



PHOEBE KINGSCOTE rescues "Oscar" a pet Iguana from a tree beside her home at R.R. 5 Rockwood. Oscar is a prized addition to the Kingscote collection of pets which ranges from turtles to Arabian horses. He lost almost a foot of his tail in a recent escapade at the University of Guelph when he reportedly dropped unannounced into a girls' room. Attempts to capture him resulted in loss of part of the tail leaving an amazed student holding it. Apparently the Iguana can elude pursuers by dropping part of the tail. They are harmless despite a forbidding appearance. Oscar escapes from his pen at the Kingscote farm occasionally and heads for the tall timber where his coloring protects him from inquisitive eyes.—(Staff Photo)

## News and views

By LORRAINE

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, HUSBANDS DEAR.

"Brainwashed" is an overused term that reached our society somewhere during or after World War two and is referred to in most universally accepted dictionaries as "to indoctrinate so intensively and so thoroughly as to effect a radical transformation of beliefs." And so it is. We live in a brainwashed society wherein we are continually accepting many things which, under normal, well adjusted living conditions, we would give ear to, place it in its proper perspective, and then apply ourselves accordingly.

Take Father's Day for instance. Everyone loves a father. Somewhere in the back of every female mind there is an image of one particular father who epitomizes the very echelon of masculinity, strength, foresight, wisdom, and adoration. All fathers are not alike; they can be big, small, handsome, plain, and often fathers are even a little dull and stupid. Somehow, however, come the third Sunday of June every year, one's own particular father becomes a huge giant of a man; the favourite mentor coming through when the going was tough, always to be counted on in a pinch.

It wasn't enough that Mother's Day had to be re-erected from an old English custom originally called Mothering Sunday which was sentimentalized in the form of a red carnation or pure white rose worn as a symbol of respect and love of all motherhood. But to match the up-dated, rejuvenated arrival of today's Mother's Day celebration, in its commercialistic spree of money spending, a twentieth-century damsel named Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington, had to think up a way of matching the "Queen for a day" sentiment of Mother's Day by organizing a committee representing all fathers. It was this same committee which set aside the third Sunday of every June as one to commemorate worthy spouses and fathers the world over.

That time is here again! Wafting in, between such classical strains as "Sing Jane Sing" and "Where's the Playground Susie", today's radio commentators are hot at work expounding on the amazing shopping bargains being offered as gift items for the "favorite man in your life."

With commercial gimmicks such as Father Day poems, and jingles, one is reminded that it will soon be the day to show father how much he is loved and appreciated. "Help him stock up with his favorite ties and matching socks" says the happy hannigan on the other end of the radio beam and suddenly it becomes most difficult to accentuate the positive. Before one is aware, Father's Day has actually turned into another birthday celebration or a Christmas. Sentimental ladies, along with their children have begun investing in Father's Day gifts for the very swain to whom they are married and on whom they have no right to tag with such claims of fatherhood. All this furor because Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington, didn't have a mother and wanted to have someone to whom she could dotingly give a present.

Now, the Father's Day gifts from wives simply have to go. It's a great day for the kids on which to give dad a big hug and some extra considerations or maybe a cigar or two, but admittedly it isn't your department mother because he isn't your father now is he?

But let's be constructive for a moment. Nobody said you couldn't give your husband a present anyway. So why not take advantage of the great Canadian sentiment which has been aroused by the ambitious radio hucksters and use the old method of "reverse psychology". Instead of spending money to amortize an already august swain, buy him something practical like a machine to mow the back lawn, a living room chair, or a new set of dining-room dishes which the whole family can enjoy. Take me for instance; this year for Father's Day I plan to invest in a new stereo radio which I'm certain will harmonize beautifully with the walnut coffee table I purchased for my husband last Father's Day.

Just remember my friends! If anyone tells you that Father's Day is for the birds don't you believe it. It's really a well-rigged and perfect alibi for all conniving wives to refurbish well worn furniture of what have you in the home.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO YOU TOO DAD!

