

Comin' and Goin's

Word back to the Burton Hills on Fall St., is the son Gordon Word is having a marvellous time visiting the Holy Lands. Travelling with his Divinity School graduating class of McMaster University, Gordon last reported from Jerusalem that he will be back in Rockwood next Monday. He has visited Rome, Izmir and Istanbul in Turkey, Lebanon, Tel-Aviv and Galilee. Great going, Gordon, and congratulations on your recent accomplishment.

Three parents and three teachers will be the chaperones this Thursday when grade eight students of Centennial public school will trip of via bus to Niagara Falls to see the hydro plant and several places of interest. Leaving Thursday at 9:15 a.m. the group will enjoy a day of touring and visiting with a night-time stop-over at the Wedgewood Motel. It should be an exciting trip which will come to an end Friday afternoon when they return home. Have fun and good luck everyone.

Eight-two years young and Mrs. Mary Scott, formerly of Main St., Rockwood, was feted to a special birthday celebration by friends who dropped in to her Guelph apartment to wish her many more of the same. A favorite in the Rockwood village, friends here also wish her the best for many a day.

Eden Mills fireworks display was another community event last Friday night when villagers and friends gathered at the park grounds after a ball game to enjoy the camaraderie of May 24 celebrations.

Running in age from nine months to sixty years' Eden Mills swimming enthusiasts have registered for early completion of this year's list for summer classes. "We're all filled up because everyone wants to get in the swim," said Bob Love, community club chairman.

Another item on the Eden Mills summer agenda is a regular second Saturday instruction class to be headed up by Betty Marshall in conjunction with the Guelph YMCA. The venture is a first in this district according to Bob Love who said the classes were filled almost as soon as registration was opened.

Hey folks! Tie the old knot on the finger and remember the date of June 8 for the regular second Saturday of month - paper pick-up. "We've already collected tons of newspapers, and keep up the good work," say Lions members exuberantly. The Lions hope to see villagers remember to put out their surplus supply for an all-day Saturday service, beginning at 9 a.m.

Jane Murray's poster tops

Efforts of Centennial public school children were incorporated this week as part of a village "clean-up effort" as sponsored by the Rockwood village trustees.

Trustees contacted school principal Grant Meltae who arranged for posters designed by students to be submitted for judging at the village hydro office. Four posters were chosen on originality, composition and design.

In presenting awards judge Wilma Williamson congratulated those who participated and said she could see



FRIDAY WAS FARM fun for students of Rockwood Centennial and their grade two public school visitors from North York who came to the village on a three-day learning experience last Wednesday. Calves nuzzling and licking hands were a delight to city youngsters who cuddled farm cats and dogs as if they'd never seen animals before. The conservation park, village centres, dairy, horse and pig farms, were all part of the tree-day adventure for the students and escorts who left Friday at noon with a C.N.R. train ride, the top-off for their rural visit.

Free Press

Rockwood and District

Lionettes sponsors of Miss Rockmosa

Judges of the Fri., May 17 Miss Rockmosa contest for district queen found their final decision a difficult one. Entries were minimal with only a few girls vying for the honor of representing Eramosa at 74 functions. When it came to the crunch, two girls were on top with Bev Smeltzer, a R. R. 3, Rockwood girl, chosen to reign as contest queen. Margie Glendenning, of 208 MacKenzie Street in the village was a close runner-up to the Eramosa girl.

Each contestant spoke extemporaneously on various subjects proposed by the judges. Subjects ranged from questions on community and government to bilingualism in Canada. Bev Smeltzer, 17, a grade 12, Fergus high school student spoke impressively of her views of coordinating French and

English languages. Rating high on the judges' score sheets she was proclaimed Miss Rockmosa of '74. Margie Glendenning, 16, a Guelph Centennial high school student briefly sketched Benefits of The Lions Club in Rockwood.

Judges were Dorothy Plinkney, co-ordinator with the Wellington county dairy queen contests, Helen Jefferson, proprietress of the May-Belle store in Elora, and Terry Thomas, of CKCO TV in Kitchener.

Officially crowned by last year's reigning queen, Evelyn Eason, the '74 queen received a bouquet of red roses from Lionette president, Donna Greenis, and a cheque for \$25. Miss Glendenning was presented with a cheque for \$10, together with a Rockwood Lions club pin also received

by each of the contestants. The Lionettes had sponsored the Friday night event and pins presented were ones designed by Yosef Drenters of the Rockwood Academy.

Lion club president, Tom Gellatly, acted as chairman of the contest. At its conclusion members of the audience were treated to a special presentation of the Eramosa Junior Farmer's recent drama festival entry, The Wedding. The play drew rounds of applause and was well received by the large group in attendance.

Clean-up will be repeated next year

The dump truck was busy last Saturday for the village clean-up in Rockwood. According to clerk, Len Hockey, the truck was in demand for most of the day until the dump closed in the afternoon. "It made four returns to the village to pick up more junk collected by residents over a period of time," he said.

The clean-up was highly successful. At Monday's trustee meeting it was decided to make the performance an annual one. Old springs, mattresses and many amazing items were part of the village collection. Villagers report that some of the things had been sitting for years with owners looking forward to such a day.

