

July Fiddle Contest could draw 5,000 here

Rockwood will be bursting its seams this summer when the Central Ontario Old Tyme Fiddlers Association will hold its premier Open Contest and, combining it with a two night jamboree and talent show the Rockwood Rockery Fiddle Fest will run from July 19 to 22 inclusively with the jamboree and talent nights slated for the 19th and 20th and the fiddle competitions to be held on the 21st and 22nd.

Organizers of the fest predict over 5,000 people will be attending for the event which could draw in fiddler experts from across Canada and the U.S.A.

Organized in 1970

The Association which received its formal charter at a dance held in Guelph last Friday evening at the Holy Rosary Hall began originally as living-room jam sessions. The idea of organizing was spearheaded by Eleanor and Pat Moorehead of Fergus along with Nelson Jackson, Ernie Lapalme and Rod Downes of Guelph, and, starting in September, 1970, the club has now mushroomed to a 65 fiddler membership with enthusiasts ranging in age from 12 to 80.

Using a regular four man back-up group guest fiddlers bring their instruments to monthly dances held at the Holy Rosary Hall which draw crowds who enjoy the lively excitement of jigs, reels, schottisches, and square dancing. Each fiddler plays three numbers of their choice at the regular events and the continual music never stops except for intermission. On and on, the crowd mixes and everybody has fun.

"The fee for belonging to the Association is minimal," says secretary-treasurer Mrs. Thelma Craig; "and all it takes, besides the enrolment cost is an interest in fiddling music or a talent to play."

The Rockwood contest will be a first for both the Old Tyme

Fiddlers Association and for the village. Having a charter has given the group larger scope and, for the July event, they are inviting fiddlers to compete in a contest which is particularly unique as it is the first one to ever be sponsored within the Association itself rather than by an outside organization.

Executive and directors of the Association are: president, Nellis

Wagar; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. R. Craig; vice-president, Pat Moorehead of Fergus; and Russel Craig, of Guelph, Dave Weir of Etobicoke and Bob Fergus of Kitchener, all directors. Fantastic prizes and amazing talent will all be part of the July show and entry forms for the jamboree and talent show can be obtained from Mrs. Thelma Craig, 5 Marlboro Rd., Guelph.

Entries will be closed by 12 noon on date of July 18, 1972.

Friday's dance was a special affair which included approximately 400 fans embracing the areas of Milton, Fergus, Orillia, Etobicoke, Oakville, Kitchener, Campbellville, Acton, and Guelph plus two thousands of passengers from Dunnville, Ontario.



CHARTER NIGHT of the Central Ontario Old Tyme Fiddlers Association held last Friday evening at the Holy Rosary school auditorium in Guelph saw 400 guests on hand to see enthusiastic fiddlers ranging from 12 to 80 participate. 12 year old Kathy Ferguson from

Kitchener was on the program along with 65 year old Pat Reidy from Conn, Ontario, 15 year old Dave Hammond from Dunnville and, starring for the evening, the Association's youngest registered member, 12 year old Bill Smith, also of Dunnville. (Photo by Lorraine)

Church service at nursing home

What could become a regular weekly or bi-weekly church service, was held at the Eden House Nursing Home last Sunday

evening under the leadership of M. M. Coles of Acton.

Members of Eden House gathered in the lounge and several outside guests from districts of Eden Mills and Rockwood also participated. The proprietors of the home encourage visitors and friends to assist by attending such services and, if the informal meetings become a part of the weekly itinerary, there is an open welcome for all community people to join in and take part in the 7 p.m. sessions.

Hymns proved to be an enjoyable part of last Sunday's service and, at its conclusion, a half-hour of hymn singing was held at the request of the residents attending.

976 apply as teachers

By mid-March the Wellington County Board of Education had received 976 applications for teaching positions in September, 1972. At the end of February last year, only 675 inquiries had been received.

