



COLLEEN WRIGHT, has had a love for animals all her life, which she now transfers into pupils who take riding lessons from her at a farm near Rockwood. — (Staff Photo)

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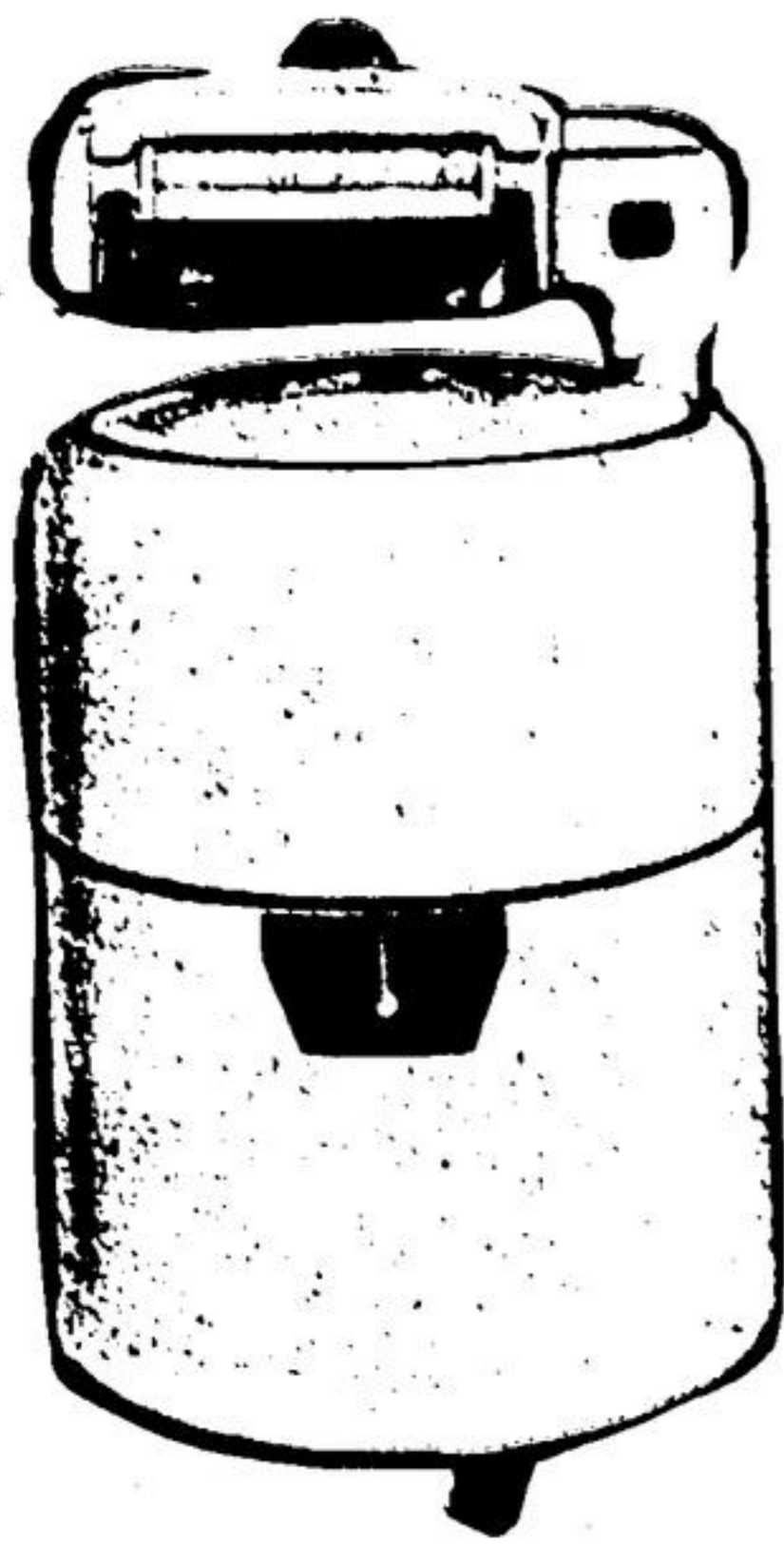
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Rockwood News

By Lorraine Root

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Colleen Wright's love of horses shows as she teaches riding

ROCKWOOD GOES WESTERN

The exhilarating and wonderful sport of horseback riding has taken a popular swing upwards in this area ever since the Rockwood Trail Riders became an established local club. The children of Rockwood and even some of the adults are fortunate in being able to develop their riding skills under the able and capable training efforts of Colleen Wright, who is presently teaching riding at the home of Dr. Barbara Kingscote of Spirit Valley Farm, located just outside of the village.

