



EARLY MORNING cyclists set records Saturday morning as they completed the 25 mile trek from Eramosa public school in jake time. Placing first after making the round in less than 105 mins. is Roger King. Brenda Ingle was the athletic runner-up who came in a close second and Tim Kingsbury, 14, third place winner.



SIXTY-SIX dollars and fifty cents was riding on Terry Webster when he entered his unicycle in Saturday's bikathon.



MOTHERS ALSO rode on Saturday and, coming in late after a late start is Betty Eason. "Sure I'll do it again," said the tenacious lady who would not stop even as the day reigned hot and humid.



OLDEST contestant in the Saturday bikathon was 69-year-old young Roelof Verhagen who made the entire 25 mile circuit with no stop-offs. "Great ride and I enjoyed it all the way," said the amazing senior athlete who says bike riding isn't new for him.

Eighty-eight rode in bikathon

Saturday's bikathon sponsored by the Eramosa Ball Association and the Rockwood and District Lions Club was one of energy, ambition and finally, fatigue. Eighty-eight participants took part in the event which, when returns are in, should net approximately \$2,200 to be divided between the sponsoring groups.

From 69 years to a 13 month old trundled on her mother's back, bicyclists of all ages got behind the rally, happily backing its success. Roelof Verhagen was the 69-year-old eldest contestant who completed the 25 mile bike.

hitcher whose mother, Marie, deposited her with friends, somewhere along the way. The trek extended up hill, down gravel roadways and onto smoothly paved highways, all the way from Eramosa public school on through to Belwood and back again.

First place

Starting off at 8 a.m., 15-year-old Roger King was the first rider to complete the circuit. Two hours was his time with a 15 minute stop-off for bicycle repairs. Only slightly tired Roger said he'd make the same trek anytime and was sure the next time

would be easier. Brenda Ingle was the second placer who also started off at 8 a.m. She finished a short time after Roger. \$2 a mile was how Brenda's rating came out and she said it was fun with only boredom along the way her greatest challenge. Tim Kingsbury, 14, placed a fine second place and he had 48c a mile riding on his bike. "It was fun," said Tim, who is already for another ride next year.

Running in a close third and fourth place were Alan Swanson and Jay Hindley, both 15, who felt they could have run a close tie to top spots if they hadn't stopped off at Pine Bush Inn for a hot dog breakfast and chocolate milk specially supplied by the Ontario Milk Producers.

Most of the riders were teenagers, according to the ladies keeping schedules at Eramosa school. Reportedly 57 of those riding were categorized as men and boys, the remaining 35, girls and ladies.

Unicycle
Besides four trucks on patrol, two others constantly

made rounds keeping in touch with riders and reporting positions. "Mr. Verhagen is just about reaching the Fergus Road," is the way the reports were chattered in and, for the few who couldn't make it, there was a special truck for pick-ups. At the end of the venture, scores showed only about half a dozen aspirants who could not make the course; they consisted of the very young entrants.

As well as teenagers, youngsters and oldsters, there were middle ones who kept up their pace to complete the 25 miles. Mothers riding included Helen Hill, Betty Eason, Marie Ingle and Dolores Miller, baseball coach of the 19 and under Eramosa girls ball team.

Given acclaim for his amazing feat was 17-year-old Terry Webster who had \$66.50 riding on his unicycle. Terry completed 15 arduous miles on his wheeled contraption which took amazing skill and prowess. Continuously during his ride, his progress was reported back to headquarters. His sponsors were pleased at his tenacity.



THREE CONTENTERS who took time off for hot-dog breakfasts were boys who came in tied for fourth position and fifth place. Alan Swanson tied with Jay Hindley, both 15, Russell Glendenning, 14, followed closely behind. "Sure we'll do it again next year," say the boys who enjoyed the ride sponsored by the Eramosa Ball Association and Rockwood and District Lions Club.



ENERGY SPENT, feeling tired and worn, two district girls were also in the run on Saturday's event. From Eramosa public school to Belwood, around and back again, riders took to the roads patrolled regularly with members of the Lions Club and Eramosa Ball Association. Betty Foot and Helen Craigie made the circuit and, of 88 entrants, only six, reportedly, had to cut out early.

