

Deeds office squeezed

The Russell registry office is sorely cramped and additional space is needed desperately.

While plans have been prepared for a one-storey extension to the rear of the historic building, work isn't expected to proceed before the spring of 1980.

"We have to have an earlier

start," registrar Wendell Stanley insisted. "We can't exist until then."

Mr. Stanley said the proposed expansion has been delayed partly because of his recent illness. He was off work for close to four months between May and August.

"There was nobody to push for it during that time."

Plans originally called for an addition heated by solar energy. But this was cancelled to save money. Estimated cost now ranges around \$250,000, Mr. Stanley said.

The office now employs five people including the registrar and records are kept for Russell County and Cumberland Township, now part of Ottawa-Carleton.

"We haven't got enough room to work or to store the records properly," the registrar said.

When the new part is built, it will be used primarily by the public for record searches while the existing building will serve for storage and office space.

Mr. Stanley said the character of the old building will be protected although major renovations are anticipated. The addition will be built along similar lines.

He isn't sure of the registry office's exact age, but records show it existed in 1871. Thanks to a heavy door and vault, records are securely protected from fire.

"When the village burned in 1915, the roof was destroyed but no records were lost."

Co-op School

Steering committee set

A proposed co-operative nursery school for Metcalfe has moved a step closer to opening day with the establishment of a steering committee of parents.

Metcalfe resident Joan Bruce-Nibogie, who has been raising support for the proposal since June, was named to head the committee at a recent meeting in the village. She pointed to the response — which saw 15 people volunteer to serve on the committee — as an indication of the need for the school locally.

The committee will supervise the organization of the school which is awaiting licensing approval under the Day Nurseries Act by the Ministry of Community and Social Services. Mrs. Bruce-Nibogie is optimistic that the act's rigid licensing requirements will be met. She said the committee is negotiating rental accommodation in Metcalfe and is in the process of hiring a teacher certified in early childhood education.

The Metcalfe Co-operative Nursery School proposes to offer 2-3 classes per week for a total of 18 area children aged two-and-a-half to five years. The school's operating expenses would be derived from fees and fund raising. Although fees have not yet been fixed, Mrs. Bruce-Nibogie noted that similar schools charge \$2.50 per child per class, "no more than I pay for a babysitter for two-and-a-half hours."

The co-operative nature of the proposed school, which was modelled with the help of the non-profit Ottawa Valley Co-operative of Pre-schools, stems from the participation of volunteer parents who act as supervisors, or play leaders, on a rotation basis at a ratio of one play leader per six children. The Metcalfe school would be the only one of its type in the Castor area.

Mrs. Bruce-Nibogie said the school program would not be highly structured or academic in

nature but would be designed to allow children "to realize their individual goals and capacities at their own pace in an atmosphere of encouragement and trust."

She said the aim would be "to broaden the child's social, emotional, physical and intellectual development with the aid of play, music and crafts."

The school hopes to open in February or May and would begin full terms starting in September next year. For more information, call Mrs. Bruce-Nibogie at 821-1756 or Margie Jackson at 821-3007.

\$100,000 injection

Restoration continues

Restoration of the historic Osgoode Township office building at Metcalfe will cost about \$100,000 this year rather than \$75,000 as originally estimated.

However, Councillor Mary Cooper has emphasized the work will not result in a tax increase for township ratepayers. The money will come from a special development fund.

The landmark brick building was constructed in 1891. Old records show the council of the time borrowed \$2,500 to purchase the site, erect the building, and fully equip it, Mrs. Cooper said.

She said the additional renovation expenses arise from extra work done including some exterior repair, landscaping, and installation of a new furnace.

"This work was planned for the future but we decided to go ahead with it this year," the councillor said.

The interior of the building was virtually gutted and two floors of offices have been installed at the rear and are almost completed. The meeting hall at the front has not yet been rebuilt.

