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Profile of a business man

by Richard Houghton

Twenty-one years in the marina business is about to come to an end for John Krestel.

As of now I'm ready to retire, he said.

This place was formerly an ice house in the 1940's, said Mr. Krestel. "During the winter they would float ice in here and store it for the warmer weather."

In 1954, I bought the dairy business here, and operated it for a number of years. In 1956 he bought the 7-up business and operated it along with the dairy.

Though it may seem that way to many, Mr. Krestel hasn't always been in Port Rowan.

Before 1945, he came from Kitchener to the little hamlet of Walsby, where he operated the general store for 18 months.

In 1945 Mr. Krestel bought what is now the Rod and Gun Hotel in Port Rowan. He called it the Baycliff Hotel, and operated it until 1952.

Mr. Krestel's business with 7-up goes from Port Rowan to South Cayuga in the east, to Mount Pleasant in the north, to Port Burwell in the west, and going south right to the lake.

The store which he has built up since 1954, basically services the tourist trade. The store sells gas, bait, all kinds

of fishing tackle equipment, many consumer items necessary for vacationers, and also rents boats.

"Usually the marina operates all year round, he said. But last year the lake didn't freeze well and it was a poor winter, there was really no ski-doing of ice-fishing. As well as looking after his business interests in Port Rowan Mr. Krestel has also played a big part in developing the town into what it is now.

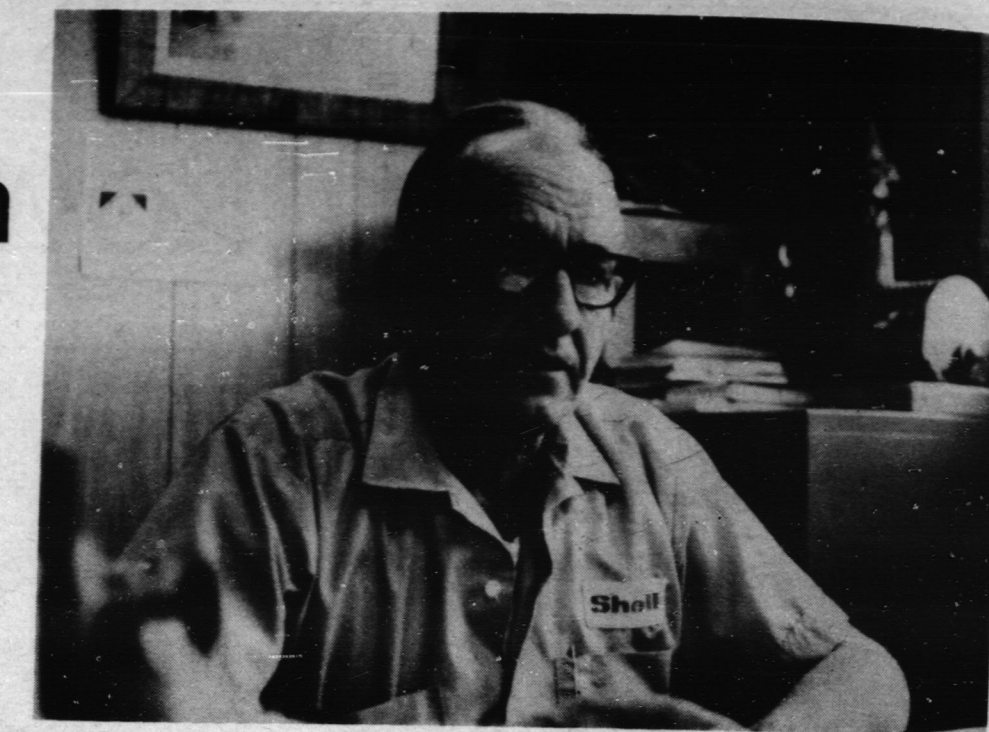
In 1953 he was elected Reeve of Port Rowan, which was a position he held for an incredible 16 years without a break. Also the other reeves voted him Warden of Norfolk County in 1960.

I have taken part in the Board of Trade, and was a past president of the Lions, said Mr. Krestel. I started out on the school board, and then went on to council. After a couple of years on council I was elected reeve.

"When I came here we didn't even have one hardtop street in this town except for the county road. When I left council they were all either hardtop or oil."

"I have also seen a big improvement in the harbour since I came here, he said. It is now double the capacity of what it used to be."

When he looks to the future Mr. Krestel can see more



growth for Port Rowan than in the past.

"As far as I know we just had a subdivision approved. I can see the time is here for a change, and the town will start growing."

"I can't see that some growth would do us any harm," said Mr. Krestel. They have a nice business section here and they need some growth to make it successful.

Mr. Krestel finds it interesting to compare the way the local governments run things now compared to how they ran it when he was on council.

"In our day we did what we could with the money we had, he said. Now they just go wild with spending."

"One thing you never realize when you are in public office, is how much you have hurt your own business until you get out."

