

Rockwood Carnival tale of harmony, good will

Big parade Sat. throngs in park

It isn't the success or the failure that really matters it's the combined effort of many people working together in harmony and goodwill that tells the true story and Saturday's Rockwood Carnival '71 was one of those.

A committee which took over the reins when the season was late, a group of people who organized themselves in a hurry and, within a few weeks got things moving to produce a great scene. There were mishaps and errors, plenty of them, there are wrinkles to smooth out, dozens of them, but what is really a miracle is that anything happened at all on short notice and the community effort behind the Eramosa Township Carnival in Rockwood was what did it and commendations should be thrown about in many directions.

Work tirelessly

Bob and Hazel Hamilton, for instance, have been on the carnival committee since its inception as a project to start a summer recreation school for Rockwood and township kids, they worked tired but tirelessly putting up snow fences and setting up and operating their fish pond booth.

Ray and Betty Death who, with their entire family involved, spark up the annual event with efficiency and enthusiasm doing a terrific job in every necessary area; Elwood and Lois Tosh were also involved on the original committee, they manage family floats as well as taking over and operating the home-baking booth.

There were the Gord and Jean Grays, the Bert and Mary Kellys, the Bob Noels, the Lloyd Dyers, the George Smiths, all working behind the scenes, making their special contributions in both building and generally adding to the successes of each annual event. This year there were many new names and fresh faces on the committee who, already are anxious to get on with next year's effort to deprive, disapprove of, and to improve on last Saturday's show.

Many people

The '71 committee included Jackie Rowe, Hazel Hamilton, Betty Lou Clark, Lois Tosh, Sitska Drijber, Betty Burnett, Ellen Thomson, Betty Eason, Sylvia Brian, Jim Greenis and Betty and Ray Death, behind the scenes, keeping interest at its peak, were Dianne Noel, Julie Thatcher, Alice Nichol, Liz Thomson all phoning local and township residents for contributions and general information. Sandy Hudson took over and was a terrific parade marshal with his crew of Lloyd Thomas and Ian Weyman, while Bruce Logan was in charge of park efficiency. Andy Johnson looked after the pony rides for children assisted by his own special young cohorts and the Pat Dales family conducted world tours of Rockwood around the block with pony and cart.

Both men Bert Smith, Garry Brace, and Tony Reid also played their role and Kevin Root proved himself as a top barker and weight guessing man as Ronnie Death sapped up the cool water in the sponge tossing game and Dennis Death handled the crown and anchor.

Mrs. Mary Coulter was on the

grounds displaying a number of the items on which the recreation committee based their winter activity questionnaire. One of the enchanting items on the agenda was John Mattire, the art instructor at the Guelph College, who was sketching in charcoal.

Contributors

There were other ways of contributing and Ray Thomson showed this when he made up, without charge, draw tickets for the penny table, Bill Adsett provided free advertising, three members of the community went all out and created draw prizes, beautifully crafted. Myrtle DeVries a colourful afghan, Edna Ewers a hand knitted rug, and absolutely gorgeous was a hand-tooled leather hand bag which was contributed by Ed LaVoie.

Everyone gave, Petty's garage a gas certificate; John Salmon's Country T.V. centre and sales service, a transistor radio; Als groceries a hamper of food; Acton Free Press subscriptions from Dills Publishing; the Rockwood Mill End store, materials for home sewing; Stratton and Dupuis gave food items, two large bags of fertilizer were supplied by Dr. J. Bell; Jim Hill grinned as he asked the committee members if they'd like a duck and two ducklings; and a load of top soil was up for draws donated by Ken Pinder of R. R. 4, Rockwood.

Other donations added to the list included Mustang theatre passes, an old car for the car smash from John McLean, passes from the John Deere Equipment, and rides on Ray Death's jazzy 34 Lincoln.

What else is designated as a contribution and how does one differentiate between donations and community spirit? Working in a booth? Transporting and setting up tables? Slugging to put up snow fences and taking them down later? Driving all over creation spending long hours creating and organizing floats? Being on hand to assist wherever needed? Whatever it is or wherever the effort, it's all part of the



MELANIE PACK and her lamb took second for the most unusual pet in the pet classes at Rockwood Carnival.

happening and no engine can operate unless every cog is functioning in its groove.

