

on the Old Indian Trail, near Eden Mills, were still smoking over the weekend. Fire completely

RUINS OF THE Rover cabin at Spirit Valley farm destroyed the cabin last Wednesday morning.—(Staff Photo)

By LORRAINE

Running shoes, a watch set ten minutes ahead of time, and a sense of humor should be listed as compulsory equipment required for parents planning to attend the Parents'. Night offered by the local high schools at which time parents are invited to meet up with the pedagogues responsible for their children's learning achievements.

Now there is usually some crafty undercurrent on one of these evenings. It's a patter play where the children have already lined up an image of the teachers to be seen; the teacher has for months her own preconceived idea of all the actual design for such programs

interviews end up in a two

minute rehash of already

enough time to discuss how best

Teachers do discover parents,

of course, and find out

sometimes that all of the

"Johnnie problems" are not

always his own; parents find it

fascinating to see their children

in another light and to also learn

away from home. There are

great rewards from many

flattering, from others;

school but, back to the old

ls education the great big

to handle them properly.

"little Johnnie's parents" whom is constructive but usually most she or he will interview; and both parents and teachers want to either dissuade or further established problems with never enhance any such preconceptions depending on whether they are complimentary or not.

The situation is usually slightly more harassing for the poor teachers of course because it's difficult to conjure the memory of one particular child and his problems and discuss that he is more outgoing when them factually with some three or four hundred parents, as they have eventually become teachers and some, less swallowed up in the blurr.

It is especially grim for the deflations and inflations are the teacher if the parent tends to sit order of the few interview hours on the edge of the seat and move and parents rediscover that the closer by degrees, chortling new crop of teachers is much confidently when she is about to younger than when they went to learn that her offspring is a dolt who will not make it to the next thing. "What constructively can grade if he doesn't work harder. be done to get your son or

"Tell me all about him" says daugher to apply himself if he is the idolizing parent, but a not so inclined?" seasoned teacher knows that what she's saying is, "Unless it's sparkling light at the end of the something good don't say rainbow it is cracked up to be, anything at all." Deadlock! And or have we mentally just made it one in which case parent and so? teacher sit across from each other twiddling their thumbs in who just enjoy being alive during an effort to put in the remaining the one short period of their

three minutes of the interview. lives when they have no major The running shoe idea is a responsibilities or do we have to great one because the highly continually be trying to produce polished terraza floors in our the student element in all of modern schools do not allow for them? speeding maters and paters flying around corners from class teachers don't because they are to class on leather heels without asking us. The parents can't calamitous results. Actually, no produce an answer and they are at these events but it is the only are becoming more perplexed hope of completing an entire and now are showing signs of schedule of interviews. Always it throwing it straight at the kids seems that there is a little themselves and asking them mini-skirted blond secretary what's wrong. sitting out arranging and introducing each parent to teacher sometimes forgetting to follow the time allotment program and thus crosses up some five dozen parents for the remainder of the evening and usually the one teacher you should not miss is the one next

Incidentally, any veteran parent knows to keep a weather eye for teacher's names who have not been suggested as interview material by the home front, as they are usually the ones with the true facts. You know, the "Waterloo" types from whom you will discover why your brilliant prodigy is not the Class Al prepresentative.

on the list.

Welt, whatever will be said about these parent-teacher interview night, they have been set up to establish some sort of communication between the schools and the homes to help the child, and they should, theoretically be an excellent way of correlating educational problems. However, with little mini-skirted eager beavers knocking the doors down in the first half minute of the "nitty-gritty" part of the discussion, whilst large parent heads look over the transom to see who is taking up their scheduled place, there never seems to be enough time to accomplish anything to make one actually feel that such evenings are worth while.

This is too bad because the

Me? I'm just a parent intent in the hope that our kids will be good citizens for the future, coming into their own without any hangups.

Meantime, it was with mixed emotion that, in Guelph high schools recently, time after time, we were greeted joyously by chemistry, physics and mathematics teachers, rubbing their hands with pleasure at our arrival, remembering our names from last year.

Flattered? Sort of, until always at the end of the interviews with doors thrown open to some patiently waiting 250 other parents to hear, the booming proclamation that Seeing you people is always delightful! After all, if only the parents arrived whose children did not present any problems, well, then this teacher-parent interviewing would be wasted. wouldn't it?

Ah well, we will become re-acquainted some 12 months hence and it is always hopeful that the scene will be changing.

**ESQUESING** Township Council BRIEFS"

At their regular meeting, Monday night, Esquesing

· Received a letter from the Georgetown Naturalists Club complimenting them on the curtailment of the use of herbicides in the township.

 Passed a by-law to provide for expenditures on roads for the year 1970 in the amount of Isn't it enough to have kids \$204,000.

> · Passed a by-law to provide for supplementary road expenditures for the year 1970 in the amount of \$131,000.

Who knows the answers? The BE CAREFUL A family history of premature heart disease can be turned to advantage, the Ontario one really wants to run around asking educators. The educators Heart Foundation says. It's a signal to be more careful about heart attack risk factors that you can control with your doctor's help: diet, overweight, smoking and high blood pressure.

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Wal howdy folks an' it shure is reat t'be back agin.

Fer yew varmints wots been askin' as t'my whar abouts this past few weeks I jest plumb took off with a meanderin' filly frend o'mine t'see wots so great about the hot country daown in Floridy wot we kept hearin' so much about.

