

# Rockwood News



HEATHER KATIE and friend... 4-H member Robert Ostrander of R.R. 3, Rockwood. Robert was chosen to raise and show the animal under a plan devised by the Wellington County Holstein Purebred Breeders Club for 4-H members. (Photo by Lorraine)

## Worthy 4-H members chosen to raise, feed, show calves

Previous deserving 4-H membership records, age suitability, and the availability of herd accommodation in which a junior calf can develop and be raised successfully, were some of the main requisites for three young Wellington County lads to be able to procure baby calves which have been born since January 1, 1970.

For five years the Wellington Holstein Purebred Breeder's Club has made available, as a promotional scheme for future Holstein Breed development, three young Holstein heifers and three bull calves to the 4-H Club members chosen.

The animals are sold at a minimal cost of \$175 for the two, on an interest free loan basis with a two year span for repayment in which time the bull calf will be raised and sold as beef, bringing in enough money to repay the original loan. The project is sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and Food in Arthur, Ontario and of the 15 applications turned in, the three worthy 4-H's chosen were Robert Ostrander of R.R. 3, Rockwood; John Krul, R.R. 4,

Arthur, and Bob Saunders, R.R. 2, of Arthur. These lads will, in September, show their animals at the Achievement Day activities in their particular areas with Robert showing his calf in Fergus, Bob Saunders showing his in Arthur and John Krul will be competing against the various other 4-H's at the annual fall fair in Drayton. They will also have the opportunity of competing in the County, Black and White show for seniors at which time all Holstein breeders in the County are eligible to show cattle and the 4-H members able to show their calves in the open heifer calf contest which automatically takes them out of the 4-H realm and gives them the freer scope of open class competition. There is a great deal more involved in raising these young animals successfully than would meet the laymen's eye come exhibition day, as Rockwood's young cattle man Robert Ostrander can tell. Last year Robert, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ostrander of R.R. 3, won the competitions at the Fergus Fair for his Guernsey heifer calf

## First swim of the season for Venturers

Three young Georgetown 4th Company Venturers dauntlessly plunged into the Ramona River last Sunday morning, unthwarted by the icy floats but anxious to be slated as some of the first dippers for the spring of 1970.

Mike Parsons, the Assistant District Commissioner for the Burlington District Venturers, was the gregarious leader of a group of 70 lads ranging from 15 to 17 who with their five leaders congregated in the Rockwood Conservation Park camping area last Friday evening. The 2nd,

7th, 11th, and the 12th Companies from Burlington, along with the 2nd Strathcona, 1st and 3rd Waterdown, the 1st Cuttle, 4th Georgetown, 1st Streetville Companies and one other from Guelph, were all to be found at the Henderson's Dam camp site for a weekend of participation in skill practices and schooling in basic canoe principles.

Nightly sing songs, euchre games and cribbage competitions were all part of the program with wood fires planted on either side of picnic tables keeping out the early spring cold. Portage and canoe races from the dam straight down to the village gave the Burlington 11th Company boys an opportunity to show their aquatic skills as they came in first and second. Canoe skills in front of the John Clark residence down the Ramona River caused loud chuckles and

giggles with Steve Elliott of the 2nd Strathcona getting wet when he had to literally push the vehicle out of the mud.

The weekend which started off weatherwise as one of early spring but pleasurable outdoor living, took on a different slant as the warm Saturday sunshine cooled off somewhat and by Sunday morning the Conservation Park beach Church Service was a chilling affair with its gusty winds. However, as Mike Parsons himself said, "One thing about early camps like this one, at least all the kids are dressed and prepared for any kind of weather and, no matter how cold it turns out, everyone always seems to have enough warm clothing". Some of the group stayed on in the Park until late Sunday afternoon, others left early in the day with tents packed, litter cleaned and everything neat and beautifully intact.



BREAKFAST OVER an open fire in April? Two 2nd Strathcona Venturers from Burlington ready to enjoy the meal are Mark Wickens, Steve Elliott, Jim Berry, Steve Wheeler, Mike Vajkoc, Ray Price, Duncan Sanderson and Keith Robinson. (Photo by Lorraine)

## Baby shower comes as surprise

A surprised new mother walked into the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Bea Brace last Tuesday evening and was confronted by approximately 20 neighbors, friends, and relatives, who had gathered to celebrate the March 22 arrival of Leanne Marilyn, the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Brace.

Baby shoes, towels, and everything for infant's needs were all presented to the tiny cherub with guests having come from Georgetown, Hespeler, Preston and Guelph.

Marlene Reid and Julie Brace, the two sister-in-laws of the happy mother had arranged and planned the evening and after the gifts had been opened everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch and get-together.

## Replace boards

The upper deck on the Rockwood Conservation Park pavilion is in the process of rejuvenation as the wind, snow, and rain, settling on the floor has rotted out the boards which are presently being replaced in anticipation of summer activity.



PREPARING FOR A canoe jaunt down the Ramona River are a group of Venturers who enjoyed an early spring camp at Rockwood. Members of the 12th Venturers company in Burlington, left to right, are Dave Edmondson, Arthur Dyck, Dave Steves and Bill Brockbank. (Photo by Lorraine)

## DRIVER COURSE

Another man's error may be your collision. Always drive to allow for a possible error by the other man, advises the Ontario Safety League. If you would like to know how to do this in all possible circumstances - sign up for the first available Defensive Driving Course in your neighborhood. DDC comprises 8 hours of interesting classroom instruction, with films; usually 2 hours an evening, spread over four weeks. It will cost \$5. It may save a life.



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## All units of U.C.W. at general meeting

A special general meeting of the Rockwood United Church Women was held at the home of president Mrs. Gary Brace recently at which time all three combined units of the U.C.W. were represented. It was the first assemblage of the entire Rockwood branch for the 1970 term and, after it was opened by the president, the secretary, Pearl Hamilton read the minutes of the previous meeting and this was followed by a treasurer's report from Mrs. L. Elliott.

A business discussion then prevailed with plans made as to redecorating the church vestry,

catering to two summer weddings, and the collection of articles for a sale to be sent in June to the U.C.W. headquarters in Toronto for distribution. Unit 1 leader, Mrs. S. Trousdale convened the program after which a short prayer culminated the evening.

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## Public meeting

Rockwood residents are reminded of the open meeting to be held at the Town Hall on the date of Thursday, April 30 at 8 p.m. at which time the Trustees will present and discuss the new water and sewer rates. Ontario Water Resources Commission representatives will also be in attendance to participate in the discussion and provide any required additional information.