Colleen is a bright and pretty

University student who is actually not new to this area. She was born in Guelph and raised on the grounds of the reformatory there, where her father was the superintendent. She learned to love horses almost inherently, as her father, Monty Wright, was at that time in the Royal Canadian Dragoons Cavalry, and he himself performed in the first musical ride ever staged in Canada at the Royal Canadian Exhibition.

Her equestrian prowess was already being developed at the tender age of four years when she learned to ride on a Morgan mare which was given to her

father by the Ontario Vet. College.

"Later we moved to the horseless suburb of Port Credit," said Colleen, "and I used to walk 14 miles a day just to ride or take a lesson on various horses."

She credits much of her opportunities to advance in the riding field, to the Kingscote family, and she was given the privilege of training one of their horses, an Anglo-Arab gelding, Druid, at the Briar Hall stables in Oakville, which was run and operated by Doug Hood, the former Canadian equestrian team captain and now coach.



ROBIN KINGSCOTE listens as Colleen Wright gives her advice on the proper way to sit in a saddle at the Kingscote farm. Robin has been taking lessons since the spring broke and already rides well. — (Staff Photo)

Colleen went on to say: "He is also one of the finest teachers in Canada and I learned a great deal from him. He taught me to jump properly and he gave me the opportunity to ride some top Canadian riding horses. I also learned valuable techniques by watching many of the best riders from his stable."

Now Colleen herself teaches riding and trains what she terms as "green" horses. "I gear my teaching to that kids who normally could not afford lessons have the opportunity to learn what little I can give them. Too many sports are geared only to the upper middle class, and too many potential riders are left out because of money."

This pert young student made quick reference to her great love for all animals which is, really, the mark of a truly dedicated student in the field of veterinary science. She glibly rattled on about how she plagued her mother with toads in milk boxes, and garter snakes in bottles when she was much younger.

She chuckled when recalling some of her youthful business endeavors with raising and selling "muddy multiplying" mice, her monopoly in the fish market, and her spoon-fed lizards.

And now Colleen is soon to embark into her second year at the University of Guelph prior to veterinary medicine. This girl, who is a natural in her field, says: "It seems strange to be finishing my education next door to the place where I began; at Macdonald's Consolidated. It brings back memories of a police search for me when I was five because, instead of getting on the bus for home, I decided to visit the animals at the college. So you see, I am only returning to the scene of the crime."

Colleen's final ambition is to get her Horsemaster's Certificate in England but this will have to wait until she has completed her University training. Some day she hopes to raise and train horses which are versatile enough to be able to hunt and show and yet will be capable of carrying their rider calmly over a trail ride.

"People should be able to regard their horses as friends and companions and not just as a means to a show ribbon," she said, and continued: "I enjoy endurance riding over 50 miles of land as much as I enjoy the more demanding phase of jumping. There are so many facets of riding to explore, that one lifetime is not enough."

Through her summer holiday Colleen is employed at the Kingscote farm and is teaching riding as a side venture. Many of the aspiring young students come from Rockwood and come in from Guelph. Their enthusiasm and energies keep Colleen's very busy schedule hopping and already her time-table is filled until the end of July.

By the time the summer is over, Rockwood should be able to boast that more of Ontario's young potential riding equestrians are on their way to fulfilling a happy future of good horsemanship, taught by an expert and qualified teacher.

Eden Mills was passed. A special levy on all properties in the two police villages will defray expenses.

Council passed a resolution that the dog controller be paid \$6 per dog for taking stray dogs into the Guelph Humane Society. Council agreed to pay the \$2 fee and \$1.50 for three days for board fees.

A request from Messrs. McCannell and Wingate to have a portion of a superseded road closed was endorsed. Council instructed the clerk to have the township solicitor take the necessary steps to have the superseded road from the west side of Queen St. to the C.N. railway right of way and if necessary close Queen St. from the south side of Station St. to the railway right of way. All costs of care to be borne by the Rockwood Lime Co. Ltd.

