

Eramosa Junior Farmers' play advances to Ontario finals

Mayfield high school auditorium in Peel County was the scene Friday night of another blazing dramatic success for the Eramosa Junior Farmers' when their theatrical production of "A Neglected Husband's Sewing Club", directed by Mrs. Edith McLean of Hay Sun Fun Park, won top honors in the advanced festival which encompassed the counties of Peel, Halton, Victoria, Ontario, and Wellington. "No-where but Up" is the

slogan of the excited Eramosa group who are now slated to perform in the Ontario championships to be held on March 27 at Ross hall, Guelph.

Special commendation was once again given to June Thomson of Rockwood for her excellent characterization of Albert's do-good wife who spent too many hours devoted to outside activities instead of attending to the mundane tasks of

homemaking. June won the solo award for the most outstanding actress and was applauded heartily.

Al Norton, representing Halton Junior Farmers' drew laurels as the best actor in "Henry's Mail order wife" and he also received generous acclaim from the audience when it is included in a variety night sponsored by the local Junior Farmers' Association sometime in April.

Direction of the group by Mrs. Edith McLean was a first for the recreational park manager, and her cast is proud of her premier effort in their triumph.

Light rental of Ross hall

Economic conditions or a change in public entertainment taste was the explanation given in the "Courier" for the lightest rental year on record of the joint city-education facility of Ross Hall, Guelph, recently.

During the year 1970, the hall was rented for 26 public performances preceded by 18 rehearsal evenings with 30 additional functions that were directly associated with the educational system. This represents possibly the lightest rental year on record although bookings so far in 1971, have shown a sharp upcurve.

Centre Wellington top speakers

The Centre Wellington District High School in Fergus was the scene of the Wellington County Public speaking contest for secondary school students sponsored by the Ontario Public School Trustees' Association and the Ontario Hydro.

Winner of the prepared speech category was Dick Vanderbent of

Erin District High School and Brenda Barber of John F. Ross C.V.I. won the impromptu speech category.

Judges The judges of the February 18 event were Virginia Parker of Guelph, William Bulger of Kitchener, and Stuart MacInnes of Waterloo.

Contesting runners-up were Debbie Nash of G.C.V.I. and Margaret Ritchie of Arthur High School, in the impromptu class; and Jason Myers of Centre Wellington and Susan Higgins of G.C.V.I. in the prepared class.

The Wellington County Board of Education has given appropriate approval for county participation in the Student Voyageur program proposed by the Department of Education. According to the Board magazine "The Courier" the program this year will see 15 students or more from Wellington County taking a two weeks' residence in Quebec for their summer holidays.

The Queen City will play host this year when the 1973 Ontario Schoolboy Curling championships will be held in Guelph, Ontario.

Marathon jolts backers

The Bell communication circuits inadvertently assisted in an unexpected budget disaster this past week for several Rockwood and area residents when a tired but friendly voice requested villagers' sponsorship in a swimathon with the YM-YWCA was holding in affiliation with the C.A.S.A. - the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association.

The abilities of the possessor of the warm telephone personality, however, catapulted into a bombastic display of energy and enthusiasm and citizens who had dared to place five and ten cents amounts on a lady's inability to complete a questionable ten lengths of the 75-foot pool were shocked when, two hours and 150 lengths later, Mrs. Betty Lou Clark of R.R. 5, Rockwood, climbed out of the water as fresh as if she had just dived in! She had leisurely completed two and one quarter miles of long distance swimming and wasn't even tired.

"Wonderful"

"It was wonderful" said the energetic Mrs. Clarke, who had expected that 15 lengths was beyond her greatest expectation. "But after the first 20 minutes I was able to relax as I had completed by speculated "face-saving" span of 10 lengths. From then on it was pleasurable swimming all the way."

Betty Lou was sure that she could have gone for several more hours but the swimathon provisions stipulated periods not exceeding two hours and not more than 200 lengths.