Fun things

There were the fun things that occurred. Horrendous at the moment, but humorous in retrospect. There was much involvement in making floats that there were not enough people to man the booth construction effort on Friday night. Too much had to be left for the Saturday morning resulting in numerous last minute details.

Miscalculations on coin doing left bingo enthusiasts waiting for a game that was stymied without small change because the "money man" was still on a parade float while being paid for small coin circulation. Outlets cooked out and innovations had to be applied. Some scheduled events didn't come off because organizers didn't show. These were the happenings but time had been short for planning and, in spite of the problems, the Carnival was a success.

Financial? Who knows until the last bill has been paid and the final intake tallied.

Communitywise? A terrific effort with an entire township supporting.

Oh sure, the cottage country called many away but in all the majority were behind the scenes somewhere and next year even greater township community involvement is pre-expected and already enthusiasm is buzzing as numerous committee members apply for their positions in carnival involvement for '72.

Those on the Committee this year relay their thanks to the hundreds of people who assisted, gave donations, and generally backed their effort. The committee hopes that next year even more residents will volunteer their services. Idea ladies and gentlemen are invited to join in and present their suggestions for next year's annual Eramosa Carnival, staged in the Rockwood Ball Park will be an even greater success.

Prize winners

Who won the prizes? The floats presented difficult decisions but Cam Lash, Warren Parkinson, and Charles O'Brien judged that, for the "most eye catching" float top laurels should go to the Royal Bank with Swanson's Farm Equipment, visit to Disneyland a close second choice.

In the "most unusual" category first award went to the Allerellie's float and the Eramosa Recreation Committee took the second prize, as honourable mention was given Centennial School and the Combined Church Sunday School.

Residents alerted the Rockwood-Eramosa brigade and the fire was extinguished in short order.



LAST THURSDAY was visiting day for two classes of kindergarten students from the George Kennedy Public School in Georgetown. The children enjoyed their sheep shearing episode at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Pasmore of R.R. 2, Rockwood. While waiting for the return bus they enjoyed playing on the farm tractor.—(Photo by Lorraine)

afghan, Betty Death is the proud winner of the transistor radio, Lorraine Root the hand tooled hand bag, Dorothy Polo's family will cut for a week with her food hamper, Lenny Eason proudly displays his two ducklings, Jackie Rowe hasn't named her new duck, Lloyd Dyer won the top soil, and Len McDougall the bags of fertilizer.

The Rockwood Hydro draw for village residents was an afternoon highlight as Mary Logan won the toaster, Dave Howe the electric kettle and little Kim and Colleen Petty will share the cordless tooth brush.

Winners of the Pay as-You-Paid draw were also delighted as Ed Kingsbury's name of Rockwood was drawn for the 1st \$25 award, Ken Woods of Guelph won \$15 and 3rd prize \$10 was won by John Mooney of Guelph.



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In the Little Canadian Open Championship Horseshoe Pitching Tournament the winner of that event was Clayton Neeb of Kitchener, Ontario. Mr. Neeb was vying for a cash award plus the coveted Lou Hills trophy which has become an annual contribution by donor Lou. Second place winner was Harry Seim of Rockwood.

Winners in the pony class of the pet show were: Peter Faulkner's Apache; Second was Paul

Faulkner's Lighting, and Third place showed Jingle Belle as shown by Patrick Barr.

Costume winners were: J. Duffield; Melanie Parkinson with Fluffy, Cindy Currie with Tuffy. Winning dogs showed Snoopy belonging to Shene Kelly taking 1st prize; Renee owned by Julie Ann Sargent also tied for 1st prize; Dog Sandy owned by Lisa Ann Drater was Second and Cassie won Third for Vickie Tuck.

The most unusual pet was Anna Belle who won a first for Erica Barr; Bluff was Second for Melanie Pack and Sandy Root won Third place for her frog.

The grand Champ of the afternoon's event was Peter Faulkner's pony Apache.

"You cannot put a great hope into a small soul." —Jenkin L. Jones

Sunday's Decoration Day has colorful ceremony

Sunday's Decoration Day ceremony was a quietly successful event as over 100 people were on hand to view the parade from the Academy to the Rockwood cemetery with Parade Marshal Max Storey in charge of the Canadian Legion Color party, behind which the members of the Legion and the Women's Auxiliary formed and paraded.

