

# News



Jan Koster and his German band wow the folks during recent Metcalfe Oktoberfest. (Phill Potter photo)

## 'Fest a stomp'n' success

The season's first Oktoberfest, organized by the Greely Community Centre, proved more successful than anybody had thought with over 700 people attending the one day celebration in early September. Plans are already underway for next year's Oktoberfest.

The event was sponsored to raise money for developing Greely's parks.

"Greely acquired land for a new park and needed money to develop it," said Phill Potter, one of the events organizers. "Fund raising events were discussed and reviewed and finally the committee decided on an Oktoberfest. And although this was a new experience for all the committee members the event was a resounding success.

"We now know that the development of the park, which includes a number of recreation is not a short-term project — an annual fund raising event would be ideal," said Mr. Potter.

"We purposely kept our prices reasonable," said Mr. Potter. "And extra entertainment was brought in. The Almarash Dancers filled in during band breaks. The band was conducted by Jan Koster considered one of the best oom-pa-pa leaders in the country.

"Although we were a fund raising group we wanted people to have fun" said Mr. Potter.



Denis Ethier hands Ken McCallum the Canadian flag during the official opening, recently, of the Russell senior citizen apartment complex on Church Street. (Mike Van Dusen photo)

## Break-in battle begins

There were 16 break-ins in the Russell area in 1980-81 according to the Casselman detachment of the Ontario Provincial police. Of all the break-ins, 11 took place within the village, the rest happened in the rural periphery.

The value of the jewelry stolen added up to \$1,600; \$2,400 worth of TV's and stereos were stolen; \$1,000 worth of household goods and \$500 cash were also pilfered. A garden tractor worth \$1,200 and \$1,000 worth of tools were also stolen.

Thefts from automobiles of C.B.'s, stereo-cassettes and clothing added up to over \$1,300.

"These statistics show that rural and village home owners are also susceptible to break and entries," said Ray McNamara, of the Russell Lion's Club. "Two years ago a wave of crime struck the area resulting in one resident being severely injured. Last summer, the OPP used an area farm house as a fencing depot for stolen articles.

"In order to help solve the problem of thefts the Russell Lion's Club, in co-operation with the OPP, will be sponsoring an Operation Identification for the area. The program involves the marking of household and personal effects with the owner's driver's license number and identification of the home as part of the program with a sticker.

"The marking of the items will allow the police to readily identify any stolen items and return them to their owners," said Mr. McNamara. Once 90 per cent of the village and the surrounding area has joined the program the OPP will erect signs at the entrances of the village indicating its participation in the program.

"Operation Identification has been very successful in deterring break-ins in other communities, said Mr. McNamara.

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## From my kitchen window...

by Maria Darragh

My neighbor is a compulsive worker. At first glance, it's hard to believe she could even lift a broom, let alone a shovel full of earth. Although barely five feet tall and 48 years older than myself, she can outwork me any day of the week and she probably does.

On Monday mornings her laundry is out on the line before my husband leaves for work at eight o'clock. Every morning she makes the rounds of her garden, pinching dead blooms off her flowers and weeding. My two children and I (still in our pyjamas) watch this daily ritual from the playroom window.

My neighbor's home is the epitome of neatness. No dirty dishes in the sink here. No furry things growing in corners. Order reigns throughout her house. My

husband is in absolute awe of her immaculate basement.

What my two tots like the best is the bottomless cookie jar in her kitchen. Oatmeal cookies one week, peanut butter the next — that cookie jar keeps churning them out faster than their grubby little fingers can stuff them into their mouths.

At face value my neighbor could be the source of much envy. Such fastidious habits can be disconcerting. I must admit I am tempted a little to put my laundry on the line late one Sunday evening.

Yet my neighbor means no harm. She certainly does not wish to be cause for envy. Fatherless at twelve and widowed in her fifties, she has had to survive through sheer hard work. Now it is her only way of life.

And as if I watch my industrious neighbor I cannot help but recall a quote from a childhood favourite, *Little Women*. The mother advises her daughters: "Work is wholesome, and there is plenty for everyone; it keeps us from ennui and mischief, is good for health and spirits, and gives us a sense of power and independence."

It certainly seems to do just that for my neighbor.

## Sukie's choice takes all

Sukie's Choice won the distance and won by a nose at the Ottawa Exhibition this year.

Sukie's Choice was the quilt project of the ladies of the Greely-Manotick Station Women's Institute. The quilt, in reds, whites

and blues, will be raffled off along with a macrame purse which also won a first prize.

The Institute's September meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Helena Smiley, mapped out plans for a bus trip, 4-H courses and the Institute's participation in the Winter Fair. At the meeting, Mrs. Charlotte O'Rourke, displayed several haying implements and a farm manual used in the 1800's.

The Institute will be holding a bake sale in the Greely Community Centre on Oct. 22.

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