

Vince Synnott cleans up in Rockwood endurance ride



By Jennifer Barr
"Oh, my aching feet!"
"Well, it isn't my feet that hurt!"

Such were the comments heard at the Halton Presbyterian grounds, Blue Springs Line, on Sunday, July 9, at the most successful Endurance Trail Ride the Rockwood Trail Riders have ever held.

Weather was almost perfect for the 30 mile competition, in which 104 riders were entered. The trail encompassed land stretching from the church grounds on Con. 6, Nassagaweya, south again to Speyside, and back to the church grounds. Part of the Bruce Trail and the Three Sisters hills at Dolly Varden formed the most challenging part of the ride.

Entrants came from as far away as Davisburg, Michigan, and included a 67-year-old man (who incidentally, cleaned up three awards), a lady with a recently broken collar bone, and a young girl expecting in four months, riding a third of the trail with her doctor's blessing.

Weigh in
Riders weighed in complete with saddle and equipment. At one point, weighmaster Pat miscalculated, and announced "168 lbs.!" A stocky lad, clutching Western tack, replied: "But my whole body weighs 175 lbs.—EMPTY!"

After the four hour ride, the grounds were as warm with smiling faces, dripping horses enjoying a roll, and a few limping feet. Without exception, the trail was pronounced the best ride ever, equal to any in Vermont, and a thoroughly enjoyable contest.

The gruelling hills brought much comment.

Ian Stone of Rockwood, on his first ride, groaned that he was going to bring a mountain goat next time.

"The only thing holding you up was the trees. My number kept getting hooked on the saddle horn every time we went up!"

Al Fox, cheery manager-owner

of the Circle A. Ranch, laughingly described the reaction, to the hills, of his cutting horse:

"Well, he sure got an education today. He knows what a hill is now, but he just didn't believe me when I told him we were going up and over and not around."

Rockwood Trail Rider president, Mo McGinnis, and his

staff, did an excellent job of organization, working for five months prior to the ride in order to provide the utmost in riding pleasure.

The veterinary team, headed by Dr. Laura Smith, worked frantically for more than 12 hours non-stop. They were congratulated for their tremendous effort.

A catered steak barbeque followed by the awards presentation concluded a lively, happy day.

Award winners

The awards were as follows:
Horsemanship: Jim Cook, Caledon East.
Sportsmanship: Ken Fatt, Guelph.
Fellowship: Roger Harris, Arva.
Best groomed English: Hilary Balmer, Richmond Hill.
Best groomed Western: Greg Heatherington, Campbellville.
Oldest rider, female: Helen Ross, King City.
Oldest rider, male: Vincent Synnott, Rockwood.
High point novice: Vincent Synnott, Rockwood.
Reserve Champion: Cheri Rowe, Guelph.
Dan Williamson Memorial Trophy - Champion: Glen Good, Guelph.
High point Arab: Elroy Doan, Gerald Paxton.

Junior:
In order they placed: Andrew Rose, Cobourg; Allister Rose, Cobourg; Larry Fatt, Guelph; Lloyd Emalle, Guelph; Greg Dales, Rockwood; Linda Cox, Rockwood.

Lightweight
Cheri Rowe, Guelph; Elroy Doan, Sarnia; Leslie McNab, Missle; Susal Stone, Rockwood; Ann Vernon, Georgetown; Friedrich Moore, King.

Middleweight
Vincent Synnott, Rockwood; Annes McGinnis, Rockwood; Daphne Smith, Belwood; Norma Patton, Baltimore; Lorraine Iverson, King City; Hilary Balmer, Richmond Hill.

Heavyweight
Glen Good, Guelph; Gerald Paxton; Ian Stone, Rockwood; Brenda Fiebler, Waterloo; Jim Doyle, Kettleby; David Murray, Rexdale.



SUSIE STONE, ROCKWOOD, right, and Bill Noftall groom Copper Mist prior to the start of Sunday's Rockwood Trail Rider endurance ride. (Photo by Jennifer Barr)

67-YEAR-OLD VINCE SYNNOTT of R.R. 2, Rockwood, cleaned up in the Rockwood Trail Riders' endurance ride Sunday. Vince won the oldest rider award, the middle-weight division and the Novice trophy on his mount. The ride was blessed with good weather and pronounced the best ever. (Photo by Jennifer Barr)

Nursery school in red request aid of grant

Councillors Ken Fair and Bill Adsett were asked to talk with Rockwood trustees regarding the future of the nursery school which operates Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the village hall.

The action was taken following the visit of two nursery school representatives to last week's meeting of council. They disclosed the school would run \$87 in the red next year and asked for a grant to cover the deficit.

Mrs. P. Bender said fees had to be raised to look after increased expenses and requested the municipality help so the municipality would not need to take the venture over. Twenty children are enrolled in the school. There are another five on the waiting list.

The proposed budget for the coming year amounted to \$1549 and included new equipment that was needed and a raise for the teacher who has taught three years. Income totalled \$1460.50.