## Eramosa millrate up over 14 mills includes 12 mill increase for education

The regular meeting of Eramosa township council was held in the council chambers on June 2. All council members were present and the Reeve presided. Also present were R. Hamilton, road superintendent; and the Clerk.

The following correspondence was discussed: Ontario Dept. of Education re Youth & Recreation Services. Dept. of Highways re approval of gravel tender; approval of regular rd. by-law; direct aid to 4th line. refused; blasting operations.

Community Planning Association re meeting June 18-19, 1969 at Toronto.

Association of Mayors & Reeves re provincial takeover of assessment.

Don Owens was present from the Fire Marshal's office and offered to make a survey on the fire equipment, by-laws etc. This service would be done free of charge and kept confidential. Any recommendations would be at the discretion of Council to adopt.

Council requested Don Owens of the Fire Marshal's Office do a survey on the fire needs, equipment, etc., on the Township of Eramosa, including the police villages of Eden Mills and Rockwood.

Mrs. C. Meadows and E. Thatcher applied to the Council regarding a zone change on their property. Mr. Tuffin also applied regarding a trailer camp on his

property. They were informed that they submit a detailed proposal on what they proposed to do with their property, to the Council for consideration. If Council took no action they could appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

A ratepayer from the Village of Rockwood discussed with Council the possibility of converting a commercial building into a butcher shop, under the present zoning by-law. Council felt that this would have to be a legal decision.

A request to the Council for the disposal of their property in Everton was left in abeyance.

Objections to the Zoning By-Law were discussed by Council and the Planning Consultant, Mr. Howard Smith, but with the exception of the Boy Scouts Camp at Everton, no action was taken. The Boy Scouts of Canada had requested

that the Council be agreeable to amend the By-Law to allow the Everton Scout Camp to continue as they have prior to the passing of the By-Law. The Council would be agreeable and all requests will be forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board for their consideration.

The following Resolutions were passed: That this Council instruct the Building Inspector and the Clerk to contact the Township Solicitor, as to evicting a party who is living in quarters which do not meet township by-laws and regulations. That this Council is in complete agreement with the Association of Mayors and Reeves, and object very strenuously to the Province taking over the municipal assessment function.

That this Council is agreeable to the clerk purchasing a duplicating machine for the use of the township and the

Committee of Adjustment and the cost be charged to the Committee of Adjustment.

That a by-law be introduced to provide for a drainage works in the Township of Eramosa, County of Wellington, to be known as "The Lazar Drainage Works", be given first and second readings.

That a by-law to adopt the estimates of all sums required during the year and to strike the rates of taxation for the year 1969, be given the necessary readings, passed and numbered 14-1969.

Although the Wellington County School Board have not presented their official budget for 1969 the Council felt it was necessary to estimate the school levy in order to maintain their present instalment dates. The 1969 mill rate for township farm and residential 96.08 Com. and Bus. 106.71; Rockwood Res. 96.31 Com. & Bus. 106.93; Eden Mills, Res. 95.49, Com & Bus. 106.13. The due date for the first instalments has been extended to July 14th, 1969.

That accounts amounting to \$32,834.25 (General Accounts \$22,124.00, Road accounts \$10,710.25), be passed for payment and the meeting adjourn to meet on Monday, July 7, 1969, at 7.30 p.m. or at the call of the Reeve.



By Wilma Anderson

Here it is, already the end of the school year. Next year high school is in store for the graduates. Exams are now over, some successful, others not so successful. We hope everything turns out for the best.

Last Tuesday was concluded as a very interesting morning at court. The students were happy that they were on the good side of the line and not the bad. Beneficial was the manner of court procedure.

Next week, if plans are successful grade eights are going on a stream survey, around the valley road. The students look for things such as erosion factors, plant and animal life, composition of river flow, volume of flow, depth to bedrock and many other factors. Last year's stream trip was fun and exciting but it was a little chilly out. A couple of students

day and three night trip with one stop-over at Smooth Rock Falls. Everyone in Rockwood wishes them a safe and wonderful journey.

