

# Winter Carnival time

## Russell Carnival

The Russell Winter Carnival is just around the corner with no less than 10 new attractions and a reorganized operation "that will make it more of a family carnival because there will be more involvement," says this year's carnival chairman Rejean Paquette.

For the first time the week-long carnival which runs from Feb. 4-11 will be jointly sponsored by the Russell Lions and the Russell Recreation Association, instead of just the Lions, Mr. Paquette said. Both organizations will share any profit or loss from the operation of the carnival.

Since the carnival traditionally operates at a loss, the new arrangement means that the Lions will likely have less of a burden to shoulder from this year's carnival and perhaps no burden at all since steps have been taken to operate the carnival at least on a break-even basis.

Community organizations like the Russell Curling Club will be participating in the carnival for the first time and along with those already participating, will turn over 50 percent of any profits from events they sponsor to the carnival operation.

"By involving community organizations the point is to get people involved. It makes for a better carnival," Mr. Paquette said. The Legion will hold a euchre and cribbage day; the Catholic church, a bingo; the curling club, a bonspiel.

Among other new events will be a Kids Day featuring a children's

party in the Dr. Kinnaird Community Centre hall and a costume party on the ice; a Wine Cavern in the Curling Club where tipplers can sample a variety of wines to candlelight and the strains of the Old-Time Music Makers; Fantasia on Ice Show sponsored by the Russell Figure Skating Club with guest skaters from Ottawa's Minto Club; a senior citizens party with guests from seven area communities; Klondike casino night; minor hockey tournament; snowmobile drag races, bean and spaghetti suppers and a sleighride and bonfire.

There will also be traditionally popular events such as the carnival queen pageant, broom-ball games, skating races, teen dances, and hockey games. Family Day will feature the traditional pancake breakfast and although other events were still to be finalised, snowmobile rides for kids, cross-country skiing and snowshoe races, among other things, are planned at the fair grounds. A more complete list of events is advertised elsewhere in this issue.

## Greely and Morewood

The Russell winter carnival will be preceded by carnivals at Greely and Morewood, running 10 and three days, respectively.

Margaret Quinn and Dick Wells are co-chairmen of this year's Greely carnival, which included such new events as snowmobile drag races and a torchlight parade.

The Greely carnival queen, who will be chosen at a pageant

Jan. 21, will preside over the activities from Jan. 25 - Feb. 4. Included in the wide range of events are athletic endeavours such as a snowmobile rally, cross country ski tour, snowshoe races, log sawing and broomball. Organizers warn that the popular Sloss races, 'the true test of athletic ability,' should not be missed.

Entertainment includes a senior citizens dinner, teen dance, and adult fun night, Monte Carlo night, bingo, euchre, pancake breakfast, teeny bopper dance, movie, country and western night and carnival dance. The final evenings entertainment will present Greely's residents in the annual amateur show.

"This annual extravaganza requires a great deal of time and effort on the part of its many organizers and workers," said an organizer. "It is worthwhile because it helps shorten the duration of this long, cold season and it banished mid-winter blues. We hope that our friends and neighbours from surrounding communities join us in Greely for Carnival '79." Theme of the carnival is "Light up Your Life."

The Morewood carnival, which runs from Jan. 26-28. First-day highlights include a bean supper, bingo, and crowning of the queen. The second day will feature a pancake breakfast, ice sculpture judging, children's activities, potluck supper and Monte Carlo night. On the third day, there will be an integrated church service and game finals.

Organizers stress that planning for the ice sculpture contest should begin early. Carnival buttons and information are available from Morewood RA members.



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## Egg in the face



When you come to marketing boards the picture seems to be one of organized chaos. A few years ago the egg marketing board found itself with forty six million surplus eggs on its hands. Or its face.

A few days ago, a member of the egg marketing board, attempting to explain the incredible 1974 egg fowlup wrote to a local paper and said the reason the eggs were rotten was because somebody — — producers, officials, graders, or just some old somebody somewhere — — hadn't followed proper procedures. That's the way it is in the bureaucracy. No one individual is responsible. Problems are always due to improper use of procedures, or use of improper procedures. Take your choice.

Any way, there they were, with 46 million eggs on their hands in one of the worst egg scrambles in history.

Naturally, the MP's got worried and they held a Parliamentary Committee to get to the bottom of the mess. One of the things that came out in the committee was the fact that in the same two-week period when the amazing egg surplus accumulated, Canada had imported over 40 million eggs from the United States.

Most people would have regarded that fact as a rather obvious solution to the great Egg Marketing Mystery. Not the officials of the marketing board. They said the American eggs were streamed into storage with Canadian eggs and once they were all together, you couldn't tell one from the other. This may well be so.

Nevertheless, the fact remained we had 46 million eggs we didn't know what to do with at a

time when an almost identical number was being imported across the border. So much for the Great Egg Mystery.

The above cannot be taken as a typical example of the operations of marketing boards.

But consider the situation in milk marketing. While farmers complain bitterly that they are forced to give away milk they can't sell, the cheese factories in the area have been complaining that they haven't got enough milk. In some cases, milk was being imported from outside the province.

We doubt that when farmers in Ontario agreed to Milk Marketing Boards they did so in anticipation that one result would be a distortion in natural and reasonable distribution patterns which would work against their own best interests.

The crunch comes when you try to get information about the inscrutable workings of the marketing boards. You would think that such facts as the names of the members of the National Milk Marketing Board and an outline of their policies would be easy to come by, particularly in the case of a publication with the status of the "Castor Review".

Such, dear friends and readers, is not the case. The operations of the national board are in the same category as those of the Kremlin, which Winston Churchill described as a riddle wrapped in an enigma.

A faint voice on the telephone, expressive of deep suspicion, informs us that such information cannot be lightly dispensed. After a great deal of verbal arm-twisting, we are assured by the voice that we will be the recipients in the mail, of the information we desire.

Three months later, we have not received so much as a Christmas card from the milk

board. So we sit and wait, arms folded in pathetic resignation for this top secret information. The names of their officers and an outline of their policies; a board must have officers and policies.

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