



THE PAT DALES family from the 5th line find shopping in Rockwood with a pony and sleigh easy and great fun. While others were getting caught in last Saturday's snow drifts the Dales' made their rounds in quick order.—(photo by Lorraine)

No water

Coffee house request shelved by trustees

A request for a coffee house was temporarily shelved by the village trustees last Wednesday at a Trustee Board meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday evening, January 19. Due to inclement weather the meeting had to be postponed until the following morning and it was held in the Rockwood Town Hall at 9:30 a.m. with all members present.

Don Hills officiated as chairman and Charles O'Brien, secretary, was also on hand.

Letters read
Three letters were read, two from out-of-town, Ontario residents, requesting information as to the location of places of interest for a boy's camping expedition into the area and the third matter of correspondence dealt with a request from a local resident to rent the building of the previous Rockwood Fire Hall as a combined youth drop-in centre and coffee house.

The secretary was requested to

send a letter to Paul Murray explaining that there were no water or toilet facilities as would be required for such a venture and that no consideration could be given to the matter at this time.

The Guelph Street building is currently being used as a storage and maintenance depot for village tractor equipment.

Pay increases
Raises for village employees were also considered and the Hydro manager and village foreman were granted increases.

It was further decided that a meeting to be held on date of Wednesday, February 17, slated for 8 p.m. will be conducted in the Rockwood Town Hall with a view to raising funds for next year's Christmas lights in the village.

Combined effort
"We are calling on representatives from all the organizations in the Village, including the Home and School Association, Church groups



ROBBIE MEADOWS grins happily as he opens a present. His sixth birthday was on Monday, February 1, and he celebrated with a party.—(photo by Lorraine)

Reeve Warren Parkinson, deputy-reeve Duncan McPhedran, and clerk Lloyd Hindley of the Eramosa township council and Jack Gilchrist of the Wellington County School Board met with the Ontario Board of Education in Toronto recently, to request considerations on the \$60,000 deficits of 1968.

They were informed that, as no announcement had been made from the legislature, nothing definite could be stated at this time, however, Council representatives feel that the matter will be handled favorably.

A permanent monument has been suggested for Charles de Gaulle: rename the Rock of Gibraltar, De Gaulle Stone.

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Seven finalists

Ronnie McRae tops public speaking finals

Seven class finalists from the grades 6,7, and 8, competed for school public speaking laurels last Tuesday afternoon at the Rockwood Centennial School.

Class presentations, a replay to the combined grades 7 and 8, instructions on perfecting their speeches from the three teacher judges, and a final presentation to the grades 5,6,7, and 8 students, was the order of performance from which the best competitors were chosen.

competitions of the Intermediate Division which includes only grade 7 and 8 students, were first, Margaret Glendenning, of Mackenzie Street; second, Mike Kuperferschmidt of R. R. 1, Guelph, and third, Paul Clark of R.R. 5, Rockwood.

Margaret gave an interesting speech based on the tenacity and performance of Florence Nightingale. Mike Kuperferschmidt had some revealing and humorous thoughts on the reality of Flying Saucers, and Paul Clark, whose family live in a Crown Game Preserve outside of Rockwood, told his audience about his first-hand knowledge of the Canada Geese.

Adopted geese
The Clarks had contacted the Department of Lands and Forests last March requesting two young geese which they could foster and, in so doing, acquaint and teach their children and themselves something about the adventure of wildlife protection.

Paul, in outlining his family's interest in their two charges, pointed out the necessity of safe guarding our creatures of wild life.

Other topics
Three other young aspirants who had vied for their place in the

school honors were Lindsay Jones, a grade 8 student of R.R. 3, Rockwood who spoke on "The Danger of Wild Life Extinction", Velda McPherson of R.R. 5, Rockwood, represented her grade 7 class, using, as her topic, "The Canadian Indians," and Linda Hartman, a grade 8 student spoke on "The Abominable Snowman".

The higher area grouping competitions will be extensive with winners finally competing at the Elora Senior Public School for the Public and Separate Schools of Wellington County and from there on to the provincial level. The Inter-Township competitors will be vying for the Taylor Trophy and the McPhedran Cash awards, sometime in February.

Humor turned rumor

Rampant yarns of a hippy haven to be established in the C.N.R. station put citizens in a mild uproar recently after an official of the railway gave with the humor that turned into rumor.

Suggestions that some of the Kitchener hippies, recently evicted, may be taking up quarters in the village, alarmed residents until, upon investigation, it was learned that three Fourth Year students of the University of Toronto were renting the building for a short period as office space in which to work from while conducting a planning study project.

Signs of action and snow clearing in the otherwise deserted station area ignited the suspicions which were groundless but temporarily put citizens in the air.

News and views

by Lorraine

I actually don't know when it began but certainly I do know that I have raised at least half a generation's worth of children who are hopped on cereal gimmicks. Sometimes I think the manufacturers of cereal goodies are in league with the superintendents of every loony bin in the country and that, for every mother they can drive zany with toy wheelies or plastic clowns or whatever else can be contrived and built into the family breakfast boxes, they get a rebate on her account in the mental ward.

