

ACTIVITIES WHICH ROCKWOOD young fry were participating in on Sunday's beautiful blast of sunshine and warmth. —(Photos by Lorraine)



BRUCE LOGAN, Judy Hospes, Lynn Duncan and Tom Pinder choose the Conservation park for their top-down convertible sun bathing.



KIM ANDERSON of Rockwood bicycles with Joanne Loof of R. R. 5, Rockwood.

Free Press Rockwood

Extravaganza at John F. Ross

The John F. Ross Collegiate was literally buzzing last Friday and Saturday nights when the school was jammed to capacity with delighted and enthusiastic spectators becoming physically and mentally involved in the Rossafara spectacular. Approximately 70 individual attractions were in operation and those attending were able to see the mechanics of an industrial society with experiments and displays showing just how such advances in technological know-how were affecting our environment. Examples of advanced chemistry and physics, biological experiments, conducted and many of them contrived by the students themselves.

entertainment. A talking robot named "Helen", national cafes, food from all countries assembled by the Home Economics classes, historical dioramas of the world wars, puppet show, band concerts, gymnastics, original productions by the theatre arts groups, and many other specialties all performed with outstanding abilities. The Friday and Saturday evenings' exhibition was one of the biggest school extravaganzas ever staged in Ontario and it had taken almost seven months of hard work by the students and staff of the John F. Ross Collegiate but, as the participants themselves put it, "It was well worth the effort!"

Coming event

Anyone or any group or organization interested in catering or operating the concession booth at the Rockwood Hall park is requested to attend the meeting of the Eramosa Recreation Committee on April 23 at 8 p.m. at the Eramosa Township Municipal building.

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JUNE PIOTTO and her 10 year old daughter, Cindy of R. R. 3, Rockwood enjoyed an afternoon of trail riding.



MARIKA SCHULLER and Margaret Glendenning used up their springtime energies by climbing an old tree.

Horse sense is what a horse has that keeps him from betting on people!

Quietly, fun, and unique experiences were also part of the two evenings of pleasurable

100 jobs open for students

The Grand River Conservation Authority will employ about 100 students this year under a provincially-financed cleanup program.

G. M. Coutts, general manager said he had already had received 300 job applications from students, but according to guidelines laid down this week by the Department of Energy and Resources Management, they will now have to re-apply. The program, known as SWEEP (Students Working in an Environmental Enhancement Program), will provide employment for 2,000 throughout the province. Half will be employed by conservation authorities and half by the Department of Lands and Forests.

Students will be paid by the province and there will be no cost

to the authority, said Mr. Coutts. Pay rates range from \$2 an hour for laboring work up to \$2.50 an hour for senior supervisors.

Mr. Coutts said the authority will hire students from all parts of the river valley to obtain as wide a geographic coverage as possible. Crews will be put together to work in locations close to their homes. They will work on cleanup projects in conservation areas and other locations, doing work that the authority would normally not be able to do this year.

Students wishing to take part in the program can obtain applications forms from the authority head office, 6 Jaffray Street, Galt. Mr. Coutts said the first students should be hired to start work in June and the program will end in September.

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Mrs. Irene Hawkins heads C.W.L. slate

Mrs. Joy Haliburton took the chair for the last time on Wednesday evening at the C.W.L. meeting held in the Rockwood rectory. Her two year term of office had been completed and the scheduled election finalized her presidency.

Mrs. Irene Hawkins was voted in as the top lady of the local Catholic ladies' group with first vice, Mrs. Nellie Stokman; second vice, Mrs. Roy Bacon; secretary, Mrs. Dolly Melanson; and treasurer, Mrs. Teresa Miller.

Committee slate

Several study group conveners showed a new committee slate as well. Church Life is now headed by Mrs. Nellie Stokman; membership, Mrs. Haliburton; social convener, Mrs. Sennhauser; ecumenical and

civic life, Mrs. Paul Dica; public relations and press, Mrs. Mary Gilfillin; Hamilton Diocesan C.W.L. delegates, Mrs. Stokman and Mrs. Sennhauser. The annual convention will be held this year on dates of June 4, 5, and 6 at Waterloo University.

Father Elliot who was also in attendance at the meeting commended the past executive and committee members on their past efficiency. He proceeded to welcome the new officers and congratulated them on their acceptance of responsibility.

He gave a brief prayer to the group after which a social half hour and lunch convened by Mrs. Evelyn Dales and Mrs. May Synnott, concluded the meeting. The next one is to be held on May 12 at the home of Mrs. Nellie Stokman.

Happenings at Rockwood School

On Friday, April 16, both volleyball and basketball teams went to Erin High school for a tournament against Eramosa and Osprings. We beat Osprings but were unable to defeat Eramosa placing us in second place. The basketball team defeated

Eramosa and Osprings but since we didn't beat Eramosa they took second place with the other two teams behind.

On Thursday, April 22, Eramosa will come here and both teams play for the "Love Mary" award.

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Slight decrease

\$19 million for education

The majority of Wellington county municipalities will enjoy a slight reduction in education taxes in 1971. The Wellington Board of Education struck its budget at a meeting on March 22, enabling the county municipalities to get their 1971 mill rate details prior to the end of March.

There are 63 distinct school support areas in the county and 37 of them had a decline in their rates.

19 million

The 1971 total budget amounts to \$19,347,000 which is 11 per cent up over the 1970 expenditure of \$17,298,394. In 1970 the entire education operation came within 245 per cent of its established budget, actually winding up with a small surplus.

The Board had a policy of "holding the mill rates" for local taxpayers in 1971. This was complicated because of a new system of apportionment and the fact that the Ontario government "freed" the surpluses of the 1968 boards and added one-third of the former deficits as a new grant.

The slight decrease was attributed to the "freeing" of surpluses, assessment growth and increased grants.

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