

Rockwood News

All in readiness for annual Rockwood carnival

Invasion by Earwigs gruesome but harmless

Last summer many Rockwood residents were bothered by quantities of rather disgusting looking creatures which scoured their picnic tables, perched under outdoor furniture, toppled from plants onto the arms of industrious gardeners, and, even worse adhered to the Monday wash in an attempt at indoor residency.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture has explained these gruesome beings as European earwigs. At present they are to be found in the counties of Grey, Bruce, Huron, Perth, Waterloo, and Wellington, but it is expected that they will invade most of this province within a few years.

Reddish brown in color adult earwigs are about three-quarter inches long with a pair of forcep-like appendages at the hind end. The forceps are harmless even though these insects try to pinch with them when picked up.

Experts tell us that the European earwigs are active only at night when they crawl in all directions in search of food and possibly shelter. They climb fences, trees, walls, etc. and, if plentiful, some will find their way into houses. By daybreak most have disappeared under ground cover or in cracks or crevices. Thus they are more of a nuisance than a menace.

Earwigs lay eggs in groups of about 60 in a nest in the top two inches of soil; the mother tends the young for the first two weeks and the young and adults become noticeable by late June or July. The actual damage incurred by these creatures is caused when they feed on

seedling carrots, beans, beets, and many flowers. They may be found under the husks of sweet corn at picking time or in flowers, and it is at this time that the house invasion takes place. Although earwigs do create an attitude of repugnancy, they are really quite harmless.

Now the time to attack these pesky invaders is, according to the brochure published by the Department of Agriculture, when they are small, early in July, as treatment in August after they are in homes is less effective. A poison-bran bait is preferred as a way of discouraging earwigs because it does not contaminate the garden as much as DDT and chlordane. However, a regular household type of bug killer can be quite effective for plant and furniture spraying with the usual precautions taken as shown on the labels of the various products.

Apply the materials along building foundations, fences, woodpiles, garages and around or on the trunks of trees and any place where they seem to be prevalent. If a number of gardens are infested with these pests sometimes better results will be obtained if neighbors work together on a community basis by providing a large poison-bran bait area. Ready-prepared bran baits may be available from insecticide dealers if the area in which you live finds it has a serious problem.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food warns that it is wise to apply control before they invade the home.

The chairman of Rockwood's annual carnival hosted the final meeting for the committee at Centennial School early last month.

Reports of all committee members were given and the blast-off date for the event was slated for Saturday, June 14. According to the ladies in charge of homecraft items, the response from the north end of the township for candy, baking and handicrafts, etc. has been tremendous.

The committee has high hopes that the great variety of new booths this year will offer more excitement and create more favor than ever before. "There'll be throwing games, a penny sale table, guessing games, a gigantic bingo will be a feature event with a gorgeous home-made quilt being offered as the grand prize for some lucky draw participant. Even the

oldest lady and gent in attendance will get their opportunity to cart home a trophy," said various reporting committee members.

A report from Mr. Harry Seim ensured the committee that the new horseshoe pits were ready and that, following the Carnival's Tournament it is hoped that a township league will be started up for all horseshoe aspirants.

Di. Duncan of the Rockwood Trail Riders gave brief mention to the effect that the display of western games and English style jumping events was all set up with the Trail Riders ready to go.

The representative of the Rockwood Fish and Game Association reported that they will be having a display of the outboard motor on which draw tickets will be sold on the day of the carnival.

Further committee representatives were heard from and the chairman Frank Allsop was satisfied that the reports on the "after-supper" auction sale, the variety show with guest Emcee, Mr. Terry Spearin, the nine o'clock dance at the Centennial School Auditorium with the Olympics Orchestra providing the music, was all taken care of.

The band committee chairman reported that bands from Acton and Fergus will lead the parade to the park starting at 1 p.m. with floats, decorated bikes, wagons, antique and new cars, organized marching groups and many more parades will add to the festivity of the occasion.

"I will remind you," said Frank Allsop, the chairman of the carnival, "that all proceeds from the carnival go to the Eramosa Recreation Committee, who, in turn, use this money to provide equipment for all minor sports in the township, plus the fact that, as long as we continue to get the support of the people in this manner, the people in the township do not have to pay extra taxes towards recreation."

The chairman further advised that the weather man had been notified to provide a fine day for the event so that they could uphold the billing as the promoters of "the biggest little carnival in the world."



NOTHING LIKE posting a new sign to attract attention as Frank Allsop, chairman of this year's Rockwood Carnival, discovered this week. Left to right, Dan Gordon, Dale Hamilton, David McPhedran, Jane Murray, Shirley Meindertema and Jack De Vries took on as Mr. Allsop nails a poster

on a prominent position near the Centennial School. The carnival has been in the planning stages for months and all that's needed is co-operation from the weather to make it a success Saturday. —(Staff Photo)

ROCKWOOD SPORTS

It looks as if the Rockwood Tri-County Softball League is off to a good start by the way the teams are shaping up.

All seven teams haven't checked in yet but the following is a list of teams with their respective coaches. The Atoms - Roy Nightingale; Squirts - Paul Waddell; Pee-wees - Bill Werd; Bantams - Jack Wendorf; Midgets - Harvey Peart and Mike Kelly.

Al Nichol's girls' team handily blasted the Morriston team last Sunday night and came out on top to the tune of 39 to 20. The free swinging batters chalked up a mean score right off in the first inning with an 18 to zero. Brenda Smith was in good form and kept the team in the competition until the end of the seventh with a great effort on the mound for the local pretties. Rockwood will meet up with the team from Glen Williams at the Rockwood ball park next Sunday, June 15.

Bill Ward's pee-wees were rained out in their scheduled game last Tuesday night.