Accounts amounting to \$12,470.74, including \$5,820.56 for roads, were passed for payment.

Council discussed with the road superintendent the following: False bottoms be purchased for the Ford Truck from Frink Canada Limited for \$180.

That a letter be sent to the Department of Highways for consideration of a development road on the 4th line at the Conservation Area.

Boundary roads between the Townships of Guelph and West Garafraxa were discussed. It was decided that due to lack of funds construction on these roads would be limited.

HAPPENINGS IN ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

By Wilma Anderson Student Council Reporter
This is the final week for badminton. The final game will be played on Wednesday. The winners up to date are:

May 6—Steve McDougall and Lynn Duncan, Steve Lowrie and Nancy Meredith.
May 8—Mike Ferguson and Sandy Root, Charlie McRae and Dale Hamilton.

May 12—Mike Ferguson and Sandy Root, Steve Lowrie and Nancy Meredith.
Now it is a battle with Steve Lowrie and Nancy Meredith vs. Mike Ferguson and Sandy Root.

Best of luck to the two teams on Wednesday.

The winners in floor hockey from the grade 7 and 8 teams were: Brian Storey Captain, John Clark, Steve Shultz, Bob Brown, Clare McDougall, Mike Ferguson, Roger Darby, Keith Harding, Donnie Harding, Van Stumpf.

IN BASEBALL, teams are being drawn up for grades 4-8 girls and boys. Games will start shortly.

Room 12 class 8A had a rabbit raffle at Easter. Forty-five dollars was collected for the Canadian Red Cross. Winners of the two chocolate rabbits were Rita Kingrley and Bonnie McKerrie.

OLIVER TWIST is in the final stages of production and will be put on for the student body Friday, May 16.

GRADE EIGHT graduation is drawing near. The graduation banquet to be held on May 29 and it is occupying the minds of many grade eight students. Also occupying the minds of the students, (but not on the cheery side) is the fact that exams are drawing near.

A SUMMER BREEZE

The warm summer breeze blows daintily by
Leaving the essence of summer behind,
Across the sweet faces of pansy and rose,
The secrets of summer the wind will disclose.

It crosses the meadow and on to the bank
Of the river that flows swiftly on.
It tickles the leaves as it blows on high,
'Tis the breath of summer passing me by.

Marie Saunders
Grade Eight.

News and views

By LORRAINE

THE PROOF OF THE FUDGE IS NOT ALWAYS THE JUDGE

I was highly amused the other day to read, in an article written by one of the Free Press's own correspondents, a reference to a fudge contest in which the writer had participated as judge.

Well, it so happened that I had been at the other end of that contest, so to speak, in the role of participator, and, what the respected judge did not know, was that the real humor in the night's event all took place in the kitchen.

WHO THOUGHT OF IT?

To begin with, the contest was the ingenious idea of one Mrs. Audrey Hudson, president of the Anglican Church Women for St. John's Church in Rockwood. There were approximately 20 ladies attending the meeting which meant there were at least 20 pieces of candy to be assimilated into their various categories by one unbiased, open-mouthed judge.

Now I was in a key position to watch the judging proceedings because I had been appointed "lunch arranger" and coffee "setter-upper" in the kitchen, which meant that I could watch the "behind the scenes" operation while the W.A. meeting was being conducted in the main room of the Parish Hall.

That night I had left my abode fully assured by my own family that I had really outdone myself and certainly the sample of fudge which I had constructed was my best effort ever and it was certain to win first prize. Back to the parish hall!

As the samples of fudge began to crowd up the display and judging tray, I chortled merrily to myself. Absolute confidence reigned in my fuzzy little mind. The different varieties of fudge were cut, sampled, and then pushed to either one side of the tray or the other. Obviously the judge must be trying hurriedly to reach my vestige of deliciousness in order to tag it as the winner.

HOW MANY FUDGES CAN YOU REMEMBER?

The varieties of fudge were astounding! There was pink fudge, brown fudge, gray fudge, and yellow fudge; fudge that leaned sideways in questionable sponder and fudge that just laid down, period.