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45 ft. sailing ketch project of couple

Whispers of summer are everywhere and wherever we look we see indications of plans and trips for summer holidays. Boats are some signs that people are looking ahead, with many crafts of various types being pulled into driveways and farm lots, ready for spring clean-ups and check-overs.

One ambitious couple have decided against investing in a large manufactured water vehicle. Instead they are applying their skills to the ancient art of building their own. Within the past five weeks, Graham and Sharon Oughton, of Guelph, have constructed a mammoth form over which a fibre-glass composition will gradually develop into a 45 foot "C" Breeze ketch which on completion, should be seaworthy in any waters, according to its builder.

A native of Edinburgh, Scotland, Graham says he has lived by the sea most of his life. He has always enjoyed the thought of having his own boat but knew it was out of his reach unless he built it himself.

Two years
At present, the amazing frame construction has gradually taken shape on the farm of Harvey and Roba Shultis just outside Rockwood. It provides mixed interest for passersby who pull up, some as regular visitors, to see its progress. Graham figures it will take in the neighborhood of two years before it will be actually completed. He hopes to see it covered with fibre-glass by the end of summer. "Then we'll cover it for winter lay-off," he said.

A machine builder by trade, Graham, with his V.O.N. wife, has worked religiously on the project. He explained he had not chosen the ketch at random but had thoroughly investigated a number of similar ones to come out with the one they felt most seaworthy. "We were in the Great Lakes with a friend who has a boat like

this one," said the novice builder, "and we were out in a terrific gale. The performance of that boat sold us on building one just like it." At one time during the past few weeks during a heavy gale, the boat form was almost toppled over. "Together with a friend who dropped around to visit, we managed to extend ropes and fasten them to the ground to hold it in place," said the enthusiastic boat builder.

Sleeping
Graham says that, according to the plans, the craft will be able to sleep nine people on completion. "The plans call for two bathrooms, a kitchen, main cabin, wheelhouse, owner's cabin, galley, and forward cabin," he said. He feels the Great Lakes and Georgian Bay will probably be the sailing places of the craft which, he reiterated, would be at home in any sea.

Although both Graham and Sharon have done some sailing, the avid boat builder says he has certainly never had the opportunity to handle a craft the size of the one he and his wife are building. "The only way any one will ever have such a learning experience is with his own craft," he said, and is sure that, once he gets it on the water, he should adapt easily.

When finished it is expected the boat will weigh approximately 20 tons. At its present location it looks mammoth but like a neat and easy project. Graham admits that, without the Shultis family

providing the area for building, the venture could never have been considered. He feels they have been extremely generous in lending their property. In return the pleasant Scotman has managed to keep the area in top-notch condition. Aside from the immense, country conversation piece (the huge craft mould), and some lumber piled for use, the project is being conducted under spic and span conditions.

The couple work diligently on weekends and days-off, setting their goals as they go along. "There are about three of these boats of this same design right now, sitting in Hamilton Harbor. Only they're made of cement," said the interesting builder.

Comin's and Goin's

Hi there! Don't forget that this Sunday's Decoration Day Parade start off time is set for 2 p.m. at the Rockwood Academy where paraders will march to the cemetery for a service to be conducted by Rev. Don Sinclair.

Friends of Tanjilla Hughes will be sorry to know she broke her leg Monday and according to her mother will be in a cast for 12 weeks. Her friends send their best and suggest she get in plenty of reading material for her summer holidays.

Word is out and registration for the summer activity program for Rockwood and district children has been set for Fri., June 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. and on Sat. June 15 for the same hours. "You may sign your child up for as many of the five weeks the classes are running as you wish," says organizer Pat Ellis. She is enthusiastic about the program which will include crafts, games, outings and sports to be structured around planned themes. According to Pat the program will run five days a week, Mondays to Fridays starting 9:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Rockwood hydro

Street lighting in the village came under consideration at the May 27 meeting of Rockwood trustees held at the town hall.

Secretary Len Heckey was instructed to contact Ontario Hydro in Guelph requesting a technical survey and recommendations to alleviate street lighting problems in the village.

Several incidents of malfunction had occurred during the recent storm. Trustees felt the problems required investigation.

Toyota Community Calendar

What's doing in North Halton area!

AUCTION SALE
The Acton Y's Men Club are holding their Annual Auction Sale on June 15, at the Acton Community Centre. Donations are still welcome. Just call 853-0926 or 853-1202 for pickup.

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