

# News and views

By LORRAINE

Last weekend's jaunt into the Canadian north has thoroughly convinced me that the ho ho weather man, the vacation resort magnates, and the mosquitos, are in league and working together to shrink our pocket books and suck our blood simultaneously so that they can eventually take over the world.

Mad you say! You'd better believe it. You knock yourself out getting clothes washed, ironed, packed, make food preparations to carry a family of more than five through a weekend, plus possible care packages for friendly kids who might also decide to head along on the same weekend. You time it just right to miss the late Friday night traffic and you're allowed for enough bedding to keep everyone snug for the 75 degrees weather which the little man with the white chalk has been enamouring you with for the past two nights on television.

"Sunny and warm in the cottage country" he said, "with a 75 degrees average and no possible chance of rain". Well, I was there and he was wrong. Or maybe he was there and I was wrong. This could be right only if the area of the "cottage country" has been changed to the southwestern part of Ontario because, as I hear it now, that's where the weather was fine.

Rain we did get, warm weather we didn't get much of, especially at night when three blankets meant freeze yet. But what was even worse and definitely not predicted, was an amazing computational deluge of monstrously huge dynamo mosquitos infesting the area and looking for flesh into which they could sink their stinger, and appease their appetites for warm blood.

Every year it's the same thing but no one ever learns. June is simply not the month to listen to any persuasion to head north. That is the month of the black fly and it carries on straight through usually until the second week of July. Sometimes, as an added feature, there is a mixture of black and sandflies. You know, the insidious tiny little insects which burrow invisibly beneath one's skin to make him itchy all over.

Well, last weekend the black flies were tame, the sandflies

hadn't quite made the scene, but the mosquitos were out in full force. Millions of them zoomed around us all night, inside, outside, everywhere and swatting, swatting, and slapping were all part of the disorganized attempt to get rid of the pesky creatures.

Care as you will we must all resort to that lowly undertaking for self preservation's sake; we finally ridded our living quarters by using the old spray can bug exterminator. Not much mind you, just a little to make our weekend holiday reasonably safe.

Meeting up with cottage neighbours the next day, it seemed that everyone was in the same boat. Through swollen bifocals and red blotched features we hailed each other with seasonal greetings. But, as they smiled back through bite closed eyes and puffy lips it was difficult to know whether they were pleased to see us or wish that they could or that they hadn't. Come that is.

All the way side and backward views of car occupants told the same story. Swollen countenances peering back from speeding autos, little kids with scared faces, combined with continual movement in scratching syncope. A switch on of the car radio; the weather man is doing it again. "Little change in temperature and 75 degrees in the cottage country". Friend husband reached over and turned the dial and we continued homeward in itchy silence.

Cottage weather? We'll see that in July.



TEACHER MRS. Mary Love congratulates her 11 and 12 year old first and second winners. They are front, Joanne Loof, Trudy Smith, Paul Dudnick, Allan Swanston, Phoebe Kingscote; back, Vicki Crane, Evelyn Druif, Mrs. Love, Brenda Ferguson, Cathy Ward. —(Photo by Lorraine)



TRACK AND FIELD athletes took many ribbons for the Rockwood teams. Front row, Dale Hamilton, Paul Dudnick, Tim Clifford, Mary Gooyer, second row Laurie Hanson, Cathy Ward, Diane Jackson, Trudy Smith, Cathy Scruton, back row Walker McLaren, Allan Nightingale, Mike Hanson, Steve Ward, Ches Allen, Chas. McRae.

# Grants, roads council agenda

At the regular June meeting of the Eramosa Township Council the following motions were approved:

THAT a by-law to authorize the stopping up and the conveying to Rockwood Lime Company Limited part of the road allowance between lots 5 and 6 in the Fifth Concession of the Township of Eramosa, be given the necessary readings, passed and numbered 29-1970.

THAT by-law number 30-1970 be left in abeyance until unforeseen problems are resolved by the township solicitor.

THAT the following grants be made: Fergus Agricultural Society \$65; Erin Agricultural Society \$65; and the Acton

Agricultural Society \$50. THAT the department of highways be contacted for permission for Joseph Drenters to have an entrance off number 24 Highway onto his property. THAT the Road Superintendent be instructed to do the necessary ditching and culvert repairs on 30 Sideroad and the adjacent portion of the Fifth Line.

THAT accounts amounting to \$20,499.25 be passed for payment with road accounts amounting to \$7,629.62 and general expenses \$12,869.63.

The meeting was adjourned to meet on Monday, July 6, at 7.30 p.m. or at the call of the Reeve.

