

# Adjudicators select three top speakers

Remarking on the importance of better communications in a world where people can't seem to think together, the adjudicator at last Monday evening's public school speaking contest held at Rockwood Centennial, commended the participants for taking part in the event and the school staff for making it possible.

Five young students from the group 2, area 2, Wellington district of Guelph and Rockwood were on hand with a variety of favorite subjects and each one, individually, managed to convey to their audience the topic of their choice. Despite the small assemblage the enthusiasm and interest shown by those present was apparent in the rounds of applause after each speaker had presented his or her speech.

**No. 1 position**  
Representing Tytler Public School in Guelph, Fay Bentley, a grade 6 student, had the handicapped position of No. 1 on the agenda, but gave an interesting account on the life of the Prairie Dog. Relating them to our human society today she said that their colonies could actually be greater in size and numbers than our cities and, in referring to instances of working together Fay said that, in case of danger they called out warning signals with their tremendous barking cry.

"A pig" said Tanya Carnahan from Paisley School "is the smartest animal in the barnyard" and, according to Tanya it is the only naturally housebroken domestic animal and the cleanest. "It is loyal and affectionate" said the young student with positive emphasis and later revealed that she had

gleaned her information on the porky creatures from an article in the Readers Digest, her grandmother, and general knowledge.

She reminded the audience that, when people refer to the police as "pigs" as they often do, they are really paying a compliment as this must mean that they have all the attributes of loyalty, intelligence and cleanliness and, according to Tanya, "You can call me a pig anytime."

**Loves animals**  
Speaker No. 3 was Dawn Watkin from Central and she gave a delightful resume of a walk outdoors with her dog called Simon. "One, two three, four, five, steps to the veranda and then home!" said the pretty young girl who loves most animals but admits that mother in her house, really takes care of the pet Simon.

All about a family castle in Italy Melinda Forster a grade 6 student from St. George's in Guelph told about her trip to visit Santa where secret passageways, dungeons, and ghosts spiriting about leaving scents of jasmine perfume still exist.

Her stories of wartime intrigue when a group of nuns hid out in the castle and outwitted the enemy, pleased the audience and, describing the 30 ft. ceilings and the tower room the speaker conveyed her ambition to return to Italy and once again explore the ancient stronghold.

Asked later if she had ever visited Dundurn Castle in Hamilton or Casa Loma in Toronto, Melinda said that she never had and judge Elizabeth McPhedran suggested that she

make such a visit but not to expect any ghosts as there weren't any as far as she knew.

**Come to Rockwood**  
"If you are tired of the hustle and the bustle of the city, come with me to Rockwood and I will be your guide" and Ronnie McRae speaker No. 9 representing Rockwood Centennial took his audience on an imaginary trip through the village starting from the Fall Street entrance down Valley Road explaining the pot hole formations, the Harris Woolen Mill building remains, the Hortops Mill, and on to the Academy with many points of interest in between.

He explained the heritage and background of Rockwood's favourite historical educational site which was founded in 1832 by William Wetherald and through which many of Canada's most famous men were educated including Sir Adam Beck and James J. Hill. One interesting point said the enthusiastic young speaker who also showed a keen knowledge of many of the Village's political problems, is that, immediately across from the Rockwood cemetery on making its entry is a sign reading "settle here" and, although this particular reading has created mirth on many occasions to transients passing through the village, Ronnie's deliberation on Monday evening aroused some chuckles and he completed his talk by suggesting that perhaps everyone could become better acquainted with the remainder of the village if they'd like to visit about themselves.

Questioned about community problems the young student said that sewer and water installation was the major consideration at this time with some people wanting them and others not. He said that the post office had also aroused village furor but that he would not like to see Rockwood become part of Guelph as it might become too populated and spoil its beauty. "Sleigh riding down Snake Hill is great" said Ronnie but displaying his consciousness of pollution potential, said that he'd like to see the pot holes kept free of garbage.

