JANUARY 13TH - 21ST, 2001

MATILDA WINTER CARNIVAL

CARNIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, January 13
The opening ceremonies and 26th annual Matilda Winter Carnival Queen Pageant takes the stage at Matilda Hall at 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 14
Pancake Breakfast & Entertainment by Antony J. Lee Magic and Illusion Show starting at 10:30 a.m. Family Fun with games & prizes starting at 1 p.m.

Monday, January 15
Country & Western Night starting at 7 p.m. Line Dancing with Gwen Bosma and Clogging with the River-View Cloggers.

Tuesday, January 16
* New this year is Shuffleboard with Dwight Gilmer. Everyone welcome to join the fun from 1 to 3pm.

Wednesday, January 17
Afternoon Tea and Sing Song, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Featuring a special fashion show skit.

Friday, January 19
Kids Craft Night with Nancy and Susan at 7 p.m. for age groups 5-7 and 8+; please pre-register with Nancy at 652-2096.

Saturday, January 20
Annual Dr. Thom Maxwell Snowmobile and Car Rally. Registration from 11 am - 1 pm, Dinner from 4 pm - 6 pm, Dancing to "Bordertowne" from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Sunday, January 21
Family Sleigh Rides at Ron Smail's Farm, east of Brinston, from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Ecumenical Service at 7 pm.

Door Prizes to be drawn at all events throughout Carnival Week. You must purchase a $2.00 button to be eligible for prizes. **50/50 tickets will also be sold during Carnival Week.** The draw will take place at the Rally Dance. **Free will donations appreciated.**

26th Annual Matilda Winter Carnival 2001 shaping up like another winner

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Things are looking good as the 26th Annual Matilda Winter Carnival gets set to kick off nine days of fun-filled activities.

This carnival is packed with activities that will enable the entire family to join in at some point and have a ball.

The weather this year so far has been wintry and so thoughts of the first Winter Carnival are uppermost in the minds of folks who anticipate the first one of the season.

A hard working group of recreation members in Matilda has lined up some terrific talent and plans are in place for some events that will remind carnival goers of years gone by, while others are new on the agenda and will begin yet another tradition.

As the 26th edition heats up the community and brings some out of hibernation for a few days fun, things are really starting to come together. Speaking to one of the organizers, Janice Gilmour we learned that all that remains are a few loose ends. "These will no doubt come together in time for things to happen as we hoped they will," says this enthusiastic young lady.

The hearty folks of the community will turn out in record numbers to show their support and have a pile of fun at the same time. From the opening ceremony through to the conclusion of activity when the Ecumenical service signals the end of Winter Carnival 2001, there will be something to interest each of us.

The generosity of the community always astounds everyone and this year will be no different as local business people provide more than an adequate number of prizes so the Carnival Queen contestants have a pile to entice them to go that little extra for the crown.

Matilda has the distinction of presenting the first winter carnival of the season each January in this part of the land.

Since amalgamation has forced the growth of the Township, crowds are expected to be larger than ever at all events. With the ground snow covered, the atmosphere would seem more condusive to winter activities and carnival event organizers expect each event to be filled with participants and spectators alike.

The call has gone out for young ladies to join the fun and compete in the Annual Carnival Queen contest scheduled for Saturday, January 13. Always a crowd pleaser, this event packs the crowds into Matilda Hall. familiar Matilda names have been crowned Queen...Cooper, Smail, Zandbergen, Henderson and Thompson to name but a few of the lovelies who have worn the tiera.

Things have changed over the last 26 years, some events were lost by the wayside, others were tried and proved not to be effective in bringing people out, but the Queen contest has remained solid all through the years and is a highlight of the entire agenda.