Remember rescuing glass marbles which were encased in tiny plastic bags. Small children loved them and found that a wonderful way to dispose of such gems was to stick them in ears, up noses, or at least pop them into their mouths. Those toys utilized hours of woman time just keeping keeping watch over the ultra darlings.

Ultra terrific
Then there were the ultra terrific captain crunch rings that made you a member of that magic club. The aeroplanes, toy trains, cars, and special hockey pins, all neatly inserted in boxes ranging from terrible wheat cereals that looked like delicious little pillows all coloured pink and yellow to crispy critters which would eventually be consumed by the household critters as mother would patiently remove them from the table and pop them into the pet dish under the sink.

Have to hunt
The lady on the production line couldn't be happy just inserting the prize in the top of the boxes either, one always has to hunt for them, all through the cereal, to the very bottom or else put up with continual unhappiness until each little surprise has been rescued from its cereal burial place.

Wrapper intimidation
Well, I've lived with the products of every cereal magnate there is. Some I've eaten, others I despise, and many I consume for the sheer joy of participating in that morning pastime called breakfast together with the rest of my family.

But mostly I'm glad that my children have, with the exception of one, outgrown the exciting come-ons on the labels and, when I go out to do my Saturday morning shopping I am no longer intimidated by some interesting toy on the outside wrapper. But here I am back again.

Update gadgets
The old cereal bumpers have

decided to recapture their greatest junk breakfast-food advocates who have outgrown their gimmicks and are now, attempting to update their budgets. The latest terrible trick is a horn called a quacker which relates to the hunting instincts of the masculine members of the family because if you blow them long enough they might inspire some poor winged creature to fly down and partake of the corny cereal.

Little girls find them great for stirring up a household because, if you blow them long enough everyone in the house will chuck.

Small boys have to have them in order to create the attention they would like to have.

Mothers fight back
Mothers? Well, they're not so stupid. Carefully wrapped pieces of cotton wadding stuffed into ears and one specially saved quacker of her very own blown at high peak level will disqualify any less avid quacker in the area.

Finally everyone will get tired of hearing the blasted thing and, if all family members can survive the ordeal, no purchases of cocoa puffs will be considered until the quacker campaign has subsided. Meantime, porridge makes for better breakfasting anyway.

Judged best

Judged as the tops of all the participants, was Ronnie McRae of Balaclava Street who chose as his subject "The F.L.Q." in which he conveyed factual and enlightening data on his topical subject.

Ronnie represented his village school and vied for further honors when he competed and successfully won the Group one of Area Two competitions held last Wednesday evening at the King George's School in Guelph. Ronnie will be contending for further honors sometime this month.

Three more
Three other speakers chosen for the Township Inter-School



Happenings at Rockwood School

Grade 6 - Boy's Floor Hockey - Feb. 2, Team E: Captain John Shutes played Team D: Captain Alan S.

Jan 28: Team A captain: Terry Inlage tied with Team D - 1-1.

Jan 26 Team C lost their game against Team E 2-0

Grade 7-8 - Tues. 2; Team D played Team E with Paul Shutes and Tom Hamilton.

Badminton
Girl's Badminton - On Feb. 1, Eileen McMillan and Debbie Engelage beat Angela Noel and Trudy Lunn 2-0.

On Feb. 3, Pat M. and Elizabeth play.

Yesterday February 2, Rockwood school had a meeting on the Bruce Trail which Miss Barwell spoke on.

Principals "management" board

A request from the Ontario School Trustees' Council asking that the Wellington County Board of Education vote on the question "This Board is of the opinion that school principals should be excluded from membership in the Ontario Teachers' Federation" was considered at the last meeting of the Wellington County Board held on January 25.

Trustee Cox moved that the board vote "yes" to the proposition put by Ontario School Trustees' Council that school principals be excluded from membership in the O.T.F. The motion was carried and the vote was 16 to 2 acceptance.

Dr. H. Evans past chairman of the Wellington County Board of Education, moved that, since the board considers that principals are part of the management team, they should not be involved in such areas as salary negotiations but that they should not be excluded from total membership in the O.T.F.

The motion was lost.

Comin's and Goin's

Saturday's euchre at the St. John's parish hall was a fun social evening, when 52 people braved the cold to join up with friends of the Rockwood Trail Riders for an evening of cards.

A craft table with ceramics, knitted hand-made hats, and home baking was added enticement for visitors to make the money-making scheme a success.

After the euchre, sandwiches and steaming hot coffee were served to the group who had come from Milton, Fergus, Acton, Eden Mills as well as Rockwood village.

The president's wife, Mrs. Mo McGinnis said the evening was a success. Guests said it was terrific, and a number of the Trail Riders hopes that they'll have another one again soon as it brought a whole new group together to fraternize and have fun.

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