

Festival Promises School Aid

By ED and JOAN COFFEY

Penn Yan — The weather was perfect and the crowds large as the Summer Festival returned to St. Michael's Aug. 5-7 after an absence of nine years.

Under the direction of Father William Cosgrove, Ken Johnson and George MacKerchar, over 150 parishioners worked long hours to provide food and fun for festival goers, all to the benefit of St. Michael's School. The fire departments of Penn Yan and Dresden prepared booths and provided equipment for cooking and serving the Saturday evening chicken barbeque. Some 25 area merchants also as-



David and Dale Bergstresser and friends.

sisted by contributing items for use at the festival.

The festival was scheduled in an effort to help the parish school weather its current financial crisis. Two of the school's eight grades were dropped a year ago due to low enrollment and financial difficulties.

Sister Judith Greene, principal, expressed delight with the fair's success and said she enthusiastically anticipated the Sept. 8 opening of school. Enrollment is up 15% from last year, she said, and the addition of a kindergarten provides an

alternative to programs that start the children in public schools and keeps them there.

Profits have yet to be determined. A ham dinner Thursday drew 200 and more than 400 were served Saturday evening. Hundreds of others patronized the booths.

"We don't know how well we have done yet, Treasurer Jim Curbeau said on Saturday night, "but we hope to net about \$7000."

Ken Johnson added, "People are enjoying themselves and that's what's important."

Funds Voted For Drug Job

Ithaca — The position of drug coordinator for Tompkins County, long sought by ACT (Area Congregations Together) and other religious and social organizations in the Ithaca area, moved a step closer to reality at the Aug. 9 meeting of the Tompkins County Board of Representatives.

The board voted \$6,000 for the project as the county's share of the financing. The vote was 10-6. The money will help cover expenses through Dec. 31, 1971, with additional funds being provided in 1972 during

the one-year evaluation period.

Cornell University will contribute \$3,000 and the city of Ithaca will add \$4,000. Meanwhile, 100 per cent funding is being sought from the state.

Mrs. Marjorie Waldman, administrative assistant to the Commissioner of Mental Health Services for the county, said that a committee had been established to receive applications. The position will be advertised, and screening will start immediately.

Ithaca Area Notes

Ithaca — The summer film series in DeWitt Park ends Wednesday, Aug. 25. Featured will be "No Hiding Place" with George C. Scott, an hour film examining the problem of "block busting," which occurs when a black family moves into a white neighborhood. Also shown will be the short film, "A," the story of a man who finds his every move obstructed by the large letter "A." In the event of rain, the movies will be shown on Thursday, Aug. 26. The feature starts at dusk.

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But — and this is the saddest line in the Gospels — "He came into the world, the world He had created, and the world failed to recognize Him" (Jn. 1:10).

Many today rub elbows with Him, push Him aside. It is only through the light of your Faith, the fervor of your love that you can "discover" Him — in His Church, in the Eucharist, in Sacred Scripture, in our neighbor, but especially in the world in His poor, or as He called them, "His least brethren." Only a love which is sacrificial has the power to detect the hidden Christ in our midst. Such love can move us to serve Him in the homeless, the leprosy afflicted, the orphan, the aged, the refugee, the unloved of Asia, Africa, Oceania, and Latin America.

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