



Rockwood Snowmobile Club holds children's day

The hills and flats of Camp Brebeuf were rocking with activity and fun last Sunday afternoon when approximately 50 snowmobile buffs, including children and parents, performed in a three-hour venture of outdoor games, sponsored by the Rockwood and District Snowmobile Club.

It was kids' day all the way with simple races, obstacle races and a variety of games run off, tapered to the abilities and skills of teenage drivers and youngsters riding with parents. Co-organizer of the event, Jean McNabb said it was not an afternoon for competitive fun but rather one that would encourage proper driving skills for the teenagers and provide healthy outdoor entertainment for the younger types.

Driving in and around a pre-set course while sitting on an inflated balloon, scrambling for candles, and tobogganing on the hills between bouts of snowmobiling were all part of the exciting happenings. The day was cold and the wind was bitter as it blew across the hills, but no one seemed to notice. Even some three and four-year-olds could be seen enjoying struggling to the top of the smaller hills and sliding back again.

A children's day is not a new idea for the Rockwood club. As long as the snow season lasts the ambitious riders divide their activities so that every second Saturday night is a planned one for

adults, every other Sunday holds something special for the children of the group. Saturday night rides often culminate at the Rockwood Centennial school in sessions of basketball or volleyball. Sometimes dancing to records is the program, with hot dogs and hot chocolate, the refreshments.

Sundays

Sunday afternoon trips include cook-outs and group snowmobile treks but, whatever the activity, headquarters are the main lodge at Camp Brebeuf where a fire is usually kept burning in the hearth. "Back at the camp there is always hot water bubbling in preparation for drivers requiring a warm-up of hot coffee or chocolate," say ride organizers. Hikers and cross-country skiers are also welcomed by the congenial group.

Many have been planned and marked which cover miles through farms and scenic bushlands.

The next activity planned for the club is a meeting with Constable Kidd of the Guelph OPP. He will discuss new regulations covering snowmobiles. With winter snows just about at an end members expect that most get-togethers will be casual jaunts but, to finalize the season's events a closing dance is being organized for April.

FROM TOP TO bottom three and five year-olds swish down the hills at Camp Brebeuf whilst awaiting their next fun game with their parents. Moms and dads were the drivers for the small tykes who participated in obstacle races while teenagers were allowed to operate the family machines.

Council hears dogs complaint

A letter received from a Rockwood resident who stated he has lived in the village for five years, was read at Monday's meeting of the township council. It complained of the noise of too many dogs being housed at the Allerellie dog kennels on Main St.

The writer said he had heard similar complaints from other residents and suggested he was also a potential victim of water pollution from dog droppings as sludge was being deposited within 20 feet of the rear of his house. The complainant felt the village should be controlled and numbers allowed, complementary to size and location of property.

Council decided to investigate the problem. If required, a request will be made to Gunner Allerellie, the dogs' owner, that he cut down on the numbers kept at the village kennel.

Nominations set for NDP

John Harney, professor of English at York and former federal M.P., will be special guest speaker at the nomination meeting for an NDP candidate for the new provincial riding of Wellington-Peel. Harney contested the federal seat of Wellington South (of which Erin and Eramosa were part) in the 60's.

The nomination meeting will be held on Sunday, March 16, at the Erin high school.

Although trends indicate a fall election, the NDP are preparing for several months of riding groundwork, in anticipation of the campaign.

In the 1971 election, Alan Rimmer of Hillsburgh represented the NDP in Wellington-Dufferin, while Neil Davis, a Mississauga teacher, ran for the party in Peel North.

Supply teachers

Halton supply teachers should have an answer from Halton Board of Education later this month on their plea for a pay raise.

The supply teachers are complaining because they haven't had a raise in a few years and say other boards gave parents more money to baby-sit children during teachers' strikes than they are receiving. They say substitute teachers are in short supply in Halton because of the poor wages.

It is expected the administration council of the Halton Board will recommend more pay for the supply teachers when their report goes before trustees on March 13.

Outside workers vote to strike

Representatives of Halton Region's management negotiating team along with representatives of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will meet with provincial conciliation officers in an attempt to stave off a strike involving about 140 outside workers of the region.

The workers have voted 90 per cent in favor of striking to

Meeting cancelled for Arts Council

Blizzard and poor weather conditions determined the fate of the Feb. 25 meeting of the Wellington County Arts

Council slated for Wellington Place near the Wellington County museum. It was cancelled until

Tuesday, March 11 when it will be held at the Blue Door restaurant at 230 St. Andrew St. E., in Fergus. Decision to

change the place of the meeting to the more central location was made after a two-hour discussion between the few people from Fergus and Elora who attended. Time has been set for 8 p.m.

Election for an executive committee will be the important issue at the March gathering. Lists of names of people running for office will be mailed out to council members presently on the mailing list.

After elections, workshop sessions will be held.

Members will have an opportunity to pool resource information which will, in turn provide the basic structure of what the council is all about. One of its main functions will be as a clearing house for information on instructors, key information, people and facilities available to the council.

Spring

The best thing about seeing the end of February is the closeness to spring.



French immersion meeting postponed

Only 22 parents, including a few whose children are already enrolled in the French immersion program, attended the meeting held at Brisbane public school on Wednesday evening, Feb. 20.

The meeting was held essentially to provide information about the French immersion program in Wellington county. Ted Rutherford, principal of Allenby public school in Toronto, was scheduled to be at the meeting as guest speaker. Mr. Rutherford was to explain to parents how the

program works. A similar one has been in operation in his home school for the past four years. It has proved quite successful.

Heavy winds and blizzard kept both parents and the speaker off the highway. It was necessary to postpone the meeting until a later date. It is expected that, when the meeting is held, information will be provided for parents interested in the program for their children. It will also serve as a questioning-ground for parents concerned about students already enrolled.

O.M.B.

Forty bewildered residents of the Sixth Line and Number 10 Sideroad area filed out of the Esqueping municipal building Monday morning for the O.M.B. hearing on a drive-in theatre was again adjourned.

The grounds for adjournment until at least July, were an involved legal hassle, not fully understood by spectators.



FROM FIVE TO FIFTEEN youngsters galore were in full snowmobile regalia at last Sunday's games day held by the Rockwood and District Snowmobile Club at Camp Brebeuf. A candy toss is the name of the game for this group of youngsters.

back contract demands. The first meeting with the conciliation officer is slated for this week in Toronto.

Region personnel manager Dennis Camm explained that a report of the conciliation officer goes to the Minister of Labor and if the matter isn't settled, it is usually another two weeks before the union can legally strike.

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Principal of Allenby P.S.

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