

# Top plowing honors for Eramosa farmer

A young Eramosa farmer was credited with outstanding plowing skills this past weekend when he took top honours in four of the four classes in which he competed during the International Plowing Match held in Sebringville, Perth County, for the consecutive days of September 26 to 30.

Glen Gray of R.R. 1, Rockwood is not new in the plowing circuit but has been a strong contender in numerous branch matches throughout the province of Ontario for the past eight or nine years.

### Brother coach

He hands laurels for last weekend's successes to the coaching abilities of brother, Edward who worked along with him during the match. "It was tough competition" said the exuberant champ who enjoys running his own family farm on which raising sheep, pigs, and mink, are all part of the daily chores.

There were 38 classes in the '72 match and Glen competed in one event for each day. In the mounted tractors utility division, held on Wednesday, the ardent operator captured second prize when he plowed a land to take home a portable colour TV set.

Thursday's effort saw him place 8th, to win a cash prize and on Friday, another cash award was his 2nd place winings. On Saturday, the last of the competition days, Glen succeeded over 27 other ploughmen to take home an electric clock trophy and cash, for first place in the tractors, utility, and mounted open, contest.

### In the family

Using his own tractor with plough, in accordance with the International Plowing Match rulings, Glen represents a long lineage of family plowing

competitors. His grandfather, father and brothers, at some time, participated in such matches.

Saturday's final wind-up was the last of four cool, but invigorating autumn days, seasonally well suited for the world-wide competitions which had drawn contestants from Ire-

land to Quebec as well as from distant Ontario areas.

Does an expert ploughman enjoy life on a farm? Glen Gray's plowing proficiency is only one phase and he carries the same enthusiasm into his farm living which he finds enriching, relaxing, and most satisfying.



WITH SKILL and precision, Glen Gray of R. R. 1, Rockwood, took honours in four of the classes in the International Plowing Match Competitions held last week at Sebringville, Perth County. Saturday's match was a win over 27 other ploughmen when over 1000,000 people attended the five-day event. (Photo by Lorraine)

# Comin's and Goin's

Worry, worry, and now it's over and Rockwood friends of Jim Gordon of R.R. 5, Rockwood, are very happy that he's back from his stay in St. Joseph's Hospital and relieved that he's recuperating and will be back to school in a few weeks.

It's a welcome home from her Eden Mills and district friends to Anne Vos who has also been hospitalized lately. Anne returned home last week and already visitors are finding her bright and perky.

Well now, how about that. No publicity but congratulations are in order for one of Rockwood's favorite citizens who made it to his 80th birthday on Thursday, September 22. Happy Birthday to you, George Perry, and we hope you had many happy returns for that day.

Hold it! It's that time again. The St. John's Anglican Church is holding another Monte Carlo site for all village and district gentlemen who like a night out once in a while. Come to the Parish Hall and bring your friends on date of Friday night, October 13. Time set is tentative but let's try for 8 p.m. and get everything rolling our way. Skills, games of chance, sociability and fun will be part of the men's night agenda and its success depends on you being part of the attendees.

No another string around your finger and remember that Sunday, October 15 is the big anniversary date of the Stone United Church and, to celebrate the occasion Bezek's Burnie Warren will be on hand as speaker at the 11 a.m. service and, at 7:30 p.m. Reverend Peter Tucker will take the service with the Young People's band and choir supplying the evening music. Afterwards it's a social half-hour with refreshments hosted by the Young People's Association and, as they say: "Everyone will be welcomed."

Whoops! Another remember item! Monday, October 16 is the date for another Stone Church must when the annual Hot Turkey Supper for everybody's family will begin at 5 p.m. "Just keep on coming until everyone's full" is the motto of the ladies preparing the food fest and everyone in the district should make it a point to attend for their Monday night meal.

Word is that Mrs. Bert Smith is in the hospital these days. Come on now, Mrs. village councillor's wife, we want you well and happy

back in Rockwood as soon as possible.

What does it matter to anyone if oldsters find it difficult to get up the Guelph Street Hill to the post office. Why bother to move the benches from the cenotaph to the post office so they can rest in between walking sessions? After all, everyone doesn't get worn from walking so who cares? Well, villagers do care but who is going to move those benches?

