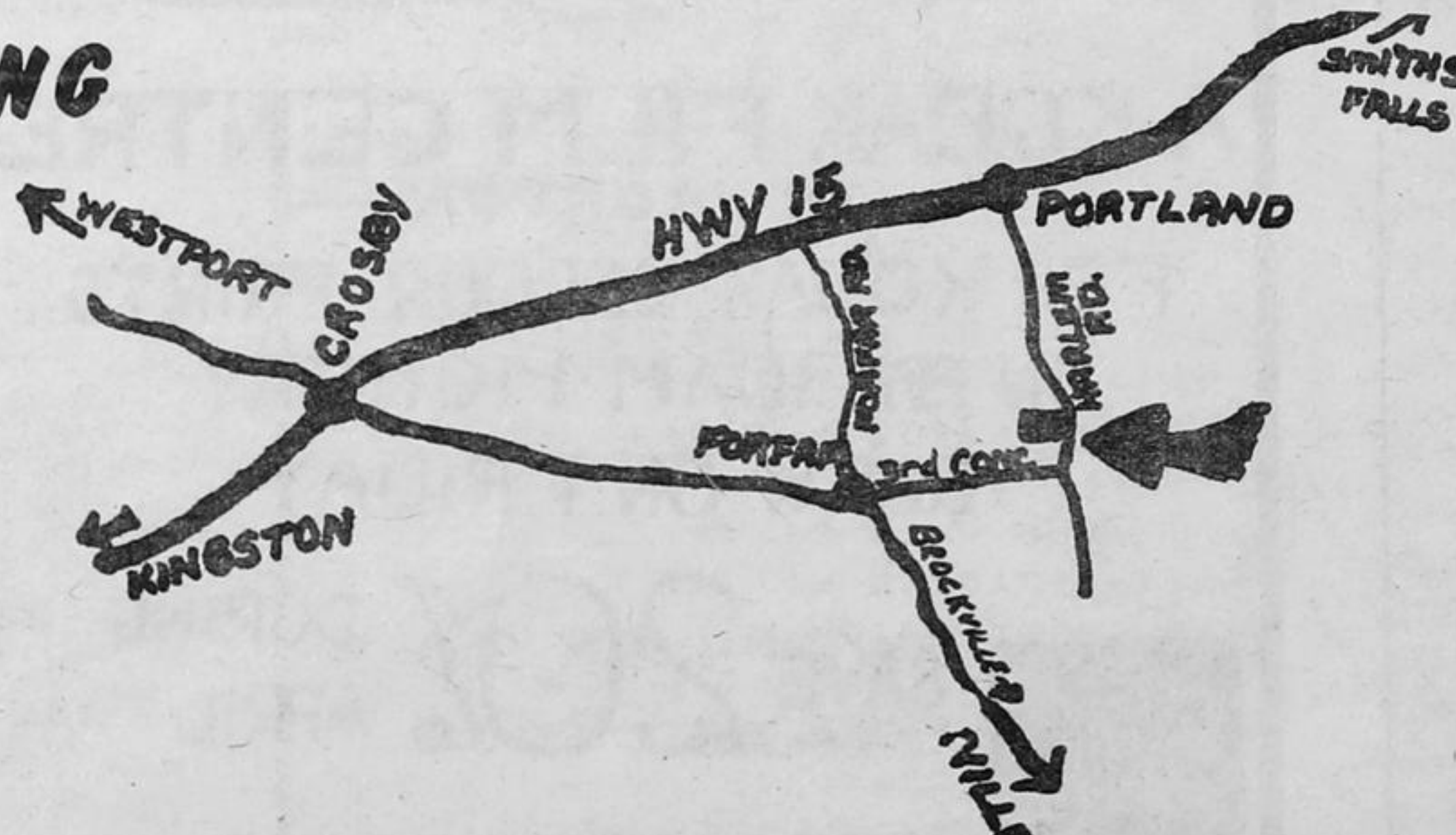
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