



CHARLIE JOYCE, of 827 Michigan Ave., from entertainer Vince Mountford, who won the grand prize of \$500 at the Rockwood Old Tyme Fiddle Championships and here he accepts the trophy and cheque



GRINNING HAPPILY, Saturday's Fiddle Association president Nelles Wagar of Guelph and Township Councillor Bill Adsett. The float was one in Saturday's parade which launched the first contest ever held by the Central Ontario Old Tyme Fiddler's Association. (Photo by Lorraine)

### Sleepwalker falls over cliff

An amazing sleepwalking feat resulted in a 22 foot fall over a Rockwood Conservation Park cliff last Sunday when Mac Byard, a popular CJOY radio personality, toppled over the embankment escaping serious injury.

Mr. Byard, 42 Delaware Avenue, Guelph, was camping with his family and, it was during the night time that the accident occurred. Witnesses said they heard Mr. Byard call out for help but, not knowing the area, were afraid to investigate as they too might fall over the edge in the darkness.

Mr. Byard apparently assumed he had broken ribs and reportedly did not cry for help for fear of making the injuries more serious.

Suffering lacerations and bruises he succeeded in climbing back up the cliff but will, expectedly, be off the air for a few days of recuperation.

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## Top talent attends fiddle contest

It was another first for Rockwood when the only chartered Fiddler's Association in Ontario held their premier contest at the Village Rockery drawing top talent from across Canada.

The Central Ontario Old Tyme Fiddler's Association, with headquarters in Guelph, sponsored the contest which was held on the property of Mrs. Jean Meadows under the management of Harvey Tuffin.

Nighttime crowds ranged from hundreds to approximately 2,000 viewers on the final evening and Fiddler bugs who had heard about the contest from as far south as Arkansas, generously praised the local event as "one of the best they'd ever attended."

Funnyman M.C. District talent and musical groups were the highlights of the Wednesday and Thursday jamboree nights with the funny-making funnyman, Vince Mountford, the gregarious M.C. for the entire show.

Friday's show included 50 of the best fiddlers from Ontario and Quebec who met in the first round of eliminations towards the final contests held Saturday. Six of the best in each class competed Saturday with prize money going to the three best contestants as accorded by the front seated judges.

The champs Top winner and overall show champion was Charlie Joyce of 827 Michigan Avenue, Sarnia, Ontario. \$500 was his take home prize as the best fiddler in the contest. Gord Elson of Ingersoll was the second winner and Eleanor Moorehead of Fergus, former North American fiddle queen, was third.

All in all the prizes for the meet totalled \$1,425 and contestants who participated were delighted with the overall hospitality plus the added exhilaration of the competition itself. The 18 and under competition was won by John Givens of Burford, with Bill Smith of Dunnville and Robert Reed of Sudbury placing second and third.

Oldest fiddlers First place honors for the 65 and over class were captured by John Lacaive of Sturgeon Falls, Ontario, and Alme Mignault of Houyn, Quebec, placed second followed by third place Ernie Adair of Parkhill.

For the ladies, Kathy Ferguson of Kitchener was victorious, with Alice Urecko of Toronto and Karen Reed of Sudbury closing in for second and third place.

Novelty class winners were listed as Donald Reed of Sudbury, Bill Smith of Dunnville and John Givens of Burford.

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## Nursery school needs money for equipment

A delegate representing the cause of the Rockwood Nursery School was heard last Monday evening when Mrs. Judy Bender appeared at the July Board of

Trustee meeting. Outlining the plight of the local school Mrs. Bender said that she had previously applied to the Eramosa Township Board

requesting \$300 to supplement their costs for equipment which the enrollment fees and weekly collections could not cover as well as paying the salary of a

qualified nursery school teacher. Eramosa Township Council had asked councillors Bill Adsett and Ken Fair to look into the matter and Mr. Fair had contacted Trustee Board Chairman Don Hills. Mr. Hills felt that the village could not afford the extra expenditure and that the annual rental of \$165 including caretaking costs and equipment storage was not exorbitant considering that the school absorbed the hall for two mornings a week except when holidays or special hall rentals occurred in which case fees for the nursery school were subtracted.

