

Out of the kitchen and onto the alleys

Forty Rockwood and area ladies hit the bow every Wednesday afternoon and head for the Guelph Sportsman Bowling alleys where eight teams participate in an afternoon of competition and socializing; some of them the top-ranking bowlers in the vicinity.

The Kitchener Bowlers club is named started up six years ago with the original aim to "get out of the kitchen" and includes ladies from Guelph, Eden Mills, Eramosa Corner of No. 24 Highway and Rockwood.

The president of the Club is Gwen Nelson from Guelph; secretary Mrs. Leila Peart, R. R. Guelph, and the treasurer is Mrs. Eleanor Jackson also of Guelph.

The bowling program, geared towards better bowling, holds Christmas and spring tournaments with trophies presented at an annual banquet.

The top lady bowler is Fran Wilson with a high scoring average; Eramosa's first lady, Mrs. Edna Lush is also rated high in the league as No. 2 competitor; Guelph claims the honor of the No. 3 with Mrs. Audrey Sumsion from Guelph. Millie Smith of R. R. Rockwood is another avid enthusiast along with Marg Somerville, Myra Benham, Hazel Hamilton, Ruth Tate, Verna Swanson, Joy Law, Katy Winter, Leila Peart, Marg Duffield and others.

One thirty to three thirty in the afternoon is the time when the athletic ladies are rocking the alleys, so if you're a hankering for some mean curves, drop in and give the ladies a boost.



Six students attend banquet

Bureau presents fire poster trophies

Six proud young Halton students were guests of honor at a banquet in Milton Fire Hall Tuesday, Dec. 2 when Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau honored the 1969 winners of its 13th annual fire prevention poster contest.

Receiving the top awards for the 1969 contest were Susan Mellor, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Mellor of 9 Cleaveland Dr., Georgetown, and Mark Bowen, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bowen of 435 Maple Ave., Oakville. Their posters topped an estimated 1,200 entries in the competition and they were each awarded a certificate of merit plus an engraved desk pen set.

Susan's award was presented on behalf of the Bureau by Halton Warden George Currie, George Alexander, chief of the Fire Services Division of the Ontario Fire Marshal's office, made the presentation to Mark. Jim Fisher and T. J. Brownridge of Halton Mutual Fire Insurance Company presented large trophies to the winners' principals Peter O'Prca of Park Public School, Georgetown, and Lloyd Fulford of New Central School, Oakville. The schools will retain the trophies for one year.

Also honored during the banquet were four "honorable mention" prizewinners, Karin Klee of St. James School in Oakville, Janne Stewart of Robert Little School in Acton, Dwayne Hamilton of Speyside Public School in Esquesing Township, and Kenneth Hart of Bruce St. School in Milton. Each received a certificate plus a silver dollar.

Halton East MPP Jim Snow was guest speaker and in a brief address directed to the children, suggested their victory in this year's contest should make them aware of fire prevention for the rest of their lives. "Through your participation in this contest you have been introduced to a subject that will have a great meaning throughout your lives," he said. He called the students

"good citizens" and hoped they would grow up to be productive members of their communities in many ways.

The members of parliament praised the Fire Prevention Bureau on its efforts, not only in sponsoring the county-wide competition but also for its year-round program of fire prevention education. The Bureau is well known across Canada for its fire safety programs and he congratulated the members of Halton's five fire departments for their dedication to duty.

Quoting statistics from the Ontario Fire Marshal's report for 1968, Mr. Snow suggested fire caused serious suffering, death, injuries and property losses in the space of 12 months. There were fires in over 14,000 homes for a loss of \$8,000,000 while 3,700 farm fires brought another \$11,000,000 damage. Of these fires, 5,391 were attributed to careless smoking, Ontario's 1968 fires caused 225 deaths and injuries to 687 people, and five of these deaths were in Halton County. "The figures are disturbing," he concluded.

Oakville Fire Chief Douglas Wilson introduced the speaker and Jim Coulson of Milton Fire Department expressed the group's thanks for his timely talk. Fire Chief E. A. Johnston

of Kitchener, whose fire prevention staff had judged the Halton poster entries, brought greetings to the dinner from the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs of which he is first vice-president. Mr. Alexander congratulated the winners on behalf of the Ontario Fire Marshal.

Georgetown Fire Chief John Cunningham, chairman of the bureau, chaired the dinner and program. Among the guests were the members of Halton's five fire departments for their dedication to duty.

Firefighter Glenn Stringer of Milton was in charge of arrangements for the dinner, which was served by ladies of the Milton Fire Department Auxiliary.