Carnival Queen 2000 Halladay with Miss Congeniality and Runner-Up

Getting started the right way is important to Carnival success

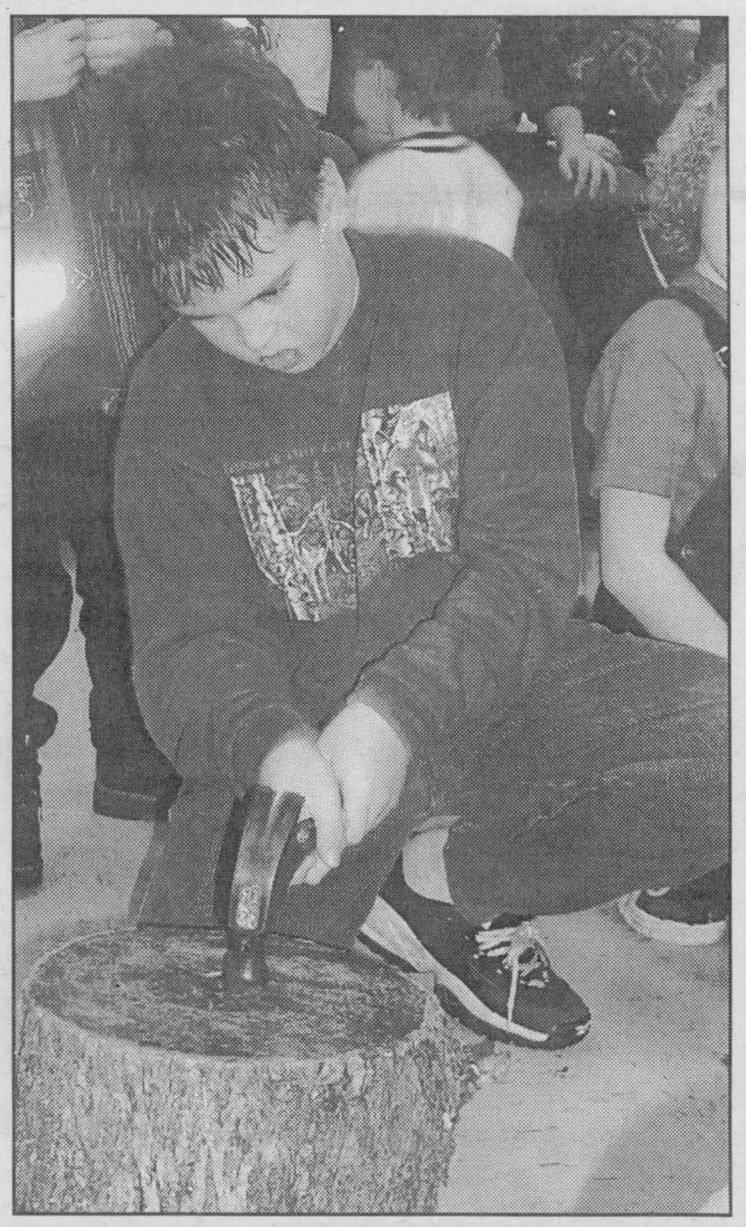
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The official opening complete with ribbon cutting and remarks by municipal dignitaries will take place on Saturday, January 13th at the Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners. We are advised that we should be in our seats by 7pm if we want to catch all the action.

That same evening the highlight of the Carnival will see young ladies from all corners of South Dundas Township vie for the honour of being crowned Matilda Carnival Queen 2001. The contest is open to all young ladies in South Dundas, between the ages of 15 and 18 years as of December 31, 2000. The first ten entries are being accepted. If you want to become involved and are the correct age, call Janice Gilmour at 652-4714 or email her at jaygil@sympatico.ca or give Bev Sabourin a call at 652-2405. Either of these members of Matilda Recreation can provide information or answers to any questions you may have. They can also give you an application form to get you started on your way to a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The walk down the runway, introducing yourself on a level that everyone can identify with and then answering a question pertinent to your peer group, you are given an opportunity to tell the audience and the judges why you feel you should be chosen Carnival Queen 2001. A change of outfit allows each gal to show how she is comfortable in all situations. A unique chance for young ladies, the Queen contest is as popular this year as in previous years. If you are hesitating, why not go for it? It will do wonders for your ego and selfconfidence and is always a hit.

