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July 28 to Aug. 1 has been designated by the Orleans County Legislature as Junior Fair Week in 1987. This five-day event will as usual, offer a variety of events and exhibits at the familiar site off Route 31 near Knowlesville.

Perhaps however, one of the most novel exhibits ever created for the Fair, was back in 1928 when Charles W. Howard designed a miniature Niagara Falls using 10,000 gallons of sweet cider to promote our local apple industry. The photo depicts what this unique extravaganza looked like. Charles Howard 1896-1960 had an unrestrained imagination and when put to work to promote our own locality, it has never been surpassed. The following year of 1929 he was responsible for engineering the baking of the world's largest pie at the Fair.

In 1931 to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Fair he outdid himself by having the world's largest cake made, which stood fourteen feet high in an especially constructed building.

But of all these innovative ideas at the Fair, perhaps the miniature Niagara Falls is the least remembered out of a host of chimerical projects created during the lifetime of Charles W. Howard.

You may not see Niagara Falls at the 1987 Fair but don't miss it for there will be innumerable exhibits and events to pique your curiosity. Besides, the 4-H members need your support as spectators and participants in an all county event for the promotion of Head, Heart, Health and Hands.