"But I am still glad I went into public life. I got by while I was there, and I enjoyed it a certain amount."

Langton personals

Mr. and Mrs. Urban Sinnaeve and Lawrence spent the weekend with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Achiel Sinnaeve of R.R. 2, Essex.

Mrs. C.H. Carroll of Tilsonburg was a Sunday dinner guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Max Carroll and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Moore

were Saturday night visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore of Clear Creek.

Mother's day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Priddle and David were Mrs. Mamie Money, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Priddle of Langton, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Belanger of St. Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Elliott and Stacey of Simcoe.

Six confirmed

Six young people confirmed their baptismal vows and were received into communicant membership of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Rhineland, by the rite of confirmation on Sunday, May 18, at the 11 a.m. service of morning worship.

The confirmands are Carol Beth Herman, Carol Martin, Janice Martin, Ruth Morget, Christopher Paret, and Richard Waldick. Administering the rite of confirmation was the Rev. Frank Morget, pastor of the congregation.

On May 11 the young people had been examined by Pastor Morget at a special vespers service at the church.

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Editorial

By John Storm
The Record Correspondent in Ottawa

The warm spring weather in the political capitals of Canada appears to have initiated an excitingly new potion which is bound to drive men and women wild with its appearance. The magic formula consists of women with political feelers and throwing in a truckful of discontent with the government. The result of combining these ingredients often results in a soothing medication, but other times results in acute vomiting.

Two recent examples of this formula are now available to the consumer. The Ontario government has appointed a Royal Commission to investigate the consequences of television violence. Globe and Mail columnist, Scott Young, and Judge Lucien Beaulieu are members of the commission. But the person gaining the most recognition is former Liberal cabinet minister Judy (never wrong) LaMarsh.

The make-up of the commission is an understandable one. A representative of the media, a member of the judiciary and a former member of the federal government should provide a variety of attitudes reflecting those attitudes of the public, the courts and the government.

There is a slight odour however, coming from this particular commission. The elements are good but the cost of the ingredients is outrageous.

Miss LaMarsh would receive a mere salary of \$250 a day. She is followed closely by Scott Young with a proposed salary of \$180 a day. Judge Beaulieu would receive his regular salary of \$34,000 a year while he sits on the commission.

When Eric Winkler, chairman of the cabinet's management board was asked how long this commission would go on, he opposition parties were answered that a cost estimate would be available "as soon as I have the opportunity." How's that for a standard answer?

The appointment of Miss LaMarsh isn't all that much of a surprise. We all remember the chunky member from Niagara Falls take part in the performance in 1968 when anti-Trudeau Liberals attempted to consolidate their votes in an attempt to stop the Trudeau machine before it gained too much power.

After such a display of obvious hostility to Mr. Trudeau it's little doubt Miss LaMarsh would retain her party affiliation. She soon became the author of her autobiography and a member of the media by taking on such roles as hot-line radio hostess.

We now find her sitting on a commission appointed by the Ontario Tories. Is this any indication that she might consider joining Tory ranks in the province to help the hapless Davis Machine that has become covered in rust in the past few years?

At any rate, the Royal Commission will go on. There is considerable skepticism at modern day commissions because many of them are merely an attempt to justify the actions of a ruling party or to neutralize any shortcomings of that party.

Royal Commissions were previously established to investigate wrong-doings in the structure of the government. What reasonable person, however, would think the Davis government can afford an investigation into its workings? That is almost as unreasonable as having the RCMP investigate itself.

Richard VanLoon and Michael Whittington, two political scientists, state that the intentions of some Royal Commissions are not always honorable.

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"The government will appoint a royal commission in order to duck the responsibility for making an unpopular decision; at other times, the government will commission a study of a particular political problem in Canada in order to 'buy time' during which a compromise political solution can be found."

The other most obvious example of a person heading a body which legitimizes the government's actions is Beryl Plumptre and her Farical Federal Food Prices Review Board.

Mrs. Plumptre's board has been given \$1.3 million for this year to investigate unjust increases in the price of consumer goods.

To date, this particular board has done little but tell us what we already know. Last year we were told by Mrs. Plumptre, "There isn't much we can do about it." She goes on to say that if her board turns up any wrong-doings on the part of business, "then it is up to the public to put pressure on Parliament to do it."

Do these words sound as if they came from a woman who was well acquainted with the poor sector of Canada or a woman who is outraged at some of the injustices taking place?

The Ontario Royal Commission and the Farical Federal Food Prices Review Board are two avenues which can be easily taken by the respective governments to probe the attitude of the public. But there is even a further obstacle to individuals to make an impact on such bodies.

The large and well-organized pressure groups will once again receive more attention than a parent who is concerned about what his child is watching on television or the individual food buyer who faces rising prices each time he or she makes a trip to the supermarket.

