

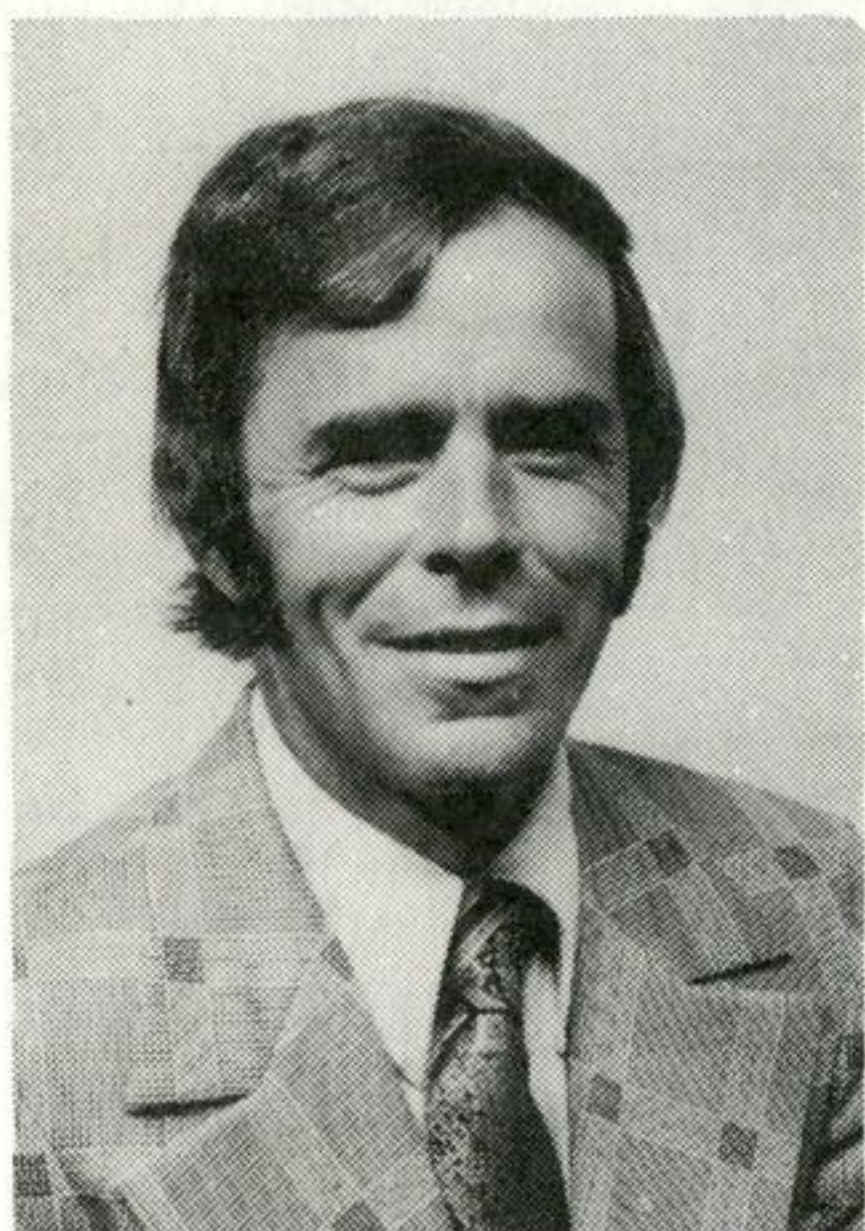
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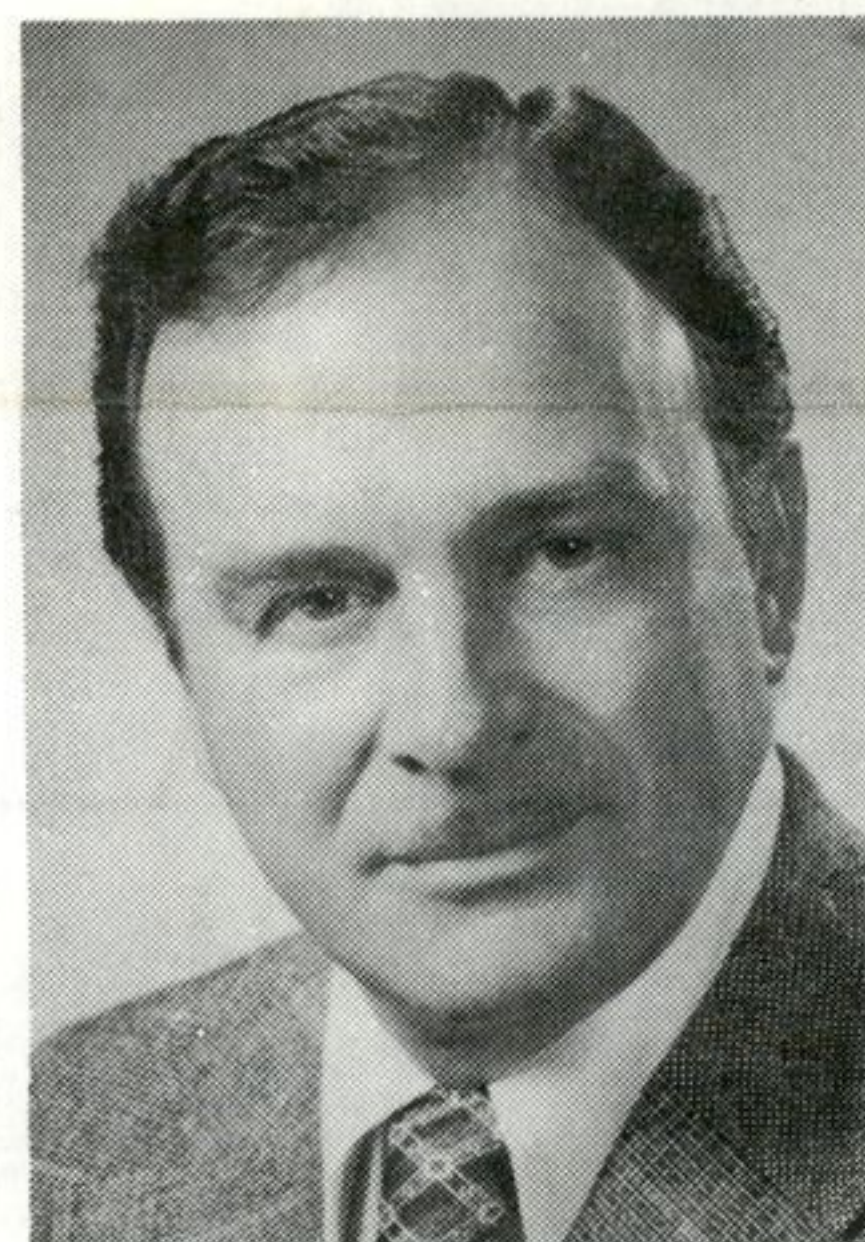
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Russell Township Elections