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Centennials hosts Toronto children

Last Friday morning's visit to a series of district farms climaxed an exciting venture which had provided another learning experience for Centennial public school children as well as introducing a number of Toronto city children to rural and farm life for the first time.

The visits were part of a three-day venture organized through the boards of education of North York and Wellington county. It began when a former Guelph area principal, now with the Dunlance public school in Toronto, enquired of superintendent of schools, Cliff Whitfield, as to the feasibility of bringing the pupils of his school to a rural one. He wanted them to experience firsthand what rural living is all about.

Thirty-three children from the Toronto school, their teacher, and three parents arrived in Rockwood last Wednesday. For three days the children, together with their contemporary grade two friends in the class of

Mrs. Marion Tubman, enjoyed a series of excursions in and about the village. The children had previously corresponded with the Toronto children and were billeted in the homes of those to whom they had written.

Local visits Wednesday's arrival date saw the children, plus chaperones, visiting various factories and interesting places in Rockwood. Thursday was one of the conservation park where, with John Little of the Outdoor Education branch of the Wellington board, together with teacher Bob Love of Centennial, they saw another phase of nature's works.

Pathology and pinnales (bioners), were part of the conservation park excursion. Bob Love pointed out coral bed areas; caves were a special excitement for city children. They were able to observe wild life and ducks on the river, beavers and dams were of intrigue. Even a lowly garter snake was first-time discovery and the children were able to take home small sample rock formations.

Friday's round up was a farm morning. Loaded onto a school bus at 9 a.m. visitors, important item was completed. A bus trip to Collingwood was discussed and date set for Wed. June 12. Members intending to attend were requested to be at the town hall by 9:45 a.m. with the bus leaving promptly at 10 a.m. "There will be no club meetings until June 27 at 2 p.m.," warned the president.

Following the speaker, eucbre and erokino were games enjoyed, with Mrs. I. Hunter, Mrs. R. Dyer and Mrs. R. Oakes, the lady eucbre winners along with Mrs. W. Leach and F. Alton. Crokinole champs were Mrs. W. Black and W. Hayden. Lunch was served by Mrs. V. Smith and Mrs. A. Farr, conveners for the afternoon refreshments.

Sunshine club sets bus trip

A special visitor at the Rockwood and District Sunshine Club meeting last Thursday afternoon was interesting and provided meat for thought for 42 members attending.

E.D. Marshall of Fergus, a provincial government representative, told the members of the Rockwood club they were entitled to a grant to improve their facilities. "More equipment, craft instruction, and teachers are also available," he explained. Mr. Marshall had been introduced to the group by president Ralph Williams after an opening sing song with Mrs. W. Black at the piano.

Bus trip During business, one im-

Luncheon honors Wilma Williams

A delicious pot luck luncheon was held at the home of Lillian Hill on Fall St., last Thursday, on the occasion of a gift presentation to Wilma Williams, wife of retiring minister, Ralph Williams of the Rockwood United Church.

Twelve members of an ecumenical bible group met and Helen Sinclair, the founder, made the presentation of a charm bracelet on which two charms of a silver bible and cross, were attached. The group, formed approximately three years ago, meets every second Thursday morning at various members' homes. It is comprised of ladies who feel that meeting and discussing the bible in a friendly home attitude can sometimes lead to better Christian understanding of its contents.

Centennial students, plus chaperones including three Rockwood rents, visited three area farms.

They enjoyed watching John Benham milk a cow at the Benholme farm on the Fourth Line. Kittens and dogs were cuddled furiously by the Toronto children who, according to Wellington county co-ordinator Glenice Brown, had never really experienced farm life. Highlight on the Benham farm was when calves licked the hands of the children and they were ecstatic with delight.

From cattle farm to one where horses were raised the children were raised in George Benton's horse farm. They moved along to Alan Cook's pig farm where they viewed pigs of all sizes and tiny piglets wallowing contentedly.

By noon-hour Friday, the venture was completed. The Toronto class was taken to Guelph by bus and then, as a top-off for the experience, travelled by train to Toronto.

Co-ordinator Glenice Brown had only praise for the hospitality of both the Rockwood parents and the school staff. During the evenings

children and chaperones had been escorted by their hosts on fishing expeditions, to ball games, soccer matches, and various community endeavors.

Plaque Before leaving the North York children surprised the Rockwood school with a plaque reading, "In appreciation for hosting our primary grade 2-3 class, May 22, 23, and 24." Principal Meltae thanked the children for their gift and said it would hang in a place of prominence.

A return visit for the Rockwood students to visit their "new buddies" has been planned for dates of June 12, 13 and 14. Miss Brown said the Rockwood school had been chosen by the Wellington board as one where principal and staff were attuned to the importance of exchange experiences.

During the visit a number of parents from Rockwood helped supervise the children on excursions along with three primary consultants from the Wellington county board of education. George Day, a board member, also attended during the three day visit.



INGENUITY, COMPOSITION and originality were key notes in the poster competition sponsored by the Rockwood trustees recently in their campaign for clean-up last Saturday in the village. Posters were drawn by Centennial school children and judged with Jane Murray the winning contestant. She is seen holding her poster flanked by runners-up, Carina Pundick, Janice Gray and Patti Alexander and art teacher, Mrs. D. Young.

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