When the lights go down in the Hall and the stage lights turn up, some of the most intelligent, attractive and brave young ladies in South Dundas will be brought up by their fine escorts and introduced to the audience who will surely receive them warmly as they go for the crown. Good luck to all who enter, you will all be winners!!



Carnival contests test ability of the youngsters.



Struttin' their stuff in fashion show.

There will be week long fun at Matilda Hall

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Gwen Bosma and her line dancing gang will pull on their cowboy boots and their blue jeans and strut their stuff on Monday evening, January 15. The music starts at 7 and the River-View Cloggers will come along and get into the act with their high stepping graceful moves as they kick up their heels a bit. Come out and watch or join in the dance.

Shuffleboard is new to the Carnival agenda this year. Dwight Gilmer says everyone is welcome to come out and try this game, or just drop by and watch the action. The date is Tuesday, January 16.

There will be NO Talent Night this year. The organizers worried that not enough pure talent was being displayed, and perhaps too much karaoke, and so it has been dropped from the program this year.

The Matilda Womens' Institute will sponsor an afternoon tea and sing-along with the serving beginning at 1 and continuing until 3pm. It will feature a "special" fashion show skit which should be fun. Later this same night, Wednesday, January 17, the Junior "B" Lions Hockey team and Matilda Recreation will co-sponsor a Bingo. The doors open at 7, so grab your daubbers and lucky charms and get set to watch those cards as the numbers are called. Good Luck!!

Last year an event that was popular with the younger set, the Kid's Craft Night will once again happen at the hall on Friday, January 19th at 7pm. Nancy Blokland is no longer a member of Recreation, but she is willing to share her talent and show everyone how to create a masterpiece. If you are between 5 and 7 years, or 8+ years old, you are invited to join your age group and craft. Nancy will be helped by Susan Terry and all youngsters are encouraged to come out. Those who attended last year had a great time and took home their finished product, most with proud smiles. Call Nancy and register, at 652-2096 so organizers can be sure there is enough material for everyone who wants to take part. There is no charge for this event.