Review: action
Council review of the situation with Mrs. Bender and suggested she should contact the Wellington Board of Education for further assistance. It was also suggested that grants might be available for the school if it was operated as part of the township recreational program.

The reeve suggested that perhaps the Rockwood Centennial school could be used as a classroom and save the expense of renting the village hall. Also discussed was whether the school was a purely village problem or whether township children were welcomed at the school.

Councillor Dick Strong said perhaps it was up to the village trustees to donate towards the school since it was a village project but it was deputy reeve Dunc McPhedran's opinion that

the school was not restricted to the village but was largely used by villagers.

Councillor Ken Fair suggested the township might pick up the same percentage of debt as the percentage of township students attending.

In the light of all the intangibles it was agreed that the two councillors on the recreation committee might better discuss the school with village trustees and see what action could be taken.

News and Views . . .

(Continued from Page B4)

such signs could only be set up after a by-law has been passed by the township council.

Residents who understand the time procedure are concerned! Time for the letter to be decided upon by the trustee board; time for the letter to be written and sent to the township council; time for the township council meeting; time for the decision to be

returned to village council; and time again, for the signs to be prepared and installed.

No official date has been set yet for the post office employees to move out of their present building but grapevine says they must be out by July 31 and residents wonder. Will parking on Guelph Street be officially curtailed before it's a set habit or is it a matter of whose front road privacy is violated?

On the beach with Heather



HEATHER HAWORTH

The cold weather and 60 degree water temperatures are keeping all but the swim instruction candidates out of the water.

One person last week wanted to get into the frigid waters quickly and so dove off the cliff but hit bottom, ending his refreshing swim.

The swimming lessons for the July session are approaching the end of the second week. The non swimmers are just a fraction away from taking their first unaided stroke in the water, and the senior classes are learning everything from falling out of a

canoe to saving their buddy.

Nearly full
Registration for the August session is almost full, so if you intend to register for the swim lessons, my advice is to do it now at the gatehouse.

Too many people were disappointed when their child could not attend the classes because they were filled, having procrastinated to the last day of registration. Class capacity is set at 15 so the best possible instruction can be given.

The ducks are doing fine.

Eramosa Council . . .

(Continued from Page B4)

the Rockwood sewer and water agreements until they had time to read them thoroughly.

—Agreed to closing the township office so Clerk Lloyd Hindley could take a vacation from July 17 to 30. The office will reopen on the two Fridays during the period for the building inspector. It was also decided that the road superintendent's vacation would be suitable from July 24 to August 8.

Reeve Warren Parkinson presided for the meeting with all members of council present.

Hold to the old but try something new was the tune of last Thursday evening's discussion at the Eramosa and District's Creative Arts Planning Committee meeting held at the home of Mrs. Mary Coulter of McKenzie Street in Rockwood.

Last season's classes, although small for the first term, had caught on well in the district and the committee were enthusiastic about tripling expectancy for this year's fall sessions.

The program, under the sponsorship of the Eramosa Recreation Committee, had provided needlecraft, upholstery, sewing and yoga for the mid-winter classes with art lessons having been set aside from the original sessions due to lack of interest.

Most popular:

To begin on Tuesday, October 10 and continuing for a ten week period until December 12, the Committee based its decision on two of last season's most popular subjects with suggested hopes for new ones depending on the response from potential students and the availability of teachers.

Definitely scheduled for the fall teaching program are the yoga and needlecraft instructresses, Mrs. Vivian O'Brien of Everton, and Mrs. R. Jones of Guelph. A suggested new subject to be offered will be photography and Don Hills of Rockwood has agreed to conduct classes in basic photography, if response is shown, amateur camera bugs will have an opportunity to gain knowledge in operating their birthday and Christmas present, dust collectors.



GLEN GOOD OF ROCKWOOD was the Sweepstakes winner and also took the Dan Williamson memorial trophy in Sunday's endurance ride, the latter presented by Mrs. S. Williamson of Acton. (Photo by Jennifer Barr)

Plan classes for October

Chinese brush painting is another suggested aim of the planning committee with a local Rockwood artist hopefully lending his teaching ability. Bridge classes and Little Theatre dramatics also discussed for the list of possibilities, were temporarily shelved for future consideration.