I reckon yew mite's well know thet, frum my point of view, oranges is wut they grow the best of and orange is jest about the color of every dad blasted human critter daown there. Accordin' t' the authority fellows wot I hurd tawkin', them lushus lookin' fruits wot I kept scein' on all them trees worent sunkist variety products 'cause sunkist oranges an lemons and grapefruits is growed in Los

But anyways, it shore is fun t'know that yewd done some travellin' somewhars else beside the old trottin' track with nothin' behind yew but a wagon. Got back hyar just in time to latch on t'the newest events of the year around these parts.

Great Gee-Hosofat- 'wuzn't home two shakes o'a lamb's tail when I go t'wunderin' if it's sech a gewd idea arfter all comin' back hyar n'all wot with all them durn falootin' motorized to-baggans drivin' up an' araound th'place. It aint even safe fer pee-destrians araound these parts let alone horses.

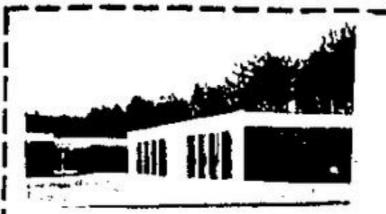
'Saw one pore ole lady walkin' up the'street an' it wuz justabout all she could do to frend, Pretty Fair,

man-ipulate her two legs let alone watch out fer them dad blasted infernal machines. Humans shure is a queer lot o'critters 'cause frum my way o'thinkin' it'd a whole lot easier t'just buy a gun.

On gettin' back hyar, it were kinda gewd to realize that Rockwood's gonna soon have it's own runnin' water supply coursin' down the main road an' it's gewd too t'see the kids skatin' away on the ice rink in the park, but I was tawkin' t'ole Dukie tryin' t'catch up on village news an' he tells me that all the pore little gaffers still have t'sit on snow banks t'change that skain' boots 'cause they can't get into no heated quarters t'change

Ain't it a gasser when yuli stops to reckon that it wuz at least a yar ago when them recreation varmints wuz discussin' this an' they wuz gonna do sumpin' about it then. Reckon they shewda gone t'Floridy fer a rest instead o'me and they'da seed things in a better per-spective.

A gewd thought fer th'day could be thet thet groundling critter wot gets t'see his shadow every February didn't see his shadow this yar and those smart elecks wot claim thet cause he didn't see his shadow we're gonna be in fer an early spring shewda walked around with me t'day cause all thar holes are covered up an fulla snow so's they couldn't get out nohow t'see nawthin! Bye now, youe



HAPPENINGS ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

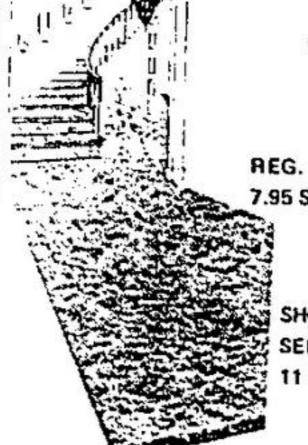
Sports are fust becoming the highlight of our school these days and last night the Rockwood Centennial girls and boys' basketball teams cleaned up the Eramosa school athletes with a two out of three win for the girls and a straight time game for the boys. We were very pleased here when our three cheer leaders kept the with their antics. Dale Hamilton, Mary Gooyers, and ScottAnn

Another great event which our teams have going for them is the All Star Volleyball team of two who come back to Centennial to participate in match games against our present grades 7 and 8 team. The All Stars are the first team to ever flounce our present girl's team. Sometime this week they will be playing a volleyball match against the Centennial School teachers and soon a return game with our

girls. Parents and friends are invited to come to watch these matches and Mr. Love says you may yell for your favourite team.

All the kids are congratulating Mary Ann Waddell because she won the first place position in the public speaking concert for Eramosa township this week at excitement of the games alive the auditorium. She spoke on Atomic Warfare and on Thursday night at 8 p.m. she will be competing in the area two finals at College Avenue Puplic School. We're all hoping that our parents will take us to watch Mary Ann because it's quite an years' past and last year's girls honor to see someone from our own school compete.

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## Rockwood bowling

setting them up in an invincible against Norton's despite the position as No. 1 team in the Rockwood Bowling league, and the present standings are as follows: Strattons 89, Queen of Hearts 76, Carney's 76, Norton's 75, Begoodorbegones 65, Elmer's Alley Cats 64, Whitewashers 57, The Neighbours 57, Four Corners 63, Untouchables \$3.

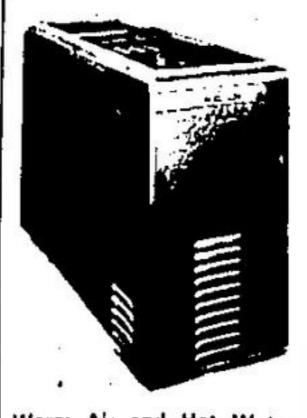
Last week's games showed Elmer's Alley Cats overpowering the Four Corners with a 7 to 0 score and Helen Elliott was the shining light on the Alley Cats with her 616.

Begoodorbegones made a 4 to 3 victory over the Neighbors with Vic Willms 740 score showing only a slight edge over Dune McPhedran's 716 for the Neighbors. Dave Bacon also tallied up a 647 score.

Untouchable lost out with only three points against Stratton's four whose great strength of the evening's performances came from Dick Dupuis with 775, Sam Nyhold 665 and Shirley Salmon 627.

Queen of Hearts bested out the Whitewashers with 5 to 2

Bob Lilley fashioned a neat 753 trio for the Carney's team with the help of May Swackhammer's 603 giving the



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