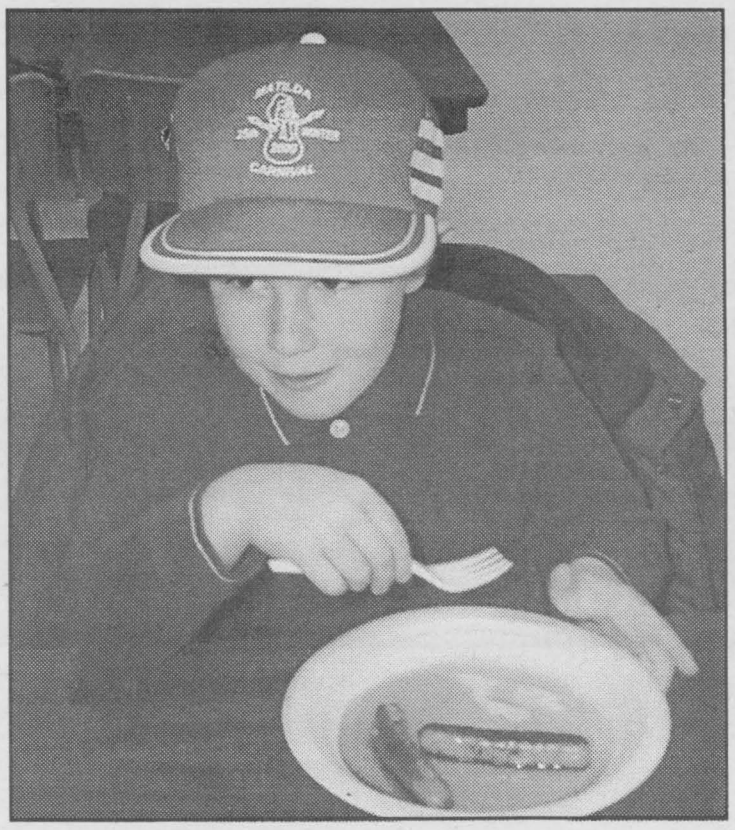


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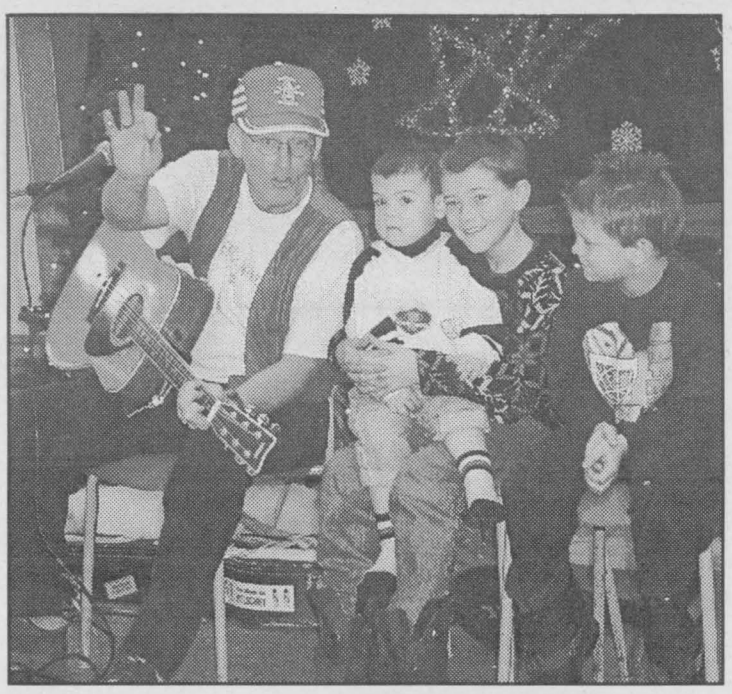
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Saturday, January 20th the snowmobilers will be revving their engines ready to hit the trails as the Annual Dr.Tom Maxwell Memorial Rally guarantees a fun day. While the not so weather-stout drivers will come by car or truck and join the car rally, it matters not as long as you join the fun.

Registration starts at 11 and runs until 1. The last people to hit the routes will do so at 1pm, so everyone can be back at the Hall in good time. Call some friends, grab some food and hit the road, rallies are great fun.

If snowmobiling is your idea of a fun day, strap on that helmet, make sure you have a trail permit and license and let the outdoors be your playground.

Dinner will be served from 4 to 6 pm and since the Brinston United Church Women are handling the meal, it should be good, for these gals know how to cook. Bordertowne will provide music to enjoy your meal by as they play between 3 and 6pm. For those who like to dance, the band will again take to the stage and have toes tapping and people singing along as the Hall rocks from 9pm to 1am.



Paddy Stewart got willing help from the audience.

Full slate of activities lined up

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Sunday will see many hungry folks satisfied as the pancake breakfast will have sausages sizzling and pancakes flipping. There will be juice and coffee and real maple syrup to smother those flapjacks. Crowds will flock to Matilda Hall between 10:30 and 12:30 to fill their bellies.

After filled up with a tasty breakie, there will be two performances to amaze and entertain you. Antony J. Lee's Magic and illusion show promises to keep you wondering exactly how he does it!! The first show is scheduled at 11am, the other at noon. Each show will take half an hour and you will not want to miss one or both. This show promises fun for all ages and we all enjoy magic and will not want to miss it. Coming to Matilda for the first time this Cornwall native is master of illusion with some 20-years experience.

The weatherman has co-operated thus far this year blowing and snowing up some winter for us in this part of the province. The blanket of snow we have should by all accounts remain. The frigid temperatures are also a bonus for the outdoor skating activities. Fun on the ice at Dundela is on the agenda on Sunday afternoon as families are welcomed and encouraged to jointly take to the blades and skate away the afternoon.

