

Rockwood Local and District News

Trail Riders Last Event Includes Broom Polo Game

Rockwood — The Rockwood Trail Riders held their last organized ride of the season on October 26 in spite of raw, windy weather. The riders met at the home of Ray and Babe Ellis and after riding a brisk five miles, stopped at Ken and Di Duncan's for a rousing game of broom polo. This was the club members' first attempt at this game and although there were no experts in the group, they made up in enthusiasm, especially the junior members. Hot chocolate was served before the handy riders headed for home. The next get-together for the Trail Riders will be their Round-up Party which will be held at the end of November. This party will be attended by the members and special guests who have helped the club during the past year. This year's special awards will be given out, games and dancing.

Fire Destroys Woolen Mill

Two firefighters were slightly injured in an early morning blaze which completely gutted the former Harris Woolen Mill at Rockwood now owned by the Grand Valley Conservation Authority. Cause of the blaze is still undetermined. Deputy-chief Gord Cox was taken to a doctor and received five stitches to his forehead when a window sash fell on him cutting an artery. Firefighter Dave Bacon received a cut on his hand from a cable. Rockwood Fire Department received the call around 6 a.m. Monday morning and by the time they arrived with two pumps the building was completely engulfed. Realizing it was impossible to save the large building, firefighters concentrated their efforts in hopes of saving a nearby office building. The back section of the office building was saved but a section of the front was damaged. Firefighters remained at the scene for over two and a half hours.

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On Cumming Statement County Council Backs Milton

Milton's plan to annex lands from neighboring Oakville and Esquew should not have been adversely affected by the Department of Municipal Affairs' Needs Study of Halton and Peel Counties, members of Halton County Council agreed on Thursday. Earlier this year Dr. Lorne Cumming, special adviser to the Department, spoke on the launching of the Needs Study at a county council meeting. At that time Reeve C. A. Martin of Milton had asked Dr. Cumming if the study would mean any holdups in the town's annexation application which was coming up in the fall, and Dr. Cumming reportedly assured the Reeve it would not. Bought Delay However, just before the O.M.B. hearing was slated to be held in September, the O.M.B. wrote to Milton Council asking if it would not be advisable to hold up the hearing, pending the results of the Needs Study. Milton Council strenuously objected and pressed

Candidate Lists Expenses Challenges Others Do Same

Halton NDP candidate Murray Kernighan's challenge to Dr. Harry Harley and Allan Masson to reveal the source of their campaign funds received answers this week. At a recent meeting Mr. Kernighan said the Canadian people have a right to know who finances each candidate before the election and he outlined the source of his campaign funds including \$1,000 donations from each of the Steelworkers Area Council in Hamilton and the Oakville and District Labor Council. Progressive Conservative candidate Allan Masson reported, "we are supported through donations from organizations and companies to the national party. When cheques come from companies they represent 120,000 shareholders and are divided according to the importance and size of the various ridings." He said donations are also received from individuals and organizations at the local level. Council candidate Dr. Harry Harley said he had nothing against listing the sources of funds before the election but he queried, "what if someone donates in the last week and is not listed among the supporters?"

Dunc's Big Six Top Bowlers

Rockwood — Dunc's Big Six retained their hold on first place with their 28 points in Rockwood and District Bowling League this week. This is three over Nichols Pals who are second with 25. The Flintstones have 23 points in third spot followed closely by the Alley Cats with 22. Stratton's Esos are fifth with their 19 while close behind are Root's Rooters with 18. Seventh rung is held by Jettons for 17 points. A tie for eighth place, each with 16 points between the Corner Pins and Carneys Plumbing and Heating. Fifteen points hold Pinkneys in ninth spot followed closely by Hume's Texaco with 14. Horop Millers with 13 and Rick's Confectionery with 12. Still in the cellar, but with their name in the win column this week, the Hopfuls have seven points.

Dick Dupuis had a good hall rolling this week, taking men's high triple without handicap for a 732 and with handicap for 735. This is also season's high. Dunc Kingsbury holds the season's high without handicap with his 736.

Men's high single without handicap also went to Dick Dupuis with a 287. The season's high is Bill Garner's 320. Men's high single without handicap went to George Bruce with a 294. Dave Bacon has a season's high of 305.

The women's high triple without handicap was Janet Peart with 648. She also holds season's high of 726. Sue Nightingale took women's high triple with handicap with her 673. Janet Peart's 726 is season's high. Women's high single without handicap also went to Janet Peart who rolled 239 and also holds season's high with her 263 — what a bowler!

In women's high single with handicap, Sue Nightingale had 256. Bertha Peterson has season's high with a score of 289. Dick Dupuis took men's high average with 207 and Janet Peart for the women with 204.

