



Silver medal winner

Metcalf resident, Phil McVey, 19 was the recipient of the Royal Conservatory of Music's award for the highest marks in Ontario on the grade two, classical guitar exam. (Estelle Yaternick Photo)

Carnival organizers pray for snow

By Suzanne Schroeter

In another week, the area winter carnivals will be upon us and organizers are praying for snow to ensure success for outside events. January 25 is the opening date for both the Greely and Embrun winter carnivals. February 1, 2 and 3 are the dates for the Morewood Carnival and later in the month is the kick-off of the Russell winter carnival (Feb. 13), and the Metcalfe winter carnival (Feb. 15).

Greely Winter Carnival (Jan. 25—Feb. 3)

Greely's carnival queen will be crowned on Sunday, Jan. 20 with other events beginning Friday Jan. 25. Weather conditions permitting, Jan. 26 will see a snowmobile rally and bean supper, followed by a fun night for those 19 years and over. A country and western music night will be held Jan. 29. Feb. 1, a Monte Carlo night will be featured in the community centre. Events wind up with a pot luck supper and amateur night. Feb. 3.

Embrun Winter Carnival (Jan. 25—Feb. 3)

This year's Embrun winter carnival introduces the "Squeeze", to see how many people can be packed into a Volkswagen Beetle. The popular Bavarian night will be held Feb. 1 and Feb. 2. Ti-Blanc Richard and his band will perform in the Hall. (See ad. page 13)

Morewood Winter Carnival (Feb. 1, 2, and 3)

Ian Coulthart, RA President, reports that the Morewood winter carnival will run this year from Feb. 1 to Feb. 3. The popular bean supper kicks off the carnival on Friday night from 5:30 to 7:30 in the United Church hall. The crowning of the carnival queen follows in the recreation centre at 8:00 p.m. The evening winds up with a bingo in the RA centre from 8:30 to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday's highlights include a pancake breakfast from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m.; a ladies pancake flipping contest begins at 9:30; there's a pet show at 11:00 a.m., followed by children's activities in the afternoon. The Town League 4-team elimination tournament begins at 2:00 p.m. After the pot luck supper in the United Church hall Saturday evening, there will be a Monte Carlo night featuring the 'best of Las Vegas in Morewood.'

Sunday's activities will begin with an ecumenical service at 9:30, followed by Sunday brunch at the RA centre after 10:00. The afternoon will see dog team races, children's ice surface games, a hayride and the Ladies and Men's broomball championships.

Russell Winter Carnival (Feb. 13—Feb. 17)

Russell's carnival queen contest will take place Wednesday Feb. 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the community centre. Last year's popular Wine Cavern will return this year in the Curling Club Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 7:30 to 1:00 p.m. Saturday Feb. 16 will be kid's day with a full slate of ice and outdoor activities for the whole family. L'Union culturelle des franco-ontariennes will sponsor a bean supper Saturday evening in the Community Centre. The annual carnival pancake breakfast begins Sunday's events at 8:00 a.m. in the arena. Don't miss the carnival parade, which begins at 1:00 p.m. (See ad. page 16)

Metcalf Winter Carnival (Feb. 15—Feb. 23)

This year's Metcalfe winter carnival gets off to a rousing start with a Jets game in the arena. Saturday will host a community "Funspeil" at the Curling Club. Other events will include a Monte Carlo night, a family hymn sing, a carnival bingo and a euchre party. The Metcalfe carnival ends with a snowmobile rally and dance sponsored by the Metcalfe Snow Rovers. (See ad. P. 14)

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Hands off garbage

Scavengers take notice: Russell Township doesn't want you messing around with its garbage.

Township council has ordered bylaw enforcement officer Gerard Gagné to evict from the municipal dump loiterers and "garbage pickers".

These people have become a nuisance by setting fires and dragging unsightly garbage all over the township, says Reeve Gaston Patenaude.

"You can tell they're garbage pickers just by looking at them, Mr. Patenaude notes.

Children also play at the dump, — about three miles south of Russell Village — and the reeve is worried about a health hazard.

People found in the dump for any other reason than to drop off a load of trash are subject to a stiff fine.

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Youthful days

What are the things that I remember

As memory takes me back through many a year
 To youthful days and happy times now past
 And all that made those carefree days so dear?

Wild geese honking on their southward flight,
 The tang of smoke on autumn's misty morn,
 Long rows of shining stooks of grain,
 And golden pumpkin 'mid the tall, green corn.

The snapping of the house in winter's depth,
 And homework round the kitchen's coal-oil light,
 Sweet scent of apples on their cellar shelves,
 And fruit preserved against the winter's might.

The train's low whistle on the soft spring night,
 The Duchess tree in glorious bloom once more,
 The smell of earth new-turned behind the plough
 And in the neighbouring bush, the sweet, wild flowers galore.

Tall nettles by the old log fence,
 And fresh-cut hay beneath the noon's hot sun,
 The deep stone well where cooled the evening's milk,
 And swimming when the work of day was done.

These are some of the things that I remember,
 When memory takes me back to yesteryear.

Such scenes and scents and sights recalled

Do oft evoke a reminiscing tear.
 Esther Takalo
 Thunder Bay
 (Formerly of North Russell)

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St. Jacques home expansion

The St. Jacques Nursing Home in Embrun is undergoing a \$1.5 million expansion under the direction of administrator and co-owner Yvon Brisson, (seen here on the construction site) and his partner Raymond Grégoire. A new, three-wing brick addition will have rooms for 60 residents, leisure and activity parlors and a lower-level hall for public use. It will be connected to the original structure which will continue to house 36 residents. Staff will increase to 40 from 26. The home was opened by Mr. Brisson's father, Hector, in 1958. (Estelle Yaternick Photo.)