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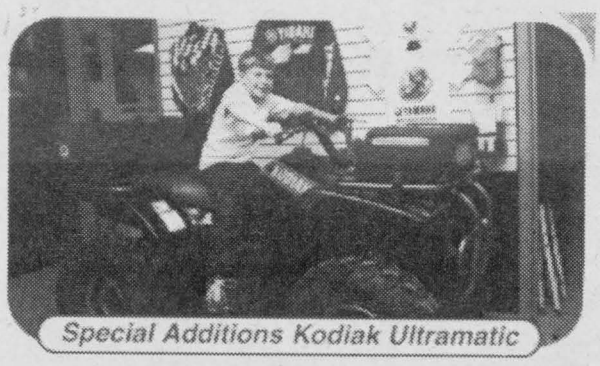

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MATILDA CARNIVAL EVENTS

Saturday, January 13, 2001

7:00 p.m

- Official opening of Winter Carnival
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies
- Carnival Queen Pageant



Sunday, January 14, 2001

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- Pancake Breakfast
- Entertainment provided by Antony J. Lee's Magic & Illusion Show with show times at 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
- Family skating at Dundela rink in afternoon

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7:00 p.m.

- Country/Western Night featuring Line Dancing with Gwen Bosma and the River-View Cloggers

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1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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- **Dance** to the music of Bordertowne from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Sunday, January 21, 2001

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- Sleigh rides at Ron Smail's farm east of Brinston on Henderson Road

7:00 p.m.

- Ecumenical Church Service



Carnival Royalty poses with young contest victors.

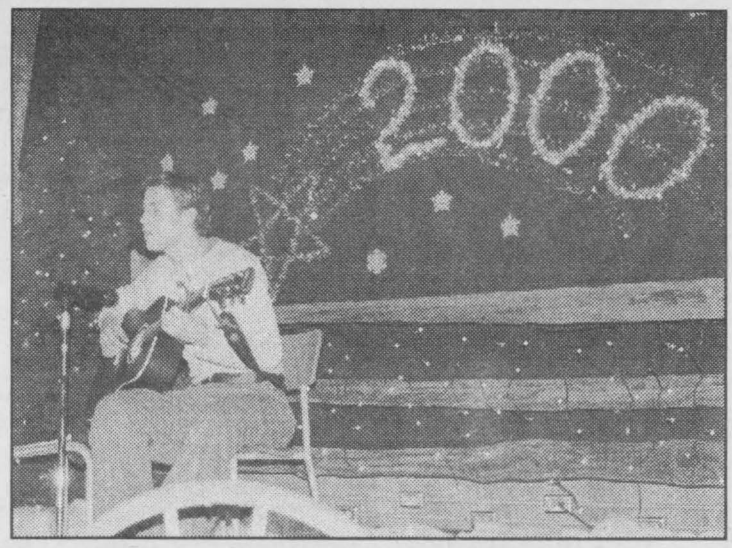
No Citizen of the Year

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

There have been many in our community deserving of the title Citizen of the Year. Some have accepted while others have been hesitant about being acknowledged by their fellow citizens.

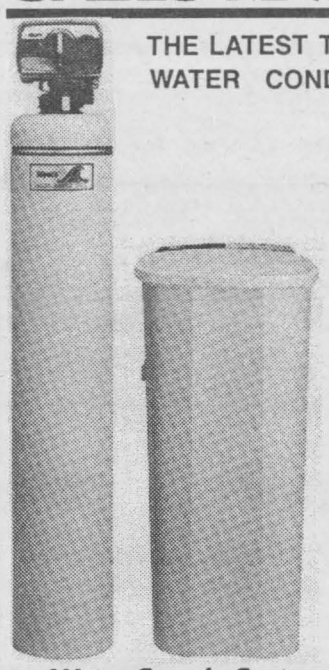
This year there will be NO Citizen of the Year for 2001. The committee were quick to explain that it was not a case of no one deserving the honour, according to Bev Sabourin as we spoke through her cough and cold symptoms, "There was just not enough of us or enough time to get everything ready and this was put on hold this time around. It is too bad, because there are people who deserve to be recognized."

