

Rockwood Local and District News Parade, Games, Booths At Rockwood Carnival

Rockwood — The plans for the big carnival in Rockwood School grounds on June 19 were made concrete at a meeting recently in the home of Ken and Diane Duncan.

Miss M. Nickell Talks on India

Rockwood — Miss Minnie Nickell who recently returned from a world cruise, gave the members of Rockwood Presbyterian W.M.E. and W.A. a most interesting and informative talk on India, its customs and religious life. Miss Nickell concluded a short quiz among the members concerning India and followed with a vivid description of her recent visit to this eastern country. There are three forms of religion in India, said the speaker, the Hindu, Mohammedan and the all too small percentage of Christians. Over 471 million of their vast population are Hindus and the government is upheld by them. The better educated people are usually Hindu and this religion goes back over 3,000 years. Everyone present felt really enriched by Miss Nickell's talk.

Following this, Mrs. J. Taylor gave an inspiring and forceful talk, asking those present to remember to give thanks and praise God for all our many blessings. Mrs. Taylor stressed the commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me", and stated that many of our troubles might right themselves if we would but open our hearts to God and give Him the glory.

Miss Elva Pearson was hostess for the meeting with 13 members and four visitors present. The president Mrs. Freeman, opened with the poem "As long as there are homes", followed by a hymn and prayer.

The Devotions were taken by Mrs. Peter Sim and Mrs. D. D. Gray with the roll call answered by a Scripture verse with the word Faith. Several of the prayer notes were read and the offering received by Mrs. Donham and dedicated by Mrs. J. Freeman.

Mrs. G. Swanston and Mrs. J. Freeman were chosen to do research regarding a bale in September. Mrs. Freeman thanked the speakers and closed the W.M.E. portion of the meeting with a hymn.

Mrs. L. Johnson, president of the W.A., read the poem "Who plants the Seeds". Mrs. Roy Young read the minutes and treasurer's report. After a short business session, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

Mrs. Calvin Aitken assisted Miss Pearson in serving a lovely lunch, and a social time was enjoyed.

The Eramosa Recreation Committee are trying their best to make this a success and the co-operation of everyone is needed. If Eramosa is finally to have its much needed park renovations, it must have funds, and parents realize the need of these facilities for their children. A parade with floats, horses, decorated bicycles etc. will open the afternoon. Interesting booths are to be set up in the school grounds with games, pony rides, pet show and refreshments for all. In the evening more games and a big dance under the stars.

Keep this date in mind and further announcements will be in the Rockwood news.

Pot Luck Supper At U.C.W. Meeting

Rockwood — The members of unit three of Rockwood United Church Women opened their June meeting with a pot luck supper. Following the supper, unit leader Lois McKee opened the meeting by reading Acts 2: 14 and spoke briefly on Pentecost. A hymn was sung and prayer offered by Mrs. McKee.

The unit leader extended a hearty welcome to all members and their guests to the supper and the roll call was answered by each member naming their guest for the evening. A letter sent from the children's hospital in India was read, thanking the group for the used Christmas cards sent earlier this year. The social convener Lois Tosh spoke of the two weddings coming in June and requested help for both.

The Devotional was taken by Marion Ostrander's group. The Scripture was read by Grace Petty followed with prayer by Marion Ostrander.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Allan Blyth of Guelph who was introduced to the group by Shirley Mast. Mrs. Blyth gave a most vivid talk on her recent world tour, mentioning especially Japan, Hong Kong, China, Singapore and Ceylon. The speaker mentioned her concern at the obvious sweep of Communism in Ceylon. Other places of interest mentioned were Spain, Gibraltar and London.

Mrs. Blyth concluded by saying that world trips were most worth while. They broaden your views, she stated, and certainly make you appreciate more than ever our Canadian way of life. She then showed slides of many different countries. Eileen Austin thanked Mrs. Blyth on behalf of all present.

The next meeting will be on September 8 with Ena Pett's group in charge. The evening closed with the Benediction.