Six hurt

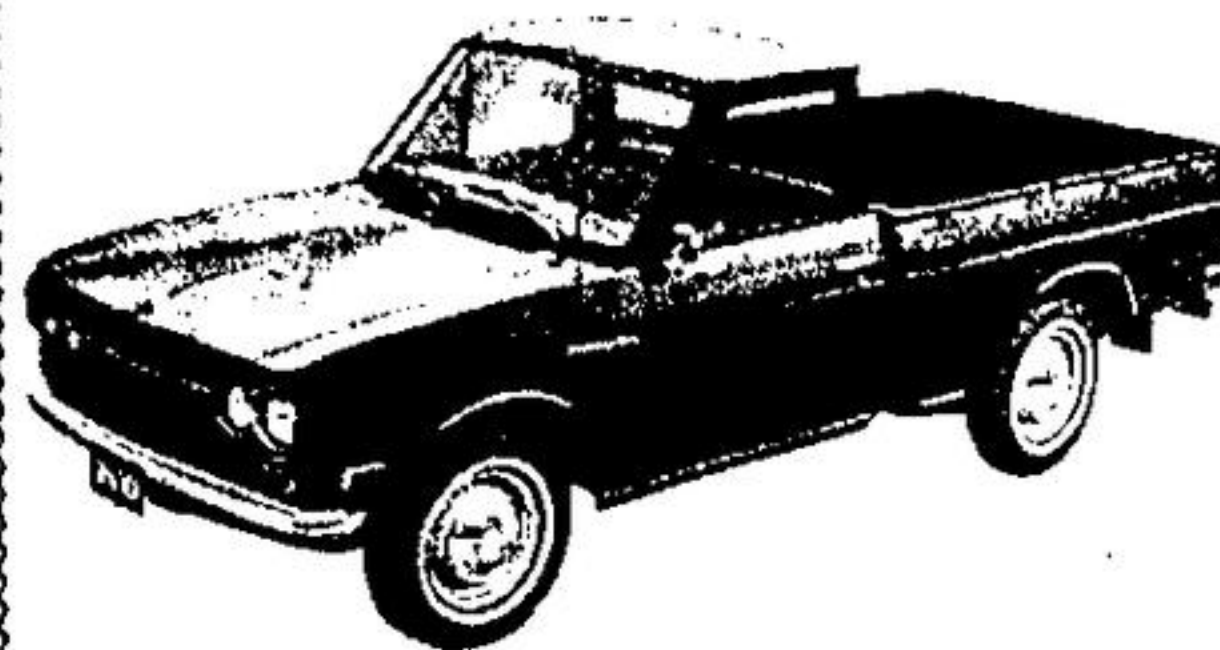
Milton OPP report a decrease in the number of accidents in the North Halton region during the last two weeks.

During the week of April 16 to April 22 police were required to investigate seven motor vehicle collisions. Six people were injured in three of these collisions and property damage was estimated to total \$4,300.



MEET ELEANOR BYGRAVE and her sister Brenda who recently moved to Rockwood from Galt with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bygrave, and their little brother Raymond, one year old. Eleanor, 9, is in grade three at Rockwood Centennial and Brenda is 8 in grade two. The two girls are happy in their village surroundings and having been living in their Main Street home beside Sacred Heart Church since November. (Photo by Lorraine)

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News and views

By Lorraine

People are wonderful and so often when you don't even know they are right behind you, mentally hoping that things will go well.

When I first decided to jot down notations on son Kevin's departure to Israel some months ago I questioned my right to absorb space by writing about personal family escapades. I was able to justify such self-indulgence however, feeling that Kevin's story might relate either to parents whose children had taken a similar plunge or were about to take it, or, from the standpoint of those waiting at home not knowing which way to turn.

Not wishing to flog a dead horse, may I say that it has amazed me just how interested people have been in his welfare. Numerous calls and visits have relayed to me the way that people do care about each other and the well being of their friends and fellow citizens. Many have requested information on who to call in case of similar difficulties and others have asked that they be kept in touch; so I thought that a few more words on the subject will suffice until, sometime, hopefully in June, when Kevin will return home to give his own first hand account of his actual travels.

Know your embassies Noted here is the fact that parents should be aware of the Embassies and what they represent. My first knowledge of their interest was a telephone call from the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa relaying messages from the Embassy in Tel Aviv when Kevin had not arrived there for his assignment to the kibbutz. The embassies are

the focal point of all youth travel and they are, from what I have experienced, the liaison between the youthful wanderers and their families at home.

Two days after I had received Kevin's last letter after his final arrival in Tel Aviv about which I wrote last week, I received another call from Ottawa. They had attempted to contact Kevin and find his whereabouts as I had written to them earlier, concerned. Through a series of telegrams and other means of communications they had established that he had not arrived in the kibbutz as planned and were about to publish in newspapers to locate his whereabouts. In other words, our Canadian embassies are assisting us in looking after our kids when they're so far away and, believe me, this is something to know.

In talking to Mr. Gardiner Wilson in Ottawa, I learned that, if parents are worried they delve, dig, and try very hard to find their whereabouts using discretion and are also available to give them advice on measures of action.

In Kevin's case, he had found a job and was established and had not reported to the embassy and, when I told Mr. Wilson where he was, he was delighted. Gardiner Wilson is presently being transferred to London in Trafalgar Square in England and said that he would like very much to have Kevin drop in to see him on his way home.