Among those who have been chosen and whose photos hang in Matilda Hall on the Wall of Honour alongside the Queens over the years include: Ruth Coons, Joan Zandbergen, Gerald Munroe, Helen Gilmer, Allan Tysick, Grace Strader, Gwen Shaver, Lorne Strader, Frank Sisty, Robert Thompson, Gerry Bureau, Ken Kirkby, S.L.Johnston, Charles Cantin and in 1998, the entire population for their efforts during the Ice Storm. These folks were chosen to typify what Matilda Township wants to be known for in the larger picture, someone young people can look up to and use as an example of what Matilda has to offer. Maybe next year the list will grow.



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A singing Joel Geleynse of Inkerman performed at the Matilda Winter Carnival last year.
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Sleigh rides are extremely popular

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The layers of white will make the sleigh runners glide so very sweetly along as Ron Smail and friends and their teams make their way across snow covered fields.

Sunday afternoon between 1:30 and 3:30 the air will be filled with the sound of sleigh bells as the horses dance through the snow and the laughter of those aboard the sleighs adds to the excitement. Roasting hot dogs in a bush setting is a thrill, and often a first time experience for youngsters. The fire warms everyone before they head back to the house. A fun activity that will bring back memories for some while creating new ones for others, come out and enjoy!

Later this very evening an Ecumenical service will complete a terrific week of Carnival fun as Matilda hosts the first of many Winter Carnies in the area. The hall welcomes everyone as up to four ministers have all but confirmed their presence and participation. The Matilda Helping Hands Seniors take full control of this event saving the Recreation members some work. Always a marvellous way to wind up a week of Carnival fun with style and dignity, if you have not taken part in this evening, this could be the year you do.

Door prizes will be drawn at ALL events throughout the Carnival week. To be eligible for these you have to purchase a $2.00 button.

Also, there will be 50/50 tickets to be sold during Carnival week. This draw will take place at 11pm during the Car and Snowmobile Rally Dance at the Hall.

Free will donations are greatly appreciated at all events and help cover the costs incurred to present certain portions of the week's events.

Take in as many events as possible and enjoy winter at her finest in the best place I know...Matilda Ward in South Dundas Township.

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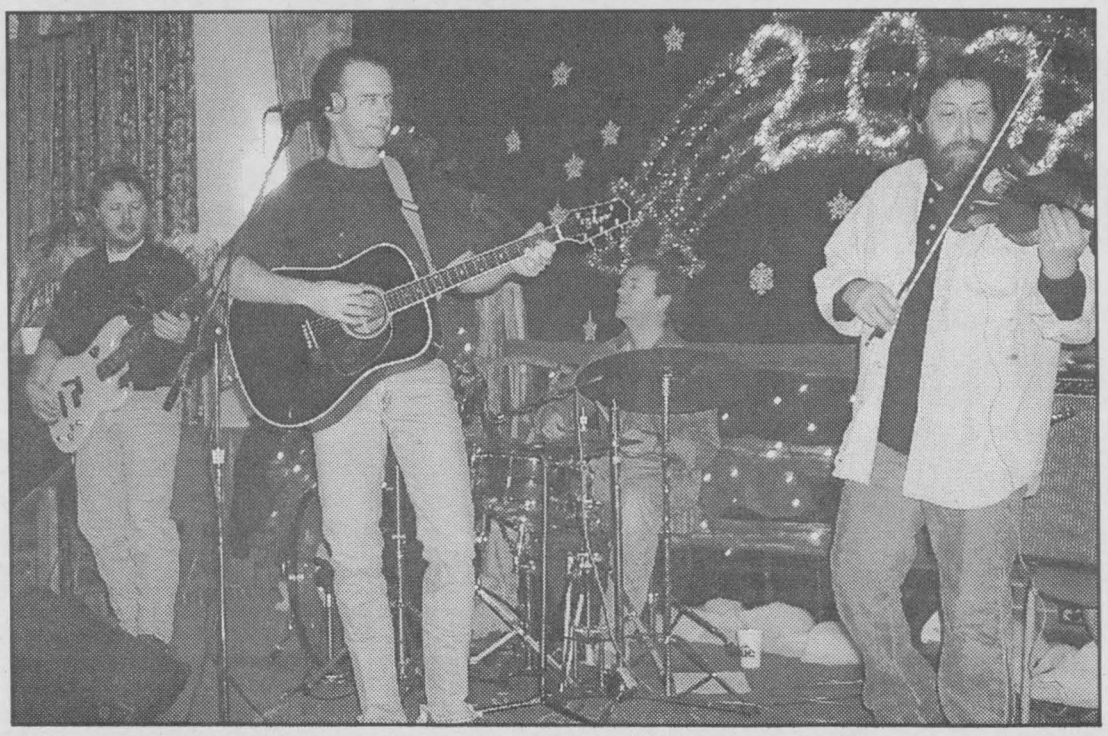
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Swingin in Matilda