Bike Rodeo At School

Rockwood — Are some families more safety conscious than others? It would seem so, in the results of the recent bicycle rodeo held at Rockwood school.

This is expected to become an annual event with the full support of the Reeve and Council who supplied the prizes for the deserving winners.

Two O.P.P. Constables from the Guelph division were present for the occasion. Mr. McKee, Mr. Millson, Mrs. Dreiber, Mrs. Slipp and Mrs. McClinn were busy helpers from the Home and School, representing the teachers and parents.

There were six events which followed the opening written test. The usual obstacle course and figure eight gave a good test of control and the bicycles all received a thorough check-up for safety and a set of rules for improvement in safety, with stickers for the safe bikes.

Approximately 60 children took part in this very carnival event and the winners were: Senior — Brian Death and Robbie Meek. Intermediate — Dennis Death and Nancy Meek. Junior — Eddie Gouwer and Mary Gouwer. Following the contest, all taking part were treated to drinks, cookies and candy.

It is hoped in future that more parents will try to be present at this event to see how necessary it is for their children to have a good knowledge of safety rules and have good control of their bicycles at all times.

The Constables made it clear to all that if you are a good bicycle driver, you are well on the way to being a good car driver in the future.

At Graduation

Rockwood — Mr. George Day and Mrs. Frank Day attended the graduation exercises at Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto when Glenn Milton Greer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Greer, received the degree of Bachelor of Applied Science in Industrial Engineering. Glenn is a grandson of Mrs. Frank Day.

To Beamsville

Rockwood — There was a large gathering of parishioners, from St. John's Anglican Church Rockwood recently, to honor Rev. Allan Cook, his wife and their son Michael, prior to their departure for Beamsville where Rev. Cook will commence duties on Sunday, June 6.

An open fire, with plenty of food, a sing-song, plus humorous song written by Mrs. M. Root and the presentation of an antique rocker to the guests of honor, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Welsh Dairy Princess On Her First Visit Here

"There's lots to learn and lots to see", commented Pat Procter, Welsh Young Farms delegate, in Halton during her first Canadian visit.

Miss Procter describes Halton as "the most agricultural" of the four counties she has visited, and as "fertile as it is at home". Since she left England on April 21, Miss Procter has been to Leeds, Green-ville, Victoria and Halton counties and will go to Huron and North Simcoe before she leaves for home July 21.

Stays at Local Homes

The first week of her two-week stay in Halton, Miss Procter stayed at the A. C. Hunter home, Burlington, and the second week at Merrybrook Farm with Mrs. W. H. Merry. The delegate's report that she wanted to see as much as possible and that "I can rest when I get home" seems to have been taken to heart by her Halton hosts.

May 28 she attended the annual Two Light Meeting of the Halton Holstein Breeders Association at Hays Sales Arena. A Get-Acquainted Party was arranged for her at the Boyne School Friday by Halton Junior Farmers. She also attended an auction sale at Hays.

Miss Procter visited the Rick Gardens in Hamilton, the Leaver Mushroom Plant near Campbellville, Nelson Crushed Stone, the M. M. Robinson high school, friends in Bronte and the farm of well known Jersey Breeder, Maurice Beatty near Ormaiz.

Shows Skills of Wales

The first Welsh girl ever to take part in the exchange tour, Miss Procter brought slides of Wales to show to Ontario Junior Farmers.

Lady Directors Planning Fair

Mrs. William Thompson, Wilber Street, was hostess to the Lady Directors of Acton Fall Fair Board last Thursday evening. Mrs. Donald Matthews, president, chaired the meeting, and Mrs. W. Swackhamer was acting secretary. She read the minutes of the previous meeting and also gave the treasurer's report.

The banner announcing the fall fair will be brought up-to-date and later in the summer erected at the town's entrances.

The trophy won by the Acton Fair Board for their good attendance at the District Convention at Bolton last fall was on display and will be shown in one of the local shop windows.

Plan Parade

Organizations and neighboring Women's Institutes have been notified and requested to enter floats in the parade. Everyone — organizations or individuals, are invited to share in the good prizes being awarded which will help to make the parade bigger and better than ever, this year.