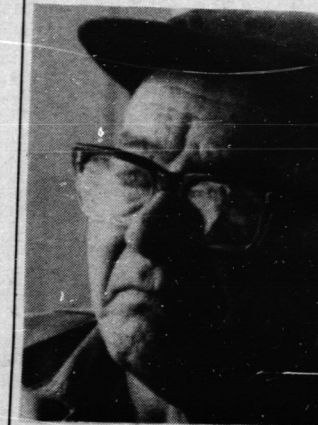
The heavies we can expect to hear from concerning television violence are the CRTC (Canadian Radio and Television Commission), the Canadian Labor Congress and assorted corporate interests. Keep an eye on any presentation by individuals representing only themselves. You can be sure they'll be listened to but will they have any significant effect? Likely not.

For any prospective politicians reading, remember this rule of the game. When in trouble, justify your actions by setting up a Royal Commission or similar investigatory body. It's a magic formula.

The People's Corner

QUESTION: Do you think there is too much violence on T.V.?

Frank Janzen, Port Rowan:



"Yes, I would say there is too much violence. Especially after six o'clock. These days a movie isn't considered good unless there is a lot of violence in it."

Scott Bulmer, Port Rowan:

"Kids do get some real ideas from what they see on T.V. They get an idea and they say, I saw that on television. I think there is too much violence on T.V."

John Spratt, Port Rowan:

"Not really. They say there is too much, but I don't really think there is. I think though that if these shows are going to be on T.V. they should be



Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

As a secretary for one of the Regional Councils, I can no longer sit back and listen to the public complaining about these officials and their wages and how much they are being paid for attending council meetings twice a week for two weeks of the month.

I have not even touched on the numerous phone call that have to be returned or the number of requests to look into for this person or that for further information. He also has his own homework to do on by-law, agendas and any other reading material, which has been handed out in bulk at any one meeting, in order to be prepared for the next meeting.

How many of you are willing to give up this time away from your family every night to help get things started in the right direction? Did you know that if they miss more than five meetings during the year they are deducted \$50 per meeting? If these absences come during a crisis, such as a death, no bereavement pay is given, (as most employees have.)

If you think these elected officials are well, or over-paid or that this is a way of getting rich quick, then I hope you are willing to let your name stand for a councillor when the time approaches next year and are ready to replace some of these dedicated citizens who have taken on the responsibility of trying to

improve our Community for you and me and our children. You know, this is as new for then as it is for you and me.

These Councilors have nothing to hide and did not try to hide anything when presenting the budget. They could have waited until next year at this time and taken an 18 per cent hike in pay, (retroactive to January 1975), to cover the two years cost in living increase, and then you really would have squawked. They are entitled to a cost of living raise the same as you or I or anyone else.

Our Councilors were elected for a three year term to act on our behalf. They didn't know what they were in for, but they give up their time willingly because they know they have a responsibility to we the citizens and our community. Let's give our Councilors some credit once in a while instead of always knocking them. Regional Government is here and will likely be here for a long time, so let's try working with our Councilors instead of always against them.

I think they're doing a great job and are learning, like we are, as time goes on.

Just remember, election time will be here next year and if you are not satisfied with the people you put in last year, get ready, because you have your turn at being Councilor, and then maybe you'll know if your criticism is justifiable or not.

Do you, "John Doe Public", know exactly the number of meetings your Councillor attends during a week or month. Believe me, his time is not his own at all. Yes, it does mean attending Regional Council plus Local Council twice a week for two weeks of the month, every second and fourth Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

During the first and third weeks of each month there are four committee meetings to attend, one each day, either daytime or evening, sometimes both, two for Regional Council, two for Local Council. Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. on Local Council and Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Regional Council. If it should happen to be a long agenda, they may break for lunch for three quarters of an hour and then may not finish until 4:00 p.m.

At these committee meetings he is put on other Boards of Executives as a representative of Regional Council, Eg: out of the Health and Social Service Committee he automatically becomes a member of the Hospital Board which in turn is automatically on one of the Hospital Board Committees. This adds at least two more meetings to his monthly agenda. Then he is also a member of the Children's Aid Society, not just for

Norfolk but also for Haldimand. Add two more meetings!

Then you have Foster Parents, Family and Children's Services, Health Board, Community Services, each of which holds a meeting at least once during the month. Fridays have now been booked for the Haldimand-Norfolk Task Force-a program planning for the Region which the Chairman of each of the four Regional Committees is automatically a member.

These are just a few of the meetings that your Councillor attends as a Regional Councillor. Then he also has the local committee meetings. If he happens to be a member of the Community Service Committee, he is expected to attend Recreation Advisory Board, Museum Board, Library Board, or maybe Cemetery Board. Have you heard enough of the meetings he had to attend yet? If not, I can continue on with more, like the Planning Advisory Board for Local Council. These meetings only last four to five hours every other Thursday evening, beginning at 7:30 p.m., with an extra meeting thrown in here and there because the agenda couldn't be completed in one session.

Sincerely,

Marlene Simpson