

Destination is Mexico for Wellington group

Saturday reigned dull, damp, and cold, when 33 Wellington County travelling aspirants gathered at the Root Home Centre in Guelph to await bus transportation to the Toronto Airport from where they would leave via plane for an eight day stay in Mexico.

Manned with Guelph Travel Bureau brochures, those taking the bus were only part of the 58 Wellington County residents heading south to participate in the Wellington County Holstein Breeders' Club Tour to Mexico which is being sponsored in affiliation with the Holstein-Friesian Association in Mexico.

Local residents tour Six of those on the tour are Eramosa residents, Barb and Earl Osborne, Alex and Jean McNabb, and Sandy and Alan McPhedran, and prepared for December temperatures ranging from the high 50's to the low 60's, the travellers were equipped with cool weather clothing with a minus in the bikini, sun bathing department.

Tours of Mexico city, lounging in luxurious hotels, first-hand viewing of a bullfight in action, will be

only part of the travellers' agenda with time out for the home farmers to view the specimens of Mexican Holsteins and the mechanics of their dairy operations.

Wellington bred The important feature of the trip will be the visit to the annual Mexico Holstein show at Queretaro when the Wellington breeders will be able to see what progress is being made in the country which, for the past years has

been purchasing Canadian cattle from this district. Much of the cattle shown will actually be Wellington County bred and the show should give to the local breeders some indication of the results.

Although the majority of those taking the trip are Wellington County residents, others attending include farmers from Gray, Waterloo, Oxford, and other counties of southern Ontario.

Mrs. Diamond marks 92nd birthday

Fancy pink table cloths and pretty table centres were part of the decor at Halton Manor last Thursday afternoon when ables were pushed together to accommodate a district party and her guests on the occasion of her 92nd birthday.

Relatives, neighbors, and friends congregated at the manor to pay homage to Mrs. Thomas Diamond with a delicious decorated birthday cake and ice cream plus tea for the guests at the party.

Born in 1882 on December 7, Florence Clark was married on her family farm on the 4th Line of Nassagaweya. She was one of a family of three girls and one boy of whom only one sister survives.

Education important Sprightly and small, Mrs. Diamond can remember many areas of country life as a girl on her family farm where, she recalls, it was her mother who rode the binder while she, herself, walked

behind the harrow and helped to gather in the sheaves.

Mrs. Diamond relates her life to the horse and buggy days when she drove the team during spring seeding at the time when girls left school at an early age to assist on family farms. "Only the simple pleasures were fun in those days," said the Halton Manor lady who remembers that a good game of baseball was the one that children then liked to play. She said she remembers how important school work was to her then and feels that it should be even more so today. "Every young person should keep right at going on to completing their schooling," she said and wonders if, perhaps, parents haven't made things too easy for today's young people and that they haven't learned to work for things.

Laughter mischievously when asked what she could recall "about the good old days" Mrs. Diamond said she could remember the building of the radial line between Toronto and Guelph and the excitement it caused in the district. "I can remember oxen, believe it or not," she said, "not to work, mind you,



MRS. FLORENCE Diamond celebrated her 92nd birthday last Thursday and is seen here at the party held in her honor at Halton Manor with her daughter-in-law, Marion Diamond, her grand-daughter-in-law, Joyce Diamond, and her great-grandson, Gregory, five months old and the youngest celebrant at the party.



THIRTY-THREE MEMBERS of the Wellington Holstein Breeders Association headed out last Saturday on a 4:30 p.m. bus headed for Toronto from where they will fly to Mexico to participate in the Wellington Holstein Breeders eight day tour. Harry Bonner of Rockwood was the chief organizer of the trip and is seen talking to the driver of the bus which will transport six Eramosa residents to their destination.

Free Press Rockwood

Cleaning hall concerns board

Several matters of village business were considered at the November meeting of the Rockwood Trustee board on date of Nov. 27 including a decision to upgrade the standard of cleaning for the town hall prior to rental engagements and, regarding inventory it was agreed to make up crockery deficiencies and also to investigate losses of tables missing. The purchase of 12, small 30" x 30" tables was also considered with secretary Hockey instructed

to make necessary purchases. In the area of hydro the secretary was instructed to write to the Hydro in acceptance of the Public Utilities Commission proposal to computerize hydro billings effective September, 1974. Costs for the new service will be set at the following rates: Initial charge \$100; per bill .27c including bill, envelope and postage.

It was also agreed:

Murray McLaren would receive special instruction from an electrician to change meters in the village;

An electric broom for office cleaning would be purchased;

100 information booklets

would be purchased from Ontario Hydro entitled insulating your Home for interested hydro customers;

The final 1973 meeting of the trustee board would be held December 19.



