



BALLINAFAD Community Hall, the site of many happy rural gatherings was the site of a party Saturday night to honor Mr. and Mrs. George Burt on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary. Well known Esqueing township farmers, the Burts were greeted by many friends, old and new and presented with gifts. The honored couple led off dancing for the evening.

## Gymkhana held by Trail Riders

by Jennifer Barr  
Organizers were heartened by the overwhelming number of entries at the Rockwood Trail Riders Gymkhana and Junior Fun Day held Aug. 11 at the Pat Dale's farm near Rockwood. The purpose of this event was to provide opportunity for junior club members to enter the show ring no matter how limited their horsemanship ability. Classes ranged from a Horsemanship class (with 18 entrants) involving leading a horse and displaying rudimentary knowledge of grooming and showing, to a gala costume class. Lead-line and walk-and-trot classes allowed members under ten to show off their riding ability within their age-group and capabilities. The older juniors (ten to 16), entered an equitation class demanding walk, trot, and cantering abilities.

Games A variety of games followed, most of which required three heats, due to the amount of competitors. Exciting action was witnessed during the mad dashes for socks in Musical Sacks. Some surprised "Whoops" and "Wows" accompanied the unexpected jumps made by ponies in the obstacle race. Juniors under ten were encouraged to perform the games at their own speed (usually a slow trot) and in their own age-group.

Wee Darren DeBatista, five, of R.R. 2, Acton entered many games even though this was his first effort riding a large horse with a saddle. His lack of fear and infectious grin was the source of much amusement. He entered the ring for the Steady Hand game clutching the reins in one hand and the saddle horn in the other. When faced with a cup of water to carry (part of the game), he protested, "I can't carry that—I don't have enough hands!"

Youngest rider David Johnson, four, of Rockwood, entered several classes assisted by father, Dave, who was awarded a clothespin as the oldest competitor.

The finale consisted of a costume class in which such characters as the Scarlet Pimpernel, Sitting Bull, Robin Hood, a tramp, a gorgeous lady (Gred Dales), Jack Horner and several others appeared. An elaborately-attired Arab came to grief when his steed spooked at his outfit and bounced him in the dust.

## Honour Burts at Ballinafad

About 200 people gathered at the Ballinafad Community Hall last Saturday night to honor Mr. and Mrs. George Burt on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

There was a dance with the Fred McDougall orchestra providing the sounds and Earl Burt and Basil Watson assisted the musicians.

Refreshments were also served to the guests who had come from as far away as Guelph, Grand Valley and Toronto.

"We received a number of gifts," said Mrs. Burt.



NINETEEN COMPETITORS showed horses "in hand" for the Horsemanship class at Dales Farm, Sunday. The occasion was the Rockwood Trail Riders Junior Gymkhana and Fun Day.

## Limehouse Visitors tour plant

by Mrs. Art Benton  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sinclair spent the holiday weekend with his cousins, the Roy Birds at Lindsay.

Mr. Earle Scott of King City spent a few days with cousins Mr. and Mrs. J. Roughley recently.

We wish a good recovery for Mr. Wilfred Kirkwood who underwent surgery in Guelph General Hospital on Aug. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Patterson motored to Chalk River last week and spent a few days visiting their cousin Mrs. Jack Crosson. While in that district they enjoyed a tour through the atomic energy plant at Deep River. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hicken at Rankin in the Pembroke area. Returning, they visited friends in Stouffville.

Rev. Harold Martin is preaching at Limehouse Presbyterian Church at 9.45 a.m. during August.

Mr. and Mrs. Waddell of London are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Noble.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Sam Gishy is again in hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mills of Toronto spent the weekend here with his mother.

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## 70 at Bible School at Everton last week

by Doris Fines  
Mrs. Pat Hilton-James, with her children from Montreal, is visiting her cousin Mrs. Wm. McCallum and Mr. McCallum and family, for a few days in the country.

Kevin Oosterhout, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Oosterhout, is home from the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto, where he has been receiving tests and medication for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stewart have returned from a week's holidays in Saskatoon.

In Erin Members of the local church attended services in Burns Presbyterian in Erin on Sunday morning. Knox will again resume regular service next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Banas of Agincourt visited on Sunday with Mrs. Banas' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stewart and family. Bible School Twenty-five children from

this community attended the Co-operative Vacation Bible School at Everton last week. The closing program was Friday night. Rev. Donald Whitehead was host pastor and director. A total of 70 pupils attended under the guidance of 17 teachers. The theme was "God's People Must Choose".

Mrs. Vernon Stewart was in charge of the 4 to 5 year olds, with Mrs. Glen Jackson assisting. There were 15 in their group.

