

Canoe Cruisers hold two day competitions at Harris Lake

Bronzed young Adonises and athletic lovelies teamed up last Saturday and Sunday to perform in the art of canoeism when the Guelph chapter of the Ontario Canoe Cruisers held their annual two day contest at Harris Lake in the Rockwood Conservation Park.

Rockwood's fourth line was a beehive of activity as canoeists performed in the water, horseback riders pulled up to watch the proceedings, campers gathered to enjoy the activities, and cars drew in to the side of the road for passenger viewing.

Over 18 entrants from Toronto, Hamilton and Guelph took part in the competitions as the homemade crafts, in colorful arrays of purples, blues, and yellows, were wielded with precision and skill into various events including cross lake and slalom races, with eskimo rolls into the water gracefully performed as a safe turning procedure.

Dogs disqualified
Casual entries were encouraged for the open

miscellaneous race in which the racers competed in barrels, logs, and air mattresses. Fun persisted throughout the afternoon and two members were vocally disqualified for letting their dog sit in their canoe during one of the events making it a triplex instead of a team effort. A water polo game was another one of the afternoon's sport activities.

The local Guelph Club is affiliated with the Canadian White Water Association and usually the members enjoy the exhilaration of fast water competition which takes place in the early spring at the Elora Gorge. During the later summer weeks however, when the waters reach the lowest depths, the Guelph white water canoeists confine their exercises to such areas as Rockwood with their fast water competitions slated to start up once again in September at Elora and in the Credit River falls.

Seek members
The membership for this year round activity is comparatively

inexpensive depending on whether the individual demands faster crafts and whether he builds them himself or buys special ones.

The Guelph Association is continually on the look-out for more members and presently the age range in the group is from 15 to 35 with every type of employment range participating; high school and university students, office workers, labourers, salesmen, and mechanics, etc. Everyone who desires to become a member is welcomed and, according to Sunday's race marshal Jim Mottin, a lecturer at the University of Guelph, the bigger the club membership the more fun it is for everyone.

A three day canoe trek is planned for the French River next weekend and, with two open canoes to carry supplies and equipment the majority of the club members will be seen sporting Kayaks and C2 closed deck canoes.



ENJOYING A RIDE in a double kayak are Ann Bibbey of Guelph and Barry Brigley of Toronto. They were taking part in the activities of the white water canoeists at Rockwood.—(Photo by Lorraine)



Over!



Under!



And up!

DAVE JACK from Toronto does a slow Eskimo roll in one of the competitions of the Guelph White Water Canoe Club held in the Rockwood Conservation Park last Sunday. The Eskimo roll is used in white water paddling as a safety procedure.—(Photos by Lorraine)

Comin's and Goin's

Rockwood's most delightful pleasure this week has to be that Frank and Georgina Kelso have arrived home safe and sound after their 6 week stay in Amsterdam. The four week pleasure trip to Europe was extended when Frank became ill and, 10 weeks after their vacation send off they finally arrived home last weekend.

Glad to be home and grateful to all their many friends who sent cards and letters and their family who kept things going for them the Kelso's just want everyone to know that their light is back in the window.

Frank is now recuperating nicely and the villagers of Rockwood are deeply happy to see them home with new knowledge about people and travels plus understanding the great need of giving friendship to those from other countries away from home. Welcome home Frank and Georgina.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miles from Dundas, Ontario visited on Saturday with Mrs. W. Guild on Mary Street. Mrs. Miles, the former Miss Margaret Munro, had been born and raised in Rockwood, and a pleasurable afternoon was spent rehashing old times, recounting old buildings and events, and reacquainting themselves with old friends and neighbors.

Best holiday wishes were waved off to Ken and Marg Stratton as they pulled away from the Stratton-Dupuis establishment on Tuesday for a week's holidays in Bracebridge.

Mrs. Wes Leitch, Rockwood and two of her friends, Miss Etta McLennan, R. R. 1 Guelph, and Mrs. John Lightle, Acton, enjoyed a 15 day Circle tour of the Maritimes. With 34 other tourists from Guelph, Kitchener, Uxbridge, Whitney, Bowmanville, and several other places of pick up along the route, the ladies enjoyed a wonderful trip with perfect weather and marvellous scenery as they toured home by way of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Mrs. John Lightle of Acton and Mrs. Wes Leitch have been school pals since their childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ingle of Harris Street spent a glorious week's vacation visiting George's brother William at East Greenbush, New York. Just outside of Albany this past week and have returned home with Brenda and Pam who accompanied them on the trip. They stayed at the Catalpa Gardens and managed to visit the Catskill Mountains, take an excursion through the Adirondacks and George took time out to fish. What kind of fish do they have in the States? Just ask the fisherman himself what he caught, but it was a terrific holiday.

