

Steer burgers for Christmas

Draw history was made on Dec. 19 when, out of 868 ticket purchasers from districts of Toronto, Hanover, Guelph and Eramosa, three local residents took home the winnings on the Christmas steer draw sponsored by the Eramosa Ball Association.

Township clerk Lloyd Hindley was the official drawer who plucked the winning tickets from the barrel at a special ceremony held at the township council chambers. First prize winner who took home one whole steer, was George Parkinson of R.R. 4, Guelph. Doug Earle of Rockwood was the second name drawn. Mr. Earle's win was the blind half of another steer; Clarence Hillon of R.R. 4, Rockwood took home the front half.



A ROARING BONFIRE, steaming hot coffee and chocolate welcomed a large crowd who attended the outdoor carol sing held Sunday, Dec. 23 on the bowling green of St. John's Church. Little kids, big kids and people of all ages congregated beside the Nativity scene erected after a number of years. The Rev. Ritchie McMurray blessed the set

which, for some years had lain in disarray to be resurrected for this year's Christmas greeting. Outdoor togger was the order of the day and visitors from the district can be seen wearing warm coats and hats as they sat on bales of hay to sing carols from an outdoor screen.

Christmas carol sing highly successful

Sunday's Dec. 23 Christmas carol sing was highly successful as over 150 children and adults gathered on the bowling green, beside St. John's Anglican church.

Everton, Eden Mills, Guelph, Acton and Rockwood were represented at the large group congregated to sing out the praises of Christmas. Even father weather had cooperated and the air was crisp and clear as the sound of voices carried through the night. Organizers of the unique event were a committee from various community churches, including Marjorie Saunders from Sacred Heart, R.C. parish, Rev. Don and Helen Sinclair, Presbyterian church, Donna Bateman, Christ's Church in Everton and Betty Jones of St. John's Anglican church. Assisting in various areas of co-operative effort were Sandy Hudson, Don Gordon, Pat Dales, and Mrs. John Thomson and Betty Eason of Rockwood. The combined effort of the group made the evening a

worthwhile one. Those attending said they hoped it would continue as an annual event.

Dedication One interesting feature was the dedication of the Nativity scene by the Rev. Ritchie McMurray. The Christmas creche was one hand-constructed some time ago by members of the St. John's parish. For many years in December, the beautiful exquisite scene on the hill by the church. It was a reminder to people passing by, that Christmas-time meant the birth of Christ.

Time took its toll on the frame of the traditional scene. Finally, only the figures remained. This year, honoring the centennial celebration of the Niagara Diocese of the Anglican Church in Canada, members of St. John's rebuilt the frame and re-established the scene for placement on the church grounds. Eric Shipp was one of the organizers in

instrumental in making the first frame and, through his efforts and abilities, it was repaired for Sunday's dedication.

Carols After the brief ceremony, Rev. Ritchie McMurray led the group in carol singing. Seats of hay bales were placed near the Nativity scene and carols were sung from 8 p.m. until 9 o'clock. A half hour break gave visitors time to stop in at the parish hall to warm their feet and fortify with hot drinks of coffee and chocolate. A fundrive raised by Sandy Hudson and his many assistants, kept the little people warm. The children huddled close to the blaze, tossing in snowballs and delighting at the hissing sound they made as they disappeared in the hungry flames. Refreshments also provided time for socializing. Many visitors chatted with friends from other areas who had come to enjoy the unique celebration.

Registration date set for evening courses

Everything has been fixed up and a variety of classes are being offered this year to district residents anxious to move into the new year as enrollees of a stimulating night school program.

Sponsored by the Eramosa recreation committee, some of the courses being offered are ones which have proved popular from former sessions. Others will deal with subjects requested by residents. Enrollment has been set for a minimum of ten members to a class, and a maximum of 15. Students will be given an opportunity of signing up for courses according to preference. If the required numbers are not reached, the particular class will be automatically ruled out; the student's next preference will be the one in which he or she is enrolled.