The daily collection was assigned to assist the Canadian Bible Society and Canadian Council of Churches.

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### Erin township council

## No change in 1974 budget

At their regular August meeting, Erin Township Council:

—Was informed the total 1974 budget would be the same as in '73, the higher road rate balanced by a lower county rate.

—Was notified of a meeting August 29 with Minister Leo Bernier regarding the gravel situation in the township.

—Learned the selling price of the Official Plan would be \$7 per copy.

—Will receive \$28,540 from the Ministry of Roads, 30 percent of the initial subsidy allocation.

—Were notified there would be an additional \$7,400 fund for roads.

—Discussed a request from Bob Coles, director of the Potato Fest Committee, for a gift for the draw in September. When Council stated they favoured a monetary donation instead, Clerk Elmer McKinnon commented "Give me an argument why they need the money. I don't see they do."

Reeve Lloyd Lang answered "I see it as an indication of support for the municipality. I don't see how we would do less as it's for the community's benefit."

—Proceeds from the Fest will be donated to a community project.

Councillor Bert Wheeler added "Why should they get less than Erin Fair?"

A motion was passed to give a monetary donation to aid in work toward a community project.

—Must repeal the bylaw concerning licencing fees on mobile homes, as there will be a provincial assessment on them from now on.

—Passed a motion to donate \$100 to the Grand River Disaster Relief fund.

—Received an insurance cheque for \$151.85 for a fire

department radio which blew up when struck by lightning.

—Read an anonymous letter from an "Erin township taxpayer". Reeve Lang refused to discuss it and commented "We have no right or responsibility to deal with letters like this if they're unsigned."

—Suggested filing a letter from "Damn the Dam Campaign" which asked for support against a 38.5 million dam at Ayr. Councillor Bert Wheeler stated "We just don't know enough about it."

—Was approached by residents who asked to build a small chalet on their Seventh Line property for a hair dressing business, citing Ed Peacock's shop as an example of existing business in that area.

Reeve Lang informed them that the shop was there illegally as the area is zoned agriculture, and a hair dressing business could not be permitted without a zone change.

—Was notified the Lionettes had donated \$200 to the Fire Department and were asked for permission to use an extra \$95 to buy a new resuscitator.

—Learned the new residential and farm evaluator for Wellington County is Lorne Thompson.

—Passed a motion bylaw imposing special rates on tile drainage acts.

—Authorized payment of \$175.40 for two livestock valuations.

—Discussed a bylaw proposed by Ontario Hydro concerning specific insulation requirements in new homes to preserve energy, and referred it to building inspector Jim Delaney.

—Passed a motion to pay \$9,225 on the new fire truck.

—Met with village trustee Les Sherratt regarding the new building in Hillsburgh Park. Council passed a motion to pay the final \$5,000. There was a previous advance of \$10,000 from the Glen Devon subdivision third phase.

—Discussed complaints regarding increased water rates in the town. Reeve Lang suggested Hillsburgh trustees contact the concerned residents to discuss the matter.

—Passed a motion instructing the clerk to give notice to the solicitors of Lake Ontario Cement stating the municipality is not prepared to make a zone change on the Ismond and Saunderson land at this time.

### Charged

In court in Milton this week an Acton man received an additional year's suspension and a \$300 fine for driving while his license was under suspension.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Ebenezer

## No services next Sunday

There will be no service the last two Sundays in August, while Rev. and Mrs. Russel Finley are on vacation.

Membership classes for those wishing to join the church, will start the first Friday in September.

Holly Ann Johnson, daughter of Joyce and Claude Johnson; and Daniel Henry Bonnell, son of Susan and Jim Bonnell, were baptized.

Mr. Finley's sermon was about Peter. The way Jesus changed Peter's very nature, tells us it doesn't matter what kind of personality you have, Jesus can change you, so that everything will work out.

In Bible times, it was quite conceivable that a person could be born again, as a different person, as when one of the disciples said that Jesus was Elisha, or one of the prophets. Peter's answer came as a flash of insight

from heaven, "You are the Christ, (the eternal now.)" Jesus said to Simon, "You are Petros." When we think of heaven, we shouldn't think of a different place, it is part of "the eternal now." If you believe intuitively, no matter where you are, or what happens, that Christ is part of your breathing, when you are alone, or in pain, you can feel the eternal now within you.

When Peter followed afar off at Jesus' trial, Jesus gave him one look, forgiving, restoring, healing and regenerating, and Peter went out and cried. After the resurrection, Jesus would include Peter especially along with the others. Peter's sermon at Pentecost made 3,000 converts. He was the first to confess that Jesus was the son of the living God. Jesus is eternally with you now, as close as the air.

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