

Annual meeting Trail Riders shows membership of 200

By Jennifer Barr
A small but enthusiastic crowd gathered at Rockwood town hall for the annual general meeting of the Rockwood Trail Riders. President Gord Cox welcomed everyone and encouraged members to introduce themselves.

It was decided there will be four shows held every third Sunday during May, June, September, and October at the arena on the Dales farm, just north of the village. The English portion of each show will commence at 12.30 and feature English Pleasure, Working Hunter, English Riding (Elementary dressage), and two

Games. Western contestants will show at 2 p.m. in such classes as Pleasure, Reining, Barrels, Trail, and a Game.

Juniors will show during the western section and will have a choice of Reining, Bareback Equitation, Barrels, and a Game. English show secretary will be Mary Hatch and Western show secretaries will be Dave and Judy Johnson.

The R.T.R.'s celebrate their tenth anniversary this year and plan to do it with a bang. Parties, barbecues, and trail rides will be part of the festivities and a parade troupe will be organized for appearances at fairs and parades.

The competitive endurance trail ride sponsored by the R.T.R.'s will be held on July 8. Ride secretary is Mary Hatch, R.R. 5, Rockwood.

A dance is to be held March 16 at the Acton Meadows Golf Club. The O.C.T.R.A. Awards Dinner-Dance is on April 21 at the same place.

Rockwood Trail Riders now have approximately 200 members and provide everything from social life to riding education and fun in all forms. Sportsmanship and Horsemanship are stressed at all times. The youngest member is 18 months old and the oldest member won't admit his age.



"GEE, MOM, look what the big kids can make." David van Rhijn of R.R. 2 Guelph, smiles as he views a display created by the school children in the lobby of the Centennial School in Rockwood. He is the 6½-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans van Rhijn and waited for his sister, Kathy, during a practice session with the Eramosa Choral society recently.

Farmers could lose best land in country

District farmers were urged to take a look at the picture of agriculture in Canada at a special meeting held recently at the Eramosa Public School when Ian McVoughton, a professional planner from Kitchener, pointed out the need for agricultural men to band together or lose all the best farm land areas in the country.

The meeting was a Land Use Seminar sponsored by the Federation of Agriculture and Peter Hannan, Editor of the Federation newspaper News and Views, was the chairman who introduced the speaker.

Mr. McVoughton explained to his audience that it was vitally important that all official plans be understood and that each farmer should know what affect it will have on his particular environment.

Common Sense
"Those who don't have an official plan will lose their right

of land severances" he pointed out and said that planning was only common sense and that good agricultural land is too valuable to sell it short.

He said that 53 per cent of the 45 mile tract of shoreline of Lake Erie is privately owned and, from a planners' point of view that was bad planning.

"Bad planning," said McVoughton, "costs money, raises taxes, and allows ribbon stripping which requires more services than normal community living. Planning costs money," he said, "but no planning at all will cost a great deal more."

Band together
Also speaking at the meeting was Dr. Douglas Hoffman, a professor of soil sciences at the University of Guelph. He urged the farmers to band together and force the cities to take over the low quality lands for building rather than the better agricultural lands which will

gradually diminish.

"Economically it's better for farmers to sell land to urban dwellers," he said, but impressed his audience as he pointed out that it is not good for the country.

"We are experiencing the loss by retirement of high quality soil," Professor Hoffman said and explained that while selling one acre of prime land might give the farmer a high return compared to the cash value of crops he could grow, a widespread and indiscriminate sale of land made rural planning impossible.

Energy crises
He referred to the energy crises which will eventually decrease the size of farm lands because, as gas goes up, it will be too expensive to use the mechanized equipment required on farms today. "We may have to resort to the old horse and buggy," said Dr. Hoffman who made a further plea that, once land is gobbled up by asphalt and roofs, it's lost to agriculture.

Dr. Hoffman told the farmers that, if they are really concerned about their land, they should attend every open meeting held in their districts. "Have views on regional government," he urged. Read up and become well informed on land value and make your own councils aware of zoning by-laws that restrict the farmers.

