

Free Press **Rockwood**

Comin's and Goin's

The Cubs are really getting around these days. Six Rockwood boys joined up with two busloads from Fergus, Galt, Guelph, and Fergus and with a 7 a.m. start-off time had a wonderful day in Toronto visiting the museum and other places of interest. At the Riverdale zoo they were entranced to see a mother lioness carrying her young cub in her mouth. Highlight of the day's activities was the visit to the airport where plane rides took the kids over areas extending to Niagara Falls, Guelph and Rockwood. Returning home around 6.00 the boys were dog tired but enthusiastic — it had been a wonderful winter-break holiday.

everyone with money being raised for window repairs and a heating unit for the church organ. Come on guys, get behind a worthwhile effort and have lots of fun in the making. See you at the wheel and race track.

Nancy Meredith, Sherry Guild, Marlon Coulson and Brian Storey. Nice going kids have a wonderful time and we'll see you Sunday night.

Word has it that Mrs. Berberick is back home from the hospital and is able to get out and around again. Thank goodness the spring is coming and her outdoor walks will be enjoyable ones. Hi there Mrs. B. — we're glad you're home again.

Hello again to the four Bob Nobles from Rockwood and the four Norm Turners from Acron who left Canada bound for Mexico on the 1st of February for their six week stretch which ranged from lying on the ocean beaches, spending a week and a half in Mexico, tripping on to Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Michigan and home. A wonderful itinerary of beautiful viewing, seeing the pyramids first hand, meeting up with the Art Nightingales at Mexico and spending two weeks with them, mobile homing and truck camping all the way and, according to the Nobles, marvellous weather followed them wherever they went. They arrived back in Rockwood last Thursday, March 16. Welcome home, folks!

Last Saturday's registration day for the tri-county minor softball enthusiasts hit a new high when over 120 kids signed up for 1972 softball. If any players missed their opportunity to sign on the dotted line contact George Smith at 9752 and he'll see that there's a place for you in his records.

It was reportedly well to wall people at the Malton Airport during the past few days and, among the Rockwood students from Centennial High School who tripped off to London, England and Paris France for their eight day travelling session were

Don't forget to tie your finger. Remember it'll be John Singular and his orchestra for the Rockwood and Area Ratepayers' Association's first gala dance to be held at the Rockwood town hall on Saturday, April 1. Spectacular music, friendly faces, and good fun, and the Association says "remember, you too, are a ratepayer so come along and be part of the gang."

Let's talk about **HORSES**

with Jennifer Barr



Question: We were upset by a recent picture in the Acron Free Press of a pony covered with ice from an ice storm. Surely this is cruel to the pony? How can any animal live through such weather?

Answer: A great many animals live quite comfortably through much worse weather. It's only we humans who shiver at temperatures below 70.

As for horses and ponies, they are usually much healthier if allowed to winter out, providing they have a windbreak and plenty of good food. If given a choice, most horses will seek the outdoors in all, especially poor weather. It is due to some sort of instinctive fear of being confined during a crisis in case flight is necessary.

The horse that winters out is no

longer subject to coughs, colds, thrush, skin troubles and a thousand other minor ailments. Not to mention that there is much less work involved in caring for that horse.

I happen to be a personal friend of the pony in the paper last week, and a plumper, more cheerful fellow I've yet to meet. He and his mates have a barn for shelter but rarely use it, feeling happier and more secure under the trees.

Don't forget, a horse grows a very dense, waterproof, thoroughly efficient snowcoat.

Question: How often should a horse be wormed?

Answer: At least twice a year for a mature horse. A foal needs to be wormed every two months during its first year, three or four times a year until it is three, and thereafter every April and November.

Your vet can test your horse for different kinds of worms and then tube worm it. This is the most effective method of worming and should be done at least once every year or two. In between, you can use some of the powders



DAFFODILS, A BUNNY, and a little chick are all the forecasts of Easter around the corner. Pretty Susan Jones of Christie Street lives next door to the Black Horse Antique

emporium on Christie Street and loves to look at their beautiful glass imports for Easter.— (Photo by Lorraine)

WINTER-BREAK HOLIDAYS MEANS SNOW FORTS AND TUNNELS FOR Murray Webster of Station Street and Raymond Carter of Main Street. Both boys think it's great to have holidays and find many things to occupy their time.— (Photo by Lorraine)

News and views

By LORRAINE

We've said it before but it bears repeating. It's called winter-break time and every red-blooded Canadian kid is supposed to have it as a replacement of the old Easter holidays which fluctuated constantly and threw off schedules in the school curriculum.

