

Free Press

Rockwood and District

Choral Society chalks another success

Thirty-two sleeping bags and 32 suitcases were returned safely with their 32 owners last Sunday after a weekend of singing and sightseeing. The junior members of the Eramosa Choral Society left for Ottawa on Friday afternoon to participate in the Ottawa Music Festival and, like their senior choir associates recently returned from Ireland, they competed favor-

ably. With their five chaperones, Jackie O'Connor of Erin, Jean Gray, Marilyn Brace and Betty Burnett of Rockwood and their director, Roberta Hoy, the girls ranging in age from six to 12 years were rated excellent. Singing Gordon Lightfoot's "Pussy Willow and Cat Tails" and "This Land is Your Land" the choir was entered in the

folk singing category to compete with five others in that group. In the first number they took 82 percent, in the second, 80. This was, reportedly, a high rating for the young singers where marks, not trophies were rewards of merit. The Eramosa choir had performed well with the top competitors showing an 85 percent rating. "We were exceptionally

proud of the way the girls managed themselves," said one of the chaperones and, during the entire three-day venture the girls were fun, cooperative, neat, like their senior counterparts, ambassadors of goodwill representing the township of Eramosa with poise and charm. "Everywhere we went people would talk to the girls and they were just terrific," said chaperone mother Marilyn Brace who added that, at the festival, they were well received and looked delightful in their red and white uniform dress.

During their stay in Ottawa the choir and chaperones shared the Christian education room of St. Paul's Presbyterian church for their sleeping accommodation. On Friday night after the festival it was chat chat and sing songs with chaperones only finally getting everyone off to sleep. "Saturday was different though," said Mrs. Brace who said that from early morning to late at night they bus-toured Ottawa as pre-arranged by Mrs. Hoy. "Parliament buildings, art centre, science museum, a visit to Hull, Quebec, and the residences of the Prime Minister and Governor-General and we saw as much as we could pack in," said the enthusiastic chaperone. She told of a final trip to see city lights and parliament hill at night. "After their day

of so much to see, they just tumbled into bed and fell asleep quickly," she said. Sunday saw the girls participating again as choir as guest participants at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. church services at their host church: St. Paul's Presbyterian. Also that it was packed up time with a 1:45 p.m. flight from Ottawa to Toronto for a 4:30 p.m. arrival at the Rockwood Central public school. Another accomplishment has been tabulated by the Eramosa Choral Society and its director, Roberta Hoy.

Eden House auxiliary elects 1974 officers

Eden Mills Nursing Home auxiliary met for their annual meeting recently to review past year activities and discuss plans for '74 events.

Looking over last year's agenda it proved to be a busy one for the auxiliary. Activities included a Christmas tea and bazaar, eucyre parties, birthday celebrations held

monthly, and the recent spring tea and bazaar.

The ladies decided to organize two picnics, one set for early summer and the other slated for later in the fall. A strawberry social will be held in July. Also discussed was the necessity of providing more car rides.

Commendation Craft directress Betty Mar-

shall was commended by the auxiliary for her initiative and constant work with the residents who, under her able hand, are flourishing considerably in the area of crafts and creativity. The auxiliary members were pleased to learn she will continue her work at the home again this year.

During the meeting a new executive was elected to office with Betty Marshall to act again as chairman, Donna Clifford as sec., Bernice Bacon as treas., Georgina Wright as card convener, and heading up birthday parties, will be Ev Burden.

Stone U.C.W. tour Homewood on May 1

Stone United Church Women held their meeting on Apr. 23 at 8:15 p.m. with the first vice-president, Mrs. Stacy Box, presiding.

A hymn, bible reading and poem were followed by the secretary and treasurer reports. Included in business were reports by the flower and social conveners and the recent bake sale held by the U.C.W. Mrs. Box thanked the ladies for their contributions to the sale and church banquet.

Also discussed was the service to be held with the Eastern Star ladies attending, Mrs. E. May made the motion that unit one convene the lunch for the event and Mrs. H. Loree seconded.

Tour and trip

Other matters of business included a tour of Homewood Sanatorium on May 14, an Institute lunch on May 15, and a bus trip scheduled for Tues., June 4.