The winning posters will be entered in an all-Ontario poster competition organized by the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs. Susan's poster emphasized the fire hazards of an untidy basement, while Mark's showed how to smother a frying pan fire.

News and views

By LORRAINE

Never before, in the history of our Christian society has there been such background rumblings questioning our right to celebrate Christmas.

Somehow in our concern about the terrors and tribulations of which we are constantly being reminded, we have forgotten what the actual reason for Christmas really is. Television and radio have brought the realities of war, poverty, and death, closer to our visual door than ever before and people, in this great deluge of realization, are throwing up their hands and saying: "How can I celebrate and enjoy what I have when other people are starving and homeless?"

In actuality this is true. We should not be enjoying ourselves at the expense of other people but, we should however, be enjoying ourselves in spite of and for, other people. Because, only if we, ourselves, are happy can we reflect the love we feel from such happiness and, in so doing, promote benevolence and goodwill toward other human beings.

It is sad to observe the sufferings of others but, only if we ourselves know how to accept and be aware of such sadnesses will we ever rise above them and do something constructive and preventative to curtail the possibility of their continuance or re-occurrence.

We must not forget why we celebrate Christmas or that Christ was born to us to take away all sin and suffering. For this we must join together; not for ourselves as individuals, but, Christmas Day and all its joys, should be a continual reminder that Christ is here, on earth, in us, and because this is so, we can be better human beings, capable of overcoming the iniquities; capable of fighting for what is good and right, thus making our own lives purposeful in spite of evil and sadness.

We must hold on to our Christian teachings and celebrate the annual fulfilment of His Birth and, in this knowledge, live our lives to the fullest, by giving, sharing, loving, and believing as it is only our congregated faith that will feed the starving millions, save the dying victims of our war torn society and restore in them the knowledge that ours is a world of humanitarians after all, capable of peace absolute and scripturally loving one another.

So let us purchase our gifts for those we want to remember and spend our shekels on cards which express joy and cheer to others as only the barest reflection of the love and well wishing we would, if we could, share with the entire universe.

If Christmas is in your heart, tell it to everyone. Christ needs to be born!

Nassagaweya's A. Gibson chairs CORDC workshop

Nassagaweya Councillor Art Gibson who attended a recent meeting of the Central Ontario Regional Development Commission, chaired a workshop on urban and urbanizing problems during the afternoon session.

Nearly 70 representatives of municipal governments and corporations in Peel, Halton,

Increase minimum report to police

The rising cost of living is reflected in a new amendment to the Ontario Highway Traffic Act which becomes effective on January 1.

Previously, collisions involving personal injury or property damage exceeding \$100 had to be reported to the nearest provincial or municipal police officer.

This property damage minimum will be increased, on Jan. 1, to \$200.

York and Ontario counties attended the day-long seminar and workshop at Bayview Secondary School in Richmond Hill, Nov. 22.

Among the topics discussed at the seminar were the process of regional development in Ontario, regional relationships and the role of the municipality in regional government. Included in the panel discussion was Professor N. Pearson, chairman of the Center for Resources Development of the University of Guelph and CORDC's president Brian Bailey.

GIFT TIP

For a new unique lady's gift, buy a large plastic covered dish and fill it with cotton powder puffs. Decorate the cover of the dish with a pattern of shells or fish scales dyed pastel colors.

HONORABLE MENTION prizewinners in Halton Fire Prevention Bureau's 1969 poster contest received certificates of merit and a silver dollar at the awards dinner in Milton last week. Oakville Fire Chief Douglas Wilson, Oakville Mayor

MacLean Anderson, Milton Fire Chief Babe Clement and Acton Fire Chief M. Holmes are pictured with the winners, Karin Klee of Oakville, Janne Stewart of Acton, Kenneth Hart of Milton and Dwayne Hamilton of Speyside. (Staff Photo)

Old book yields poem on Rockwood

The following poem was submitted by Miss Gladys Hanna, Main Street, from a book of poems which she found in her attic and which, according to Miss Hanna, has been in her family for over 80 years. Although she tried to find out from the publishers the date of publication she could not do so as the only person in Guelph who would have actual knowledge of the information was not available.

Miss Hanna has this to say to readers who may be interested in reading a poetical description of the earlier days of Rockwood's scenery as taken from "The Pioneer and Lovers' Gem", compiled by Samuel S. Balls, Rockwood, Ontario, and printed

by Jas. Hough, Jr., of Guelph, who, Miss Hanna suspects, must have been a private publisher.