NEWS of the district

Propose new Elora arena

A proposal for constructing a new arena over the present ice surface in Elora has been presented to the village council there. Estimated cost is about \$150,000. The company erected a new arena in Warton over the existing ice surface after tearing down a building the same as the one in Elora. They have also constructed buildings in Burford and Beaverton.

They're finding out more about it, over there.

Milton's big snow festival

Milton had a three-day snow festival that was termed a big success, although attendance wasn't up to expectations.

In the parade, a float entered by Halton Centennial Manor won one of the trophies for The Wizard of Oz entry. Activities included a sky diving demonstration, other sports, and a dog show.

Question, answer in Canadian

Nationwide went a question which has puzzled some in this district, too. The Canadian weekend magazine carried this question and answer in its regular You Asked Us column.

Q: Could you please tell me about the lady from Galt, Ont. who claims she was once married to the Duke of Windsor? T.H. McKeester, Medicine Hat.

A: The lady in question is a retired public school teacher in her 80s named Millicent Milroy. She lives alone in an old house in the village of Rockwood, not far from Galt. About four years ago a tombstone was erected in Galt's Mount View Cemetery with the inscription:

Millicent A.M.M.M.
P. St. Daughter of
JAMES
and HELEN MILROY
1890
wife of
EDWARD (VIII)
DUKE OF WINDSOR
1894

The tombstone has always aroused local curiosity, but when the Duke, 77, died in Paris on May last year, it was back in the news.

Miss Milroy refuses to discuss in any detail her alleged relationship with the Duke. As far as anyone knows for sure, Wallis Simpson was his first and only wife. Says Miss Milroy, a tiny lady with grey hair and bright blue eyes, explaining the initials after her name on the tombstone: "I have five names you know. My husband, the Duke, had seven." The P. St. stands, she says, for Princess of the Royal House of Stuart. Miss Milroy refuses to say where and when she met the Duke. She says it was not in Galt (recently renamed Cambridge), which he visited on Oct. 24, 1919 when he was Prince of Wales. So the curious are still left to wonder whether the tombstone stands as a monument to a well-kept secret or a romantic imagination.

Raise money for centre

Hillsburgh is hoping to soon have a medical centre established there, and donations are being accepted in trust. A committee has been working on the proposal finding out about building designs and grants available.

No outright grants are available but a winter works grant could pay 100 per cent of the labor costs and a summer works program could pay 50 per cent of the construction.

A site has been tentatively chosen east of the ball park in Hillsburgh. It is owned by the village and would be donated.

A fund-raising drive will start soon. Proceeds of the Hillsburgh Potato Fest in September are already earmarked to go to the medical centre. Estimated cost of the two-doctor office is estimated at \$35,000.

Rockwood Bowling

Rockwood and district bowling news is that Harvey Justin and Harold Theaker won the 8 week high-low doubles league tournament and are now eligible for some final competitions.

Danny Bolton and George Smith gave their best in the Thomas Adams Distiller's Tournament on Sunday along with 10 other bowlers from the Rockwood league. Classified according to averages: George and Danny bowled in that round and will on to the Zone roll off.

For the Tuesday Club members it was the Ramblers against the Gooyers with the Gooyers going down to a 5 to 2 tune as Mille Smith brought home a 217 single. George Smith a 211 and Adrian Gooyers a 209 single game.

Winnie Hills for the Gooyers came through with a 215 single. Clarence Hillon a 203 triple (240, 207, 248) and Brian Robertson brought in a 192 single game.

straightaway against the Norton and Betty Brydges made a 648 triple with 257 and 253 scores. Tom McCutcheon brought in 234 and 212 for single games and Dunc Kingsbury, 236, 222, and 637 triple. Ivy Ritchie came through for the Nortons with 209 and 248 tripling in at 628. Fred Nightingale bowled 628 with 303 and 236 single games and Viv Nightingale showed a 295 single game.

Rocket landing
Barley Sandwiche made a 5 to 2 Rocket landing as Blake Hind came to the front with a 682 triple with 233, 239 and 208 singles. Mike Martin showed a 601 triple with 205, 256, and 200 and Charles Milne brought in a 672 triple with 200 and 272. Harv Justin for the Rockets was triumphant with an 829 triple as he bowled 271, 275, and 267 for singles. Rocket team lady Edna Davis made a 665 triple score with 238 and 275, and Art Davis was a 618 tripler with 236 and 221 single scores.

