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Trail Riders hold final show

By Jennie Barr
 Rockwood Trail Riders held their last show of the season October 15 at the fifth line farm of Pat Dales. Raw winds and a few snow flakes kept away a large number of spectators and exhibitors but there were enough contestants to provide good entertainment.

The ordinarily decorous dressage class was enhanced by the sight of ring stewards calling frantic directions to confused riders who had not memorized the test pattern.

The obstacle course provided excitement as did the Western trail where several horses calmly munched on the bale of hay that acted as a mounting block for part of the class.

The youngest contestant was a two year old colt, Wally's Bryen, who won two ribbons for his very surprised owner, Mary Ann McPherson of Campbellville.

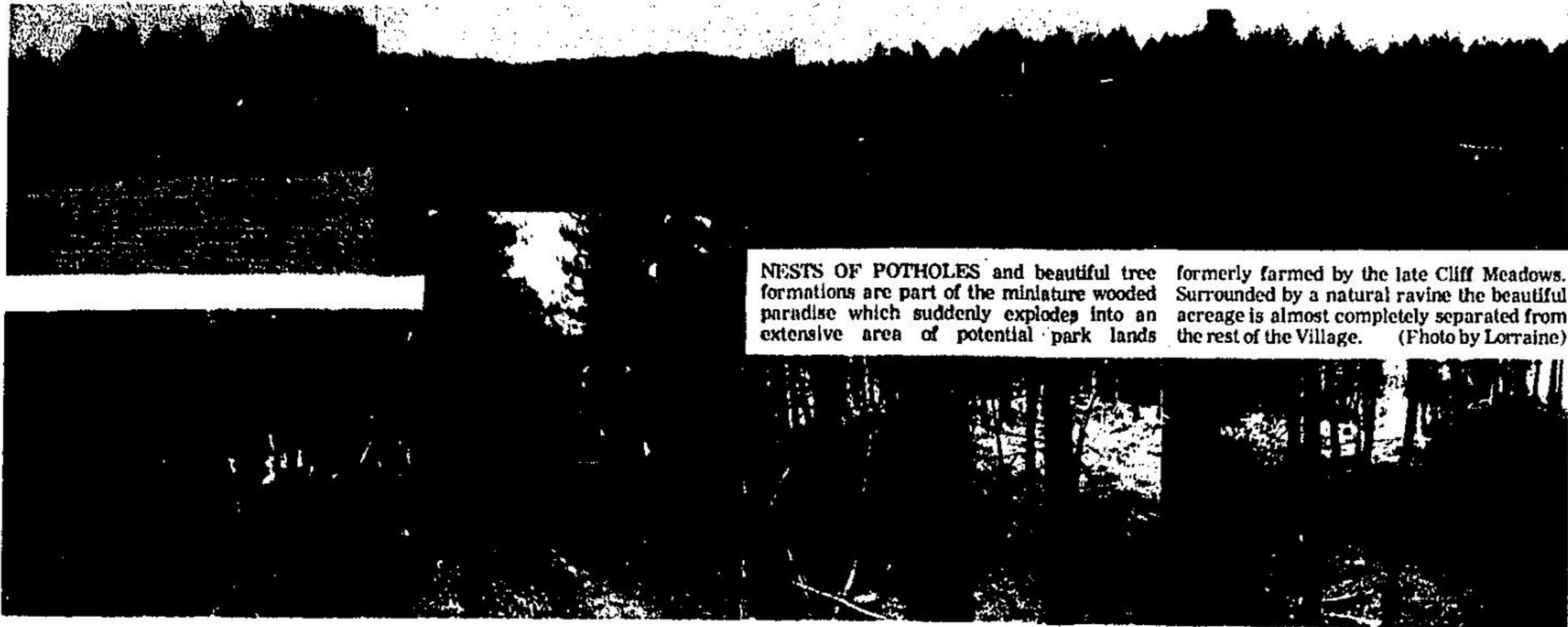
Another young member, 10-year-old Elaine Brown of Acton, received admiration and applause for her jumping performance in the senior class on her partially blind mare, Flair.

