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Russell Village senior apartments are closed in and will soon be ready for occupancy. But not everybody in the line up will get in. Some disappointed seniors will have to look for accommodation elsewhere than the Church Street building.

Boyes battle still could blow

Osgoode Township residents aren't waving the white flag — they're fighting dynamite with words!

The battle is between the Dalmeny Landowners Association and the Boyes Explosive Company.

The Osgoode residents, 300 in length, object to the explosive company moving to a 200-acre site in the area. After Township planning board members approved Boye's proposal change the zoning from agricultural to industrial, association spokesman Eric Bawden suggested an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing would likely be requested.

"We're unanimously opposed to this zoning plan. The explosive company will be a negative factor and will make no contribution to the agricultural outlook in the area," Mr. Bawden said.

Residents who form the association are concerned that their land

would devalue if such a facility moved in. Federal government regulations require that dynamite storage must be at least 2,400 feet away from the nearest enclosed space. This could prevent other landowners from building homes on their property.

Roads will have to be built and upgraded if the company moves in. Residents are concerned that taxes will increase.

Area farmers are worried about possible explosions and excess drainage waste.

Don Taylor, a spokesman for Boyes Explosives, has argued that the plant would be compatible with agriculture and the area could benefit from the company's location.

The OMB hearing could delay Boyes from starting construction on the storage facility for several months. It's unlikely anything will be resolved until late summer or early fall.

Annual fair around corner

A program of super entertainment is promised by Russell Fair president Barry McVey for the 122nd edition of the historic event, August 8, 9, 10.

Friday, Aug. 8 will see the Cooper Brothers in concert, starting at 8:30 Saturday evening's entertainment offers Julie Lynn and Dallas Harms, Terry Carisse and Tracks and Ron McMunn (Silver Fox), followed by Neville Wells and Sweetwater. Saturday will also feature the annual Fashion Show sponsored by D. Latremouille of Embrun.

At 7 p.m. Sunday, a draw will be held, enabling the lucky winner to solve his meat supply problem for several months.

In addition, the Fair will feature all the old time crowd-pleasers, including a fine cattle show, 4-H Show, judging of exhibits in the agriculture hall, four dairy breeds, saddle and harness show, hunters and jumpers, and heavy horses, including heavy horse pull.

Sunday, fans will witness the western horse draw, sheep show, and mini tractor pull. There will be a chain saw competition and tug-of-war involving Russell Firemen, bringing events to a conclusion. An exciting midway is anticipated for this year's fair as a result of a contract signed with March Midway of Toronto.

Fair secretary George Young said that, while entertainment is a major feature of the fair, a high agricultural standard is being maintained.

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Lure of the tractor pulls him

by Kely Egan

Like most city slickers, I expected to see a bunch of old farm lads racing beat-up jalopies around a track when I was asked to cover the Metcalfe Tractor Pull recently.

What I saw were three 427-cubic inch Chevy engines, a tractor with a 12-cylinder aircraft engine and enormous wheels, and beer-filled coolers being lugged around by men in T-shirts and girls in skimpy shorts and halter tops.

The tractors looked like a cross between army tanks and Indy racing cars.

The atmosphere in the stadium was more like an afternoon picnic than a sporting event. Hundreds among the 9,000 who attended the two-day event came equipped with

lawn chairs and refreshments. They came to watch 33 pullers from as far away as Michigan compete for \$13,000 in prize money.

As the event began, I finally started to understand what these tractors were supposed to be pulling, although I'm still a little mystified as to how that box moved uphill on the pulling sled.

Speaking to one or two of the pullers, I found out that most have a great deal of time, money and labor invested in their machines.

The owner of the triple-engine tractor, South Gloucester's Willie Theelen, has a \$25,000 price tag on this machine.

Dale Beckstead, a mechanic from Chesterville, and a winner in

the 1,700-pound Mini class, figures he has \$3,200 tied up in his tractor although he adds that "if I had a nickel for every hour I've spent working on it, I'd be a millionaire."

Doug Goodfellow, a Hammond resident, says that most pullers aren't in it for the money — it's a hobby for them. "I'll never get more money out of it than I've put in, but I enjoy working on the tractor and can ever get my wife involved, too."

Of the pullers I spoke to, Maurice Stine had to rate as the most devoted. Stine drove over 500 miles from his home in Michigan and said the Metcalfe Pull was only one of 40 he would take part in this year.

Although the pull went on for about six hours Sunday, there was plenty of barbecued chicken and cold beer available, and announcers Stuart James and Carson Hill provided sufficient entertainment to prevent the afternoon from dragging on.

The most impressive pull of the day belonged to Jack Grant of Chatham. Grant made a full pull in the 9,000-pound super stock class, his \$60,000 International 986 tractor surging through the entire 300-foot track. The awesome power of Grant's machine prompted one local wag to comment that he "could have gone all the way to Greely if he hadn't put the brakes on."

