

Mood of frivolity at October Blast

Early week weather proclamations of a rainy, damp day were transformed into a seasonal autumn one, adding much to the exhilarating success of the St. John's Church October Blast held last Saturday in the Parish Hall. For one afternoon the ecclesiastical church grounds took on a mood of frivolity as outdoor pony rides and barbecued steersburgers were to be purchased on the church grounds.

Kathy Woodward, with assistants Dean Ingle, Burnie and Sandy Root, and other parish young people directed ponies and horses around the encompassed ring and John Clark and Monty Root donned chef hats for the occasion as their outdoor tent cafe proved a worthwhile endeavour with a future potential.

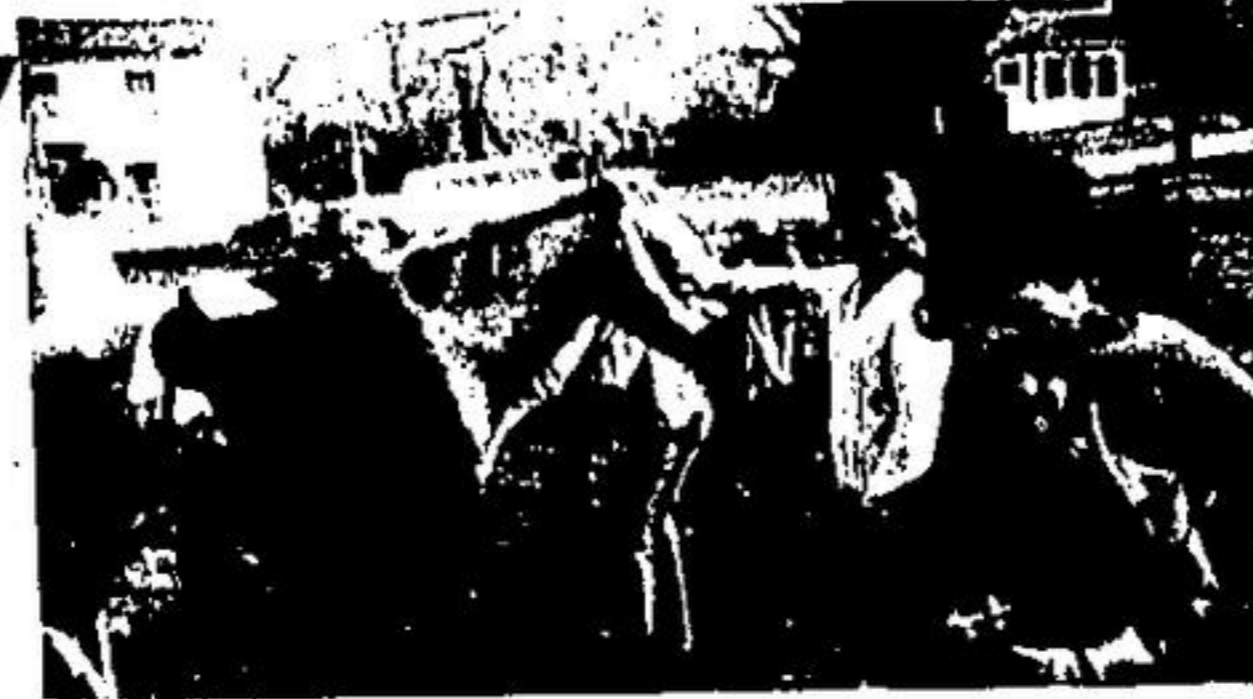
Decorations
The light, easy and friendly atmosphere of the hall encouraged many young people to congregate and enjoy themselves and this was greatly due to the earlier decorating preparations of many of the church young people, including Brenda and Nancy Ingle, Sandy Root, Cheryl

McMinn, John Clark and also Kathy Woodward who prepared seasonal coloured construction paper leaves and arranged them in windy blasts about the parish hall walls.

Paul Clark and Kevin Root were legmen for the hamburger tent while Miriam Lovel assisted in various booths.

Baking efforts
Everyone was great, and many members of the congregation worked together to build towards the affair's success. Mrs. Dorothy Dean, assisted by her two daughters Florence Lovel and Phyllis Ingle, all of Harris Street, made a whopping success of their baking table which, at the beginning of the afternoon was laden low with home baking. Their committee netted fair profits for their tremendous efforts.

