

Free Press Rockwood

Eramosa Juniors in drama competition

The plight of the neglected husband will be exposed next Friday night when the Eramosa Junior Farmers will participate in a district wide drama competition at the Fergus High School auditorium starting at 8 p.m.

Mrs. R. McLean, owner and operator of the Hav Sun Fun Recreational Park, is directing this year's endeavor where the sad facts of the disregarded spouse will be ably portrayed by several community actors and actresses. One of the leads in the play is that of Ethel by June Thomson of R.R. 1, Rockwood and Carol, her sister plays the part of Grace.

R.R. 1 Rockwood, plays George. Jim Reid of R.R. 1 Hillsburg is Mr. Smith, and Craig Switzer of R.R. 1, Hillsburg, is Fred.

Laugh situations

The local club have chosen the one act play entitled "The Neglected Husband's Sewing Club" and the whole venture is a comedy with side-renting laugh situations, according to young experts who have viewed the rehearsals; it is an off shoot of the original Ethel and Albert television series written by Peg Lynch.

performances, best play, and others. Three years ago the Eramosa Club came out on top but always won acclaim for their theatrical contributions.

June Thomson has frequently shown outstanding ability in the area of acting and last year she tied with Miss Mary Hannah of Fergus for the group most outstanding actress award. The Eramosa Group are basing many hopes on her Friday night's performance.

Another level

The prop man and stage manager for the local production is Ross Gregson of Hillsburg, and Eleanor Rowan of Hillsburg will be in charge of make-up.

Winners will compete at another level of competition sometime in the early spring.



FOR YOUNG ACTRESSES preparing the props for the Friday night Junior Farmers production of The Neglected Husband's Sewing Club to be presented at Fergus High School for the annual drama festival are June Thomson of R. R. 1 Rockwood, Carolyn Law of Jackson Street, Rockwood, Yvonne Noble of Mackenzie Street, Rockwood, and Carol Thomson.—(Photo by Lorraine)

In cast

Dotti will be enacted by Carolyn Law of Jackson Street, Rockwood, and Stuart Gregson of R.R. 1, Hillsburg will be Mr. Brown. Yvonne Noble of Mackenzie Street is a young wife named Edith and Harvey Allan, R.R. Rockwood will be Joe for the evening's performance.

Albert has Bruce Miller of R.R. 5, Bellwood selling his status as a married male and Glen Gray of

Will attend drug workshop

One of the recommendations presented in June, 1970, was approved by the Wellington Board of Education and will result in a two-day workshop based on the requisite of a realistic attitude towards drugs.

The Drug Abuse Committee made the recommendation for a staff in-service program to prepare school personnel to better cope with the drug situation and a steering committee under the Chairmanship of S.R. Luker has been developing an intensive two-day workshop program to exchange views and encourage realistic attitudes about the student who uses drugs.

In seminary

Accommodation has been arranged at St. Augustine's Seminary, Scarborough for Friday, February 19, and Saturday, February 20, and Dr. T. Hadwen, of the University of Guelph's Sociology Department has been engaged to co-ordinate the program.

Group discussion; role playing; introduction of the new drug curriculum; and the latest films and printed materials are all part of the scheduled workshop program in which specialists in the field of drugs education will be participating with special emphasis on small group interaction.

Will study co-operation

A special committee being established by the Guelph Public Library and the two County School Boards will study the importance of co-operation and liaison between public libraries and school libraries. Board representatives to the committee will be Mrs. Suzanne Osburn of College Avenue School, Miss Mary Purdy of John F. Ross C.V.I., Trustees Mrs. Parker, Michael Bean, and Superintendent, Emery Nelson.

Hopes to assist mission in India

A letter to a local Rockwood girl from the manager of E. D. projects for the Canadian Presbyterian Mission Post Bhabra, Mendha, indicated his interest in promoting an agricultural club for the young people of India, similar to the 4-H club here in Canada.

R. M. Khunji sent a letter to June Thomson of R. R. Rockwood explaining what the Mission had tried to accomplish to aid the poorer peasant people in his territory.

understand its methods.

He said "Since this sort of programme will be quite new to me and others I would like to have information on how these clubs are started and I will be much obliged if you could please let me know the basic essentials to make it attractive, effective and successful for this generation and for the ones to come."