The Midget team coached by Mike Kelly, and managed by Harvey Peart, is a great little team which hasn't been able to get started. "They really look like a terrific team," said Warren Parkinson, sub-coaching for Mike Kelly at the Monday night game, "but they just aren't working together yet, even though there are some fine players on the team."

The score indicates that Mr. Parkinson knows what he's saying because Rockwood Midgets lost out on their first game with Morriston last Friday night with a loss of 24-6, with Randy Peart working it out in the pitcher's box. Monday's game against Moffat left the team even, further down in the cellar with a score of 31-1. "Too many errors, but a team with potential," says the coach; "So it's a team to keep your eyes on."

Editor's note: We'd hate to see them have an off night.

The SENIOR MEN'S Softball team chalked up another credit in their win against Hillsburg with a score of four to one with John Salman topping in as winning pitcher and striking out 21 batters. Mike Kelly hit a home run.

The next game will be against the Guelph Juniors on Wednesday night at Guelph with the return combat in the Rockwood ball park on Thursday night at 8:15 p.m.

ROCKWOOD BANTAMS
Rockwood played Moffat at Rockwood ball park last Friday night and Rockwood lost with a score of 13-8. The pitcher was Charlie Allen. Blair Slipp relieved in the third.

Another game Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. in Moffat saw Rockwood win by a score of 14-11. Charlie Allen pitched the entire game.

Rockwood played again at the park, beating Ponsonby at Ponsonby with a winning score of 36-15. For Rockwood, Blair

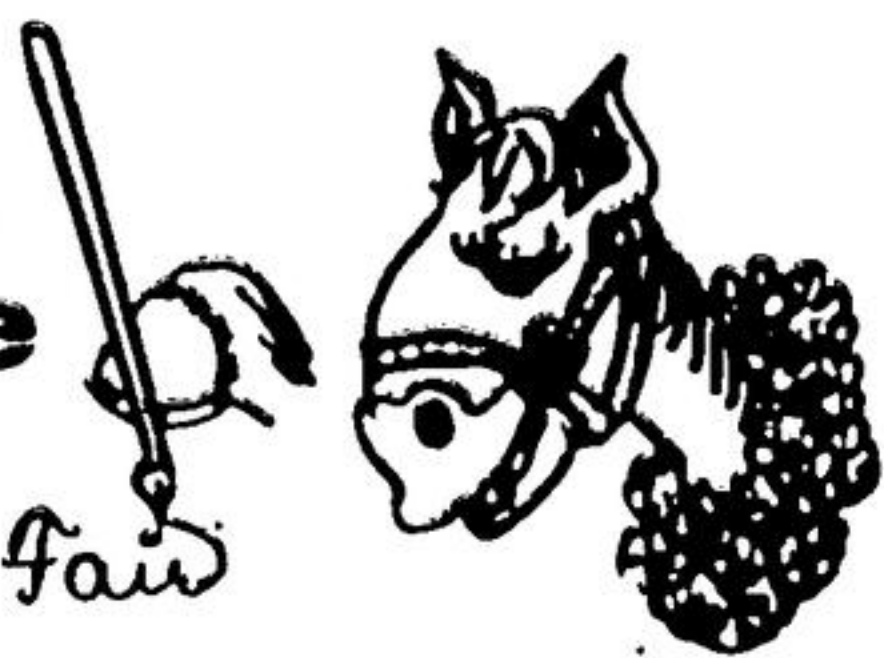
Slipp was winning pitcher and the game was called at the 7th inning for darkness.



MALE AND female European Earwig

Horse sense

by
Pretty Fair



Howdy again folks! Not too much to talk about this week-guess the rainy weather during the last few days kinda put a damper on things.

Dick took me to Elmira though, on Friday night, to qualify and three guesses who won the race. Yep, yers trooly, and come this Friday night I'll be burning up the tracks at Elmira hopin' to bring in lots a moola for my buddies, John, Dick and Jim Yratcher.

Comin' home afterwards wasn't so much fun. That John Salmon, he's a heck of a driver you know. There I was standin' in the trailer and he was speedin' all down the road and me, I cut my leg. The boys didn't get too worked up over it though and they just rubbed it a little and told me to get a good night's rest.

Last Thursday I was standin' with my head out of the Thatcher barn watchin' the lilacs blowing in the breeze after the rain. Gawd it sure makes a gal feel good all over just to smell those flowers. Anyways, I heard Dick's father-in-law say sompin' about Jack Hamilton's havin' some good lookin' prospects down at his stables and maybe they should bring me a new playmate. Shore hope he meant it 'cause it gets mighty lonesome around here.

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Heard via the grapevine today that Bill Ward is hoping that anyone who'd like to give a

helpin' hand to the kids in the ball games will call him and he has lots of spots to plant them in. He can use drivers, too, to transport the kids to out of town games.

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Al Nichol was grinning from ear to ear when he came over to munch an apple with me after Friday nite's game at Morriston for his softball team. He hopes that more parents will start coming out to see the girls play though 'cause he sure thinks they like to see you folks there.

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Incidentally, don't forget to order your subscription to the Acton Free Press. It's only six dollars for a whole year and it's the one way you can be sure of keeping up with the Rockwood news. Just phone Lorraine Root at 4242 and it'll only take her two minutes to jot down yer name and address.

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I saw Frank Allsop the other day and he's hoppin' mad at me for talkin' in a kind of mean way about the Recreation Committee. Accordin' to Frank, they're doin' a good job and he reckons to put in a letter to the editor to tell him just what a good job they are doin'. He says it's cost a lot of money already just to lay that surface of gravel and level it and all that to put in the winter's skatin' rink. It's kinda hard sometimes though, to think winter when summer's comin' on.

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