



THE SMELL OF BURNING pork still permeates faintly as the charred remains of one of Ontario's most modern piggery establishments lies in a ravaged state after last week's

disastrous fire. Damage was estimated at \$400,000. —(Photo by Lorraine).

\$half-million fire razes piggery

Faulty wiring was blamed for the nine hour blaze which gutted one of Ontario's most modern piggeries Thursday afternoon. Approximately 1200 pigs were burned to death on the R. R. Rockwood farm, owned by Allan A. Cook of Burlington. Provincial Police estimated the damage at \$400,000 but Karl Poulsen, manager of Springloam Farm on the 2nd line of Eramosa, made his estimate closer to \$500,000.

Too late Coming out of his farm home Mr. Poulsen saw the explosion but, by the time Rockwood-Eramosa firefighters had arrived with two pumps, a tank truck and an emergency vehicle, the barn had been demolished and the men had to concentrate on saving other buildings including three granaries situated beside a cement block silo, and an old shed. The blaze started on the second floor and forced herdsman Harry Terkildsen to jump from that elevation. He was later treated for burns to his right arm and face.

Only two weeks previous the district fire inspector had reported the Eramosa Piggery to be one of the safest and most efficient safety enterprises in the area. There was no hay or straw in the modern 200 by 30 foot barn which housed the piggery. Of the estimated 1200 pigs lost, between 110 and 115 were sows. The remainder were piglets and market hogs.

Save many sows According to manager Poulsen 110 sows were saved and some 10 boars. A definite count is impossible he said, as many of the animals escaped into the bush and since Thursday's fire, are being discovered and brought

back to an enclosure for food and shelter. Sunday night one of the sows scratched at the Poulsen's door wanting attention and Mrs. Poulsen attended her needs.

There is more to the story of Thursday's blaze than monetary loss. There is another one of 15 years of breeding, working with, and raising young piglets whose mothers were part of the original swine herd. There was the squealing screams of the trapped sows as they were being scorched in the burning inferno. The young piglets died quietly, apparently succumbed by gas fumes.

As the fire blazed from 2.30 in the afternoon, neighbors and friends rallied to aid, pulling the animals to safety and dragging them from the heat of the pens. The Poulsen's who have lived on the Cook farm since its purchase in 1965 are respected and well liked in the community and their friends worked far into Friday morning trying to assist wherever possible.

Till 3 a.m. Coffee and lunches were served constantly with a 1:00 o'clock meal for those hanging on. Not until 3 a.m. were the firemen satisfied that the entire blaze was completely under control.



WHAT'S YELLOW, delicious, succulent, and wears green covering? It's the freshly picked, just-off-the-vine corn enterprise which the two young Stokman children of R. R. 5, Rockwood have set up with their own home grown corn. Mary Ann Stokman 12, is seen here prepared for business while Peter 10, her brother-partner, is getting more for an anxious customer. No one should miss that corn.—It's really good! —(Photo by Lorraine).

Monday afternoon, an old tree stump was still smoking, a sad reminder of the horrendous catastrophe.

There are three farms located in the district under Cook ownership and all are managed by Mr. Poulsen. One is a cow and calf farm, and, two miles from the barn which was destroyed another piggery, which houses more than 600 pigs excluding those taken there from the fire. The cattle enterprise consists of 260 Shorthorn cows, plus the two piggery farms of registered Landrace stock encompasses an area of 500 acres.

However, the building which was razed, with all its ultra-modern equipment and all automatic feeders, was the choicest of the entire operation and, according to manager Poulsen, it will be five years before the farm will be operating at the same efficiency level.

The Rockwood-Eramosa Fire Brigade was assisted by Guelph fire pumper which was also summoned at 2.30 p.m. and arrived approximately an hour later.



AN OLD STUMP was still smoking on Monday afternoon after Thursday's horrendous fire at the piggery on the Springloam farm on the 2nd concession of Eramosa Township. —(Photo by Lorraine).

Comin's and Goin's . . .

(Continued from Page B4) Duby, Miss F. Hill, Mrs. Max Milne, and Mrs. Rose Oakes.

Rockwood's pleased to know that Lloyd Marsden is out of the hospital and back on the mend. His friends hope for a complete and early recovery.

It looks as if the Rockwood Trail Riders are in top form these days with seven honors taken at the recent Flesherston Trail Ride and riders from many distances in Ontario competing. Jean Pettitt placed first in the Speed ride and Buz Ellis, third. In the regular straight endurance ride Glen Good, Guelph, of the local club placed first, Ken Tuck of Eden Mills fourth, Pat Beck was fifth and Bill Milburn, also of Guelph, placed sixth in the heavyweight division. Nice going guys and gals!

Speaking of nags, Tim Dales broke his leg during a game of soccer recently but it isn't holding him back from riding. Cast and all he is seen about the vicinity of Rockwood sporting his broken appendage and at his brother's wedding Tim fancied up his foot slightly by putting polish on his nails, true wedding broken-leg style. No hang-ups for that kid and in today's world, that's great!

It's horses again and this time it's about Babs Ellis who managed to cop a third place at Al Foxe's Circle "A" horse competitions last Sunday. Great girl Babs! That's what horsein' around in Rockwood accomplishes.

