

Wellington county plans dairy princess competition

Rockwood — The Wellington Milk Committee, Wellington Junior Farmers and the Wellington Federation of Agriculture, as well as other interested groups, gathered recently and decided to go ahead with a dairy princess competition in mid-July.

The overall committee was set up with several sub-committees. Chairman is Wilbert Freeman of R.R. 5, Rockwood with Jack Gilchrist as co-chairman. The secretary is Art Grubb with John Andrews as treasurer.

The location and equipment committee are Robert McCague, Warren Husband, George Pinkney, Gord Aldie, Stan Harris, Don Crawford and Vince Koeffer.

The publicity committee are Ernest Benham, Bert Palfman, Robert Hammill, Earl Osborne, Allan Ross, Mrs. F. Coghorn and Len Jefferson.

The contestant and staging committee are Gordon Johnston, Mel Chamberlain, Ivan Suggitt, Charlotte Smith, Bernard Schimmel, John Jantinge, Harry Haelton and Harry Bonner.

This is for the Guelph area.

Unit 3 U.C.W. see demonstration flower arranging

ROCKWOOD — Unit three Rockwood-United Church Women held their April meeting at the home of Mrs. M. McLaren. Mrs. Charles Petty opened the meeting with a reading "First Hint of Spring" and led the group in prayer.

An invitation was received from Acton Trinity United Church to attend their thank-offering meeting in April.

A report on the progress of the centennial coffee party to be held at the church was given by the convener Mrs. Grant McRae. Mrs. E. Mast and Mrs. R. Thomson are also on this committee. The plans include a fish pond for the children, a home baking table and an antique display. An interesting feature will be the tea tables looked after by mother-and-daughter combinations in centennial dress.

Mrs. Murray McLaren was in charge of the program portion of the meeting and led in prayer. Mrs. G. McRae took the Scripture reading from a portion of St. John, chapter 15.

Mrs. McLaren introduced the special guest for the evening, Mrs. G. McCord who gave a delightful demonstration of flower arranging. Mrs. A. Nichol thanked Mrs. McCord on behalf of all present.

A lovely luncheon was served by Mrs. McLaren and her committee and a social time enjoyed.

FERTILIZER FACTS

Potash—fertilizer originally was obtained by running water through wood ashes, and boiling down the solution in large open kettles. The residue, a white solid, was called "potash" because it was made in pots from ashes. Largest producing area of potassium salts in the world today is around the Dead Sea in Israel.

Century farm contains mysteries behind old walls, essayist tells

One of the top 12 centennial essays written by grade seven and eight pupils in Rockwood public school is published here. It is written by Theresa Thomson.

CENTURY FARM

Many farms have been handed down by ancestors but there is one farm I'll remember most of all. This farm is situated west of Rockwood on Number 7 highway.

Built in 1842 it still stands as if new. It was built by the late Charles Bernard. After being handed down by his sons it now belongs to Miss Edith Bernard of Rockwood. The house itself being 90 years old still gives off a cheerful welcome upon entering it as it would have done years ago.

If these buildings could talk, what exciting stories we would hear! But as it is the buildings can't talk. Therefore it is up to us to tell the mysteries which lie behind the worn walls. As you read this I hope it will reveal the mysteries you have wished to learn. I also hope it will show you what the name "Century Farm" means to the people involved.

The house stood sheltered by the leaves of the beautiful maples which rustled in the wind. Inside, the oil lamps cast their shadowy glow across the floor.

The women washed their dishes in the big iron sink which stood straight and strong. Later they would enjoy the warmth of the fireplace. The butter churn now stood in the corner after a weary day of work. Its work never ceased as the family always used large amounts of butter. The milk was brought in daily and today's milk was sitting on the wooden table. How don't think the milkman brought in.

No, not on this farm or, as a matter of fact, on any farm at that time. These people were independent. As you now see these people were very much different than us.

Mrs. Bernard would make her own soap and bread as well as prepare her fruit and vegetables for the winter. If winter was near, she would likely be knitting socks and mittens. Today most mothers go out and buy these necessities without ever thinking of making them themselves.