One ingenious "Mother's little helper" had cleverly drawn and attached a drawing of a skull and crossbones to a particular variety of candy which was one of the many into which I had had my greatest difficulty in trying to insert a toothpick with its number on it.

Finally, the meeting was concluded. The judge had reached her decision. The audience in the main room of the hall was tense with excitement. Who had won: who could be the proud victor of this spectacular contest?

The tray was wheeled out on the squeaky tea wagon in a display of sponder with gay little "winner flags" attached to the winning specimens.

WHO DID WIN?

I waited in the kitchen coyly expecting to hear someone call my name and tell me to come out and get my award. I mentally prepared myself to accept first prize graciously. But no one called. No one said anything at all like that. In fact, all I could hear were voices of ejaculation and pleasure as each winning name was called out. More names, more mumble, still no one had called my name. Finally the presentations were over and all too quickly the contestants were consuming the repast which had been prepared for them by my expectant little fingers, when I noticed a rapid evacuation into the kitchen by several of the ladies at the meeting.

Now there had been nine winners appointed and, of those not chosen, nearly all of them were in the kitchen sorting over tags, flags, and bags of candy, certain that an error had been made.

THE REAL WINNER NOT ANNOUNCED!

It would seem that I was not alone but only one of the remaining 11 ladies who had anticipated winning the cherished first prize. And so the great question. Could the judge have been in error? Could she have consumed so much sugar that her taste buds had squeezed out? In any event, it is a certainty that every piece of candy on the tray that night were all winning pieces of fudge.

Eramosa Township Minor Softball:
Mr. Bill Ward is still looking for coaches and helpers for the Rockwood and area minor softball teams for all age groups. Anyone who enjoys working with youngsters, please contact Mr. Ward.

Beth Isaiah synagogue host

Several men and women from the various other churches in Rockwood, Eden Mills, and Acton, attended an invitational visit recently at the Beth Isaiah Synagogue in Guelph, at the request of the Rockwood United Church Women, Unit 3.

Rabbi Kutziner extended a cordial welcome to his visitors and it was interesting to note that a representative from every church denomination was included in the visiting group of over 100 people.

Visitors were impressed to find that the interior and furnishings of the Guelph Synagogue were completely simple and lacking in the ornamental dressings of many of our Christian churches. There were no glazed windows or ornaments. The only decor was the Hebrew inscriptions behind the altar accompanied by the Ten Commandments also written in Hebrew, and two candelabra which hung on either side of the front of the synagogue with seven lights representing seven candles.

Rabbi Kutziner gave his guests a fascinating explanation of Judaism and then showed a number of the Jewish scrolls which, in Hebrew, are called Torah. These scrolls provided tremendous interest because the Hebrew inscriptions were written on the original parchments. After this, the

visitors were invited to look around the place of worship.

The trip to Guelph to see the Synagogue was first suggested by Mrs. Joy Law for her Rockwood group when she volunteered to be the Program Convener for that particular evening. Mrs. Law said that, in her interest in the history and backgrounds of

Township will appeal school board requisition

Eramosa township council has decided to appeal for an arbitration over the requisition from the Wellington County School Board.

The requisition was discussed at the last meeting and council thought the estimates of the board regarding the 1968 deficit were exorbitant. They instructed the clerk to have the township solicitor enter an appeal for an arbitration on the deficits on secondary and elementary education as apportioned by the Board.

A request from Harvey Tuffin to establish a trailer camp in Rockwood was held in abeyance until further information was received from legal counsel. It was later learned that a trailer camp can not be opened without

religions other than her own, she presented the suggestion of the visit to the church group, and was pleased that their consent resulted in such a prosperous and inspiring evening, giving the ladies of the United Church some interesting material for any future discussion programs which could evolve from the visit.

an amendment to the zoning by-law and the clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Tuffin. Council was also concerned with undeveloped streets being used for the parking or storing of used and "undesirable" cars. They felt this was a hardship on adjoining property owners and suggested the trustees' board give the matter consideration. A resolution was sent to the Rockwood trustees.

Council raised no objections to Robert Sinclair renting canoes from the township property adjacent to the conservation park lake. The township will assume no liability in the event of an accident, however.

A by-law to provide for the collection, removal and disposal of garbage in Rockwood and

Rockwood Hippies



"They don't realize that we slowly want to be individuals."