Visited mission

The letter to June Thomson had been prompted when Rob Sinclair, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Don Sinclair, of the Rockwood Presbyterian Church, had visited at the mission and, learning of the problems Mr. Khunji was having in getting the young people interested in basic farming methods, suggested that he write to June who is a well known enthusiast and promoter of the Ontario 4-H Club in Eramosa.

Miss Thomson is presently attempting to interest groups to assist in financing the project of obtaining and mailing such literature to the Mission manager in India. "It could be a very costly undertaking" said one of the 4-H club members who feels that the Junior Farmers could not hope to afford its finance but that, upon investigation June might find that her best source of assistance could be a governmental one with costs of literature and mailing already allowed for as "foreign aid".

Fear hardship

"In the past" read the letter from Mr. Khunji, "We had been working with older people who actually cultivate land, trying to persuade them to adopt modern farming practices. This did not have affect on them because of illiteracy and ignorance. Also because their only source of income is from farming they hesitate doing what we say, fearing that crop failure might cause much hardship to the whole family.

Our aim now is to work with small and young people to get them interested in farming patterned after 4-H clubs in Canada."

Too technical

Mr. Khunji explained that literature had been sent to the Mission previously but indicated that it had been too advanced and technical, more for well organized clubs who could

Top dollar collection for March of Dimes

The March of Dimes in Rockwood was a top dollar collection campaign this year when the total proceeds of \$160.85 were higher than the two previous years of '69 and '70.

Ice and cold weather were no

deterrents when many local ladies and high school girls who had put aside their school exam studying time, took off in the village to make their rounds for contributions to the worthy cause.

The long list of canvassers who made the 1971 March such a terrific success included: Mrs. Juekie Rowe, Mrs. Shirley Church, Miss Pearl Hamilton, Mrs. June McLaren, Miss Linda Law, Miss Wenda Gray, Mrs. Ellen Thomson, Mrs. Irene Lavoie, Miss Karen Krump, Miss Marjory Drijber, Mrs. Ken Murray, Miss Janet Nightingale, Mrs. Joan Gullid, Miss Jean DeVries, and Mrs. Audrey Hudson.

County board now "first-rate team"

An amusing incident displaying the refreshing attitudes of the new Wellington County School Board was related recently in the Courier, the Board's newsletter, by Dick Brimmell.

right on smoking and try to correct the pollution problem with air conditioning."

Mr. Brimmell expresses great optimism and pleasure at the evidence of team work and liveliness of the new 1971 Wellington County Board operations and feels that "the board is definitely hustling and an entirely new spirit has permeated the past few weeks"

The convener responsible for the organization of the Rockwood project was Mrs. Julie Brace of Guelph Street, who was delighted at the response of the village and the willingness of the canvassers to co-operate.

Will recommended

Director of Education, Alf, Hanwell said: "Heartily recommend this workshop to you and encourage your wholehearted support of it."

It was decided that attendance for the workshop would be on a voluntary basis with each principal being responsible for making staff selections in his own school, participants to be drawn from a board staff spectrum, and expected to assume a leadership role upon returning to their schools.

Now a team

He said that the trustees, after two desperate years have melted into a team of familiar colleagues joined by four experienced and professionally able new trustees and notes that the change is quite marked at the board meetings.

Expressing the opinion of the board Mr. Brimmell further stated that the situations are now firmly under control and the past "disaster" areas have gone.

Communications are firmly established. The money flow is good and relations with municipalities are flourishing on a firm base.

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS ERAMOSA TOWNSHIP

Effective on the 1st day of February, 1971, the following license fees shall be payable on dogs:

Male and spayed females	\$ 4.00
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Additional male or female	10.00
Kennel license	25.00

Any dog owner that does not procure their 1971 dog license by June 30, 1971, shall be liable to a fine of \$50.00 exclusive of costs under the Summary Convictions Act.

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Put letters together

CRAW essentials of education

The ABC's of education were laid out in new order recently when Dr. Bruce Truscott, the chairman of the Wellington County School Board, gave his inaugural address in which he defined the essentials of education.

"CRAW" is the way Dr. Truscott sees how it should be done with C for communications which Dr. Truscott believes to be the most important facet of education - "the ability to explain one's thinking to another individual."

And W represents Writing or the ability to express thought in written form.

"Putting all the letters together" said the new board chairman, "they spell CHAW and, if the County School System develops the components to the utmost, the remaining aspects of education will fit together in a varied pattern to suit the individual's requirements in a logical way."

Three R's

R represents Reading and the ability to understand the written form of communication. A represents arithmetic which is a necessity in the age of computerization.

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