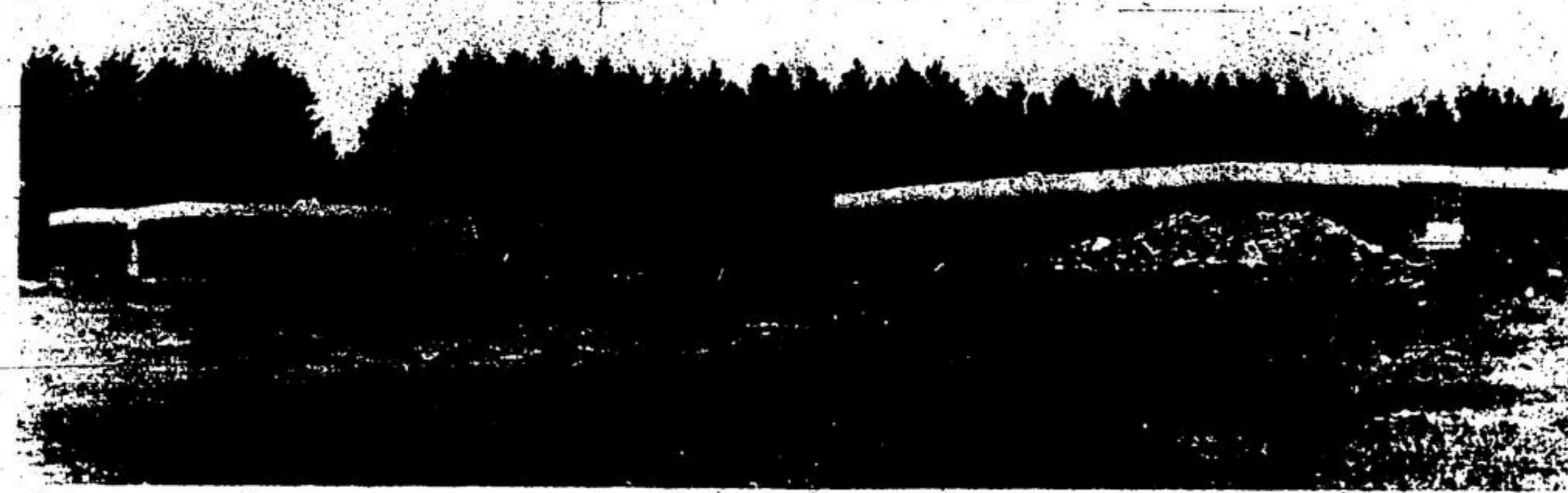
When the girls grew up, they were expected to take over certain tasks which became very common to them. How many of us would think of making candles? Not many I'm sure. When they were finished this they would admire them and like many of us would boast a little.

Another task would be to spin the wool which the men had carefully taken off the sheep. How proud the girls were when they were finished spinning it.

Now washing day came. All the girls pitched in by taking the wash board and tub from the corner and filling it with water. Then Mrs. Bernard pushed the clothes up and down until her hands became red with pain. Soon the clothes were hung outside to let the wind play tag among them.

On a Sunday afternoon all was still. The Bernards had gone to church with their horse and buggy. Edith, her sister, and mother were knitting for the Red Cross like they had done for years. Nothing strenuous was done. No, this family kept Sunday holy. I think we'll all agree the Bernards were a hard working family.

On a cold frosty morning the light could be seen burning in Bernard's barn. Never



CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW public school in Rockwood is progressing inside and it's expected classes will be in session for the start of the fall term. The school has a picturesque location, nearly hidden from sight by a tall stand of pines. Spacious grounds make it ideal for children, situated well away from vehicle traffic. (Staff Photo)

Mrs. T. Storey celebrations 81st birthday

Rockwood — On Sunday, April 9, Mr. and Mrs. Max Storey of R.R. 4 Rockwood entertained on behalf of Mrs. T. Storey on the occasion of her 81st birthday. Congratulations and best wishes of her many friends in the Rockwood area are extended to Mrs. Storey at this time.

Among those attending the celebration were: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Frank of Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marshall of Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Storey of Brookville, Mr. and Mrs. Reg Hallman of Kitchener, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hube of London and Mr. and Mrs. Fyfe Somerville and family of Acton.

Rockwood Guides, Brownies hold mother-daughter night

By Mrs. F. Taylor

Rockwood—Rockwood Town Hall was the scene of an important event for the first Rockwood Girl Guides and Brownies, their mothers and friends. The Hall and tables were attractively decorated in the Guide and Brownie colors and the head table was graced by a lovely blue and yellow centerpiece provided by the Blue Springs Nursery.

Mrs. K. Duncan welcomed all present and expressed pleasure in seeing so many parents showing interest in the Girl Guide and Brownie Movement.

A toast to the Queen was given by Mrs. J. Taylor, president of the Local Association. A delicious turkey dinner was served and enjoyed.