Mrs. Cooper expects official opening sometime in the new year. The township staff, which operated this summer out of the Metcalfe fire hall, has returned to the renovated offices.

"They had to move back a little early in order to properly conduct the elections," Mrs. Cooper said.

The councillor believes the building is one of the few original council chambers still in service in the Ottawa area.

Familiar faces form councils

Voters in Russell and Osgoode townships registered satisfaction with their councils Nov. 13 by returning to office all incumbent members.

In Winchester Township, Morewood postmaster Cecil MacNabb was unsuccessful in a bid to recapture the reeveship he held until 1976. He lost by 110 votes to incumbent Deputy-Reeve Gerald Holmes, with the final count 748 to 638.

However, Morewood upholsterer Claude Cousineau won a berth on Winchester council with 692 votes. He'll join another newcomer, Allan Clement, and incumbent Albert St. Pierre. Jim Sullivan was acclaimed as deputy-reeve.

In Russell elections, Leo Provoost topped the polls with 976 votes followed by Leo Marion, 890, and Baird McNeill, 592. Contesting the seats were Maxwell Mayling and perennial candidate Adeldard Millaire. Reeve Gaston Patenaude and Deputy Albert Bourdeau were returned by acclamation.

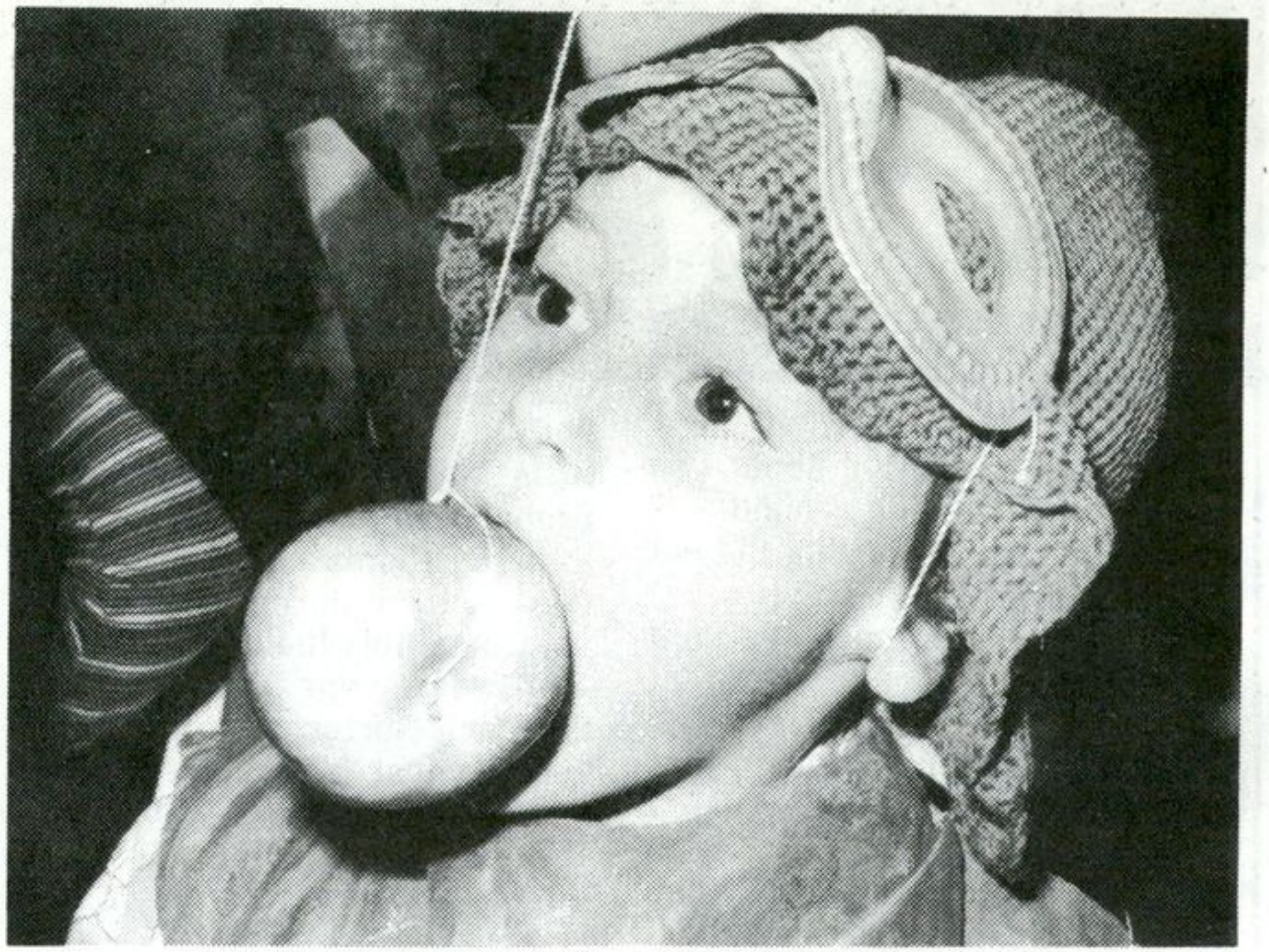
The pace-setter in Osgoode was Mary Cooper, claiming 1,500 votes. Also winning new mandates were Albert McKeown,

