

News and views

By LORRAINE

According to printed brochures, Friday, March 6th, will mark the date of yet another World Day of Prayer, the theme of which "Take Courage" was chosen and developed by a group of five women, a housewife from Egypt, a social worker from Guyana, a teacher from India, and a church worker from the Philippines and from the United States.

The co-operative measure for amalgamated prayer first flowered in the year 1918 from a movement known as the Women's Missionary Societies in Canada and was founded by ten women from five different denominations who met together to discuss the possibility of co-operation among women's missionary boards in spreading Christian understanding through prayer and action.

With a purpose of providing ecumenical experience for all women through worship, fellowship, and work, the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada is attempting to encourage the establishment of additional Inter-Church councils or committees and to encourage co-operative work among churches and, with the offerings it receives from the World Day of Prayer, it distributes Order of Service pamphlets for adult women, girls and children which have been printed in Braille, French, Chinese, Japanese, and English, and further supports the preparation and distribution of large quantities of Christian literature in Canada and abroad.

It has represented in many welfare and christian organizations including the India and Eskimo Association of Canada, Committee on Aging of the Ontario Welfare Council, and several others.

The history of this tremendous world-wide celebration dates from the original five women nucleus of 1918 and has grown miraculously to an annual event with services being held throughout the entire universe which are not only Interdenominational but International.

In Canada today, the World Day of Pray is observed in more than 3,500 communities from Newfoundland to the Yukon and on the First Friday of March, millions of women in 150 countries will kneel together in the one-ness of Christ.

Rockwood Church women will be holding their service at the Presbyterian Church at 2 o'clock. Imagine the amazing revelations which could evolve with so many minds blended as one, praying together in Christian thinking!

New course for school

Parents, teachers see film on Family Life education

A beautifully illustrated film entitled "A girl to a woman" presented a difficult subject in an excellent manner and was shown to approximately 50 parents and teachers attending the Thursday, February 26, Home and School meeting at the Rockwood Centennial Public School.

The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the parents with the new educational course in Family Life which is presently on the agenda as part of the Wellington County School Board curriculum and a panel consisting of three Centennial School teachers; a nurse Mrs. Georgina Kelso, Rev. Peter Tucker, principal Mr. Grant McRae, and the president of the Home and School Association, Mr. Sandy Hudson, were on hand to rally a discussion and answer any questions pertaining to the presentation of such a course. The showing of the film was to determine as closely as possible, at what age it could be introduced to young girl students with a similar film having been also produced for showing to boys entitled "Son to father".

The various teachers gave brief resumes as to the coverage of grades at certain age levels and, in every case, it was transmitted to the parents that they could be well satisfied in the knowledge that their children were being informed by qualified and capable parent-teachers who were sympathetic enough from the standpoint of the young child to be able to present such a subject with care and understanding.

Mrs. Vi Kramp briefly outlined how the early introduction of sexual facts are taught by having animals in the classroom and seeing young chickens hatching from eggs with visits to farms and other such field trips being an ingenious and natural introduction to the facts of life as simple presentations of everyday living. Talking freely and honestly to the children with stress on family life and the responsibilities at home are all part of the kindergarten and grade one level of the topic she said, with particular stress on avoiding strangers, and, as the children reach grade three they are being acquainted with the mother's role.

The Biology Department of the University of Guelph, according to Mrs. Kramp, makes a wonderful field trip for grade 5 students and, in that grade level the student is learning about genes, chromosomes, and parental similarities.

By grade 6, avid minds are already prepared to delve into the sphere of heredity and cell development under the direction of Mrs. Miceen who feels that sometimes such discussions can be difficult for the young, inexperienced teacher to contend with, in which case it is important to have a mature and

preferably a married teacher who has rapport with the youngsters to give presentations in these subjects. Again honest answers play an important role in handling such discussions "and the ability to talk to kids at their level", says Mrs. Miceen who favors charts, films and field trips together with open discussion groups. "It would, of course, depend on the particular subject and the group whether it should be a divided class or not."

In referring to her teaching on the subject this teacher gave the impression that she cared how these children came by their knowledge of the subject of sexuality and would certainly seem to know the importance of such a presentation. Mrs. Rita McPhedran then gave a rundown of the Grade 7 and 8 school course of study of family life, with stress on the fact that she tried to convey only what she would teach her own children. "We insist that all people are individuals," said Rita, and pointed out that physical changes, mental changes, and many other factors play a part to make everyone different from anyone else, and we discuss everything from getting along with parents and

other members of the family right down to learning to study and getting on with peers. Discussions on smoking and taking drugs are also part of the family development training and children learn that rest and exercise are very important factors in good health.