Chairman Don Hills pointed out that Reeve Warren Parkinson would be attending a meeting of the Wellington County School Board at which time he would ask the School Board what considerations could be expected and if grants were available for Nursery School assistance. The matter was left pending further investigation and the Trustees requested Mrs. Bender to attend their regular meeting in August.

Mrs. Bender, in her anxiety to co-operate, said that she would look after the caretaking of the school personally if the trustees would consider absorbing the costs of the annual town hall rental.

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### Comin's and Goin's

The best news of the week is that Mrs. Mary Scott of Main Street has nipped down to the Western hospital last Wednesday, was operated on on Thursday, home with daughter Hazel on Saturday and is now visiting with daughter Gladys until Friday to return to Rockwood next Saturday. Nice going, Mrs. Scott; your many friends are grateful and pleased at your splendid recovery and will drop in to say hi when you've had time to recuperate.

Phylis Ingle, daughters of Lady Dean, were assisted by Judy Brain and Pam Ingle in serving the delicious repast concocted by the hostess herself.

It was a fun afternoon and, despite the possibilities of rain, everyone enjoyed the activity. Nice going, Mrs. Dean, everyone should try your outdoor party switch and it's also a good way to get a sun tan.

Hey it's riddle de diddle, guess who won the fiddle and Chick Milne is the proud possessor of the Lions Club draw for the gorgeous hand made fiddle donated by Vic Smith of R.R. 2, Rockwood last Saturday night. "First fiddle I ever owned" says the grinning lion clubber and in next year's competitions his local friends expect to see Chick heading up the fiddle fest.

More congratulations are in order. Reeve Warren Parkinson is now the proud possessor of the white Lions Club canoe but his family are insisting on a motor for the water vehicle and a cottage for the motor. "Just ain't no justice nobow" says Warren but is keeping the canoe anyway.

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It was a Wednesday to Wednesday trip for Marjorie Saunders who flew to Calgary with her mother and aunt to enjoy wonders of British Columbia and also find out first hand what the Calgary stampede is all about. "Absolutely marvellous" says the local traveller who loved every minute of her trip and flew back home last Wednesday.

The sound of fire engines made villagers gasp at the prospect of fire during a wind session last Tuesday afternoon but a trip to the Millstone to see a car fire, extinguished concern as the fire brigade had everything well in hand without great mishap. Only car tire was burned and could be replaced.

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If you've been missing Eddy DeVries from the village lately just know that he's spending two weeks at the R.C.A.F. Trenton Air Station with the Air Cadets and meantime, me hearties, it's Cornwalis for Sea Cadet John Dales. Great training, sound programming and, as their fathers say, "All kids should get a crack at the discipline and training they'll receive."

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### Notice of public hearings into the transmission of power from Nanticoke to Pickering

1. The Province of Ontario appointed Dr. Omond Solandt, under the Public Inquiries Act by Order-in-Council OC-2053/72 dated the 21st of June, 1972, "to inquire into the transmission of power from Nanticoke to Pickering."
2. Commissioner Solandt has requested Ontario Hydro to file a written technical report, pertaining to this matter, and to present an oral summary of the report to interested parties, at a public hearing on July 31st, 1972.
3. Any other interested party who wishes to present a brief, should file a copy of such a brief with the Secretary on or before August 14th, 1972. Such party will be given an opportunity to speak to his brief at a subsequent public hearing.
4. Any other interested party who wishes to make oral representations at the subsequent hearing, either personally or through a representative, should indicate his intent to do so in writing, to the Secretary, on or before August 14th, 1972.
5. Commissioner Solandt will hold further public hearings on August 21, 22 and 23 (and on such additional days as may be required), in order that interested parties may have an opportunity to ask questions of Ontario Hydro, and to present evidence.
6. The public hearings on July 31, August 21, 22 and 23, 1972, will be held in the Ontario Room (South), 2nd floor MacDonald Block (900 Bay St.); Toronto, commencing at 9:30 a.m. To accommodate special circumstances, and unique local concerns, Commissioner Solandt will consider requests, by interested parties, to hold additional public hearings in other parts of Ontario, either day or evening sessions. All such requests should be filed with the Secretary on or before 14 August, 1972.

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