1,414, Fred Alexander, 1,322, and Philip McEvoy, 1,193. The closest runner up was Doug Thompson, followed by Paul Coulson and Brent Reid. Reeve Albert Bouwers was acclaimed.

Don Wright, of Metcalfe, will replace retiring George Drew as Osgoode delegate to the Carleton Board of Education while Russell's George Young has been returned to the Prescott-Russell board. Lorne Thompson, of Chesterville, was acclaimed to represent Morewood on the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry board.

Separate school supporters acclaimed Manotick's Michael Kelly as Osgoode representative on the Carleton separate board while Jean-Roch Brisson of Embrun was similarly re-appointed to the Prescott-Russell separate board. Pierre Pelletier of Embrun was acclaimed as separate representative on the P-R public secondary board.

Morewood area separate supporters have a new trustee on the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry separate board. He's Peter Van Moorsel of Morrisburg who defeated Chrysler's Alphonse Lafrance.



An apple-a-day

Little Chantal Paquette seems to be taking the difficult route to following the time-worn method for keeping the doctor away. What she's really doing is bobbing for apples at a party held Halloween evening at the Kinnaird Arena.

Sewage pumper approved

A \$262,666 contract for the construction of a sewage pumping station and diesel generation plant as part of the Russell sewer project has been awarded to Taggart Construction Ltd., of Ottawa.

Taggart's tender was the lowest submitted for the job. Beaver Construction Ltd., of Ottawa, has the second lowest tender at \$272,800. The contract takes effect immediately with completion July 20.

The pumping station and generating plant will be located on the south bank of the Castor River, below the Concession Street Bridge.

The bulk of the \$2 million sewer project — the installation of pipes and digging of lagoons southeast of the village — was completed this fall by Collavino Construction, of Windsor. The system is to be operating in the spring.

Feedback to the Castor Review indicates that residents were generally satisfied with the smooth manner in which the pipe laying was carried out. They agreed disruption from dust and torn up streets and sidewalks was kept as low as possible.

Prescott & Russell County Board of Education

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SNOW REMOVAL

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned until 4:30 p.m., Monday, November 27, 1978 for the removal of snow from the driveway and parking lot at:

- 1) The Russell Public School, Mill St., Russell
- 2) The Cambridge Public School, R.R. No. 1, Embrun (adjacent to Forest Park)

during the 1978-79 winter season.

When tendering parties are to state the school for which they are tendering, the size and nature of the equipment to be used, and the price per unit per hour.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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