Men over 600: Dick Dupuis 732, Dave Schneider 648, George Bruce 640, Jack Ferguson 623, Fred Perkins 611. Women over 550: Janet Peart 648.

Purebred Cow Dies of Rabies

A prize purebred cow owned by Fryer Brothers, R.R. 4, Acton had to be destroyed last week after contracting rabies, believed caused by a rabid fox. A fox, acting in a strange manner, was sighted by neighbors about three weeks ago coming from the direction where the cows were pasturing in a field and it is believed the prize cow had been bitten by the fox. Dr. B. D. Young, Campbellville veterinarian, was called and ordered the cow destroyed.

Farmers are being warned to be on the lookout for animals acting in a strange manner and not to doctor sick farm animals without first consulting a veterinarian.

Presentations Made From Square Dancers

Acton Square Dancing Club, organized this year by former recreation director and Mrs. Harris Roe, acknowledged its appreciation Wednesday night to the couple.

Although Mr. Roe and his son Ronald had left the same day by car for Edmonton, Alberta, where Mr. Roe has been engaged in recreation department, a gift of a set of fibreglass serving trays was presented to Mrs. Roe by Gordon McKeown on behalf of the club.

A good attendance of members was present to express their thanks to Mrs. Roe who was asked to extend their feelings to her husband, Mrs. Roe and daughter Linda will leave Acton at a later date to join Mr. Roe and son. FERTILE FISH Pickled produce from 26,000 to 36,000 eggs per pound of body weight.

Ria Wilson Furrow Queen At Halton Plowing Match

Halton's annual plowing match has changed a lot since the first match was held 74 years ago. In the early days, all the plowing was done with horses, and plowboys competed for a bag of salt or a harness or a bag of feed. Today, the horse classes are dying out and it's pretty well a tractor event, and the prizes are cash and trophies instead of merchandise.

The matches have changed, too, in that today they feature Queen of the Furrow Competitions, and horsehoe pitching contests. On Saturday, one of the more successful matches in recent years was staged at the Eighth Line Esquew farm of Howard Tarzwell. Excellent fall weather prevailed and a total of 42 entries were received in the eight classes — 24 in all in the regular classes and another 18 in the two utility classes. Viewers and contestants report the soil was quite moist, resulting in some of the best quality plowing seen in many years.

Queen of Furrow This year's match featured the Queen of the Furrow competition that was launched a few years ago in Halton — and later in a Provincially-wide contest — by Mrs. Spencer Wilson of Norval. Girls were judged on their plowing ability and on a talk on the plowing match, and Mrs. Ria Wilson of Norval was selected as the new Queen and crowned at the evening banquet in the Masonic Hall, Milton that followed the day of plowing.

Three other young ladies competing in the class were Carol Swachamer of R.R. 2, Acton; Betty of R.R. 1, Hornby; and Mrs. Diane May, R.R. 1, Hornby. L. E. Skuce, manager of Halton and Peel Trust and Savings Company, Milton judged the girls on their speech, personal appearance and deportment. Each of the contestants also plowed a few ridges on the land.

Last year's Halton Queen of the Furrow was Verna Thompson of R.R. 2, Milton and she went on to the provincial competition at the International match a few weeks ago and won the Ontario crown. Verna was present at Saturday's banquet to crown the new queen and present her with her tara and cash, a bouquet of flowers, a trophy, a clock radio, and many other merchandise gifts and vouchers.

Receive Awards All the contestants received a similar number of awards from various individuals and business men from around the county. Mrs. Spencer Wilson assisted in the presentation to the new Queen (her daughter-in-law) and the other three girls.

In her speech to the banquet, Ria traced the development of the Halton match since 1891, noting the custom of directors wearing white coats in the field originated in Halton and has been copied across Canada. She pointed out that the matches are held to "foster the art of plowing and the adoption of new methods for better farming."

"I don't see why every girl in the County doesn't try to take part in this competition, because for me it has been the most exciting day of my life," the winner declared as tears of joy streamed down her cheeks.

Horsehoes Another recent innovation at the match was the horsehoe pitching contest won by R. L. Davison and Leonard Thompson of Acton. Mr. Davison declined to accept the \$10 prize, however, and turned it back into the Plowmen's Association for use in promoting next year's Furrow Queen contest. Other winners in horsehoes were second, Stan Lamb

and R. A. McEnery; third, Brian Stewart and Cliff Chant; fourth, Ernest and Bill Alexander. Guest speaker at the banquet was the Hon. Ray Connell of Dundas, Ontario's Minister of Public Works. He recalled his early days of plowing and remembered plowing at the Halton Match once when he won 10 pounds of beef (in those days it was worth 26 cents a pound). A report on the political comments in his speech will be found elsewhere in this issue. He was introduced by Jim Cunningham, the Association vice-president.

