## Country Fair in the morning

By Thomas Van Dusen

The best time for a country fair art, baking creating, confecting is in the morning. By morning, I pies of this kind, except in the mean around nine or 9:30, a time back sections of country fairs. that seems like the middle of the day to exhibitors who've been up credit to Michelangelo who lay on for a few hours already, combing, his back for fourteen years paincleaning, clipping their charges ting the ceiling of the Sistine beast's neck. for the judging ahead. I'm sitting Chapel; Rubens, who painted in the curling club, given overto handicrafts, vegetables and other displays put up by the ladies of North Russell, Russell Village and adjacent areas. I am eating - enjoying, experiencing, immersing culinary masterpieces. myself in — the finest piece of apple pie in the entire world. It is a start. It is not every one who is product of the North Russell taken with sheep. My wife is one ladies.

still warm from the oven. A lost in Russell in the morning.

Let us give a full measure of buxom Flemish maidens; Velasquez, whose art gave to the world the beautiful ladies of Old Spain. They were artists. So are the ladies responsible for creating these

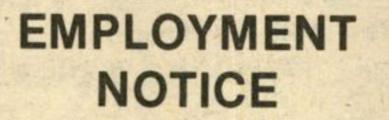
The sheep judging gets an early of those who is. So we ankle over Flanking this incredible apple to the sheep judging officiated by pie on the counter are other pies, the Old Master, Ernie Burton, raspberry running pink on the veteran of the Royal and other plate; pumpkin, lemon meringue great shows, now doing his stuff

The sheep have been combed, clipped, powdered like so many Shirley Temples. Their handlers step out and must control them by word of mouth, or occasionally by throwing an arm around the

One sheep, coincidentally, is the grandmother of our sheep Daphne and after a fractious display of jumping and bucking, she is given the nod for best in her class by the judge who explains her finer points to the assembled sheep fanciers.

The horses are out, too, satiny geldings, hunters and jumpers, the sun striking a golden reflection from burnished hides. The solemnity of the young ladies who are called to pilot these magnificent beasts through their paces is something to behold, like presentation day at Buckingham Palace.

Then you have the Western buffs in the big hats and high boots, sitting tall like so many John Waynes or a poor man's Bonanza. And over all, the searing scent of barbecuing beef at the fair rolls into its final day, the giant wheels off the Midway cutting arcs in the morning sky. There's nothing quite like a country fair in the morning.



PART-TIME ICE AND MAINTENANCE STAFF. Dr. Kinnaird Community Centre.

People wishing work from Sept. 15, 1980 to April 15, 1981 are asked to submit a letter of application to:

> Paul Wylie **Recreation Director** P.O. Box 9 Russell, Ont. By Aug. 29, 1980.



**FLOSSY LADIES** 

A day at the fair is hardly complete without a sticky swirl of candy floss. Keri Middlemiss and Deanne Saunders, both 15, of Russell enjoy the treat during last weekend's Russell Fair.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Sanitary Sewers

Village of Russell

In July, 1979, a Notice and an Invoice showing Plan A or Plan B, namely for your choice of prepaying the Frontage and Connection charges, was sent to you and your final decision has to be decided upon or before September 15, 1980.

This is to advise you that the deadline of September 15, 1980 will not be extended. As the sanitary Sewer System is a Provincial jurisdiction, the Ministry of Environment will not consider prepaid payments after September 15, 1980. The unpaid portion will be charged against each property for a period of 40 years.

It is also important that, whether or not your property is hooked up to the system, the monthly charges will become effective October 1, 1980. As at July 15, 1980, 54 properties are not hooked up. The monthly usage charge does not apply to vacant lots. So whether your property is hooked up or not as of October 1, 1980, the usage charges will be enforced under the authority of By-Law 20-79 Paragraph 9. Please be governed accordingly.

> J. G. Bourdeau Clerk-Administrator

## Castor Chatter



Russell Lion Ray McNamara isn't letting the summer sun get to him. He's thinking cooling thoughts of the Russell Winter Carnival, still several months away. Not only are the thoughts refreshing but they help Ray get a head start on planning for the event which runs from Feb. 4 to Feb. 8. Among returning attractions will be the queen pageant, the wine cavern, bed race — there was only one entry last winter broomball tournament, and curling bonspiel. Ray is coordinating the carnival with Paul Wylie and hopes to attract more interest from outside the village. Last winter, it cost \$5,000 to stage and the Lions and Recreation Association each reaped profits of \$1,260. Proceeds are poured back into the community through charitable work, Ray notes.

There are bridal showers, then there are bridal showers. More than 60 friends turned out at North Russell Women's Institute July 24 to shower Christina Schroeder, a lifelong resident who will remain in the community as the wife of Andre Heymans. Chris is the only daughter of Beatrice Schroeder

(nee Wood) and the late William Schroeder.

If you haven't seen Kay Smit lately, it's because for four months, she spent 8-10 hours a day weaving dancers' vests, jackets and capes for a boutique at the 1980 Square Dancers' Convention at the Ottawa Civic Centre. Torn between dancing and exhibiting her work, Kay couldn't pass up the unique opportunity of displaying her hand-woven clothing to the sixthousand-strong delegates from North America, Europe and even New Zealand.

Children at the Doc Kinnaird community centre Aug. 6 learned that it doesn't take much to make music. The kids were treated to a humorous performance by husband and wife entertainers Eric and Marty Nagler, of Toronto. The Naglers, who made a name for themselves on the coffee house circuit over the past several years, specialize in throw-together musical instruments. From two tin cans and a rubber band they contrived bongo drums, from a handsaw, cymbals — all to the delight of the kids. The Naglers are currently touring Eastern Ontario libraries. The Russell library sponsored their appearance in Russell.

## Senior Citizens Back "Day"

Senior citizens of Russell and sending our petition to organizasummer.

a committee of the Russell Village bit of living history." off funding for the play.

joyed the play very much. We are hard to find.

area are voicing support of tions throughout Eastern Ontario George Blackburn's play, "A Day and so far the response has been To Remember", which many of heart-warming. We find it hard to them viewed at Morrisburg last understand why the Ontario Government cannot give support A petition is being drawn up by to this venture which represents a

Senior Citizens headed by Bertha Mr. Blackburn had indicated an Smith and will be forwarded to amount of \$100,000 was required Premier Davis, in spite of the fact to keep the play going. He had that the Premier this week an- also underlined the necessity of nounced the province was cutting building a theatre at Upper Canada Village rather than the

"This is too bad," Bertha Prince of Wales tent theatre which Smith said. "Our members en- was inconveniently located and

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