

Mr. Keith Boyd,  
Box 69,  
Russell, Ontario.

# CAS REVIEW

VOL. 3 No. 5

ONE CANADA

February 15, 1980



## Metcalfe Nursery Fun

Andrea Gutsik, 3, shows off her skill with building blocks at an open house held earlier this month to mark the Metcalfe Cooperative Nursery School's first year of operation. Andrea is one of 43 children enrolled in four programs in the school. (Estelle Yaternick photo)

## Greely after Transpo service

OC Transpo buses rolling through Greely?

It's a possibility. The Greely Ratepayers' Association is now looking into the feasibility of Transpo service between the Village and Ottawa.

Shirley Buchanan and Blaine Ball, of the association, are now trying to establish a committee to approach Transpo on the matter. If Transpo is unwilling or unable to provide regular commuter service, than smaller companies may be contacted, Mrs. Buchanan told The Castor Review.

"I don't see why Transpo can't come out here," she said. "We're only five miles out".

With gasoline prices soaring as well as automobile purchase prices, public transit can provide an economical alternative, the association believes.

The association estimates, that if Transpo agreed to provide service, a one-way trip between Greely and points in Ottawa would cost \$1.10 per passenger based on the current fare schedule.

For service to be instituted, Osgoode Township must request a two-year agreement. The frequency and times of service would be decided as part of the agreement.

The township would have to absorb any deficits incurred by the service including amortized capital costs.

Any costs incurred by Transpo service, would be assessed through taxes on a users-pay basis. The tax increase to residents of areas serviced could run up to \$45-a-year.

The association sees such a service extending to Osgoode Gardens, Cedar Acres, Green Acres, as well as Greely.

The tax hike would hinge on the rate of bus usage and length of local routes. Full buses would mean lower Transpo taxes.

In the interest of reducing route lengths and keeping costs down, it has been suggested that Greely Community Centre could be the pick-up point and that provision could be made for all-day parking for a limited number of cars.

It's the association's position that bus service is only warranted if enough residents are willing to use it and if a majority of taxpayers are willing to cover any deficits.

Mrs. Buchanan said Castor Bus Lines and Travelways, which serves Winchester, will be contacted if an agreement cannot be reached with OC Transpo.

She said the association would like to see more daily runs than one in the morning and one in the evening.

## Trio Raises Big Bucks

Three Osgoode Township firefighters have snowmobiled their way into the thousands of Dollars, all for young burn victims in the annual Civitan snowmobile rally from Lakeside Gardens to Fitzroy Harbor Feb. 2.

Greely's Captain John Smiley led all participants in the event raising an individual total of nearly \$4,200. Metcalfe Captain Bob McCooney and Osgoode firefighter Barry Cowan raised another \$1,700 between them.

The event was staged to raise money for the burn unit at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. The marathon snowmobile rally raised a total of \$50,000. More than \$15,000 was raised entirely by valley firefighters.

Cpt. Smiley, as the biggest pledge collector, qualified for a trip but because of his firefighter status had to forfeit the vacation.

## Embrun jogging death

# Husband to sue

Lucien Bourbonnais, father of five children and husband of an Embrun woman who was recently killed in a hit-and-run incident, is planning legal action against the driver of the car.

"It is certainly no rumor. I am suing Bourdeau."

Mr. Bourbonnais declined to specify the amount of damages he would be seeking and said all further information must come from his lawyer, Gerald Morin, of Ottawa. However, a relative of Mr.

Bourbonnais revealed the amount of damages could amount to more than \$300,000.

Mr. Bourbonnais confirmed his intention to sue Feb. 9 three days after provincial court Judge Jean Marie Bordeleau fined Jacques Bourdeau, 21, of Embrun, \$750 and ordered his licence suspended for two years in connection with the death of Denise Marie Bourbonnais, 37.

Mr. Bourdeau pleaded guilty to failing to remain on the scene of

the accident and to careless driving. He was originally charged with criminal negligence causing death, a charge that can lead to life imprisonment; but this was later reduced by crown officials. A construction worker, Mr. Bourdeau had no previous police record.

Mrs. Bourbonnais, was killed when struck by a car while jogging near Embrun, Nov. 10. Casselman OPP said motorists near the scene reported being forced off the road by another driver shortly before the death. They said a driver stopped and inquired about what was happening at the scene after the death, then left. Police acted on witnesses descriptions of the death car.

## Metcalfe, Russell curling Rinks may be replaced

Faced with the prospect of steep repair bills, the Metcalfe and Russell Curling clubs may opt instead to rebuild rinks from the ground up.

Recent inspections of the rinks showed that both needed extensive repairs. In both cases, the consultant's reports showed that the rinks roofs had deteriorated to the point of contravening Ontario Ministry of Labour safety standards.

The clubs were ordered to make the rinks safe or close them down entirely. They were given one year to comply; 150 rinks across Ontario were ordered to affect the repairs.

Metcalfe Curling Club president, Adrian Ross, told the Castor Review that a committee will be formed to look at the feasibility of constructing a brand new complex.

"The repairs recommended by the consultant were so extensive and costly we have to think seriously about rebuilding altogether. We have to look at funding and the cost of a new complex before any decisions are made firm", Mr. Ross said.

Russell Curling Club president, Don Hay, said his members will wait for consultants reports before making any firm decisions. Mr. Hay said he expects to have estimates from four companies sometime next month.

"I can't say for sure what we'll do. We have to wait until the estimates are in before the members can make a decision. But we can't rule out the possibility of having to rebuild the whole thing".

Consultants reports prepared on the safety of both the Russell and Metcalfe rinks showed the roofs of both clubs were severely overstressed for snow loading. In Metcalfe, the safety of the roof over the lounge area was also called into question.