Camping at Sauble that's what's on the calendar for the

Dirk Jansen family who moved to the village recently. The Jansens and their two children, Laura 5 and David 3, will be spending time about the fire but villagers hope that the weatherman will favor them with sunshine again so that it'll be suntan and swimming. Looks like it's Parry Sound district for Bernice and Roy Bacon during their remaining holidays. Have fun folks and see you at the bakery soon.

It's not a summer trip but it is Bon Voyage for Donna Hills of Rockwood who will be leaving next Thursday via the P.O. Orsova steamer bound for Australia. Valerie Wright and Nellie Munema of Guelph, two friends, will accompany Donna on the exciting voyage with first stop set for Hawaii, on to the Fiji Islands, over to New Zealand and then to Aussie-land. Out of money, back to work, but a year away from Canada is on the agenda for the local gals and their many friends say "Great going kids, have a marvellous time."

Look who's back after a month long holiday. It's Don and Winnie Hills who left one month ago bound for Vancouver to visit daughter Joan, now living in Langley B.C. A week of travelling and camping accompanied by Donna, two weeks with Joan, a week on the way homeward bound and the Hills arrived home last week. Now they have Eric, Betty, and little granddaughter Kelly, visiting them in Rockwood and reruns of their western trip are part of the entertainment. Other exclusively private showings of their wonderful adventure have been enjoyed on separate occasions by Mr. and Mrs. George Perry, Mrs. Leola Day, Mrs. Rose Oakes, and Barbara McLaren. Have gun will travel, but the Hills went via car. Welcome back folks.



FARM MANAGER, Karl Poulsen and his two farm hands, Rick Lawrence of Brampton and Bob Hart of Stratford who also assisted in the fire, found one of the sows which had escaped into the bushes during last Thursday's fire when 1200 pigs were burned to death and only 110 sows and 10 boars were saved. With singed ears and body the animal was put into an enclosure to recuperate. Other pigs have been found since the fire and Mrs. Poulsen, the manager's wife takes walks each day into the bushes to see if she can find more. —(Photo by Lorraine).

Let's talk about horses

By Jennifer Barr

Q: Could you tell me the difference between Paint and Pinto? And people say I'm sorrel. What color is sorrel? I thought I was chestnut. Shawnee.

A: Dear Shawnee: If you are a red-brown color, have a red mane and tail, and live in the East, you are chestnut. If you live in the West you are sorrel. Horses with large areas of black and white are Paint in North America or Piebald in the U.K. Brown and White is a pinto or skewbald. To confuse the issue even more, there are Overo and Tobiano pintos. It's safer if you are grey.

at nine or ten years of age. Please send your questions to Jennifer Barr, R.R. 4, Rockwood, and I'll try to answer them in the column.

Q: I have noticed many people trailering their horses with bandages applied from knee to upper pasterns. Does this really help to protect the legs from injury?

A: The most common injuries occur on the lower pastern and hoof heads from horses losing their balance and standing on their own feet. Therefore the bandages you describe do little more than look pretty although they do protect the caron bone somewhat. If one can't get heavy shipping boots, one needs to apply bandages over quilted pads or disposable diapers (yes, really) right down the lower to the hoof. Not so glamorous but effective.

Q: What is the best age for a child to start riding?

A: That depends on the child. Most youngsters aren't physically able to control a pony until their legs are long enough, around eight or nine. A small child might enjoy glorified pony rides but pushing him to do more usually undermines his confidence. There are exceptions, of course. However, a child generally learns faster if started

Name oats winners

Results of Acton Agricultural Society Oats Competition for 1971 are announced this week, as follows:

1. Alex McPhedran 93, 2. Duncan McPhedran 92, 3. Ken Murray 91, 4. Smith Griffin 90, 5. Calvin Aitken 89, 6. Fryer Bros. 88, 7. George Wallace 87, 8. John Duenk 85, 9. Frank Anthony 80. Judge was Roy Laughlin, Guelph.

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Broader education for retarded child

Broader educational opportunities are available for Ontario's trainable retarded children, Minister of Education Robert Welch, announced recently. Mr. Welch said legislation will be introduced to standardize the school attendance of trainable retarded. They will, he said, have the opportunity to attend school full time from age five until 21, dependent upon their capability to profit from the school experience. Under existing legislation trainable retarded students under 10 years of age may only attend school for half a day and all must leave the system at age 18. Responsibility for deciding if trainable retarded students will attend full time will rest with admission boards that now work in co-operation with school boards on matters dealing with trainable retarded students. Mr. Welch said the move extends to all students in Ontario's concept of equal educational opportunity. Mr. Welch stated boards of education that want to implement the changes for the coming school year will receive favorable consideration from the Department. Local representative to the Advisory Committee of the Halton Board of Education is William Treahy of Georgetown.

Stolen car is recovered

Acton OPP recovered the third stolen car in about three weeks on Monday when one was found on Frederick St. All have been from the Milton area. One constable observed that someone must object to walking from Milton so commanders a car, a warning to all motorists to keep their cars locked and the keys away from would-be thieves.

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