Full Slate of Council Candidates . . .



Gaston Patenaude



Bernie Pelot

Where the Polls are

Russell village and concession residents must vote at the same place Dec. 6.

Both polls will be located at the Russell community centre. Voters can cast their ballots between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

There will be a choice of two candidates for reeve, three for deputy reeve, five for councillors and two for public school board.

Voters must mark their ballot in the designated area once beside one name for reeve, once beside one name of deputy-reeve, once beside each of three names for councillor and once beside one name for public school trustee.

Russell Township clerk Jean-Guy Boudeau is the returning officer.

Trustees Acclaimed

The three village trustees in Russell have been acclaimed. They are:

Rudolph Bols, 58, farmer.
Wilton Gamble, 35, computer programmer analyst, Farm Credit Corporation.
Milton Ruttle, 33, CN locomotive engineer.

A total of 10 candidates are vying for five seats on Russell Township council in the Dec. 6 municipal election.

Incumbent Reeve Gaston Patenaude is being contested by former Reeve Bernard Pelot.

Mr. Patenaude was a councillor for two years before being elected deputy-reeve in 1964. He served as a Prescott-Russell County Board of Education trustee for two years prior to his election as reeve in 1974.

Mr. Pelot, and unsuccessful federal election candidate, was a councillor for one term before being elected reeve in 1972.

There are three candidates for deputy-reeve and five hopefuls running for the three remaining council positions.

In an effort to familiarize voters with the candidates, the Review asked them what their priorities would be if elected. Incumbents are designated by an asterisk.

Reeve

* Bernard Pelot, 47, Department of Indian Affairs management consultant, Russell: "Developing a balanced budget for 1977 to pay off the township's \$70,000 deficit and introducing a social program to co-ordinate the activities of existing associations."

* Gaston Patenaude, 48, farm manager, Embrun: "I would like to see sewers in both Embrun and Russell in 1977 and water for Embrun as soon as possible. A dam on the Castor River near Embrun would also be a priority."

Deputy Reeve

Albert Bourdeau, 37, Department of National Defense purchasing agent, Embrun: "Either the road between Russell and Highway 417 should be paved as soon as possible or an alternate development road should be built."

Embrun: "Two new bridges are needed in the Embrun area."

Claire Desormeaux, 40, housewife, Embrun: "A balanced budget is the first thing but getting the United Counties to pay part of snow removal and getting more money to help farmers install drainage on their land is also important."

* Edgar Brisson, 54, farmer,

Councillors

* Leo Marion, 57, farmer-contractor, Russell: "This township has the poorest roads in Ontario, we need to attract secondary industries like furniture manufacturing and the people of Marionville need a rink and a park."

Russell is almost non-existent now."

Adelard Millaire, 70, retired, Embrun: "Bridges, we need new bridges and new faces on council."

Baird McNeil, 43, Environment Canada personnel administrator, Russell: "I want to find out what the cost of sewers and water is now, when we can get them and if they can serve the subdivisions. Communication between council and residents of the village of

* Pierre Miron, 53, farmer, Embrun: "There are no roads for the farmers. Recreation, water and sewers are my priorities."