Lloyd May, president of the Halton Plowmen's Association, chaired the banquet. George Swann introduced the head table guests. Mr. May thanked the ladies of the "Waves" (a group gathering funds to support the Great Lakes Christian College) for catering to the dinner, then thanked the weather-men for such a fine day. He also expressed his sincere appreciation to secretary Henry Stanley for the work that goes into the match.

Junior Team Mr. May introduced the county's junior team of Larry Pickett and Brian Marshall, who placed fifth of 16 teams at the International match, and the county's high school plowing team of Janet Taylor and John Brexton who came second in their International competition.

Halton M.P.P. George A. Kerr, Burlington, said it was encouraging to see so many young people taking part in the match, and said this threw credit on the fine 4-H work that is carried out in the county. Esquew Reeve George Leslie called it "one of the better plowing matches I've seen" and Deputy Reeve William Hunter of Georgetown, speaking on behalf of the Warden of the County, congratulated all the winners.

Verna Thompson gave the speech that helped her win the Ontario Furrow Queen crown at Milton, and dedicated it in memory of the late Judge George E. Elliott of Milton, a man who spent a lot of time assisting Halton's young farmers in their projects. "Tomorrow will see the plow as a weapon against poverty in the world," she predicted. "The plow share stands for peace in the world."

Thanks Girls Chairman Jack Taylor introduced the girls who participated in the Furrow Queen contest, and Mrs. Spencer Wilson expressed thanks to the girls for their assistance.

Among the new trophies presented this year was a memorial trophy in honor of the late J. E. Whitelock, former agricultural representative in Halton County for 25 years. L. E. Skuce and Mrs. Whitelock presented it to John Brexton, high junior at the junior match, on behalf of the donors, Halton and Peel Trust and Savings Co.

Judge Norman Tyndall of Gormley, who with John Hargreaves of Beachville judged the plowing, reported "I have nothing but flowers for Halton plowmen. It

was a well run, well promoted match." Mr. Tyndall said in one class first prize was decided by a quarter of a point, the next two plowmen were tied for second, and the next two were tied for third when the results were tabulated.

bert McDowell, Canadian Plowing Council president and World Plowing Organization vice-president Alec McKinney, assistant agricultural representative of South Simcoe, who won a fifth prize in one plowing class; Charles Bonney, Canadian plowing champion; Halton Liberal candidate Harry C. Harley of Oakville; Halton Conservative candidate Allan Masson of Oakville; Tom Howden of Hornby who presented \$1 specials for the best finish in each class; Mrs. George E. Elliott who presented the Judge Elliott trophy for youngest plowman; W. E. Wood who presented the Bank of Nova Scotia trophy; and Mr. Dales who presented the International Harvester special.

"I'd like to see more horses at the match, but like the old touring cars, it looks as if the horse has had its day," he suggested. Others introduced during the banquet included Keith Robinson of R.R. 4, Cookstown, Ontario's plowing champion, who won a second prize in one competition, and a sixth in another, Spencer Wilson of Norval, coach of the Furrow Queen; Jack Taylor, Halton's representative to the International; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarzwell who hosted the match; past president Stan May; Mrs. G. E. Readhead, secretary of the Halton Agricultural Society; and her husband George, a director of the match; honorary president and lands committee chairman Cle

Decline of Horses

Horse judge Tom Brownbridge of Georgetown noted just one team plowed this year, and had to be shared by two plowmen. He awarded the prize to Stan May's dapple grey Percheron, noting good plowing is the key to good farming, and the match is a wonderful education for the youth of today.

Mrs. H. Mainprize Hostess to Chapter The November meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. H. Mainprize on Tuesday evening, November 2. The first Vice Regent, Mrs. Ludka, conducted the meeting in the absence of the Regent, Mrs. Force.

Reports were read. The Services at Home and Abroad secretary Mrs. Holmes reported that the sale of baby clothing and articles of children's wear is completed. Regent Mrs. Force and secretary Mrs. Young were appointed to act as representatives for the chapter to attend meetings and help plan for Acton's Centennial activities.

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New Lighting

Several improvements are underway which will make the interior of the Cameo Shoppe even more attractive. The ceiling is being lowered, with indirect lighting installed above the panels. Glass panels will be installed behind the show windows, replacing the curtains.

Cars in Collision In Thursday Storm

At the height of last Thursday's storm, constable Nick Farion was called to investigate an accident on Main St. W. when cars driven by Dexter I. Parsons, R.R. 2, Hamilton and Earl Van Norman, Acton, were in a minor collision.

Damage to the Parson vehicle was estimated at \$75 and to the Van Norman car at \$15. The pavement was slippery at the time of the accident.

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