The awards were as follows:

ENGLISH
 Dressage: Mary Hatch, Rockwood, Anne Vernon, Limehouse, Mary Ann McPherson, Campbellville, Di Duncan, Rockwood.
 Pleasure: Anne Vernon, Bob Smith, Guelph, Sue Potter, Agnes McGinnis, Rockwood.
 Working Hunter: Susi Stone, Rockwood, Agnes McGinnis, Elaine Brown, Acton.
 Command: Agnes McGinnis, Anne Vernon, Mary Ann McPherson, Di Duncan.
 Obstacle Race: Susi Stone, Agnes McGinnis, Di Duncan, Elaine Brown.
 Showmanship: Mary Hatch, Rita Middleton, Fergus, Sue Potter, Anne Vernon.

WESTERN
 Trail: Bob Smith, Ken Tuck, Campbellville, Mo McGinnis, Rockwood, John Dales, Rockwood.
 Pleasure: Nelson Cole, Bob Smith, Mary Hatch, Ken Smith.
 Riding: Ken Tuck, Kathy Brown, Gord Cox, Rockwood, Mike Dales, Rockwood.
 Keyhole: John Dales, Gord Cox, Jean Pettit, Rockwood, Dave Taylor, Rockwood.

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NESTS OF POTHOLES and beautiful tree formations are part of the miniature wooded paradise which suddenly explodes into an extensive area of potential park lands formerly farmed by the late Cliff Meadows. Surrounded by a natural ravine the beautiful acreage is almost completely separated from the rest of the Village. (Photo by Lorraine)

Owner visualizes camp site on choice village property

By Lorraine
 Nestled securely in the heart of the village of Rockwood there is, unbeknownst to many of its residents one of the choicest and most scenically rustic miniature Valhallas to be seen in the district. Untouched, untampered, and free of noise and calamity, it is the property of Jean Meadows purchased by her husband some 29 years ago with the potential dream of converting it someday into an area of recreation.

Cliff Meadows farmed the property mostly for hay and grain to feed the horse which he used to take him on his daily mail route. But, in farming his fields, 45 acres, he was, in fact, preserving one of Rockwood's most exquisite potential park sites. His fatal accident in '67 resulted in an unfulfilled dream and the complete transfer of the land to his wife Jean.

Visualizes camp site
 Potholes, woodlands, places to explore, all the ingredients of a natural park are in the hands of one of the village's most

community minded citizens. With land developers hot on the trail to purchase the property to convert it into private home lots and suburbs, the staunchly loyal housewife who is retired and could easily use the exorbitant sums she has been offered, is turning her back on the realtors. She is saying "No soup" but has, instead requested the village fathers to consider her decision to turn the property into a camp site.

Her first request to the trustees was in early fall of '71; she reapplied on August 28, of this year but they could not, as they said in correspondence to her, "reach a conclusion at their meeting." They promised, however, that a final decision would be communicated as soon as possible and the letter also referred to Township By-Law No. 25, Section 7, as the controlling one under which her "land" is termed "agricultural."

Since that time the Trustees have again discussed the possibility of Mrs. Meadows' request but, via letter, signified

their inability to give approval at this time of a trailer camp in the village of Rockwood suggesting that, "however, if you wish to pursue in your request for a change of zoning in respect of the land it will be necessary to follow the procedure involving canvassing neighbours, Ontario Municipal Board hearing in the event of protest, and formal application to the Township of Eramosa Council."

It was further suggested that application should be initiated with the clerk of the township and addressed to the chairman of the planning board of the township.

Concerned
 Mrs. Meadows is concerned. The Planning Board of the Township has already scanned her property and should, she feels see its tremendous potential as an overnight family camping ground only. She insists that trailers brought in could never be on a permanent basis only for overnight conveniences and equally insists that, if the stipulations are drawn up she will

adhere to township and village regulations and, in fact, feels that it would be just as important to her to keep apply high standards of a well regulated camp from her own property point of view, and wonders why the calamity. As a retired widow she finds the property an expense which she can ill afford to maintain but recognizes the importance of its preservation even for Rockwood's own prosperity. To do this without income however, is an impossibility and she is hopeful that the Eramosa Planning Board will understand the necessity of making provision for an income from her own property rather than having it become a continual liability. She has already spent exorbitant amounts of money putting the grounds into shape; having the brush cleaned out, a new well dug, proper toilet facilities requiring passing by Wellington-Dufferin Health Department standards. Picnic tables are also in the park grounds but, because she has not been granted authority, will not break township rulings by putting up a "Camping" sign.