Mrs. W. Chisholm, Guelph East Commissioner asked the girls to work ahead in their Pack or Company and outlined briefly the steps which must be taken to obtain First Class training and testing in guiding. The South Wellington Division Commissioner, Mrs. W. Petrie, commended the Brownie Pack and the Guide Company for doing so well in their first year and presented certificates of registration to each.

Mrs. Petrie also gave official warrants to Brown Owl Mrs. H. Laverty, Mrs. K. Duncan the Guide Captain and to Miss Bette Laverty, Lieutenant.

Mrs. Laverty announced the local association tea to be held and brought attention to the Rockwood Centennial Tea and Olde Tyme Fashion Show which will be held by the girls on May 13. Mrs. Laverty thanked the young ladies who assisted with the Company and Pack, Miss Donna Hilt, Miss Joanne Laverty, Miss Mary Coulson and Miss Peggy Laverty.

Miss Bette Laverty expressed appreciation to the Cub and Scout mothers who assisted greatly by serving and to the Guide and Brownie mothers committee headed by Mrs. Millie Bolton, Mrs. Joan Guild and Mrs. F. Nightingale, who organized and provided the excellent meal.

Mrs. James Atkinson, Conestoga Area Commissioner, described the Guide Camp Kee-waydin, as movies run showing the girls at work and play at the camp near Goderich. She told the girls she hoped they would all get a chance to enjoy the camp during the next few years.

The evening closed with the Brownie Circle and the Girl Guide Taps.

Candidate objects

Cabinet hints "nonsense"

The first real volley in the Halton West political battle was fired this week by Ted MacDonald, the New Democratic Party's standard bearer in the riding.

Speaking at a gathering in Acton, Mr. MacDonald charged, "The Honorable Stanley Randall dropped hints that George Kerr (Halton's present M.P.P.) might be considered as cabinet material. I mentioned this to my friends in the Ontario Legislature and their unanimous reaction was that this is sheer nonsense."

Furthering his blast, he indicated, "based on contributions to debate in the legislature, the conservative candidate for Halton is so far down on the list of Tory hopefuls to the cabinet, as to make Mr. Randall's hints almost ludicrous."

Mr. MacDonald interpreted Mr. Randall's remarks as a possible bribe to the electors of Halton West. "Is Mr. Randall afraid that the present cabinet will be so shattered in the next election that he is scraping the bottom of the barrel?" he said.

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Voluntary Services group charts first open meeting

Preparing for emergencies and marshalling volunteer services to meet community needs will be the work of the North Halton Voluntary Services organization when it holds its first meeting next Monday.

The organization was formed recently to be prepared to meet emergency situations and to catalogue the volunteers who would be willing to assist in cases of need.

The group is made up of representatives of various organizations and churches in the Campbellville and Lowville area.

The Monday meeting in Brookville Hall at 8.15 p.m. will hear representatives of Public Health, Children's Aid, Cancer Society, Elementary schools, Emergency measures and Family Counselling services outline their functions.

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Eramosa centennial program include teas, fashion shows, services

By Mrs. F. Taylor

ROCKWOOD—Several dates were finalized for Centennial programs in Eramosa Township at the last meeting of the Centennial Committee. There was a good attendance present to add dates to the centennial calendar and offer helpful suggestions.

On Friday, April 14, the Cubs and Scouts held a dance in the Rockwood Town Hall. The proceeds going to their centennial project. The month of April was designated to the Everton Disciple Church for a centennial service. This will be held Sunday evening, April 16.

Unit three, Rockwood United Church Women, are holding a centennial tea on Wednesday evening, April 19. On Thursday, April 27, the Rockwood Home and School are having a special speaker and awards night in the Rockwood town hall.

The month of May has the 4th and 5th as tentative dates for an opera by the Eramosa Township Schools at the Eramosa School. May 13 is the Saturday guide and Brownie Olde Tyme tea and bake sale plus fashion show in the Rockwood Town Hall from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. The Mimosa Church will hold their centennial service on May 14. The Eramosa 4-H Club members are going the round on the weekend of May 20 to 22 painting the Centennial Farm posts.

The week of May 22 to 26

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Pairs, Squares plan for fall

The executive committee of Acton Pairs and Squares met at the home of Harold and Audrey Denny, Thursday evening.

Heading the agenda were plans for next fall's dancing activities. They hope to have a class of beginner basics during the week and square dancing every first and third Saturday evenings. Also under discussion is the group's contribution to Acton's Fall Fair.

After some dancing a delightful luncheon was served by the hostess assisted by Grace Perry.

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