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FELTON SCHOOL DAYS

Felton Public School, one of the last of the classic white-washed, one-room school houses to operate in the Russell area, stood about four miles south of Russell Village on the road to Morewood. The school was built in 1845 and was closed in 1965 — 120 years later. It no longer stands. In fact, there is nothing left of the original Felton, which was a small community consisting of a cheese factory, store and post office. Now there are some new houses and a street named after the old settlement.

Below is a shot of one of the last groups of boys and girls to attend Felton School. From left to right, back row, Dixie Arbuthnot, Harry Bouwhuis, Bobby Latour, Dean Arbuthnot, Bob Carscadden. Middle row, Patricia Lynch-Stantan, Victor Lynch-Stantan, Leo Bouwhuis, Eddy Shahan. Front row, Nancy Carscadden, Cindy Cochrane, Michael Lynch-Stantan, Beverly Cherry, Janet Graham, Matilda Bouwhuis. (Photos Courtesy Mrs. Helen Loucks, former Felton School mistress)



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Russell Registry —

Addition promised again

A construction start on the long-discussed Russell Registry office addition is expected in early July, registrar Wendell Stanley has been advised.

The Ministry of Government Services has also informed Mr. Stanley that the \$266,000 project should be completed early in 1980.

Previously, a spring start on the one-storey extension had been announced. Nothing materialized.

But the ministry has now advertized for tenders. They're to be opened in Toronto June 14.

Prescott-Russell MLA J. Albert Belanger told the Castor Review he would press the ministry to get moving with construction as soon as a contract has been awarded.

Mr. Stanley is both excited and nervous when he contemplates the project which will double the space now available to the office's five employees. He's excited, because the addition will provide much needed space. But he's nervous because of the way work will interfere with the day-to-day routine.

"We'll have a heck of a time to say the least," he said. "Summer is our busiest time. Everybody's buying houses."

The extension will be put in place first. The office staff will move into the new part while the existing, historical section is renovated.

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Metcalfe numbers "on hold"

Osgoode Township council has "put on hold" a proposal for street numbering in Metcalfe, Reeve Albert Bouwers has informed the Castor Review.

Council decided to hold off on the proposal, presented by the Metcalfe Anglican Church, until the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton has decided on a street numbering plan for the entire region, the reeve said.

In addition, council feels that it would be better to number all properties in the township in one undertaking rather than introducing numbering in Metcalfe alone, he explained.

"It's not that we don't appreciate the Anglican Church coming to us, but the only real way to go is to number all properties, especially for fire department purposes."

Mr. Bouwers said that the only numbering done in the township to date is at Osgoode Village where a partial service was provided by a community group.

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