Isolated
 From a village standpoint the Meadows' acreage is almost completely isolated from other Rockwood property. A deep semi-circular ravine runs three quarters way around the park land separating it on the south from Main Street residents and, as it continues around, the westerly end of Harry Bonner's farm and, on the north from that part of the Meadows' land which has been zoned industrial.

When Jean first applied for Campsite approval she had, in her possession a petition which had been signed willingly by neighbors whose property butted against the westerly and south westerly area of the proposed site.

Chat about and slack back reveal that there are those who question the necessity of such a park for Rockwood villagers' own private usage when, within easy walking distance there is a Provincial Park to which residents have easy access.

"Nonsense" says Professor Wright, Landscape Architect of the University of Guelph. "Just try that park on a busy weekend" he said "and then you people will know the necessity of simple village parks." The knowledgeable recreation authority just recently returned from a World Congress on National Parks held at Yellowstone Park and he maintains that the findings there show that, with recreation being the second most important industry in Ontario, in ten years' time the residents of this province won't know what hit them. "The boom for outdoor living is hitting Ontario right now" he said and it is reflected in attendance at all parks.

"Hang on"
 Professor Wright feels that Rockwood is unique with its open spaces yet untouched by the congestion of suburbs and housing developments. He suggests that the village should apply the "hang on" treatment so that, later it can decide which way it wants to go and whether Mrs. Meadows' land should be a park or an area for private homesites.

Murray Hague, another astute landscape architect, feels that "just to press the land not necessarily as a park but just for people" is the important issue. "Rockwood is Rockwood just because it has what it has" said the young man who loves the rustic nature of the village and refers to its natural vegetation and amazing rock formations.

What then is the problem in allowing Jean Meadows the right to finance her own land rather than put it into development? If road costs for eight weeks of summer traffic is the concern then, from many villagers' point of view, it's a small one compared to the preservation for posterity.

Camp trend
 Such American organizations as KOA (Kampgrounds of America), Pathfinders, Wheelers, and Crazy Horse camps already know the feasibility of campground trends. Chain campsites in the States have become a growing phenomenon. With their popularity based on high standards of cleanliness, safety, and service with safe places for children to roam free.

There is a clear differentiation between the type of camping one can enjoy at a provincial park, or conservation area, and a private campsite, and there is just as much as difference between long



THE MASTER HIMSELF, Dr. A.A. Kingscote adds a final touch as he prepares for his October 21 showing of Chinese brush paintings and sketches to be seen at the Guelph YM-Ywen at Speedvale Avenue in Guelph. "On the spot" painting and discussion on the ancient art and techniques will be part of the fare plus a cheese buffet with trimmings and Chinese tea a specialty of the house as

sponsored by the Y Camera Club. Showings will be from 7:30 to 10:30 pm. Dr. Kingscote is also the instructor of the Rockwood and District Creative Arts Chinese brush painting course and he received his specialized training during his stay in the Philippines some years ago. Tickets for the Y showing should be ordered in advance at they Y office as they cannot be purchased at the door on the evening of the event. (Photo by Lorraine)



HRMMMMPH! And friends and business associates of Tony Reid of Rockwood are going to wonder how come when he sold so many tickets to the basket of wine sponsored by the St. John's Monte Carlo nite committee he should get to win. It was all legit, folks, Tony was just lucky, that's all! (photo by Lorraine)

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Notice to Property Owners and Tenants

Corrections to the Census List

The Assessment Office for the Province of Ontario has submitted the Annual Census List (Alpha Names List) and it has been posted on October 19th, 1972, in the Office of the Clerk at the Municipal Offices, R.R. No. 1, Campbellville (in the Hamlet of Brookville) for inspection.

Residents and property owners are requested to examine this List to ensure that their names and relevant information are correctly shown therein.

Attention is drawn to the necessity to complete the required form, available at the Office of the Clerk, respecting an Application for Alteration of School Support Entry.

All requests for additions, corrections or deletions from the List will be received by the Clerk at the Municipal Offices, above mentioned, commencing on Friday, October 20th, 1972, through to Tuesday, October 31st, 1972, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., excluding Saturdays and Sundays.

The last day for filing forms requesting additions or corrections to or deletions from the List will be Tuesday, October 31st, 1972, at 5:00 P.M.

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