And that, tractor pull fans, is pretty well the size of it — what at first sounded like a silly exercise, turned out to be an enjoyable afternoon.

As far as I'm concerned, the Metcalfe Tractor Pull was an unqualified success.

Castor Chatter



One Sunday morning, you could have shot a cannon down the main street of Metcalfe and chances are you wouldn't have hit a thing. By nine o'clock the town had roused itself to the point where a lady was seen walking down the street, holding a child by the hand. They turned in at the church. In Kenmore, somewhat the same state of affairs prevailed. It was a glistening morning, a cool breeze moving over the fields and the sun beginning to warm up. Two horses stood on a hill, one dark brown, the other light grey; they discussed the situation. A flurry of activity took place when a car pulled out of the yard at the Baptist church. At Marvelville, things seemed to be in somewhat better condition. Two figures were seen on the road. These turned out to be a man and his dog, the former whistling for the latter. In Russell, the usual hectic goings-on were apparent. A man came out of his house and leaned against a tree, waiting to see if it would fall down. It didn't.

"You could say you're getting double your money's worth", says Morewood general store operator Don McLaurin of the double yokers his customers are picking out of the egg flats. Don notes that many people have never seen a double-yoke egg; but he's been getting an unusual number in his shipments. "You don't ever see them in the cartons you get in the supermarket; just in the flats of extra-large." How do you spot a double-yoker? It's a little bigger than the everyday product, heavier, and sometimes shaped a bit differently. Well, as the chicken said to the comic: "Two good yokes make it worth laying an egg."

Bruno Santilli is one Russell businessman who would like to see a policeman posted in Russell Village on a full-time basis; not sitting in a cruiser, but walking the streets, making sure that every thing is as it should be, acting as a deterrent to some of the rowdier elements on the prowl. Bruno operates the Feed Store, Pizzeria and a pool room that has been a drawing card for younger residents. He says some parents prohibit their children from patronizing his place, believing it to be a bad influence. But he runs a tight ship and points out that kids get into trouble outside the pizzeria, not inside.

Metcalfe's historic Iveson House still sits forlornly on Victoria Street, its condition deteriorating by the month. The frame building cries out to be restored to the splendor it knew in the mid-19th century when it served as a shop as well as living quarters. Real estate agent Gerald Morris says there are still no prospective buyers although Upper Canada Village administrators would still like to move the original house and store front to their Morrisburg site. The current owner refuses to donate it.

John and Don have pulled the old switcheroo. John Van Wigcheren and family are moving into the Don May house and the Mays are taking over the Van Wigcheren place. Don, wife Ann, daughters Sharon, 19, and Lynn, 18, and son Donald, 15, are also new owners of John's Russell Village gas bar. There's a switch in names too. John's Gas Bar will become Don's Gas Bar. Big John and family plan to motor to the sunny south this fall.

"Poets of the Castor", our slim anthology of local poetry, will soon grace the shelves of the National Library of Canada. We recently received a letter from the library stating it was "most anxious" to get copies of "Poets" for its permanent collection. Gratis, of course. We were advised that, under terms of the National Library Acts, Canadian publishers are required to deposit two copies of each publication.

The Castor Review wishes well to Greely contributor Mel Tomkins. Mel, who provides the monthly "Greely Grist" column, has been confined for several weeks to Winchester Memorial Hospital with a serious illness.

Thomas Van Dusen, publisher of the Castor Review, denies allegations that he was pursuing a young sheep along Church street the other morning. "It was a lamb," Mr. Van Dusen said firmly, "and I was merely taking it for a walk." The lamb, a new acquisition to the Van Dusen household, slipped its collar and proceeded down Church street at a lope with Mr. Van Dusen and his wife, Shirley after it. They caught up with it on George McCaffrey's front lawn and with George's help, managed to pin it down. "The story has been greatly exaggerated," Mr. Van Dusen explained. "There is really nothing to it. My wife and I went berry picking at Patterson's and came back with a lamb. We also got some berries."

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August 25 — 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

for advance registration.

The first day of school for the students is Wednesday, September 3, 1980.

NOTICE

TODD-BRUINSMA

Mrs. Jean L. Todd of Blackburn Hamlet, Ontario, is pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Carol Ann Catherine to Fred Gerald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bruinsma of Vernon. The wedding will take place on **Saturday, August 2nd, 1980 at 2:30 p.m.** at the **Wesleyan Methodist Church, Ottawa.**

MIXED PARTY

in honour of the wedding of
CAROL TODD

and
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to be held at the **Greely Community Centre on Saturday, July 19th, 1980 at 9 p.m.**

Music by Virtronics.
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