Attention all Browns mothers: A brown hour has been set for the Browns meetings at the Centennial school and 6:30 p.m. is the time to remember. Girl Guides will be starting on date of Tuesday, October 10 at 7 p.m. until 9 and, for the little guys, the Cubs took off to a great start last Monday night at 7 p.m. Quitting time at 8:30 showed dozens of little green capped and sweater types happy and worn, looking forward to next week's extra curricular activities. Thanks, leaders, you're doing a terrific job.

Hey! It's a welcome home again to our Rockwood traveller Hob Drijber whose latest venture was Alaska. He arrived home last weekend with his wanderlust unfulfilled. It'll be work for a while and then South America for another few months of geographical adventure.

False alarm was when this reporter perchanced upon local firefighters pouring water over the ball park barn Monday night. Trousing to the scene with her trusty little camera she was chagrined to discover there was no smoke, no fire, just the agile firemen acting out a ladder drill. Who says this reporter wasn't all wet!

### Statistics

## Young drivers more careful?

Milton OPP may have come up with figures that disprove the commonly held theory that drivers under 25 years of age are the most accident-prone.

Of 13 drivers involved in seven collisions in the north Halton area patrolled by the Milton OPP, four were 25 years of age and under, while the rest were older. The accidents occurred during the week of Sept. 24 to 30, say police.

# Sunshine club plans autumn color tour

The Sunshine Club held their second September meeting on Thursday afternoon, September 22 in the town hall, Rockwood. Because of the final hockey game

## Eramosa wants comm. report

Eramosa Council declared Monday night that they would be interested in annexing that part of the village of Eden Mills which lies in Nassagaweya township only when they have received a report from the committee which was set up to evaluate such an annexation.

## Raise pay on election day

Municipal election officials in Eramosa township will receive an increase in pay for their work on election day this year.

Eramosa Council voted Monday night to raise the pay for a deputy returning officer from \$10 to \$25 to raise the pay for poll clerks and the rental fee for polling stations from \$15 to \$20.

## Director nominated

Jim Singleton, Director of the Halton County Board of Education has been nominated for the Col. Watson award for outstanding contributions in the field of education.

Ontario Public School Trustees Council made the nomination. Ontario Trustees Association will make the choice of the winner.

between Team Canada and Russia the program was altered considerably.

All present at the opening played either euchre or crokinole until 3:30 p.m. At that time those watching the game came to the hall and announced to a most appreciative audience the victorious result. Mrs. Ella won the ladies' prize for euchre, and Mr. T. D. McCutcheon the men's prize. Mrs. R. Dwyer won the prize for the most lone hand. Mr. Linfoot and Mrs. G. Perry captured the team prizes for crokinole.

### Color tour

Following these games a short business meeting was held. The feature of the meeting was an invitation extended through Mrs. Hoopes of the newly formed Lionettes to take the members of the Sunshine Club on a bus tour to see the magnificent autumn colors on Thursday, October 2. This is to be followed by lunch served by the same Lionettes. The invitation was most cheerfully accepted by all

present. Other members who are interested in this trip are asked to contact either the president, Rev. R. Williams, or Mrs. Max Milne no later than October 5.

Mrs. Max Milne who has given excellent leadership in many of the social events of the Club was elected unanimously as social convener.

After the business George Day showed some very fine colored pictures of Rockwood and district, and then some really beautiful spots in Southern England and Wales, taken during their trip overseas last May. The climax of the films was a picture of Honey, their cat. This presentation was much appreciated, and a return visit was promised.

Lunch was then served. During this time congratulations were extended to G. Perry on the achievement of his 80th birthday, on that very day. All sang together Happy Birthday, led by Mrs. Early. Thus closed another very enjoyable afternoon for the Senior Citizens of Rockwood and district. Come and join us in our fun and fellowship.



SANDWICH MUNCHING with television brings home-living right into the schoolhouse as four district girls partake of lunches during the noon-hour session at St. Patrick's School on Victoria Road. Approximately 70 district children from Eden Mills, Erin, Acton and Rockwood attend the Separate School and, seen here, watching their favourite show are Dolores Martin, R.R. 5, Rockwood, Marisa Guglielmin, Debbie Male, and Debbie Prokator of Guelph. (Photo by Lorraine)

## Let's talk about HORSES

with Jennifer Barr



We went to Caledon Hunt Club on Sept. 24 for the Arabian One Day Event. Beautiful drive—enhanced by crimson trees, a soaring heron; a flock of geese, and a large pothole which almost broke my axle. The Hunt Club is well appointed with jumps popping out of every nook and cranny, red roses on the fence, and a spacious clubhouse. An excellent course was laid out, both for the cross-country and the stadium jumping; it seemed such a shame that only a handful of horses and spectators showed up. The entire day was finished by 2:30 p.m. Where were all the hundreds of area Arab and Half-Arab owners?