"Samuel Sidal Balls lived on Guelph Street, across from the original No. 9 School, on property now covered by homes of families Brace, Dyer and Slipp, and was, it is believed, a member of the Quaker sect. He 'worked out' among farmers in the area and it is further believed that the various poems in the book were of his own composition when it is known that one of our oldest residents, Mr. Charles Harris, 93, of Harris St., recalled and recited a portion of one of the poems which was definitely a Balls' writing."

ROCKWOOD SCENERY

Would it were granted us,
One brief and fleeting glance,
Back through the dim, misty mirage of time,
Back o'er the water's plane,
Down through the glacial reign,
Wild and unfeeling then was our clime.

Back where the bear ne'er trod,
Or the fierce wolf abode,
Ere the bold eagle swooped down from on high,
Dreary and desolate,
Void and inviolate,
Viewed only by the Almighty's own eye.

We need not go from home,
In foreign lands to roam,
Seeking the picturesque grandeur serene,
Nature stayed here awhile,
And by many a wife,
Perfecting plans for this weird looking scene.

Crag upon crag arise,
Towering up toward the skies,
Nature's embattlements lining the gorge;
Peak upon peak extend,
Found many a rocky bend,
Surely a meet place for grim Vulcan's forge.

See yonder rippling rill,
Keen to discharge its fill,
Plunging down wildly to the chasm below;
While its white tiny spray,
Wafted on airy way,
Wings its flight towards the regions of snow.

See where the waters twined,
Foaming and seething whirled,
Fashioning out the huge cauldrons of stone,
Caverns and "Devil's Well,"
Seems like some fairy tale,
Of imagination and then it is gone.

Down in the river bed,
Rearing its lofty head,
Scorning the thunderbolt down to earth driven,
Stands out that ponderous rock,
Seeming all things to mock,
Nature's huge stepping stone 'twixt earth and Heaven.

Surely this rugged art,
Wakens the sluggish heart,
Brings to the memory scenes long, long ago,
When the wild slogan cry,
Rent the bright azure sky,
Roderick Vick Alpine Du Horreou.

Crash landing for skidoo

A Friday evening skidoo hunt ended in disaster when the machine on which relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Crookes of Main Street were riding, ran off the narrow 20 foot embankment beyond the gate of what used to be the old Rockwood dumping grounds.

As the snowmobile made its hazardous plunge it broke through a heavy tree. Although the rider on the back of the vehicle was badly bruised he suffered no major injury; however, the young lady driver, a sister of Mr. Crookes, broke her arm but is now recuperating after her release from the hospital.

Winners at L.O.L. euchre

Winners of prizes at the L.O.L. euchre at Crewson's Corners were: ladies' high, Florence Teneycke; ladies' low, Millie Rowles; men's high, Ray Harding; men's low, Mary Hargrave; lone hands, Mary Britton; door prize, May Swackhammer; ladies' trav., Millie Rowles; men's trav., Dave Swackhammer.

BELL LINES

by L. G. Denby
your telephone manager



Looking for Christmas gift ideas? May I suggest a few telephone items that could solve the puzzle of what to get for whom and make your Christmas shopping that much easier.

Extension telephones, available in a range of colors and models, are always a hit and offer convenience all year round. Or, for a gift to please the whole family and solve the problem of the "always busy" phone, why not a second telephone with a separate line and a different number? Additional directory listings make good teenage "stocking fillers" and, like extensions and second lines, can be enjoyed throughout the year. Another idea that could be just the thing for someone on your list—a Long Distance gift certificate made out for whatever amount you wish to give.

One of the great things about these items is they can be ordered today and you won't have to tramp through a crowded store looking for them. Just pick up the phone and call our Business Office. Our representative will be glad to help you.

In years past, telephone switchboards often were located right in the home of the Operator. When you rang up "Central" to place a Christmas call in those days, chances were the operator would leave the turkey, connect your call and be back working on the dressing before you could say "Merry Christmas". Of course, switchboards today are far removed from the domestic scene. But even though you won't hear gravy sizzling in the background, you'll find there's a full staff of Operators on deck on Christmas and New Years to make sure your Long Distance calls get through. And don't forget, you can avoid the Christmas and New Year's calling rush by placing your calls in the week between these two big days. Low Long Distance rates are in effect weekdays after 6 p.m. and all day Sunday. And if you are calling from an area with Direct Distance Dialing you can save yourself time by placing your own calls.

And to all our customers, best wishes for the holiday season. May 1970 be a year of happiness for you all.

Lloyd Denby

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