Make money

The purpose of the swimathon which has during the past two years become an annual event of the Guelph Y is to make money for the swimming team, as their contribution to the general upkeep of the pool area of the Y building and the money submitted by the swimmers is divided with 70 per cent of the proceeds staying in the local building and 30 per cent sent to the national Institute of the YM-YWCA.

Last year the youngsters participating raised \$3,000 of which \$2,000 was kept locally to cover the cost of special cedar pool benches during competitions.

The swim team has also been responsible for a P.A. system and stop watches for swimming and speed racing contests.

Three adults

Two other adults competed in last Saturday's swimming marathon. Leon Garstecki, the Y swimming director, swam 200 lengths and said it was misery all the way. "My legs became wobbly and tired" said Leon, who keeps himself in shape by regular swimming bouts.

Another competitor vying to make her contribution to the worthwhile cause was Mrs. Orma Gibson, wife of Nassagweya councillor Art Gibson, who successfully completed 90 lengths.

Mrs. Clark's total accumulation of unexpected coins will be \$133.50 and it is the prerogative of the sponsors who dared to sign their names to her list of backers how they will make the payments!

Innocent victims who smiled at the suggestion of 30 lengths and humorously pictured the Canadian dimes on Betty Lou's nose are having second thoughts.

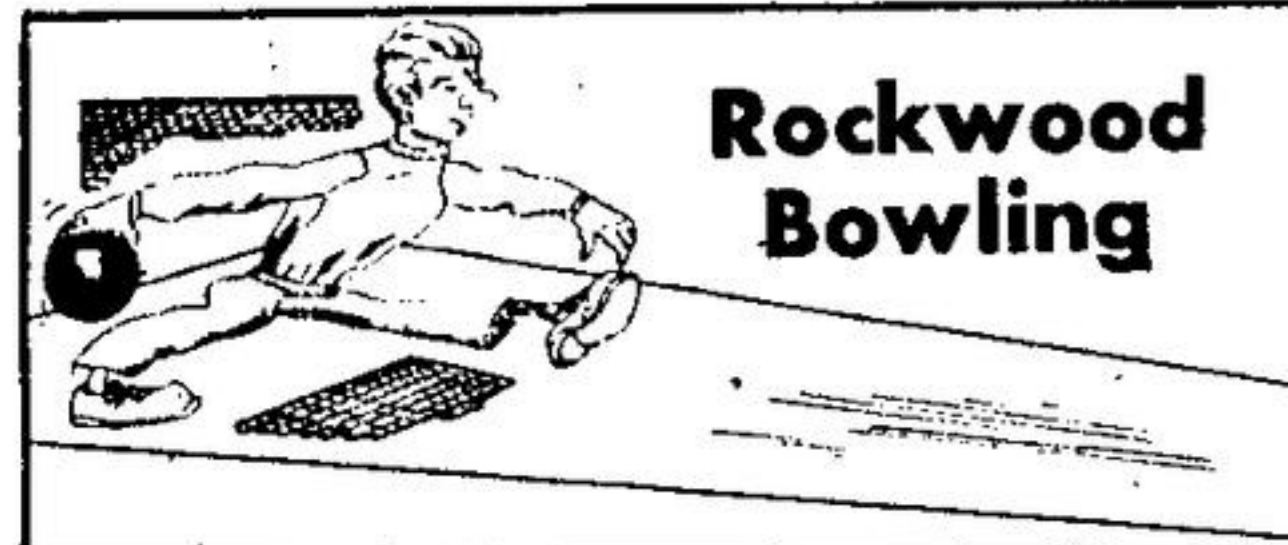
"It isn't the over 20's you should put your money on" said one wise swim team manager before the marathon dive-off. "Place your money on the teen-agers. There the ones we're never sure of."

Swims again

Mrs. Clark who has never before engaged in any type of competitive swimming and confined her water prowess to summer time Severn river cottage escapades is prepared to participate in another stint next week for the same cause. Once again she has no hopes of completing more than a few lengths but canny villagers have only pennies to invest for every three miles she specifies.