Ten weeks

The program has been set for a ten-week run with classes to be held at both Rockwood Centennial public school and Eden Mills community centre. Classes planned for the Rockwood school will be held Wednesday evenings. They will include upholstery, music appreciation, pottery, crochet and knitting, yoga and needlecraft. At the Eden Mills centre, the combined program of crochet and knitting will be held Tuesday afternoons with chess, tie dye and macrame held Thursday evenings. Friday nights are the evenings set for square dancing at the community hall.

Registration night for all courses is Wednesday, Jan. 8 at Rockwood Centennial school from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Classes will begin Tuesday, Jan. 20 in Eden Mills and Wednesday, Jan. 22 at the

Rockwood school starting at 7:30 p.m., finishing at 9:40 p.m.

Eramosa residents are fortunate this year in having distinguished teachers available to give the instruction in special areas. Music appreciation will be taught by Peter Hughes, through the medium of playing instruments. Mr. Hughes is chairman of fine arts at the Lord Elgin high school in Burlington. He has been teaching music with brass and reed instruments for over 15 years. He was director of music for the Royal Canadian Artillery, assistant conductor of the National Youth Brass Band in Great Britain and served as guest conductor with such bands as Her Majesty's Scottish Guards. He comes to participate in the Rockwood program as a highly-qualified instructor, anxious to introduce others to his deep regard for music.

Yoga

Vivian O'Brien is the yoga teacher. She recently completed an advanced course in Yoga philosophy at Geneva Park in Orillia. Mrs. O'Brien has already made her mark in the Rockwood district as an experienced instructor. She also teaches yoga at the Guelph YMCA.

Maureen Hughs will instruct in pottery at Rockwood Centennial. Trained in Toronto eight years ago, Mrs. Hughs will teach hand-building techniques, appreciation of clay, and design and form, in dimensions of clay. Instruction in hand-building will include pinch, coil, slab, slice, throwing and sculptural techniques. Organizers of the program feel this should be an enlightening class.

A combined course of batik,

tie-dye and macrame will be taught by Margaret Curtis. Mrs. Curtis was a former teacher of those subjects at the YMCA in Mississauga. She is also well qualified in her field.

Friday night sessions of square dancing should prove to be pleasurable ones. Teacher Slew Reed of Acton will take novice dancers through the stages of learning. Mr. Reed has instructed in many local areas with much of his teaching resulting in the establishment of regular square-dancing groups. He hopes to see a large turnout to enroll in his classes.

All other classes offer the same experienced leadership. One special course will not be a pot pourri venture where current topics will provide evenings of stimulating learning. Ann Chandler of Eden Mills is in charge of the tie-dye course. It will include discussions, demonstrations and lectures which will be offered either as individual classes or as a complete series. Subjects will include talks by experts on such topics as child psychology, photography, horsemanship, real estate, early Canadian furniture and architecture, parapsychology, hostessing, landscape architecture, Chinese brush painting, women and the law and others of current appeal. Mrs. Chandler is confident that every class will be well-worth attending.

With the new year moving in there are approximately 12 weeks more of winter. Organizers of the program urge that residents register for classes which will provide fresh interests through the medium of regular learning.

Free Press and District Sewer and water alternatives discussed

Gary Bateman chaired the 1974 wind-up meeting of the Rockwood trustees held at the town hall on Dec. 19. Trustee Bob Leslie and Bert Smith were in attendance as well as secretary Len Hockey.

The secretary read a letter from Everett Higgs, deputy-minister of the environment. It read to the effect that a 100 percent sampling of water was planned for the village with a full report to be made. According to Mr. Higgs, the Ontario Municipal Board had not been approached regarding the most recent water and sewer proposal as it had been repudiated by both township council and the Rockwood board of trustees due to high costs. Trustees were informed the matter would be held in abeyance and they could re-apply for a winter works grant in 1975.

Aquarobic

Trustee Bob Leslie re-introduced the subject of the Aquarobic system. The special home-sewage treatment system had already been discussed by the local body. A letter was tabled from the manufacturers. It said that provincial grants would be favorably considered by the M.O.E.

Debutantes

A discussion ensued in which Allan Osborne, one of the 1975 in-coming trustees also present at the meeting, mentioned the possibility of a debutante issue to finance sewage treatment. Secretary Hockey was instructed to draft a report and send copies with a covering explanatory letter to the Ministry of Environment re subsidy approval; township of Eramosa council re general information on by-laws and the Homeowner Loan; Eramosa planning board re single-lot building authority and the Wellington County Health Unit requesting approval and recommendations.