During the program conducted by convener Mrs. Art Pinder, a reading was given by Mrs. O. Parker entitled "Spring." A reading, "He Lives," was presented by Mrs. H. Loree. Mrs. Pinder introduced Mrs. L. Ashdown who spoke on the verse four, Psalm 63, of the Bible.

The Wonders of God was the title of a reading given by Mrs. May after which a hymn and prayer closed the meeting.

John Root praises Choral Society choir

The achievement of the Eramosa Choral Society received recognition recently when John Root, M.P.P. for Wellington-Dufferin, drew the story of their success at the Cork Festival in Ireland to the attention of the Ontario Legislative Assembly.

"Before the orders of the day," said Mr. Root, "I would like to draw to the attention of the House something that I think the members will be interested in. Last evening 75 young people returned from a 10 day visit to Ireland. This group was comprised of students from Erin and Eramosa choral groups. They went to various places in southern Ireland. They took part in various concerts. They entered the Inter-

national Festival and Competition at Cork, Ireland, and I am pleased," he continued, "to advise the hon. members that these musical ambassadors from Wellington County and Ontario won first place in the competitive singing of the Hallelujah Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Roberta Hoy."

Mr. Root continued saying he felt that in today's troubled world it is worthy of note that our young people are able to go abroad harmonizing as ambassadors and bringing honor, credit and a good example to all of us.

"Hallelujah, John," said another speaker, Mr. McIlveen.



THIRTY-TWO HAPPY GIRLS ranging in age from six to 12 years boarded the bus last Friday headed for Ottawa to compete in the Ottawa Music Festival. Junior members of the Eramosa Choral Society, the girls rated high with their presentations in the folk singing category with five other choirs. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church was the host church for the girls and their chaperones who used the Christian Education hall for sleeping quarters with sleeping bags, bed accommodation. "It was a wonderful weekend," said girls and adults taking the trip. They were also able to take a Saturday tour around Ottawa to learn more about their capital city.

Comin's and Goin's

Centennial school students had a special treat last Wednesday when the Royal Ontario's museumobile was brought into the village for students to walk through and visually examine historic facts on the progress of man in Ontario dating back to 13,000 years ago when glaciers retreated. Artifacts of the Paleo Indians to man today were on display and the children could see the various stages of man via diagrams and pictures. Reportedly the bus circulated to various schools in Wellington County.

Hey, the Guides and Brownies of Eden Mills will soon close up shop. A closing luncheon will be held in honor of the local groups in June with group mothers, Dot Chadder, Donna Clifford, and Ev Barden in charge at the village community hall.

It's that time again and already the ball teams are starting to warm up. At Eden the senior men's, midge boys' and senior and junior girls' teams are getting organized into their respective leagues. The Atom boys and T ball teams are also getting ready to go.

Guess what—Barb Marshall, daughter of Betty Marshall, is off for a trip out to Vancouver with two of her buddies, Candy Pulver and Leslie Zaron of Guelph. Have a great time, Barb, and we bet it's great having completed your second year at Guelph University. Eden Mills friends look forward to your return trip in July—meantime have a wonderful time.

Rockwood soccer teams are getting off to a great start this year and Saturday morning team roundups are finding teams vying to go getting into condition for springtime games. Still want to join up? Call Sandy Hudson at 459-4296 he'll give you required information.

P.S. Girls with ambitions to becoming Miss Rockmosa should follow instructions and contact Leona Kingsbury. The Rockwood and district Lions have set up a week-long agenda of exciting happenings at the Rockmosa Spring Fest over the May holiday and ask everyone to check the ads for information of local activities and decide now to get in the fun and participate.



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THURSDAY, MAY 16
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FRIDAY, MAY 17
SPRINGFEST MIDWAY — Full Evening Entertainment, including Crowning of Miss Rockmosa and Junior Farmers play — 8 p.m. at Centennial School

SATURDAY, MAY 18
ROCKMOSA PARADE 1.30 p.m.
Midway — Bingo 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 19
ROCKWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE 11 a.m. at Centennial School — Guest Speaker Rev. Bob Rumble
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