Leo Provost, 63, retired, Russell: "It's more important to fix the north road between Russell and the 417 than to build a development road."

Vote

Russell and area residents are facing a trunkful of important issues as municipalities across Ontario gear for elections Dec. 6.

Although there is no blockbuster controversy which could help local voters make up their minds, the gut issues or grass roots problems are no less crucial to the village's future.

Heading the list is the nagging question of sewers and water. Developments have been promised for several years but seem no closer to being realized.

Improvements to roads have been likewise pledged but the cart track between Russell and Highway 417 remains a challenge to a jeep at the best of times.

Population growth as projected in the master plan is vital to anyone concerned with preserving the village's rural atmosphere.

The possible amalgamation of Russell and Cumberland townships within the Regional Muni-

cipality of Ottawa-Carleton is of prime interest.

Hearings are proposed for early next year on whether to abolish the post of village trustee which was originally created to give residents tighter rein on spending.

Then there's representation, the crux of any election. Were residents needs adequately and honestly voiced on the outgoing council? Did Russell get its fair share, were tax dollars well spent?

Russell residents can play a major role in deciding the outcome of these issues by helping to elect a strong council Dec. 6.

The well-being of the village depends on a heavy turnout at the polls. Only blatant hypocrites shirk voting then complain later about the way things are run.

Vote!

Shades of Soap and Water!



This Russell Trick-or-Treater was one of the more conservatively dressed visitors Halloween night. The youngster assured the dirty face was the exception rather than the rule. — Photo by Mary Rowsell.

Sidewalk Talk

by Mark Van Dusen

Old Woodburners Rediscovered

This worrisome business of heating a house seems to be coming full circle.

Not so long ago, surviving tough Canadian winters depended on spunky wood stoves belching an unending stream of heat. A maze of pipes drew the warmth from room to room.

But wood eventually gave way to coal, fuel oil, electricity and gas. Stoves changed drastically, to the point where they are now barely-recognizable mutations of their wood-burning predecessors.

Today's stoves are meek in comparison; they have inherited the hearth.

Frail, flimsy pale-looking things, they boast clocks which never work, handles which a baby can yank off, fluorescent tubes which always need replacing and knobs which are forever popping like the waistcoat buttons of a fat man.

Not to mention timers which wail like a cat with its tail caught in a door 10 minutes after the roast burned to a crisp.

They serve one purpose and one purpose only: cooking, if they're in the right mood. But they'll go to great lengths to avoid even this simple function, blowing burners when the popcorn is about to start popping or liquidating the oven element when the Christmas turkey is only half-baked.

No, don't think of repairs. Like everything else these days they're designed to destruct within three years.

Rising energy costs are increasingly prompting the rediscovery of these solid cast iron stalwarts as much for their hearty companionship as for a supplementary source of heat.

Foundries are turning them out again for the first time in years to

meet the rising demand but lucky are these people who managed to secure one of the artistically-crafted, chrome-spangled veterans. Some Russell residents never got rid of theirs.

Stuart and Tina Walker - he a printer, she a teacher - kept the Oval in their kitchen when they bought George Brown's house this year at Concession and Church streets. Mr. Brown moved to a senior citizens residence.

Sitting in their kitchen on a cold blustery day while the stove chatters merrily is a treat. The ample warmth, more so than any fireplace, and sweet smell of wood smoke permeate every nook and cranny.

There are few faster ways of defrosting frozen toes than propping them against the side of a wood stove. Wet mits dry in no time.

Ecology-minded people can burn a large part of their garbage in a wood stove. The more brazen among us can even spit on it when the urge is overwhelming. Wood stoves defy power black-outs.

Some precautions must be taken such as not burning plastics which can gum up the smoke stack or aerosol cans which may explode causing personal injury or at least damaging the firebox.

Common sense in regard to fire is the rule.

While escaping ash particles may require more household dusting, wood stoves need little maintenance other than periodically cleaning the pipes, emptying the ashes and polishing.

Unlike their lazy electric or gas offspring, wood stoves sport no frills which can fizzle without notice.

Only one School Board Race

Only one of the three school board seats in the township is being contested.

George Young, 51, a Russell farmer, is seeking his second term as a trustee at the Prescott-Russell Board of Education. He lists an addition to Russell Public School or, alternatively, a new school in Cambridge Township, as his main goal, if elected.

He is being opposed by Graham Starmer, 28, an RCMP officer from Embrun. Mr. Starmer,

while he feels board supporters are not getting a fair return of their tax dollar favors a pre-kindergarten for Russell.

Acclaimed were: * Jean Roch Brisson, 33, Department of National Defense electronics researcher, of Embrun, Prescott-Russell separate elementary school trustee.

Pierre Polletier, 29, Ottawa University information officer, of Embrun, Prescott-Russell Roman Catholic School Board secondary school trustee.