Eden Mills Brownie News

2nd Eden Mills Brownie Park

Well, we finally had our long awaited bonfire. Poor old "Guy Fawkes" was placed on top and as we gazed into the firelight and watched him disappear, we thought of the days long ago when such gruesome things were done to people, and we all took a step back into history for a minute or two.

Then on with the present and a sing song, games, marshmallows on sticks (some which looked more like burnt offerings than anything else), and hot chocolate and cookies to round off the evening at 8.30, with promises to have another as soon as possible. There is nothing that quite compares with a bonfire on a nice evening.

Dollhouses During the previous week on Tuesday, a group of girls arrived at Brown Owl's house to make doll houses and furniture, for their "toy-makers badge". We all sat on the floor surrounded by boxes, glue and everything you can think of. We cut, glued, folded and stapled. Each doll house, unique in its own way, full of furniture and looking very good, was taken home.

The previous Monday we worked on tests. Badges were given out. One of the most interesting badges is the "Space Badge". Delia Chen was the first to earn this badge in the South Wellington Division, we were told by Mrs. Ridler. Sylvia

and Sharron produced some very good work with models and drawings also, on this space badge. We were pleasantly surprised at their efforts.

This week Sylvia Schelkle, Sharron Vos, and Elizabeth Ratky will be "flying up" to Guides.

School buses going to public schools within Wellington county will no longer be allowed to operate on days when visibility is impaired by heavy fog.

The Board of Education voted to halt bus transportation to schools when visibility is below 300 feet.

Notes from Centennial school

On Monday, Tuesday, and Friday of this week it was volleyball and basketball starting for both boys and girls.

Also on tap there are parent-teacher conferences where moms and dads will get a chance to see how everyone at home is doing.

Monday and Tuesday were exciting days for grade students when Mrs. Storey and Mr. Love combined their knowledge and took their classes on an educational study at Lake Belwood. Students made a grassland study, soil reaction study and also one on the composition of nature.

Everyone had a wonderful time when we had a cookout of hamburgers for lunch and spent the entire learning time out of doors. During the winter more of these activities are hoped to be accomplished.

Comin's and Goin's

Parents of fledgling Cub types should be prepared for their investment next Thursday night at the Rockwood Public School at 7 p.m. Vic Johnson, Akela, will be the contact for the parents who require more information and, if you can make it on the important date, there are large groups of green sweatered chappies anxious to participate for an adult audience. Make it everyone?

There he goes and it's two weeks in the Scuba Diver's paradise in Nassau for Wayne Guild and, while it looks like wet snow and sleet for Rockwood, it'll be bathing beaches for one of her sons. So have fun, Wayne and we'll see you back in town next year.

IN JAPAN

East meets West in gift-exchanging customs. Japanese exchange "Oseibo," or year end gifts, beginning about mid-December.

Rockwood bowling

Zap — and the Norton athletes beat out the Optimists at last Tuesday's games with a 7 to 0 final score. Fred Nightingale was top man for the Nortons with a 618 triple with games 186, 223, and 259 singles, Vivian Nightingale tripled in 67's with scores 185, 226, and 264 and Ivy Ritchie bowled a 621 triple with 182, 240, and 199. For the Optimists Sam Nyhold bowled 187, 200, and 189 with a triple 576 score and Gerry Birkholz made a 180, 212, and 183 triple out of 548.

For the Alley Cats it was a drag as they were clobbered by the Pacers 3 to 2. Pacer Bob Van Wyck bowled 644, with 152, 218 and 244 singles, David Burnett bowled a 620 triple with 212, 199, and 209, and George Usarowski bowled 158, 182, and 213, set of singles with a 540 triple score. Mary Lush was the Alley cat with the 653 triple and singles 243, 151, and 218 and Elmer Allan made a 555 triple with 189, 174, and 192.

Country Men went to the top with the Guelphites as the 5 to 2 score was the final count. Peter Boech was the country boy with the 695 triple with 164, 186, and 145. Jan Loof made a 474 score with 148 and 168 singles. Guelphite Ross Gordon bowled a 564 triple with singles 170, 228, 140, and Garry Parks made a 557 triple with 191, 175, and 191.

Clarence Hilton made a 634 triple with 223, 186, and 225, as Joanne Goeyers bowled a 515, with 149, 181, and 185, and Adrian Goeyers tripled in 561, with 183, 184, and 214. For the neighbors Dunc McMeekin made a 609 triple with 253, 248, and 185 as Bill Garner made a 251, 156, and 204 with a 611 triple and Doug Battenham bowled 183, 198, 206, and a 580 triple.

Unruffled went down against the Four Corners' team 2 to 5 with Harvey Pearl socking a 632 into the old alley with 215, 225, and 205 singles and Tom McCutcheon made a 508 triple with 188, 191, and 129. Alex Duffield unfortunately singled in a 628 with singles of 242, 220, and 163 and Phil Shrive made a 520 score with single games of 163, 184, and 173.

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