Many friends were delighted to see Mrs. Ken Waller at the St. John's Church Auction Sale recently. Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Cook, of Beamsville, Ontario, were also past Rockwood frequenters and they also helped to make the St. John's Day a success.

### HAPPENINGS OF ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

fell in and many others just went in swimming for fun. Everyone is looking forward to this and we hope plans turn out well.

Last Wed. R.C.S. played Aberfoyle in baseball. The games were exciting and the students played well. The boys and girls of Aberfoyle beat us in the games. We are planning to play Eramosa and Ospringe sometime soon.

They've hit it! Grade sevens have done it. They've reached the \$600. point. Now, next week they are on their way to Moosonee. Y-i-p-p-e-e-e!

NIGHT  
When the day is over,  
And the sun falls from sight,  
Come the wonders of nature,  
Of the still dark night.

The lilies' petals close,  
Against the sharp depths of dark,  
In their nests so warm  
Sleeps the quiet meadow lark.

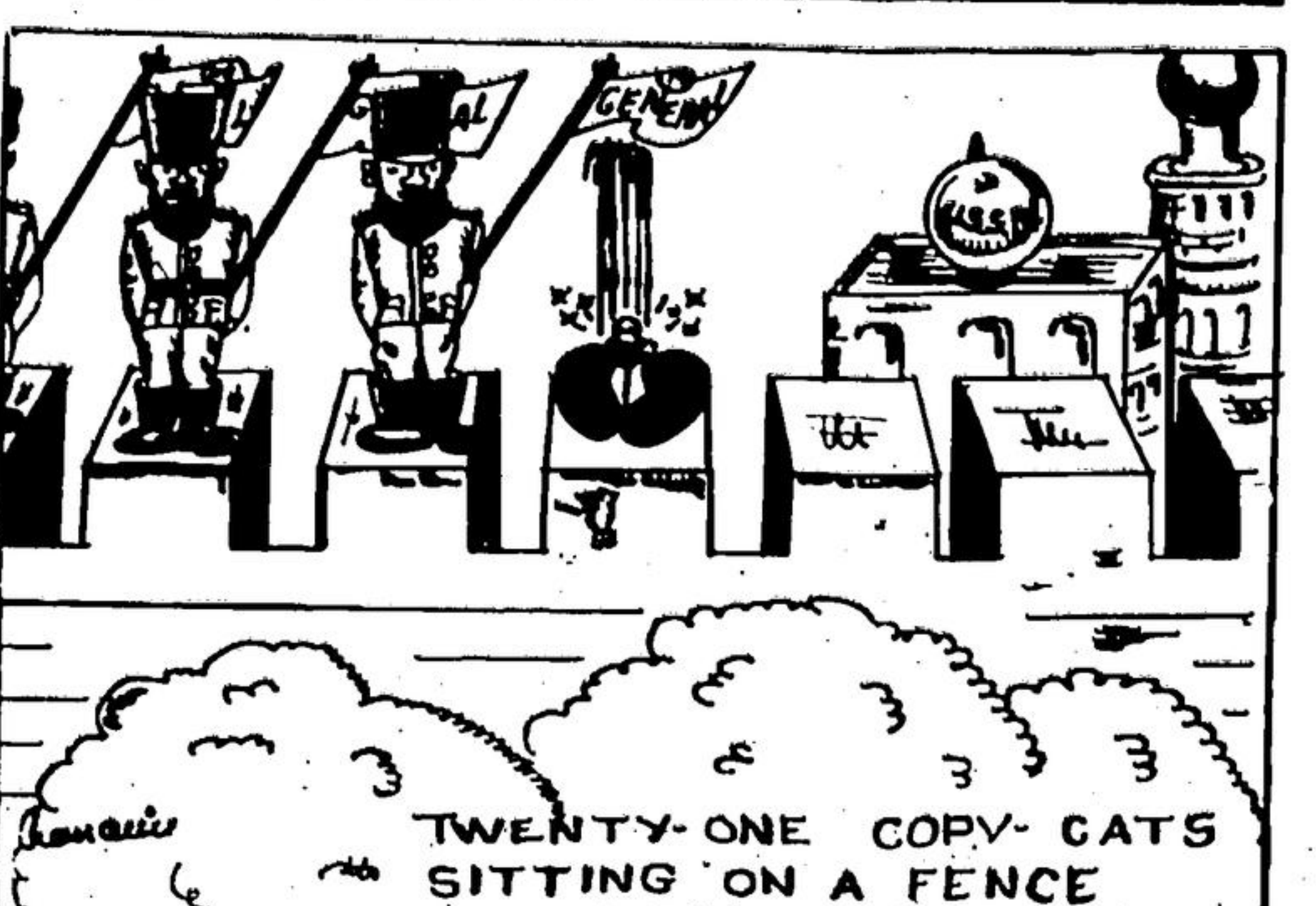
While down in the valley,  
In the depths of blue,  
Rest the schools of fish,  
Ready to start the day anew.