Trustee Bert Smith referred to the Homeowner Loan plan. He stated that the township should be contacted to establish the eligibility of Rockwood residents who may require new sewer installations, to apply for partially-forgivable loans.

Sidewalks

The secretary reported he had made official application to the Ministry of Transportation and Communications for sidewalks to be considered for both sides of Highway Seven on the south-end of the village. He read a letter of appreciation from principal Grant McIvor of the board's consideration of a crossing guard for school children walking in that area during school hours. Chairman Bateman requested a report be

Presbyterian ladies hold concert meeting

The December meeting of the Eden Mills Presbyterian ladies was one of hilarity and good fun. It was held at the home of Mrs. Marg Blacklock and took the form of an old-fashioned concert. Mrs. Ev Barden was chairman.

An important opening item was a sermon given by three ladies of the organization. Mrs. W. Lasby, Mrs. J. Chamberlain and Mrs. M. Blacklock read excerpts from the Christmas sermon of the late Rev. Peter Marshall, The Man Called Peter.

A welcome to everyone present was then given by Mrs. G. MacDougall. She came on stage dressed as a little girl complete with pinafore and curled-up toes. Readings followed delivered by Mrs. H. Gilbertson and Mrs. W. Lasby. Mrs. R. Wright favored the group with a mouth-organ solo; Mrs. C. Ramsey and Mrs. D. Sinclair gave recitations.

An organ solo of Silver Bells was given by Mrs. Margie Blacklock after which Mrs. A. Wilson sang Mittens for Christmas. She wore an old baseball uniform with cap and bat accessories. The humorous lady was followed

by a duet from Mrs. J. Chamberlain and Mrs. Blacklock entitled Jolly Old St. Nicholas. Mrs. R. Wright and Mrs. W. McLean also gave a duet.

Santa, Cathy Lasby, arrived just in time to distribute gifts. He was assisted by his merry little elf Linda Blacklock. After Santa's departure a delicious lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Blacklock, assisted by Mrs. H. Buchan

and Mrs. Ev Barden.

Prior to the program, at the meeting, matters of business included thanks, given to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barden for their donation of a Christmas tree at the church. The members learned that the Rockwood and District Lions Club were distributing the white gifts collected at various district functions. The Dec. 22 candlelight service was also discussed.

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to make the true spirit of Christmas ring true.

Watch for it fellows! The annual Rockmosa snowmobile rally is presently slated for January 19 or for the first heavy snowfall thereafter. "Get your pledge sheets now," say the organizers. They say they're available at Stratton's corners, Royal Bank in Rockwood and district stores. "Sign up now," is the word and all proud owners of new Christmas snow vehicles are invited to attend. All monies collected will be headed for the community complex.

Christmas was happy-home-coming for two Eden Mills boys. Ev and Ted Barden visited their hockey-playing sons, Gerald and Gary Barden for four days in Cornwall and enjoyed seeing them perform with the Cornwall Royals of the Quebec Hockey League. The foursome re-

turned to Eden Mills on the Sunday before Christmas to be on hand for the big yuletide celebration. Also visiting the Bardens for Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Medford Harkness from Teeswater, Ev's sister and husband and Mrs. Jean Gemmill and son Bob from Dundas. Son Jim Barden, his wife Sheila and little son Jimmie of Eden Mills were also on hand for the festive event.

Christmas visitors in Rockwood over the holidays included Barbara McLaren presently living in Toronto. She spent the holidays with her family. Stephen Leslie and Kevin Rool from Trent University also were to be found in the big metropolis. Wenda Gray and Brett were seen hiking in the Rockwood park and Gregg Strong visited home from Western University. Nice to see you back, strangers!

New Year Gives Meaning to Time

To a certain extent the heightened sense of the meaning of time at New Year's is related to the invention of calendars, and people who have no script and no calendar for measuring regular intervals over a long span have a more limited conception of time. For them time stretches back only as far as memory does and forward into the lives of their grandchildren, and it is only the seasons that come again and again. Time goes back to the beginning, when people came into being.

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