Mr. Bryn Saunders of Wales is visiting his sisters-in-law and their families for a few weeks and also renewing old acquaintanceships in Canada. He recently stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Monty Root at their cottage near Huntsville and, although he's been away from his old stomping grounds for many years finds that people haven't changed much but the geography and topography have. Presently staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Parkes of Toronto Mr. Saunders will be boarding the Empress of Britain for home on August 12 leaving his relatives hoping for a return visit very soon.

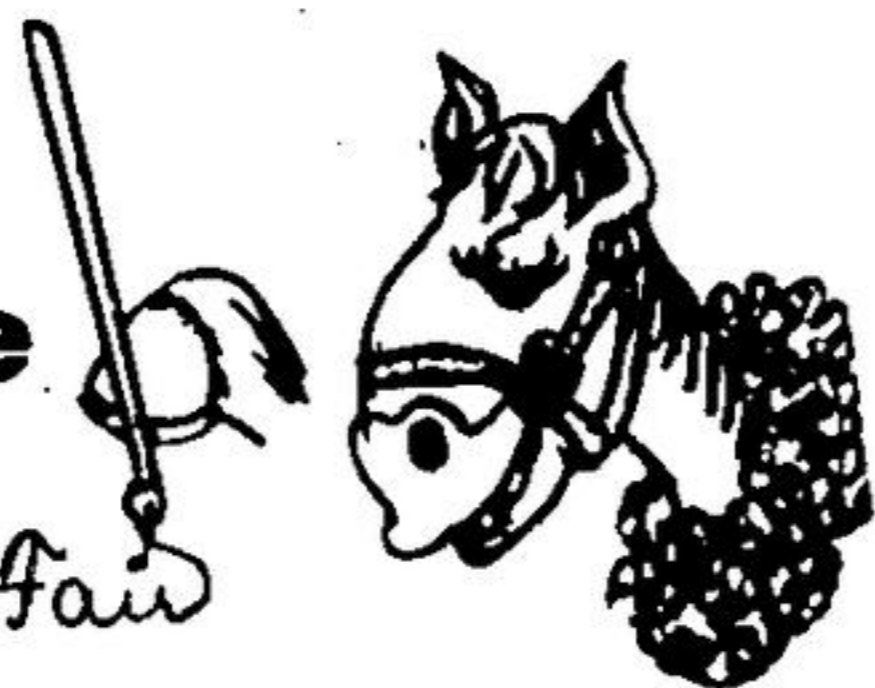
The 985 population sign outside of Rockwood Village will soon be reading 986. Wayne and Colleen Nightingale recently presented their little 2½ year old daughter, Collette with sister, Annette Beth. Born at the Fergus Hospital last Friday morning she weighed in at 7 lbs. 1 oz. and is, according to reports, adorable.

A mishap of horsemanship recently put Babe Ellis on the "arm in a sling" list. However, no bones were broken and Babe is sporting around the village feeling quite chipper again.

The Country D's consisting of Joyce, Bill and Gordon DeVries are now back in the village after a week and a half visit with brother Jack DeVries in Smooth Rock Falls; while visiting they also entertained at the Motor Inn.

Horse sense

by
Pretty Fair



Howdy folks! It ain't so much th' darn blasted heat spell wot's been keepin' me from puttin' in my 2 cents worth in th' paper these last few weeks. It's just that I'm holed up in this Drexler joint an I ain't been able t'git tew the postoffice t'put in my ma-terials.

Wot with th' Free Press staff all on holidays n'all they's nobody around wot thinks twice about pickin' up my stuff so's I jest lets it lay around hyar until someone de-ides t'clean up th' barn n'throw it in th' trash can.

Guess you guys wot follers th'races at Orangeville knows that I wuz graduated, temporarily like from th' thousand dollar claimin' race to th' twelve hundred one. It wuz a kind a feather in my hat but it shore as heck took a lot of chances o'winnin, down a mile or two.

Arter winnin' fer two Sundays in a row they moved me up a class an from then on in I wuz dun fer wot with only bringin' up a 3rd place twice and then a lousy ole 4th last Sunday.

Got a bran new horse blanket hyar which sez that th' boys will

Brenda, the 15 year old daughter of Leonard and Elsie Nightingale, has been visiting with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nightingale of Alma Street. Brenda came down from Elk Lake where her parents operate Long Point Lodge and will hopefully be visiting her relations for a two week stay.