Cost set

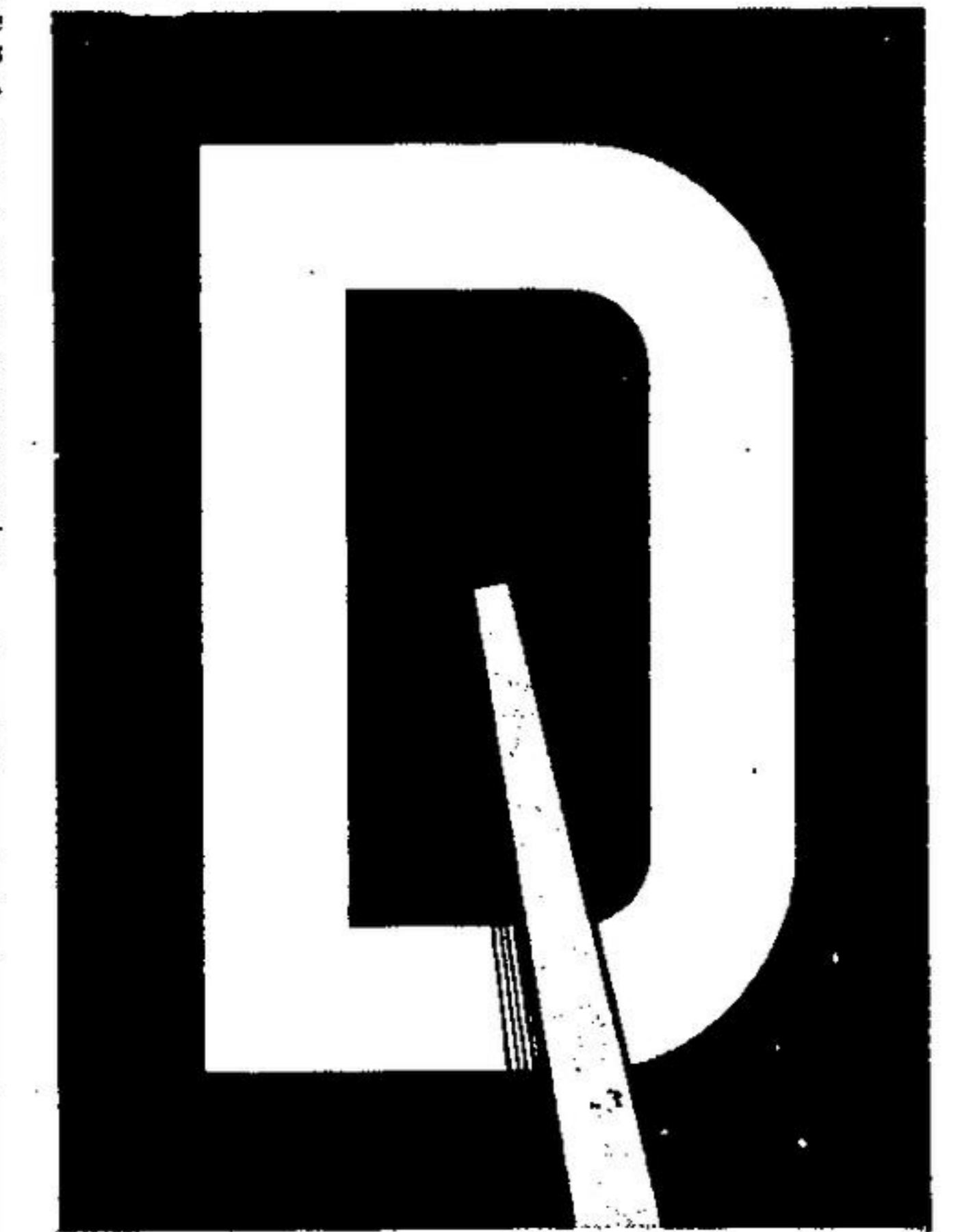
As it stands, interested community members from the Eramosa district, are requested to contact Mrs. Kenneth Pinder, Rockwood, at 856-4866 for information and also to indicate their choice of subjects. The ten-week cost has been set at \$15 per student as per last year's sessions and, although upholstering classes have not been arranged, early indication for such instruction could result in its addition to the fall agenda.

Present at last week's meeting were: Chairman, Mary Coulter; secretary, Eileen Moreton; treasurer, Grace Petty; Marjorie

Saunders, Anne Parkinson, and Lorraine Root. Mrs. Parkinson requested her own replacement on the committee and, after discussion, it was decided that new members should be contacted to stand on the committee gradually infiltrating and replacing previous decision makers thus stimulating more community involvement and keeping the night school programs alive with fresh ideas.

POLLOCK AND CAMPBELL
Manufacturers of
High Grade Memorials
Memorial Engraving

Telephone
621-7580
GALT
62 Water St. North



D is for Drive. And D is for Datsun 1600 automatic — the smoothest 3-speed automatic you can drive, wrapped up in the most efficient, economical car you can buy. No decrease in power. Test drive it today.



DATSUN 1600 AUTOMATIC
It's all you really need
the more-for-your-money car
NORTHEND BP
235 Steeles Ave., Milton 878-2471

ROCKWOOD HYDRO-ELECTRIC

**BOX 67
ROCKWOOD**

NEW OFFICE LOCATION
at
**111 GUELPH ST.
ROCKWOOD**

EFFECTIVE AUG. 1 / 1972

Your eyes—your first line of Self-Defence.

The best protective equipment you can ever own is already yours—one pair of eyes. Just knowing what's going on around you helps you avoid job accidents. So it makes good sense to look after your eyes, with protective glasses if the job calls for them, and regular check-ups if your eyesight's below par. Take care of your eyes, and they'll see you safely through the working day.

The sure way to safety is Self-Defence.

Your Workmen's Compensation Board and The Safety Associations, Ontario