It was nice to see local Arab breeder, Mary Hatch of Rockwood, at the event with her purebred, the Regal. Mary's friends refer to 15 h.h. Regal as her "little boy" but at Arab shows he's complimented as a "large gelding".

The overall Purebred trophy was won by Neqbah, a stallion owned by Mitchell Bronfman and shown by Jack Dreschler of Stanstead. The Half Bred trophy was given to Caledon's Henry Reghan riding his own Prince. Liz Barnes of Tottenham received the special Dressage trophy for Dresden Bint Regal's performance under Vivianne

MacDonald's handling. QUESTION: I am a fifteen year old girl and want to buy a three-year old stallion. He is no special breed and isn't too large but I love him and he's gentle. My mother says he should be gelded but my father thinks it's unkind unless the horse gets too hard to handle. What do you think? ANSWER: Oh Boy! You asked for my opinion. A fifteen year old has no business having a dear little pet stallion. A stallion is a stallion no matter how gentle he is right now. There will come a day when he will give you trouble—bad trouble. A stallion owner is responsible

for his horse's behavior at all times and must provide stronger confinement than for a mare or a gelding. He will fight with other horses and so must be corralled along in a high well-built paddock. Even riding with other people presents problems. Your neighbors will be most unhappy if he gets loose and annoys their horses. You could be liable for court action. Gelding is not unkind and is the only sensible recourse. After all, your horse is no particular breed and so should not become a sire. Now take your choice, Stallion or Gelding.

Please address letters to Jennifer Barr, R. R. 3, Acton.

## All candidates night planned

An All Candidates Nite is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11 at 8 p.m. when the Rockwood and District Ratepayers' Association will host Federal Election candidates: Alf Hales, Conservative; Dr. Margaret McCreedy, N.D.P.; Jake Slinger, Liberal, and Gareth Blythe, candidate for the Communist party. The Association urges that all

voters attend the meeting armed with questions to get answers and take advantage of their opportunity to hear the platforms of all candidates. The Rockwood Centennial Public School auditorium will be the place of the meeting and it's an open house invitation for everyone.

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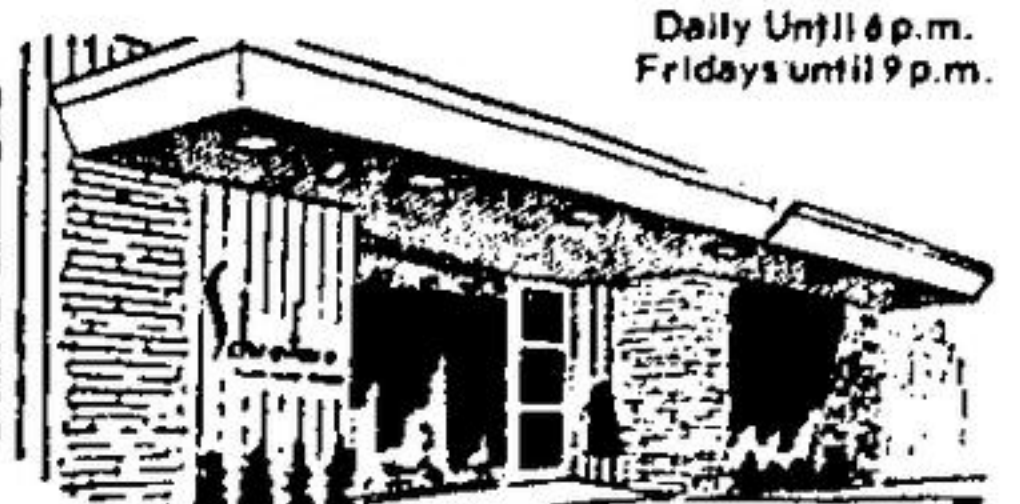
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