**On the program**  
During intermission when judges retired to discuss their scores, several program items were presented. Once again the Centennial School audience was favored with marvellous renditions by the two choirs of the Rockwood Ensemble and the Eramosa Choral Ensemble under the conductorship of Mrs. Roberta Hoy. The Rockwood group sang an "Old King Cole" melody and the audience was enthralled when the combined choirs sang "All Thru the Night, Oh Shenandoah and the Green Grass of Home."

Principal McRae commended Mrs. Hoy on her accomplishments with the choir which had only been started two years ago and was receiving great ovation throughout the township. A gymnastic display by the students of Bob Love's class was then demonstrated as numerous youngsters performed with flips, hand stands, and various other athletic feats.

**Three best**  
Judged as the three outstanding speakers to represent area two at the competition in Aberfoyle School on Wednesday, Feb. 2, were: Tanya Carnahan of Paisley, Melinda Forster of St. Georges, both of Guelph, and, from Rockwood Centennial, Ronnie McRae. All students were praised for their presentation and, as the adjudicator said, "It was a difficult decision, however the three chosen had proven to be deliberate, precise, and knowledgeable about their chosen subjects and the most eligible to move into the next rank of competition."



WHEN KENNY PINDER'S dad brought him a large toy truck from his trip to Winnipeg recently he hadn't realized what a schoolyard sensation it would be but now all Kenny's Centennial pals wish their dads would take a trip.—(Photo by Lorraine)

## 250 jam floor for C.W.L. dance

The town hall was packed to capacity last Saturday night when the hottest dance of the season was hosted by the C.W.L. Everybody had fun even though the ticket sales outnumbered the seating arrangements and some of the guests had to crowd out the four piece band to find table accommodation.

Square, ballroom, and polka dancing with minor bouts of rock and roll kept the jam bouncing as over 250 people jammed the floor which has an easy capacity for 125. Young people, middle agers, and various age groups mingled and enjoyed themselves at the event about which the sponsors had questioned potential success.

Saturday's dance told a story somehow. One of a need in the village for more spontaneous get together with everyone involved to have fun. Come 12 p.m. it was line-up and eat time. The bar was closed and coffee and cold cuts were on the menu and dancers were in great spirits and famished.

**In the groove**  
The Warringtons from Fergus was the musical group which kept everyone in the groove and conversership for the successful affair was under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hawkins. Teenage door prizes were won by Mari Ellen Saunders and Pamela Drexler with Arthur Stokman capturing the one for the teenage spot dance. Tony Stokman and Paul Dea won the adult door prize as Hazel Hamilton and Bert Kelly skirted off with the lucky spot winnings.

Sociability, good fun, and everybody seemed to know somebody. Already plans are in the making and the C.W.L. is being hounded for tickets for their next big do which hasn't even been scheduled. "Only 125 tickets will be sold for sure when we have another one" say the ladies. Those who attended on Saturday night however, were all thinking "the more the merrier" and it was.

## Elect Nassagaweya Public Library Bd.

The election of officers for the newly created Nassagaweya Public Library Board was held in the Nassagaweya Town Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 26. Members of the board will be Reeve of Nassagaweya Mrs. Anne MacArthur, Ken Knight, Leo Schulte, Mrs. Dorothy Edwards and Mrs. John Robinson. Also present for the election were the members of the former Campbellville Community

Library Committee, Mrs. Audrey Gadd, Mrs. Mae Dennis, George Goldstraw and Jim Baynton. The first official meeting of the library board will be held in the Campbellville Library on Feb. 23 at 8:00 p.m. The Campbellville group founded the village library over a year ago but is turning it over to the township to take advantage of grants.

THE Y annual meeting and banquet today (Wednesday) with special surprise plans afoot.

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**Let's Play Bridge**  
by bill coats

Last week I was called out of town on Monday evening and was absent for the weekly duplicate session at the Acton Bridge Club. In looking over the results I was not surprised to find several bids such as 3 no trump making five at one table and 3 no trump down one at another.

The one that really caught my eye was a four spade making four at one table and three spades down one at another. How can a game contract make and a part score go down? Let's look at the cards.