After the showing of the film many questions were directed to the panel from the parents which showed varying degrees of acceptance and enthusiasm. Mrs. McPhedran pointed out that in actuality, many of the theories being presented under the topic "Family Life" had been already on the teaching curriculum for the past five years only under the subject title of "guidance".

Controversial questions were directed at the teachers and panel which were answered constructively. "It is much better that the children pick up their knowledge about sexuality from a well-informed source of learned teachers who know how to present such facts honestly and in a wholesome manner than to just learn it improperly on the streets," said Rev. Peter Tucker, and the majority of those parents present seemed to be in accord and accept the new curriculum course.

COMIN'S AND GOIN'S

Eddy Kingsbury and Timmy Kingsbury, Harry Seim and Diane Seim, all had a merry weekend at Dorset last week when they attended the snowmobile races and ice fishing events. Fun? A wonderful time until the Sunday night trip home with blowing ice, snow, and terrible road conditions!

Watch for notification of the Rockwood C.W.L. presentation of "Gracious Living" to be held March 30 at the Rockwood Centennial School with door prizes galore and refreshments for only \$1 each person.

A fire alarm last week took the Rockwood Fire brigade to the home of Ron Ferner on the Town line between Guelph and Eramosa. The blaze was only a chimney fire however and was, reportedly, of little consequence.

The final lecture at the University of Guelph regarding pollution will be held at the Physical Science building and it will be entitled "A future with pollution control."

Friends of the Saunders family are very concerned and sorry about the recent stroke of Mr. George Saunders. Recent reports are that he is still having difficulty with one side of his body but is progressing well otherwise.

Little Sandra Kingsbury has

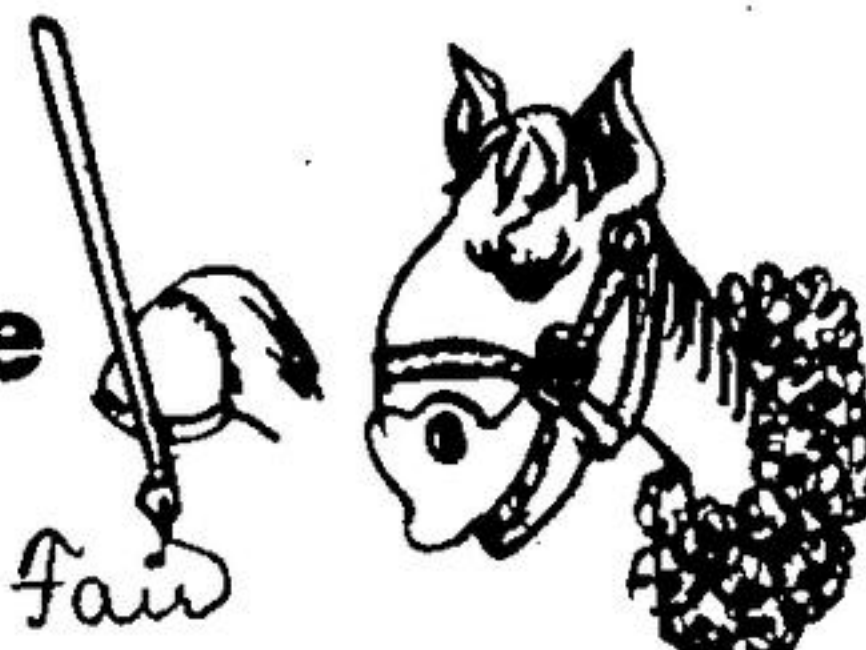
STUDENT COUNCIL members going over the plans for the Hawaiian party are Marry Ann Waddell, Stephen Jones and Dale Hamilton. Centennial school was charmingly decorated for the event. (Photo by Lorraine)