ERAMOSA junior farmers' cast of the Neglected Husband's sewing club stands together after another winning portrayal which won the coveted Best Play award Friday night at the Mayfield High School auditorium in Peel County. They are: front row: Bruce Miller, Belwood; Craig Switzer, Hillsburg. Second row: June Thomson, Yvonne Noble, Carol Thomson, Edith McLean, directress; and Glen Gray. Back row: Bob Kent, Ross Gregson, Carol Law, Stewart Gregson, Jim Reid, and Harvey Allen. —(Photo by Lorraine)



Rockwood Bowling

Bowling scores for last Tuesday's matches showed the Rockwood team with few outstanding bowlers. However on Wednesday night when teams gathered to regain scores lost during a postponed bowling session during a winter storm in January a tremendous raise was noted in the average scores.

The present standing of the teams shows: 1 Clippers with 102 points; 2 Strattons with 99; 3 Pacers with 97; 4 Guelphites with 91; 5 Nortons 88; 6 Carneys 81; 7 Whitewashers 79; 8 Four Corners 77; 9 Alley Cats 66; 10 Gooyers Bros 54; 11 Ospringle Slow Pokes with 34.

Out-to-get-you

The Norton Bluebirds will be out-to-get-you team on Wednesday night and they took seven points straight from the Ospringle Slow Pokes. Fred Nightingale was in great fettle and his 272, 252, 228 score was a 752 triple. Irene Layvie's scores of 288, 274, 240 to an 802 triple and Mary Stahbaum for the same team made 586 triple score.

The Carney's Plumbing and Heating team made seven points on the Gooyers Bros. In 648 triple play by May Swakhammer and a 595 by Bob Lilley. Looked great for triple scores as Doug Carney rang up a 230 single. Four Corners were defeated by the Guelphites with a total score of

two for the F.C. team and five for the G. team.

Nellie Stokman of the S.C. ran up a 739 triple score points with an outstanding single of 341; Tony Stockman showed a 613 and Ralph Wright a 612 triple score for the F.C. team as the Guelphites' Don Archibald matched their winning players with a 734 triple.

Strattons made a one point lead on the Neighbors with a final touchdown of 4 to 3 for the Corner team.

Dick Dupuis bowled a 223, 249, 251 triple 723 points; Dunc Kingsbury rolled up a 675 score and Jim Thatcher a 251 single while Dunc McPhedran for their Neighbors showed the Neighbors their heels with a 685 score for a high triple.

Seven points

The Whitewashers made a seven point straight from Elmer's Alley Cats and Art Nightingale growled to the tune of a 691 triple. Clarence Hilton rolled 633 and the Cats couldn't purr to their team's one high score of 658 from Ross McDougall with a series of 204, 192 and 262 single rolls.

The Clipper raised five points while the Pacers made two and Harv Jestin for the victors saw a 167, 259, 229 score develop into a 652, triple peak, and Ted Jestin made a 606 triple.

Man of year

Man of the Year for Rockwood has to be Murray McLaren for his conscientious effort to clear the roadways and walks of the village during the terrific snowstorms of this past season. Snow clearing expeditions which usually amount to two or three a year have been extended to include regular Sunday snowploughing jobs and Murray deserves special commendation for his efficiency and consistency.

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by Lorraine

Township Council's belated effort on behalf of the Village of Rockwood's problems regarding the possible installation of a water and sewage system certainly shows lack of timing for, in working with Eden Mills and Rockwood it could have directed both villages months back, in some progressive policy which would have alleviated much of the present strife.

On the other hand however, the intervention of the Township would suggest that, perhaps, they intend to absorb the sewage and water costs and see to its installation... such an idea could have merit.

We hear much of the Ratepayers' Association and feel that such associations can, and do, fulfil a great function in any community. However, the present Ratepayers' Association, which seemingly at times speaks for the Village, does not represent Rockwood as many of its members are non-residents from outside the area... perhaps this body should call itself "the Eramosa Ratepayers' Association".

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