A lengthy discussion centered around a new type of display case for entries in the Domestic Science exhibits. Mrs. E. Archibald and Mrs. D. Matthews had seen a favorable design at a spring show they had attended recently and obtained prices. No definite action was taken at the meeting, but further enquiries will be made later.

95 Years Old

Former Acton resident Frank Rawlings, who is a patient in the Chronic wing at St. Joseph's hospital, Guelph, celebrated his 95th birthday quietly Tuesday with members of his family.

4-H Club Leaders Plan Busy Year for Members

The Halton County 4-H Club Leader's Council finalized plans for the Club year at a meeting held on June 1.

The series of Safety meetings for June were discussed, and dummies will be used to show Tractor safety.

A Judging Practice Night will be held on July 5, and a Livestock Judging Competition at O.A.C. on July 21. A seed Judging Competition is to be held on August 9. Plans for the 4-H Bus Trip were finalized. The trip will be on July 7, and will include a tour of the Lakeview Generating Station.

Witnesses Meet

An audience of 1,226 heard one of the speakers at the three-day Watch Tower convention of Jehovah's Witnesses in Georgetown high school.

The convention was operated entirely by 150 volunteer workers absorbed into 30 administrative departments. Forty volunteers aided in serving 1,800 full-course meals to the delegates while sessions received.

Among those taking part were Acton residing minister Leonard Schneider and his son William, who portrayed a father on a demonstration citing Scriptural commands on immorality.

Car, Chimney Fire Result in Alarm

A car fire and chimney blaze kept Acton Fire Fighters on the hop last Thursday. A fire in a small car on Mill Street was extinguished quickly before much damage resulted.

A chimney fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGinn, 125 Poplar Avenue was checked by Fire Fighters before any serious damage resulted.

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Six Weeks of Drought Frost, Lack of Rain Curtail Crops

By Henry Stanley
Agricultural Representative
Rain has been a scarce commodity in Halton during the past six weeks. Less than one inch has fallen since the first of May. This is especially noticeable in grain and corn fields.

Hills have only a very poor stand of grain owing to the drought, and several fields of late planted grains and corn have not germinated to date or have germinated very unevenly. Farmers have rolled or cultivated some of these fields lately, in an effort to compact the soil around the seed, hoping for a rain to germinate it.

Hay and pasture fields got off to a good start in May, but the frosts during the past week, coupled with the dry weather, have greatly curtailed the possible yield. Several farmers are planning to start having this week, hoping that they will get a good second cut of hay.

An application of fertilizer following the first cutting of hay, could be a very worthwhile investment this year. Twenty per cent Superphosphate at 200 lbs per acre on our clay soils, with 0-20-10 at 200 lbs. per acre on our loam soils, would help to stimulate the second growth.

To be certain as to the correct analysis if fertilizer is to be applied, a soil test should be taken. Reports will be returned from the Soils Department, O.A.C., in two weeks time at this season of year.

May Rainfall is Below Average Should Irrigate Strawberries
This is a very critical period in the development of the strawberry crop. Rainfall during the month of May has been well below average and as a result, the plants are beginning to suffer on the warm days.

Irrigation should start as soon as the ground dries out. Waiting until the berries start to ripen will result in greatly reduced yields and quality. Any period of stress such as dry conditions, wilting, etc. that is encountered from now on will greatly affect the ultimate yield of the plant.

It is important to keep the environment as near ideal as possible. Some growers lost their early blossoms to frost. This should not affect the yield too greatly in most patches. The first picking will be somewhat later, but subsequent pickings should be as good as ever.

Farm Driveways

Does the entrance to your farm lane have trees and shrubs each side of the gate? These can be beautiful and add much to the general appearance of the farm. But now the leaves are out again, have another look at yours. A real look. Do these shrubs, or low hanging tree branches block your vision of the road? If so, trim them back. Keep your farm entrance beautiful, but keep it safe.

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