# Summer games?

The 1973 Canada Summer Games could be viewed in Guelph if the Guelph City Council's invitation is accepted. Representatives from various boards and organizations are being called together for the purpose of establishing a committee which will study the possibility of extending such an invitation. Applications for the holding of the games must be made by the City Council before the date of July 15 and the Wellington County Board of Education have been requested to appoint a member to the committee.

# Good housekeeping for Eramosa twp.

Eramosa township's botanical pesticides will soon be getting their bi-annual dosing of weed killer along the roadsides where it is required this year.

Although there is no greater amount of weed production than usual in any particular area in the township, the banishment of the troublesome organisms is a matter of regular township good housekeeping and, this season, it will be done at a slight cutdown in price.

# Safety lesson at horse club

Safety rules while riding was the topic of discussion at the 4-H Horse Club meeting held at the home of Valerie Ella, Hornby, on Friday, May 29. Ken Cuffe, president of the group opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge.

Fifteen group members were present for the meeting as well as leaders Dan Jones, Stan May and Doug Shaw. The next meeting will be held at the home of Dan Jones, Seventh Line where demonstrations on showing horses will be provided. A riding school will also be in performance.

# Rockwood sports

Sue Weir's ninth inning homer highlighted Rockwood senior girls' 28-27 win over Ponsonby, last Tuesday night.

Rockwood atoms trounced Belwood 18-8, last Tuesday behind the pitching of Dean Bales. Rockwood pulled off a triple play in the fourth inning. On Sunday the atoms broke Moffat's winning streak with a 12-7 win.

Rockwood junior girls lost to Belwood 15-14 last week, but

bounced back to whip Elora 44-21, Monday night behind the pitching of Jean DeVries.

Hillsburg midgets edged Rockwood 12-11 in the ninth inning in a game Sunday.

Rockwood bantams were whipped 12-5 by Belwood, last Sunday.

Rockwood peewees play Ponsonby in Rockwood tonight, (Wednesday).

# Need highways approval for new fire hall site

Approval of the Department of Highways to accept the proposed position of the new Eramosa fire hall on the highway lot of Inkerman and Alma Streets is required before the construction can get underway.

Although the plans have been approved by the Department of Labour on the site to be

conveyed to the township by the Rockwood Trustees it must first be determined, however, how far back on the lot the Department of Highways demands it be set from the highway.

# Parade, games, auction, stage show at gala Rockwood carnival this year

"Around the world" is the theme for the Rockwood Carnival this year but, according to reports from Frank Allsop, the man in charge, it's going to be "out of this world".

Beginning Friday, June 19, the Junior Farmers have set up a variety show to be held in the Centennial School auditorium and the two hour show will

begin promptly at 9 p.m. It should be great!

Already little guys with hammers and bigger ones with nails and saws are banging away at floats while busy ladies are scrambling to find something unusual to decorate them with. Costumes are in the making, loads of wonderful baked goods, and games galore, with one

exceptionally clever one which is coming direct from Holland. Fun for kids, fun for grownups, everything will be at the fair grounds to excite every imagination.

The parade will start off the Saturday's proceedings at 12.45 p.m. sharp from the top of Main Street. Judging will be en route as the procession of floats, bands, clowns, and decorated bicycles continues down past the bowling greens to turn right on Guelph Street and on towards its destination of the Rockwood Ball Park on Inkerman Street where awards will be presented and the Carnival festivities will begin. School kids will get into

the park for free with tickets that will be drawn for a radio being donated by John Salmon of Salmon's Country T.V.

A continuous stage show where dancers, performers, and musicians, from all parts of the world will entertain throughout the afternoon.

At 7 p.m. on the button, Max Storey will officiate at a mammoth auction sale and then, come 9 p.m. Bill DeVries with his Country and Western band will put the topper on the greatest finale ever - a dance in the Centennial School gymnasium. Where prizes and good music will conclude the two day festivities.

# Rockwood News

# Salmon posts third shutout

John Salmon recorded his third shutout of the season, as Rockwood Seniors blanked Norval 2-0 last Tuesday night.

The hard throwing right hander gave up only two hits and struck out 14.

Norm Beattie homered for the first Rockwood run in the first inning.

Harry Barber also belted a pair of doubles for the winners.



GET READY, get set, and they're off. Dianne Jackson of Eden Mills and Laurie Hanson from Rockwood dig into the ground as they start off for a trial run on their 220 yd. spurt for Rockwood Centennial. —(Photo by Lorraine)

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