Goes to Kibbutz

From Tel Aviv in Israel Monday morning at 1:45 a. m. we had a telephone call from Kevin. He told us that he had decided to move into a kibbutz after all. Seemingly he would never really understand or be able to relate his knowledge of life with the Israelis unless he had spent at least some weeks with them and, as that had been his original intent, had decided to work in the kibbutz for at least a short time. Very briefly he outlined some tremendous and exciting prospects which had been offered to him but felt that he would have to get home and get his future plans in order before taking any immediate steps.

He plans to be back in Rockwood some time in early June but this homecoming date would, of course, be dependent on the time it took him to backtrack, get back to England, and fly home.

So that's the way it is. The Embassy's Gardiner Wilson feels that Kevin's has been a

wonderful trip wherein he is gaining all the knowledge and experience which could be accrued by such marvellous travelling. He feels that, such trips, if planned and properly handled are wonderful educations for all young people providing they have the stamina and strength of character to stand up to critical situations with which they could be confronted and also if they have a goal and know what they are looking for.

"Just to wander about for the sake of moving can be fatal" say those in authority and it is understood that young travellers who keep out of trouble by not asking for it invariably return home more worldly, more complete, and better able to relate to the needs of others.

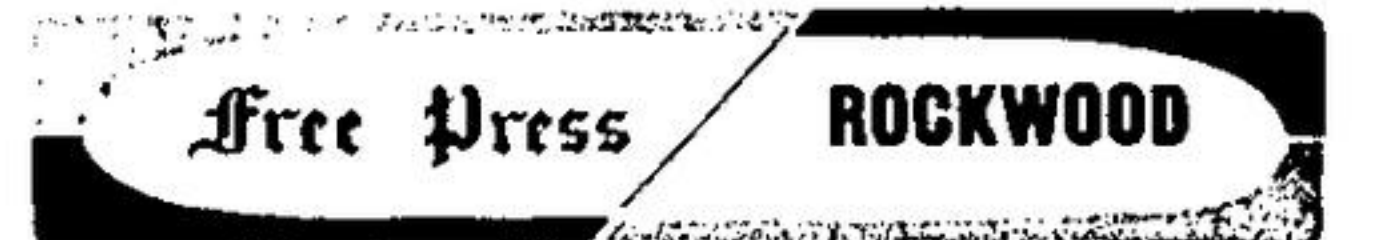
Wife dies

A tragic accident Saturday took the life of a Burlington woman, Mrs. Karen Cooper, Mrs. Cooper, 28, was the wife of Halton County Board of Education Trustee Noel Cooper.

Mr. Cooper received multiple injuries but was released after treatment at Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital. There are three Cooper children, aged 3, 4 and 6.

Tim Watson, a 20-year-old police cadet saved Cathy O'Brien, age 20 and Larry Baker, 23 of Burlington and Beverly Township respectively. He dragged them from their car just before it broke into flames.

The two-car crash occurred at Guelph Lane and Mountain Grove Ave. in Burlington.



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Let's talk about HORSES

with Jennifer Barr



Question: You had a question about exercising your horse in winter, last week. I know a man who has horses and he keeps them in all winter. They never go out from November to May and yet they seem to be healthy. Why bother to keep putting them out if you don't need to?

Answer: How would you like to be tied in a stall for six or seven months?

The practice of keeping horses in all winter is unfortunately all too common, sometimes because of lack of help or the mistaken idea that the cold will hurt the poor wee creatures.

No animal thrives without exercise, including the human animal. A horse cannot assimilate its food without exercise and requires even more feed to stay in good flesh; its legs will stock up with strain and muscles will atrophy; it will be, subject to colds and wind troubles without fresh air.

Not to mention that the animal will be very short tempered and fretful without a chance to kick and play.

If your horse can run out every day, he will be healthy and you will have only 12 hours manure to shovel instead of 24 hours.

Question: Now that spring is coming, my horse is losing her hair and looks a mess. Should I clip her to get rid of the old winter coat?

Answer: It is not advisable to clip at this time of year unless you have blankets and heat lamps. The weather can be very treacherous and you are also cutting the summer coat that is growing underneath and the mare will look more of a mess than ever.

Be patient. With lots of currying, her coat will soon be sleek. Give her several good sweaty work-outs, this will do a great deal towards getting rid of

that hair. In the meantime, you can clip her bridle-path and trim the long hair from under her chin (do not cut the bristly whiskers). When the mud has dried up, clip the long feathers on her legs, leaving a silky wisp to drain the water off the pastern joint. Wash her tail and she will look very smart — all ready to go out and roll in a nice muddy patch!

There are some exceptions to the "don't clip in spring" rule. Many ponies and donkeys grow such enormous coats that they never completely shed out until July. In these cases, a clipping in late May would be wise or they will feel the heat too much.

Funny sight from my window: A tall buckskin gelding leading his little Arab girl friend around with her halter held gently between his teeth.

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