Boutique area
Nancy Ingle headed up the jewellery counter and Betty Eason of R.R. 1 Rockwood was in charge of the boutique department for which many stylish vests and special articles d'art had been created with appeal for



AS USUAL, PONY rides were the hit of the day with the small fry on Saturday afternoon in Rockwood but the St. John's Church October Blast also featured horses which were an added attraction for teenagers.—(Photo by Lorraine)

the teenagers as well as adults, with Betty's own special designing abilities showing in many areas of that centre.

Hazel Hamilton and her two daughters Dale and Lois worked together with Audrey Hudson on the tea table; Sandy Hudson organized and ran the skate exchange. Flossie McMinn and Betty Lou Clark were in charge of the rummage sale and Christmas bargains were sold with Mrs. Sally Cardwell behind the counter.

One innovation included the spontaneous folk western songs of Miss Muriel Holmes of Acton

for the added entertainment of coffee customers which, in a very small way, resembled a Yorkville type tea house, with a continuous number of young people wandering about.

Beautiful candles, hand made by Don Griffin with dyed maple leaf designs and of various colors and shapes added to the many attractive purchases to be made in the lines of unique sale items and, with Christmas working its way into our 1970 calendar the October Blast was a successful start off for a run of seasonal bazaars.

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LATE CUSTOMERS had little choice from the depleted selection of a home baking goodies which, earlier in the afternoon, had overcrowded and almost bent the tables. Phyllis Ingle of Harris Street smiles at a patron.—(Photo by Lorraine)

A letter from Eden Mills

This is the fifth in a series of letters written by Miss Val Barrow relating her experience during five "delightful" years spent in Eden Mills. Miss Barrow is writing the series to show her appreciation to residents of the village.

showroom and here you can see lovely silk-screen drapes, dish towels, table cloths printed with fern or leaf designs, and all sorts of pictures done on tiles.

Eden Mills, Ont.
25 August, 1965.

It makes a lovely little flower picture - so much more decorative than those plain old bakelite ones.

Dearest May:
It's been a gorgeous day and now I'm sitting outside while I rest and write to you. I can't remember if I told you that, because of the slope of the hill, the ground has been levelled and terraced. The house is built right into the side of the hill - the back window can't be more than six inches off the ground. And at the same level where I'm sitting there are about a dozen dwarf fruit trees. It looks as if I shall get some apples in a few weeks - tho' the trees are young and not all have started bearing.

Owl for TV
I have bought one with a little owl on it which is just right for the TV room. I have the old couch in there and a good reading lamp and because of my propensity for reading till all hours I've no doubt the room will be dubbed the Owl's Nest.

Eight hours' work
Well, was I ever tired last Sunday. I hooked up that electric lawn mower Dad gave me to get the grass cut. When the house was re-wired last month I had them put several plugs in strategic places outside so I could use it because it is so light. Even so, with all these terraces and banks it took me eight hours to cut it!

Bill Hoey took me to church the other Sunday. Because I don't know him very well and he's ex-Navy, I was a bit scared of keeping him waiting, so I was down at the road in plenty of time. He had had to get gas - so they were singing the first hymn when we arrived.

Friend nearby
You ask me if I have any friends in the district. Yes, fortunately for me. Elizabeth Hoey, whom I knew before her marriage, lives about three miles away. Her husband Bill is in the sheep-farming business. They live in a lovely old stone house - one with a most pleasing pitch to the roof. There's a huge old elm in front, so they call it Elm Tree Farm.

There are quite a number of children all of about the same age around here and we've had a running gun battle going on all up and down the slopes all afternoon - but I notice they are all very careful to avoid the flower beds! They cool off in the mill pond.

Elizabeth is an artist and the place just drips art. What used to be the summer kitchen of the old house has been turned into a

What a nice place for children to grow up. Most of them go by bright yellow school bus to the school just beyond the village. I understand the older ones have to go further afield to Guelph or Acton.

Made some jam yesterday. This year I just put lemon with the peaches - and is it ever good! Set beautifully.

All for now,
Love,
Val



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