But over the hill top,  
The trees do not sway,  
Expressing their wonders  
In a still, quiet way.

When the night is over,  
And the sun comes in sight,  
Gone are the wonders of nature  
Of the still, dark night.  
Corinne Knegt



ROCKWOOD TRAIL RIDERS attend a class in English saddle instruction at Spring Valley farm Saturday morning. Jumping was an important part of the instruction.—(Staff Photos)



TWENTY-ONE COPY-CATS SITTING ON A FENCE ONE FELL OFF

## Swimming classes to start at park

The Rockwood Conservation Park swimming instruction classes will once again be well supervised under the able direction of Mike Hoffman of the Grand Valley Conservation Authority. An avid swimming enthusiast he is anxious to encourage people of all ages to "get in the swim".

"Naturally", said Mike, when he was phoning about the Park's swimming schedule, "The classes which are most enthusiastically received will fill up more quickly than the less popular ones. The difficulty is that there is a

limited number of instructors and so we have to adjust our classes by the interest shown."

The schedule of classes will be for Beginners and Juniors, setting the age at a minimum of five years for the very young children. "If interest is shown for a Senior Red Cross and for adult swimming classes," Mike continued, "I just hope that all adults will please let me know so that, if at all possible, we can come to some arrangement to accommodate as many swimming aspirants as possible"

**ROCKWOOD CARNIVAL**  
SAT. JUNE 14 Afternoon  
Evening  
in the Hall Park

PARADE - Begins at 1.00 p.m.  
PRIZE - For Oldest Lady & Gent Attending  
Open Horseshoe Tournament  
- BIDES - NOVELTIES - BINGO  
AUCTION SALE - VARIETY SHOW  
HOTEL MADE:  
Handicrafts Baking Candy  
Games of Chance Fun For All  
Demonstration by Rockwood Trail Riders  
of Western Games and English Style Jumping  
DANCE - 9 to 12 p.m. in Cent. School Auditorium

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Eramosa Township Recreation  
FREE ADMISSION TO GROUNDS

## Country auction and bake sale is big success

The parish hall and the grounds of St. John's Anglican Church were a beehive of activity Saturday, May 31 when a Country Auction and Bake Sale organized by John Clark and Sandy Hudson drew many visitors and friends.

From noon until 5 p.m. activities of many varieties were offered to guests from Barrie, Ottawa, Beamsville, and surrounding areas.

Under the leadership of Nancy Ingle, the Junior Auxiliary operated a refreshment tent while the church grounds offered a pony ride concession successfully operated by Betty Lou Clark and her son Paul. Mrs. Bert Gould was in charge of a bake sale booth selling exclusively home-made specialties contributed by many of the ladies of the parish.

The real action of the day took place in the parish hall itself when an auction sale of "basement and attic" treasures was held; the auction having been organized by George Ingle, Dave Nelson, Sandy Hudson and John Clark. Mrs. McMinn was in charge of the coffee and donut bar.

Because of the success of this event there is some consideration being given to making it an annual spring event.

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