



CLAP YOUR HANDS and stomp your feet to the music of some of the best bluegrass

bands in southwestern Ontario. The Lions' Club's annual Bluegrass Festival will take

place on Sat., Aug. 15 as huge crowds usually gather at Connaught Park to relax

and enjoy music from bands such as Kin-cardine's own Southline. 1984

## Cheese please

### Pine River Cheese Factory offers observation deck

Through the good times and bad times, the Pine River Cheese and Butter Co-op has provided Bruce County cheese lovers with top quality service and products for 100 years.

The Co-op's achievements haven't been accomplished without a few serious drawbacks, since the factory opened in 1884. Located on Highway 21, about 10 minutes south of Kincardine, the cheese factory has had to overcome a couple of tragedies in its more recent history.

A major construction project in 1976 expanded and updated the factory's capacity but the building was destroyed in October, 1981, in a fire. While products were being sold in a trailer across from the old site, work on a new building at a new site began. The new factory was almost completed when fire struck again in September 1982.

#### Opened last spring

The present factory survived, however, and the new 115 by 206-foot structure was opened last spring. One of the most modern in the cheese-making industry, Pine River employs a staff of 15 at peak

production.

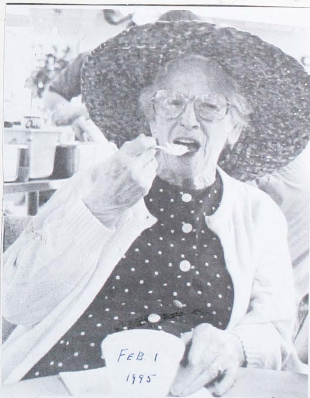
Managed by John Kelly, the company offers a large variety of cheeses. Customers can purchase mild, marble, medium, old and extra old cheddar, as well as colby, brick, farmers, mozzarella, Jack and flavored brick cheeses. By the end of this year, the firm hopes to produce two million pounds of cheese each year.

The Pine River store, located in the building, also offers a selection of other dairy products, maple syrup, jams and honey and other convenience items.

#### Cheese observation deck

A unique touch has been added to the new factory. Persons touring the new facility can watch cheese being made from an observation gallery and enjoy a slide presentation on the history of the co-op. A year-round welcome is extended to all tour groups of 10 or more and tours can be arranged by calling 395-2638 or 395-5217.

More information on the factory and its tours can be obtained by writing: Pine River Cheese and Butter Co-op, R.R. 4, Ripley, Ontario, N0G 2Z00.



Minnie Ferrier, enjoys her ice cream sundae which was served as part of the Beach Party at Trillium Court last Friday. (Fry photo)