Repairs to the Metcalfe rink would likely run higher than for Russell. Because of the repair costs, Mr. Ross said a new structure could be built as part of the Osgoode Township Recreation

Plan.

"The Township has a recreation study underway and we'll likely present a brief urging that a new facility, including curling rink, be included in the master plan. But we have to be realistic and suggest a complex that would include more than just a curling rink. Maybe we could get funding from the township in which case they would like a facility for everyone for year-round use," Mr. Ross said.

Money could also be collected through various fund-raising drives. Because the curling rinks are now privately owned they are not eligible for funding from the provincial government. If a new complex were built by and for the township there is a good chance that substantial grants from the province would be forthcoming.

The consulting firm will be finished its study in April or May. At that time the Metcalfe Curling Club will know if it's request for a new building within the recreation plan is recommended. After that there would still have to be approval from the township.

## Unsafe, unsanitary

The two-school elementary arrangement at Morewood remains unsafe, unsanitary, and impractical, parents have told the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry board of education.

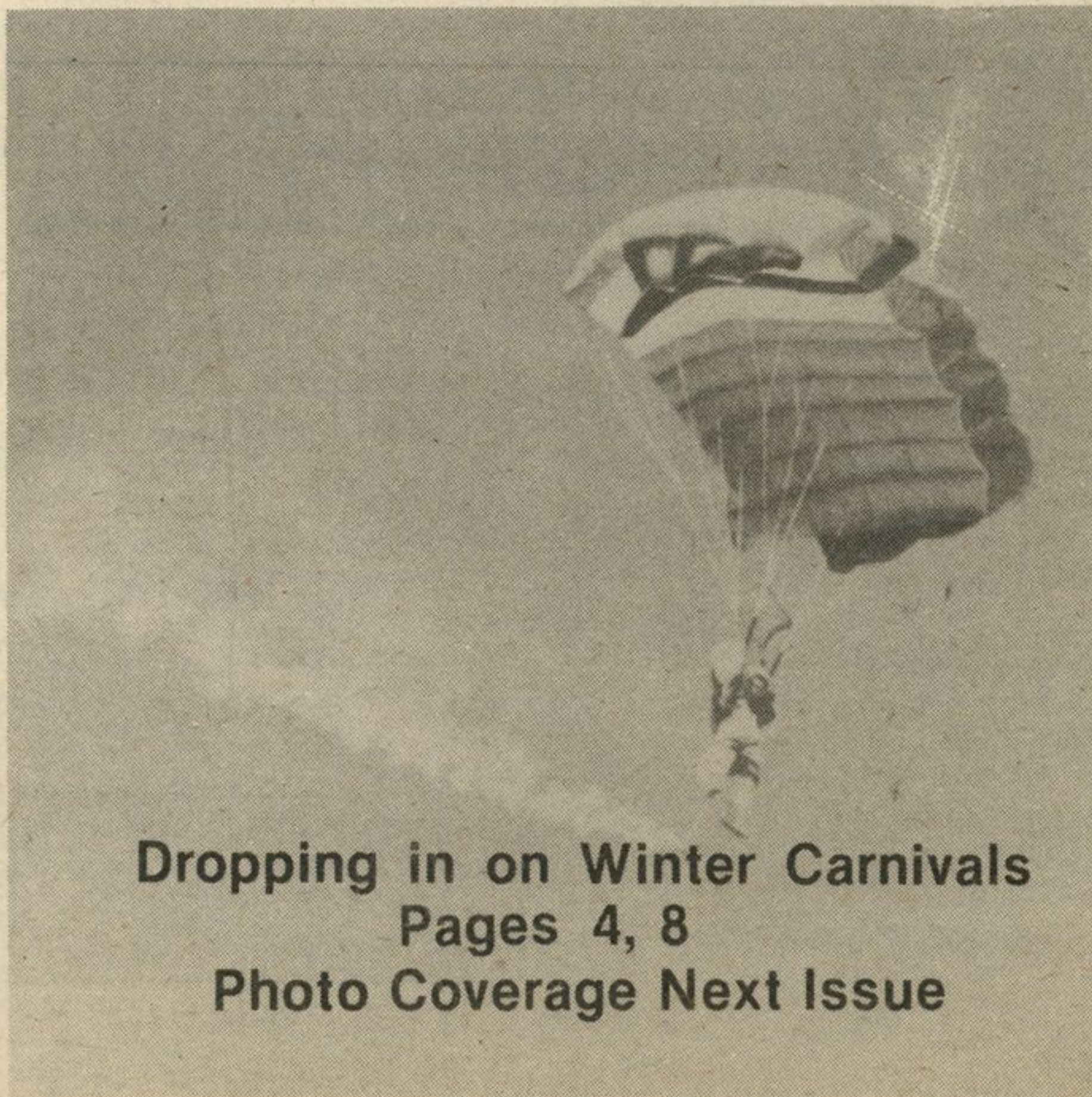
Elementary education in the hamlet is accommodated in a large brick building and in a smaller, two-room kindergarten.

Parents have pointed out in a brief to the board that the septic system at the smaller school is inadequate, creating unsanitary washroom conditions and occasionally affecting the quality of drinking water.

A survey done by parents showed that, at the senior school, many children will not use basement washrooms because of their unpleasant location, lack of ventilation, and outdated fixtures.

The top floor of the main school is a fire hazard because there's no adequate exterior fire escape, the brief states.

Parents would like to see the schools renovated and consolidated by September, 1980. But the board has indicated the work can't be done before 1981.



Dropping in on Winter Carnivals  
Pages 4, 8  
Photo Coverage Next Issue