The band from Kingston who call themselves "Free Beer"played at the Matilda Carnival dance, as well as during the afternoon when the rally goers came in to enjoy a delicious supper of scalloped taters and ham courtesy of the United Church ladies from Brinston church. They played a mix of country and pop and were pretty good. *Chieftain Photo by S.L Johnston*

Master of ceremonies this year is Hal Anthony

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Satff Reporter

The Master of Ceremonies this year for the opening ceremony and the Queen contest will be a popular fellow with radio listeners, as Hal Anthony handles the task with his usual flare.

The tough job of judging the entrants is one no one envies. This year the distinguished line up includes Gloria Anthony (Hal's wife); the Mayor-elect of Edwardsburgh-Cardinal, David Dobbie; and a Councillor-elect from Edwardsburgh-Cardinal, Marie Thomson. Their task will not be an easy one, but they are more than capable of accomplishing it without too much difficulty.

Music will be provided as the gals leave the stage to change outfits, to compose themselves and to prepare their introductions and question answers.

Although not confirmed it is likely Billy Sypes will come out with his accordian in tow to rip through a couple of numbers. Billy has been a part of the pageant for over twenty years. Self-taught on the ivories, he does an great job each year.

The Queen will not be serenaded by a singer as in past years, rather, Betty Casselman back at the piano will play a suitable number as the new Queen 2001 takes her victory walk. Taking over from a grand lady who tickled the ivories for numerous years, Ruth Coons, Betty keeps things moving and never allows silence to break the mood. This year a special treat will see the ceremony feature the Venema sisters as they entertain at specific places in the evening. These youngsters have lovely voices and will do a great job, don't miss them.

Photographic duties this time will be handled by S.L and Roger Johnston of Matilda. From the gals with their escorts to the Queen and her court each memory will be captured for posterity.

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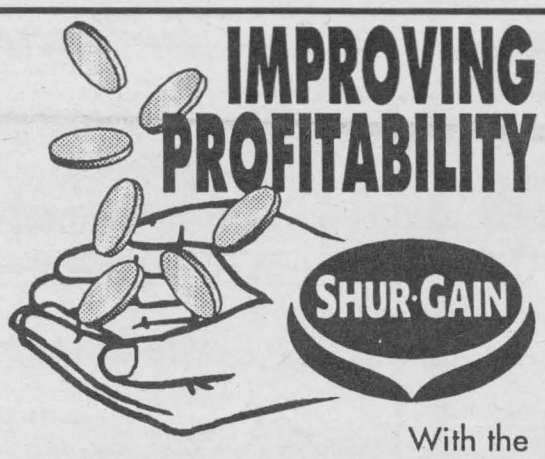
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