Neighbors took 4 points and the Four Corners team 3, as they bowled against each other and Bill Garner was here with a 657 triple score. Jim Thatcher a 643 triple and with 231, Allan McPhedran with a single. Don Kerle of the Four Corners made a 633 triple. Harvey Peart a 214 single and Jack Parkinson bowled in a 211 single.

Team standings
Team standings show three teams tying for 9th place with: Rockets in 1st place with 96 points; 2 Guelphites 93; 3 Trotters 89; 4 Four Corners with 82; 5 Nortons 82; 6 Strattons 81; 7 Ramblers 78; 8 Carnays 72; 9th place with 70 points each - Barley Sandwiche, Peacers, and Alley Cats; 10 Gooyers with 68; Country Men with 62 in 11th place; 12th Neighbours with 51; 13th Junior Farmers 50; and way-down deep the Optimists with 37 points in 14th position.

30 per cent
He pointed out that 30 per cent of our income is from people associated with agriculture from selling machinery to food processing. "And yet," he said, "they say the economic returns are not great enough."

A session of questions and answers gave the farmers present an opportunity to discuss and air particular problems such as loss of land value and restrictive sale by-laws. Attempts were made to reach conclusions which will be forwarded by the Federation of Agriculture to Ottawa so that the voice of the farmer in Eramosa will be heard more clearly. This was the last of a series of three county meetings to discuss rural planning.

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Red roses for birthday 4-H meetings in news

By Doris Fines
The What's Cooking Ospringe 2 Club met at the home of the leader Mrs. Robert Ellis for their 4th meeting.

The meeting was opened with the 4H pledge. The roll call, what is your favourite cheese and egg dish, was answered by nine members.

A picture was designed for the cover of the books by Barbara Major, Sandra Oakes, Cathy Ellis, and Donna Leitch. The members decided on the one designed by Cathy Ellis.

Casserole quiz
Doreen Vander Vlugt conducted a quiz on casseroles. Mrs. Ellis discussed casserole cookery, quick and easy top stove main courses, and desserts.

Doreen demonstrated a tuna casserole, and Mrs. Ellis quizzed the girls on the Canada Food Guide.

The tuna casserole was served with lettuce and three kinds of dressing, and chocolate milk.

Fifth meeting
The fifth meeting was held at the home of Donna and Muriel Leitch with seven members present.

A discussion on the color of books for this project was held. Mrs. Ellis commented on what would be suitable for school lunches, and what sandwiches could be put in the freezer.

Donna Leitch made caramel oatmeal squares, and Muriel Leitch made salmon and egg sandwiches. These were sampled for lunch with spice cake and chocolate milk.

Mrs. Barbara Flewelling, the home economist for Wellington County, was a special guest at a 4H club meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Ellis.

First aid
The school bus drivers are now taking a first aid course. They attend one evening a week in Guelph. They should then be able to cope with emergencies as they come up.

Mrs. Florence Grundy was guest of honor at a birthday party at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Murray McKittrick and family, on Feb. 22. Those attending were Mrs. Bob Slater and family, and Miss Nancy Grundy of Guelph, Mrs. Gordon Bilton and family of Rockwood, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grundy and David, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Grundy and family, and Mr. and Mrs. George A. Grundy and family of Ospringe. The family surprised her with 60 red roses, one for each year. Mrs. McKittrick served a chocolate birthday cake with coffee.

The evening ended by all repeating the 4H pledge.

Ospringe 2 hosted the meeting, with Greenock Club as guests. In attendance besides members of both clubs were the four leaders, Mrs. Robert Ellis, Miss Doreen Vander Vlugt, Mrs. Don Milton, and Miss Donna Milton.

Doreen Vander Vlugt on behalf of the Ospringe club, welcomed everyone, and introduced Mrs. Flewelling.

Third meal
Mrs. Flewelling showed two film strips, with information concerning the project The Third Meal.

The girls served sandwiches and cookies.

Lisa Bonnel from Greenock thanked Mrs. Flewelling for coming, and Mrs. Ellis for inviting them.

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