Three years ago the Board of Education decided to set the holiday at one time so that the break between Christmas and June could be consistent.

Mother breakdown

Well, for the kids it's called winter break but, for mothers, it's something else — another type of break like a mother's back break, or her morale or mental equilibrium, maybe. I've talked to at least 10 mothers lately who are certain that it's no break for them and already it's only Monday, the beginning of the whole deal.

Now it isn't that mothers don't love their children like they used to. Probably if the truth were told statistics could be found proving that today's mothers love them as much as ever. It's just that getting ready for Easter means getting things in order, and the winter break, with the kids at home scuffling up every effort, makes the job that much more difficult.

You no sooner get everything in shape for springtime company than everyone's at home ruffling things up somewhat, before getting ready for the hometime scramble at Easter again.

Then, of course, there's the break which this winter effort brings to my mind. The one I keep expecting to see around my house. You know — the broken neck and limbs on kids who get rambunctious and take the whole idea of winter break too seriously. Five minutes alone in one room for my mood is like placing a keg of dynamite too near the kitchen stove — they all explode!

What's to do?

Well, if we mothers can all relax a little and ponder this wintertime phenomenon, it has its good points. For one thing it brings us down to base level when we have to decide which comes first, the old housekeeping or maybe some fun for a change. And certainly, if you're not over 150, fun is everyone's game.

What's wrong with sticking aside the corn broom once in a while for an outdoor bike or an investment in an afternoon of bowling. A trip to Toronto to visit the museum or art gallery or a drop in to the Ontario Science Centre is a worthwhile way to get to know your kids.

If it's a cold drizzly day outside there are always card or word games which can while away hours of parent-kid time and to heck with the ironing and washing and the drudgery of unimportant things.

Thinking back a-ways, I'd love to respond all the holidays and winter breaks my kids have had. I wish I could turn back the old

clock and spend time on the living room rug just reading to little kids again, enjoying their small type humor and wrestling in front of a corny television cartoon. They're a marvellous investment, kids are, and for every fuse we blow over their mischievousness, they return it a million times with their love and affection. Sure they grow up and present innumerable problems which, as parents, we sometimes find difficult to handle. But it's the winter break times when the parents have the opportunities to open up the channels of communications so we can find ways of handling them.

So take your holiday starting right now.

It's too late for tobogganing and the ice has melted for skating, but it isn't too late for a myriad of other get-togethers. Enjoy each other, you and your kids, because it takes only ten plus ten and winter break days are over — forever.

Hockey Hazard

Consumers Association of Canada points out that mouth guards are mandatory in most minor hockey leagues today. The best type fit inside the mouth. The bubble or bar type is attached by a chin strap. While it protects the teeth from direct blows, it can be rammed up into the nose causing injury.

Hey, it's this Saturday for another C.W.L. dance at the town hall but tickets can only be purchased through agents Marjorie Saunders and Bernice Bacon. Contact early as only a few tickets are left for sale.

All mothers are in demand for Eden Mills when a meeting will be held at the community centre to consider the future of Guiding in the Village. Remember the date, March 27 at 8.30.

Well, lookie here. The men of St. John's are welcoming all the men of the community to attend their fabulous Monte Carlo night to be held at the Parish Hall, Monday, April 3, with games of chance, hot food, and fun for

Enrol Brownies at Eden Mills

Mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters, were at the Eden Mills community hall Thursday, March 9, to view six little Brownies being enrolled as full fledged members of the Canadian Girl Guide Association.

Jennie Chalmers, Ruth Clutley, Rita DeHaan, Kim Dufield, Cleo Landry, and Anne Masson all stepped up to receive their enrolment badges from Brown Owl Anna Jackson, assisted by Tawny Owl Ann Chesworth and Eva Stevenson, Snowy Owl.

Twenty-six fellow members of the Eden Mills Brownie Pack were also spectators at the event which lasted from 7 until 8 p.m. bringing the total enrolment for the village pack up to 32 Brownies, an impressive number for a small community.

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