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Horse sense

by Pretty Fair



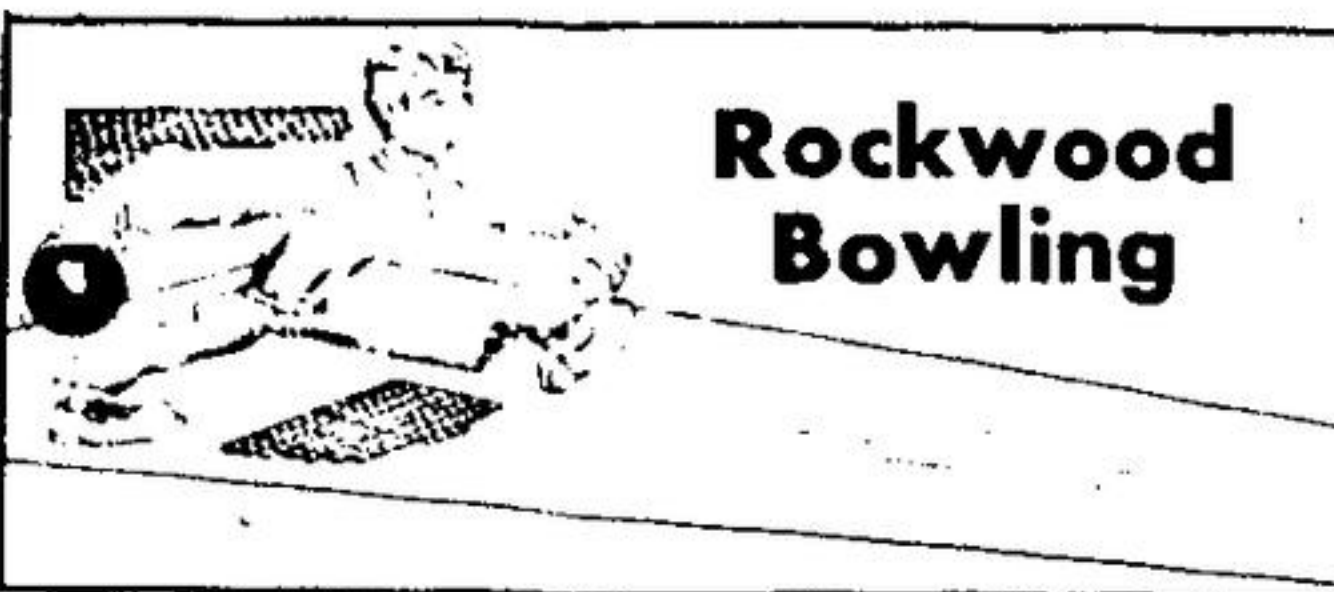
Howdy folk! Wal hyar I am still at the ole Thatcher stompin' grounds with Dick feedin' me my aqua plus an' I'm tellin' yew that I'm feelin' jest great. 'Course I aint about t'tell yew that he aint workin' me hard cause he is. Han and that fourteen yar old son o'his named Martin has been takin' me out ridin' the cutter for the last week or so an' 'between gettin' used to a inexperienced cart jockey wot keeps pullin' on th' reins and almost breakin' my neck an' havin' to a-sist in schoolin' some other varmint wal, I'm tellin' yew that it aint no great pleasure.

It all started when Bob VanWyck wot lives top o'Carney's hardware store bought himself a 5 year old gelding called Piper Byrd so that he could race him around the track too. Wal, some critter had to help school the critter and who does ole Dick volunteer? Yers, trooly, Pretty Fair, so, come every day, that I am out knockin' myself out pullin' young Martin an' pacin' Piper Byrd. Course I don't mind much cause it gets a like depressin' round these parts wot with ole apple gettin' rounder by the day

an' moanin' an' groanin' 'bout motherhood an' all them beans.

Wal, Dick finally in-vested some o'ther cool cash I brought in fer him last summer, or some ole second hand blankets wich he picked up reel cheap at the Beetle market at the Friday nite auction sale. Seems like everythin' I gets is second hand in one way or another and wot with ole Dukie Ellis's folks tawkin' 'chim about the new trailers they saw at the Toronto exhibition-ground horse school it gets a girl t'inkin'. Right now the fellas is out paintin' up an old one fer me to use this summer and addin' that to th' old second-hand cutter they got from Vivian Creighton it makes me wonder why I try so hard t'win.

Jumpin' Jehosofat, it's time t'run agn but if yew should see a red faced patooty galivantin' around the streets of Rockwood, that aint a patooty it's Jim Thatcher all red and sunburned just back from his trip t' the South Seas sportin' a special tan and feelin' t'row but wonderful. By for now folks, see yuh soon, Pretty Fair.



