

Happy Halloween

"The best in years."

That was the assessment of police and parents over the way Halloween was marked in Russell Village and area this year. It was a night free of major incidents and marred by only a few scattered acts of vandalism.

It was also a night more young trick-or-treaters participated than in recent years. Parents reported that the number of costumed children banging on doors was as much as double that of last year.

"The parents of Russell are to be congratulated," an OPP spokesman said, "they are obviously bent on returning Halloween to the younger children where it belongs. It should be a fun thing for the community."

He credited parents with making a special effort to know their children's whereabouts Halloween night and stop them from gathering at the corner of Mill and Concession streets the traditional hot spot of destructiveness. As it was, only a score of youths—less than half the number of past years—huddled on the corner, guffawing abuse and tossing the occasional egg.

"What it amounted to was that the same handful of people who are at the centre of the disturbance every year gathered as usual but found that they didn't have much of an audience for a change. As a result, they all went home by about 10:30 and the rest of the night was generally quiet," the police spokesman said.



Ribbon Cutting

The traditional ribbon cutting opened the new Russell Bank of Nova Scotia building earlier this month. Holding the ribbon at each end are Lise LeBland, operations officer, and Pierrette Guibord, loans officer. In between are, from left, Roger Morin, manager; Bill McMillan, Eastern Ontario vice-president and general manager; Gaston Patenaude, Russell Township reeve; Thomas Boyles, former president and chairman of the board for the bank and; Ron Robinson, Eastern Ontario district manager.

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Iveson Home to Stay?

Upper Canada Village may have to abandon its hopes of one day making Metcalfe's Iveson

House part of its collection of pioneer buildings.

Members of the Osgoode Township Historical Society and Reeve Albert Bouwers have indicated interest in preserving the historical Victoria Street home within the community.

And Bruce Renton, owner of the village landmark for the past four years, would love to see it transformed into a community museum.

Mr. Renton, an Ottawa resident, said he would donate several artifacts discovered in the yellow frame building should it be taken over by the historical society.

These include aged newspaper pages located behind layers of wallpaper, old coins, and insulators from the days when the house served as a telegraph office.

Upper Canada has hoped that

Mr. Renton or the next owner would turn over to it the front section of the Iveson place to be restored at the Morrisburg site as an early Canadian tinsmithing shop.

It's listed for sale by Gerald Morris, on behalf of Mr. Renton, for about \$32,000. The price includes one of the finest lots in the village as well as a good barn which could serve as a second display area should the house become a museum.

Three members of the historical society toured the house recently including Elizabeth Stuart of Vernon who recognized the potential and historical value despite its current dilapidated condition.

However, Miss Stuart cautioned that acquiring and maintaining the site might be beyond the society's capabilities.

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