The Sy DeVries family on reporting in will see Billy Carter and Charlie Allen arriving home from Y.M.C.A. Camp Nagawa this Thursday. Jack DeVries and Allan Nightingale will be back from Trenton Air Base with the Air Cadet Corps after their two week training camp, also this week; meantime Jean and Judy, accompanied by Anne Wickham, left at noon on Monday for the Tabernacle Church Camp Braeside near Paris, Ontario, for a one week summer vacation. Happy holidays, everyone.

Rockwood boasts the right to claim relationship to one Patrick Bulger who recently won a silver medal at the British Commonwealth games in Edinburgh for his prowess in wrestling. Patrick is the son of Mr. Frank Bulger and the late Madeleine (Gibbons) Bulger who was born and lived here before her marriage. Heartiest congratulations to Patrick and his Rockwood relatives.

Di Duncan and her daughter Lynn spent a delightful weekend beginning last Friday night at Port Sydney near Huntsville.

Harvey and Jean Pettit and Ray and Babs Ellis visited at the summer home of Dr. and Mrs. A. B. McKenzie of Penatung where they spent a few days last week.

Horseback rider viewing enthusiasts are alerted to be on the lookout for trail riders who will be wending their way from the Dales farm of R. R. 1, Rockwood, along behind the Rockery, across in front of the Meadow's service station, down Passmore Street and on into the Conservation park next Sunday, August 2nd. The 25 mile trek has rounded up nearly 100 entries and it should be a colourful vision of horseback appeal.

Rockwood park crowd forces gate closing

Rockwood Conservation Park crowd hit a new record high last Sunday as a two hour shutdown at the main gate was required to stop cars from entering as all parking areas were filled.

Campers, persons from many areas in Ontario, local and distant, flashed their conservation park permits, and others bought day tickets, to get entry into the Rockwood grounds

for a day of relaxation and escape from sweltering humidity. Inch on inch, the beach was packed and wary lifeguards had to be on their toes to keep an eye on the jubilant bathers. Eighty-nine camp permits had been issued over the Friday to Sunday period and the weekend's heatwave did little to quell the

continual traffic on the 4th line of Eramosa as many people, in their quest for cool water plunging and cooler air, drove through looking for suitable parking spots with intent of taking advantage of the Conservation bathing facilities using the roadway as their illegal entry spot.

News and views

By LORRAINE

No parent has lived who has not seen their enterprising offspring launched into the questionably lucrative business.

There are, like in everything, certain disadvantages in young business quests but somehow, there seem to be slightly more indignities involved with an ambitious worm merchandiser than in any other junior undertaking.

First of all it must be accepted that the worm business is restricted to a summertime activity which, of course, follows that it is also the time of swimming, hiking, playing and in general, never being at home to produce the wares when eager customers arrive at the front door asking mother "if she has worms".

Such requests are usually made during a pie making session or cookie time and, with no one there to package the wiggly monsters, would you believe two dozen floured worms?

There is also, of course the persistent knocker who, after 15 minutes of continual rapping,

Congratulations

Congratulations from fellow villagers to Gary and Donna Bateman of Main St. on the safe arrival of a baby brother for Andrew, born at the Guelph General Hospital on Tuesday, July 28, Robert Gordon Ross weighed in at 8 lbs. 8½ oz. matching the exact birth weight of his two and a half year old brother. Another change in the village population sign!

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Each advance evening Grandstand ticket entitles the holder to free admission to the grounds on the day of the performance (vehicle not included).

Check the line-up!

August 20	Football, Toronto vs Edmonton	\$6.50, \$5.50, \$4.00, and \$2.50
August 21	Bobby Sherman	\$4.00 and \$3.50
August 22	The Temptations	\$5.00 and \$4.00
August 23	Italian Festival	\$7.00, \$6.00, and \$5.00
August 24, 25	Johnny Cash	\$6.00, \$5.00, and \$4.00
August 26	Brenda Lee	\$5.00 and \$4.00
August 27	Red Skelton	\$6.00, \$5.00 and \$4.00
August 28, 29, 30, 31	Circus '70 International	\$4.00 (Half price for children 12 and under)
September 1	Ray Charles / Al Hirt	\$5.00 and \$4.00
September 2	Bobby Goldsboro	\$5.00 and \$4.00
September 3	Charley Pride	\$5.00 and \$4.00
September 4	5th Dimension	\$6.00, \$5.00 and \$4.00
September 5	Drum and Bugle Competition	\$4.00 and \$3.50
September 6	Military Band Tattoo	\$4.00 and \$3.50
September 7	Nationbuilders	\$2.00 and \$1.00

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Mail Order Office is open until August 10th. For information or tickets writes: Grandstand Box Office, Canadian National Exhibition, Exhibition Park, Toronto 28, Ontario.