Rockwood Bowling

The League games are fast showing where the strength lies as the Stratton's hold the No. 1 spot with 105 pts.; No. 2 Carney's have 98 pts., the Norton's are tying with the Begoodorbegones with 84 pts. each; the Queen of Hearts have a 4 point lead for 4th spot with their 83 pts. against the 5th place Neighbours 79; 6th place show the Elmer's Alley Cats with 75 pts.; 7th position is with Four Corners with 72 pts.; No. 8 is the Whitewashers with 66 points and the Untouchables have 59 pts. for 9th spot.

Bob VanWyck's 711 score and Bob Lilley's 647 for the Carney team gave them a 5 to 2 win over Stratton's team with

Shirley Salmon pulling off a 639.

Dave Bacon with 765, Vic Willis a 707 and Gail Bacon a 614 gave the Begoodorbegones an easy 7 to 0 win over the Elmer Alley Cats in spite of Helen Elliott's valiant 636 score. Four Corners also led the way when Don Mckerse's 655 and Nellie Stokman's 641 scores rang up to complete the 7 to 0 score against Norton's 0 with Fred Nightingale socking up a 908 score.

The Untouchables showed zero against the 7 pts. of the Queen of Hearts team and the Whitewashers also were blanked out by a 0 score against the Neighbours 7 with Dunc McPhedran running a 666 score.

Easter bunnies in the making seen by 80 in Christian Project

The Rockwood Community Christian Project interjected fellowship into their last Saturday program when the entire group of 80 youngsters with their teachers made a pre-Easter tour of the Schneider's chocolate bunny establishment on Main Street.

Teachers Betty Eason, Ellen Thompson, Nancy Ingle, Siska Drijber, Grant McRae and Rev. Don Sinclair, mingled with the pupils as Len Schneider conducted the tour, and then, after leaving the candy factory, the children went back to the school where classes were

conducted as usual with stress being put on what the true meaning of Easter is all about.

Although the once-a-month, Saturday Christian Sunday School's attendance is continually fluctuating, it is gathering momentum and gaining with more bodies as time goes on, and certainly it is not lacking in enthusiasm of interest from the standpoint of either the pupils or the teachers. It is, however, hopeful that more children will begin to make this a regular "must" attendance on the last Saturday of every month.

Sparse audience sees anti pollution films

With last Monday morning newscasts reporting that the latest polls told the story that 80% of the residents in Ontario would be willing to pay an extra \$40 per year in income tax to combat pollution it was amazing to find that only 28 adults and children in the district of Eramosa were interested enough to be at an Anti-Pollution meeting held last Monday evening in the Rockwood Centennial School.

It was unfortunate that the two films recommended to be shown for the occasion certainly did not match the concern of any pollution conscious individuals as they were, as in most National Film Board films, weak and slanted towards big business. They did, however, give at least slight insight as to what can happen to any moving body of water if not controlled. According to the Pollyanna attitude in the "Chemicals a-plenty" film, everything is well under control and there is no threat whatever as to over abundance of pesticides being utilized by commercial food growers.

This is, of course, contrary to recent C.B.C. films or newspaper reports as to what is actually happening but once again it just proves that the average citizen is expected to continue burying his head in the sand and believe everything that the large corporations tell us. Of course we'll find that someday those who operate big business will be

in the same boat as the rest of us.

It was especially pleasing to note that the Township Council was there in force with Reeve Cam Lush, Deputy Reeve Jimmie Milne, and Councillors Warren Parkinson and Bill Adsett, thus showing their official interest in such a potential problem of this area. Professor R. A. Johnston of the University of Guelph, attended the meeting in a knowledgeable capacity to answer questions supposedly to be provoked by the pollution movies; however, due to the slanted and watered presentations in the film there were not too many questions to be answered.

A third reel, though, "Death of a River", loaned to the Rockwood Anti-Pollution Endeavourists by the Shell Oil Company was an excellent depiction of the Rhine River in Europe and showed very clearly what could happen if our Canadian waters were continuously defiled.

Mrs. Betty Lou Clark chaired the meeting and, in thanking Professor Johnston for his attendance also thanked the members of Council and the audience for their presence reminding them that the first project for R.A.P.E. was to clean up the swimming area near and under the bridge with which several members of the community and other organizations have volunteered to assist.

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