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Russell Lions Club News — Bike-A-Thon

June 5th began with overcast skies and strong winds. The skies cleared but the wind became stronger. Before noon, 214 cyclists had courageously mounted their bikes and challenged 52 unknown miles. Leo Achtereekte completed the course in less than 3 hours. Mrs. G. Millaire in just under 9 hours. Paul Labelle carried his broken arm in a full-length cast around the whole course. These are only a few of the many stories of sore behinds, broken bicycles, food shortages, and worn-out bodies of the many bikers who participated. However, everyone claimed to have had a very enjoyable day.

The two bicycles were won by Robert Sheldrick and Nynetha Portal-Foster. Robert won the lucky draw, and Nynetha raised the most money, \$283.00. Congratulations Robert and Nynetha.

I must apologize for certain inconveniences which happened on the route. We will see to it that this does not happen next year. To date we do not have a

final total, but we expect it will be well over \$5,000.00. The sponsors' totals will be in the mail shortly.

A special word of gratitude to the Boy Scouts who, under Scoutmaster Dick Sherwood, did an excellent job with road signs. We can use the same signs in future years. Also, Ottawa East Lions Club contributed over \$250.00 by each member sponsoring one biker and the club matching the total. Russell will not forget your kindness, Ottawa East!

As chairman, I would like to thank the members of this year's committee for making my job simple. Thank you gentlemen, Gordon Walker, Pete Sorby, Gordon Saunders, and Lorne Honey. You did an excellent job.

Thank you fellow members of the Lions Club, bikers, and sponsors for making the 1977 bike-a-thon the most successful to date in Russell. Let's make it bigger and better in 1978.

Chairman
Don Rogers



Tracy Mead about to set off on her 1st Bike-A-Thon, 8 a.m., June 5th. — Photo by Mary Rowsell.




TOURNAMENT

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Legion News

Russell Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, has put new phones in their hall. Pay phone problems forced the move. So if you wish to call for any reason the new number is 445-2967.

Because such fun was had at our last dance it was agreed to continue our dances right through the summer months. Hector Deguire and his group will furnish the music. So mark the date and join us for an evenings fun on July 16.

Sounds early to mention, but sure want you all to know that your Legion Branch will have its fair booth in the same spot in the arena as it was last year. Our burgers and foot longs will be just as good or better. We'll look forward to seeing you.

Russell Branch now has a wheel chair and veterans, senior citizens, their dependants and Russell Residents who have need of a wheel chair are urged to call your Legion Branch, if no answer at the Branch call, 445-5357.

No meetings now until September but we'll keep everyone posted on coming events. Here's your branch activities for the month of July. July 9 — Fun Day, members only; July 16 — Social and Dance, everyone welcome; July 23 — Members and wives Pot Luck Dinner, members only.

Long hot summer but we'll try to keep you vets busy so watch for our monthly write up.

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