Eight flags were displayed in the impressive ceremony as Rockwood Trustee chairman Don

Hills, representing the Cemetery Board, welcomed those who attended. Rev. Don Sinclair was chairman.

Father Elliot read the scripture and Rev. Ralph Williams gave a brief sermon. Ernie Slipp representing Rev. Ken Cardwell of St. John's Anglican Church read the prayer.

Angell welcome

During the service Robert Angell of the Acton Legion said a

few words welcoming the assemblage and, explaining that although he was pleased at the numbers attending the quickly organized ceremony, the forming of a special committee was being considered which will, in the future, make Decoration Day in the Rockwood Cemetery an annual event in which more people will be involved.

Among those placing decorations on the graves were the Acton Firefighters who placed their tribute to Doug McEachern, and a geranium was placed on the graves of 32 veterans as well as a Canadian flag and a cross beside each grave.

Much commendation was vocally extended to Murray McLaren and Frank Schneider from visitors to the cemetery who were impressed at the beautiful condition and the care being applied to the landscape.

Douse fire in pole

Sunday's rain and thunderstorm resulted in an 8 p.m. fire alarm when a hydro pole on Station Street, which had been struck by lightning, began to blaze.

Residents alerted the Rockwood-Eramosa brigade and the fire was extinguished in short order.

Comin's and Goin's

Eden House - a whole round of activity turned the residence into a bee hive last week during Open House and corridors were packed with interested visitors from Eden Mills, Rockwood, Acton, Everton and other local communities. The residents put on gay attire, fussed up hair, and even applied lipstick in expectation of the continual bout of visiting.

"Stimulation and outside brought in" was what one resident supervisor said was the best therapy for her charges and it can be said that the Nursing homes have opened up and welcomed you in, now its your turn to reciprocate and visit regularly. Five minutes of casual visiting can be like five hours to those forgotten people who have little to look forward to unless nearby communities take an interest. Stop a minute, have you time to drop in again this week?

Hey! The Rockwood Carnival brought many oldtime residents back into the community and Gerry and Marj Burton came in from Brampton to visit with Babs and Ray Ellis. Welcome back to your old haunts, Burtons!

Hopefully, all parents and children will register at the park and let their feelings be known regarding the Grand River Authority swimming lessons. How else will things happen unless everyone asserts their rights and says it the way it is. Students rebel, how about parents, Your child needs you to get him in the swim!

Thirty young people arrived at the home of the Ray Death family, sporting every vehicle from sports cars to motorcycles over last weekend. Bryan's friends from Toronto came avisting as well as Mr. and Mrs. Ted Fulton. Hi Toronto, we hope our Rockwood weather suited you city folks.

Rockwood Conservation Park had a full house early Sunday

afternoon and gates were closed shortly after 12 noon to ward off excessive car parking. "Just no room" was the reason and disappointed visitors had to find another recreation area.

It will be free trips for Charlie Glendinning, Harry Selms and yours truly, according to the lucky ticket draw at the Carnival dance held last Saturday night at the School grounds. Ray Death is sponsoring the event in his '34 Lincoln, and passengers in the vintage vehicle wonder if they should fuss up their grandparents' Sunday apparel or just wear shorts and sweatshirts.

A visitor to the Rockwood Park on Sunday cut her foot on glass and had to be taken to the Guelph General Hospital for treatment.

The attendant informed the lady that nearly all the emergency patients who had been brought in that day had been those from the Rockwood Conservation Park. It has something to do with thoughtlessness, stupidity, and "couldn't care less" ness plus pollution only this time the pollution isn't just in the atmosphere. Can't people see the problems they create and make life more enjoyable for others by just being nice guys.

Get over to the "Hi Neighbour" snack bar at Jimmie Milne's park. Two nice gals have taken over, the place is spotless and everything is friendly and delicious. Ask the kids who eat there they'll tell you "Its great!"

It's a welcome home and a big hug to Pam Ingle who is back home again from the Sick Kid's Hospital in Toronto. Pam's in a cast and on her back right now so everyone sends a "Hi and get up soon" to a great little girl who has taken a beating but with her spirit will be around again soon.

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