

**METCALFE FAIR SUCCESS**

# On way to "A" for 125th

By Kim Curran

The future looks bigger and brighter than ever for the Metcalfe Fair following the success of this year's 124th edition.

The fair, held Oct. 2 - 5, again attracted the large crowds of the past several years. Its attendance record now puts it in a position to apply for upgraded status.

Fairs in Ontario are classified A, B or C with the most federal and provincial grant money going to those at the top of the scale.

Metcalfe is rated as a B fair and, if it qualifies for upgrading, it will have more money for cash prizes for competitions. This in-

turn would promote greater participation in competitions and greater attendance, fair officials said.

This year, for example, so many people applied for the amateur talent contest some had to be turned away, said Ida Craig, the fair's secretary-treasurer.

"There's something for everyone here, the ladies have numerous crafts and bake competitions. The men are involved in all livestock areas," she said.

The ladies division, Marilyn O'Connor, Jean Kettles and Rosemary Moriarty won Grand

Champion ribbons for their baking entries.

The nature of events ranged from the Shilo Western Games to a Disco dance. One of the major events, the Quarter Horse Show, featured open calf roping. The heavy horses pulled their best and the latest fall fashions were paraded for the ladies. Things wrapped up with a chicken barbecue.

Next year is the fair's 125th anniversary. That, coupled with the prospect of increased financial support make the next edition something extra special, organizers said.



## DAOUST DOWNED

The gutted wall of D'Aoust Lumber offices following the \$100,000 fire.

(Michael VanDusen photo)

# The hunt is on!

by Rosalind Tosh

It is fall and the green woods are dappled with scarlet, gold and orange. Not all the orange is nature's handiwork. At this time of year it is just as likely to be a hunter's cap.

Half an hour before sunrise on Sept. 27 marked the moment small game hunters in Russell and Osgoode townships had been waiting for since last spring. Rabbits, hare, squirrel, grouse, partridge, pheasant and waterfowl joined fox and wolf in open season. Raccoon become fair game on Oct. 15. Deer hunters must wait until Nov. 3.

The regulations governing hunting are many. They range from basic licensing to defining the restricted hours for hunting specific game, with a hundred variants in between. One variant of particular interest to Castor residents concerns Sunday hunting. In Russell Township it is lawful. In Osgoode, it is not.

A hunter should be familiar with all the regulations. If he is arrested, he will at least know why. Copies are available from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and any licence issuer. Every hunter must purchase a

licence. To do so he has to be 15-years-old or over and have an old licence or a certificate proving adequate preparation for the sport.

Recommended courses in hunting preparation include gun handling, game identification, safety rules, trespass laws and wilderness survival.

Most hunting is done on privately owned land. Law and common courtesy require the owner's permission be given first. A shotgun bearing stranger on his land poses a threat to the most fearless property owner.

Trespass laws are stricter than ever before. It is no longer necessary to post warning signs on property. Arrests, prosecutions and fines up to \$1,000 increase in number each year.

"A wise hunter will take the time to develop a good relationship with the landowner," advises Gordon Shearer, Fish and Wildlife co-ordinator with the Ministry of Natural Resources. That is how the hunter ensures his favourite sporting areas remain open to him.

Shearer adds: "A wise hunter will wear a blaze orange cap and choose a hunting partner whose skills he trusts." Although accidents in Russell and Osgoode are few, about two a year, they usually involve stray pellets from a buddy's shotgun.

There is a regulation forbidding the wasting of any edible game flesh. This is to eliminate unwarranted animal suffering. Game taken is game eaten. So, tables will soon be laden with all kinds of fare, carried home by successful Russell and Osgoode hunters.

# Castor Chatter



Until road work rerouted traffic off Victoria Street, passing motorists learned in no uncertain terms that Metcalfe is "The mushroom capital of Eastern Ontario". The proclamation on overhead banners is a reference, of course, to the presence of Nick Pora's Continental Mushroom farm. The banners are a good start but it would seem that Metcalfe and the Castor area could really capitalize on an unmarketed tourist attraction. Why not an annual, three or four day celebration dedicated to the fabulous fungus — Mushroom Madness or Mushroom Madcaps . . . catchy, eh? The event could include tours of the Pora plant, a mushroom omelet breakfast, a gala ball, and anything else active imaginations come up with. We haven't checked with Nick, but we're sure he'd be cooperative.

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The local Sheepbreeders rallied at Nancy and Bob Matthew's home the other night for a toothsome shiskebab feast. Lamb, of course. Some 25 or 30 of the area's leading sheep fanciers were on hand, including Ernie Burton and his wife.

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Bob and Georgie Gamble enjoyed holidays at Camp Farthest Out with their grand children, Steven and Cheryl-Ann Gamble and Linda Lee Hamlin at Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire.

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Shirley Van Dusen's studio was one of those destroyed in the Sussex street fire a few weeks ago. Many valuable works went up in flames, including some of sentimental value. Included were sketches of the late John Diefenbaker and scenes from the Prime Minister's office.

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Hail Osgoode's Reeve, genial Al Bouwers, winner of the Warden's Plowing Competition against a stiff field (no pun) at the Woodstock Plowing Matches. Al carried Osgoode's banner high before 20,000 spectators under sunny skies.

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With a weak unit in the photo-electric cell which sets off Russell's lighting system, Ewart Campbell, chief maintenance officer for Hydro was busy explaining why Russell Village street lights, giving Russell its well known appearance of "The Great White Way" is located on a pole in the centre of the village. (The exact location remains secret because of security reasons). According to Mr. Campbell as the light diminishes, the cell becomes active, switching on all the lights. The lights, which are mercury vapour lamps take about half an hour to reach full intensity. As Mr. Campbell puts it, the cell requires a "certain number of units of darkness to become active." As the cell gets weaker, it obviously needs more units of darkness before it will activate the lights. And that's what has been happening lately.

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Remember Marionville farmer Erick Wyss and his controversial cow bells, the ones that were driving his neighbors bongy. Well it seems the stubborn farmer, without making much of a show about it, retired the big clappers which he imported from his homeland of Switzerland. Neighbors say they haven't heard so much as a tinkle from farmer Wyss's way all summer. The cows are there but no bells. Neighbors thank Mr. Wyss consideration.

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The Osgoode Township Firefighters Association, Greely unit, held its 4th annual firemen's ball Sept. 20 at the Greely community centre. A sellout crowd was served a delicious beef dinner by the Greely Anglican Women and The Brotherhood provided excellent dancing music. The 5th annual firemen's ball will be held Sept. 19, 1981.

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All Saints Anglican Church, Greely, is holding a special service Oct. 19 at 11:15 a.m. to welcome its new minister, Mr. R. Pattison, to the parish. Coffee and refreshments will be served after the service.

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## Students study on job

By Bernie Harper and John Sloan

Response from the community has been very encouraging to a special high school program aimed at helping students adapt to the employment market.

North Dundas District High School, in cooperation with the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Board of Education's Alternative School, is operating the program with a current enrolment of 14 students.

The course features work and

life skills at school and work experience with various employers on alternating weeks. There are some 15 employers involved.

Students learn the basics of job interviews, work habits, payroll deductions, employer-employee relationships, banking, budgeting, driver education, law and credit.

The students work at no cost to the employer who, evaluates the students on-the-job performance.

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