East dealt with both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
S—A 9 7 4 2  
H—Q 10 5 4  
D—J 10  
C—10 8

**WEST**  
S—Q 5 3  
H—A 7 6  
D—K 8 7 3  
C—J 9 2

**EAST**  
S—K  
H—8 8 3  
D—Q 6 4 2  
C—K Q 7 6 4

**SOUTH**  
S—J 10 8 6  
H—K J 2  
D—A 9 5  
C—A 5 3

Suggested bidding  
EAST PASS SOUTH WEST NORTH  
PASS 1 C PASS 1 H  
PASS 1 S PASS 2 S  
ALL PASS

Opening Lead — three of diamonds.

What to bid?  
South should open the bidding but what can he bid? The only alternative is to open "one club" and see what develops. North could easily respond one spade, in which case South gives a single raise. The only difference if North plays the hand is that East will lead a club.

The real point is that no one should bid past the two level. This is particularly true since both sides are vulnerable. Since I was not at the table, I cannot account for the fact that one contract was three spades and the other was four spades.

Lose one  
Declarer should lose one trick in each suit, making exactly nine tricks. The key to this hand hinges around the trump suit. Declarer will win the opening lead and proceed to lead trump. What should West do when the trump jack is led from south's hand? Too many players will

## Loose dog nips child

A brown and white spotted dog, who had bitten a boy and a young girl Tuesday, was caught, taken to the police office and turned over to the dog catcher. Apparently the dog had been running loose around town for some time.

The police were called after the dog had tackled a young boy who fell down at the side of Churchill Rd. The dog also bit a girl who tried to help the little boy.

Police did not think the dog was actually dangerous.

The dog could be a Dalmatian.

Winners  
Last week an individual movement was played at the Acton Bridge Club. The winners were: first, Jack Coats; tied for second, Kate Coats with Ian Coats.

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CHOSEN BY JUDGES at last Monday's Centennial School public speaking competitions were Tanya Carnahan from Paisley School in Guelph, Ronnie McRae representing Rockwood Centennial, and Melinda Forster of St. George's School in Guelph, happily look forward to their next round of trials to be held in Aberfoyle on February 2.—(Photo by Lorraine)

## HORSE TALK

By Jennifer Barr

Q: What is ringbone? What is ringworm? I can't figure out which my horse is supposed to have.

A: It sounds as if your horse needs a vet.

Ringbone refers to bony deposits on the front of the pastern joint, usually the hoof heads. It is more common on the forefeet than behind. Some of the causes are: compression of the pastern bones; ligament sprains in the area; or rheumatoid arthritis.

Ringbone needs a veterinary diagnosis. Sometimes rough bone formation looks like ringbone and isn't.

Ringworm is a fungus skin infection that is characterized by circular patches of baldness. It is highly contagious but not serious and responds well to treatment from your vet.

If your horse looks as if the rice have been at him, he probably has ringworm. If his pasterns are lumpy and bumpy suspect RingBONE.

Q: My mare is quite a stable kicker. She is kept in a standing stall and kicks at passing horses or the horse in the next stall. She doesn't kick at people but is such a problem with other horses that the stable owner wants to put her in a box stall. However, I can't afford the added rent. What can be done to cure her?

A: First, see if there is some horse she hates stabled next to her. She will be happier if her stablemates are friends of hers. Standing stalls in public barns should be fitted with a kicking strap. You can make one for your mare quite easily. You'll need two large eye bolts or rings, two snaps, a length of rope or chain a little longer than the stall width, and a two-foot length of rubber hose.

Fix the rings on either side of the stall on the end posts. Attach the snaps to the rope and adjust it so that it hangs about six inches

above the horse's hocks. Slip the rubber hose over the rope so that the mare does not injure herself and you have a kicking strap.

This will teach the horse to stand up in the stall and that she cannot kick.

Another method is to place a leather collar around each hind pastern with a short length of chain or a ball on elastic attached to the collar. Theoretically, every time the horse kicks, it punishes itself by receiving a rap on the ankle.

Please send questions to Jennifer Barr, R.R. 4, Rockwood.

P.S. — The computer's been at it again. For those who are wondering how house people longe a horse by the handles, please substitute horse for house and handler for handles.

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