

# Eramosa Choral Society will return from Austria Sunday

The day was brisk and cold last Wednesday, March 26 but nothing could quell the warm enthusiasm of the 45 members and chaperons of the Eramosa Choral Society as they waited to board the bus to the Toronto airport, the first leg of their year-long, planned trip to Austria, as guests of the Silerwacher folk and dance group.

As well as the good wishes of the community, their families and friends, the choir took with them casual hiking and play clothes plus brand new outfits, especially designed for concert-wear during the ten-day venture.

This year, red vests drawn together with maple leaf buttons attached by chains, matching skirts and white silk blouses in the dress for girls of the Society. Six boys in the choir will be similarly attired. They will wear white shirts, red vests with matching ties and dark trousers.

Chaperones accompanying the group are mothers of choir members, Ann Benjamin, Betty Burnett and Marilyn Bruce, as well as music director Roberta Hoy and her husband-manager, Bill. Flying via Swiss Air they took off from Toronto at approximately 8:30 p.m. with first stop scheduled for Zurich, Switzerland at 10:50 a.m., March 27. A stop-off at Holiday Inn was arranged to provide time for resting, shopping and sight-seeing. Even a short swim-party was the scheduled entertainment for the group's first evening in Europe.

# Hang killers

Capital punishment has former N.D.P. candidate Archie Brown upset. Brown, a Scotch Black area resident, who ran third in last June's federal election, says the death penalty is not being used as a deterrent since death penalties are being commuted.

"The certainty of punishment is crucial. I believe because the death penalty isn't consistently applied it loses all its value as a deterrent," Brown charged.

He has been researching the subject and has learned some "startling" facts. Brown said he gathered the statistics from Information Canada, the National Parole Board and Statistics Canada.

"Between 1962 and 1972 40 policemen and two prison guards were killed by criminals in this country. Of those 42 killings in every case the cabinet commuted the death sentence. The cabinet has 100 per cent commuted the death penalty. Now, the courts in Canada asked for leniency in only seven of the 42 cases. One of the convicted murderers is even out on parole now," Brown stated.

The former NDP candidate is calling for residents to write their M.P., cabinet ministers and other government officials so they will know what the people of Hamilton think about the death penalty for killing police officers.



ONE, TWO, THREE and p-u-l-l was the word of organizer Bob Love as he took the senior grade boys through a tug of war at last Thursday's outdoor carnival at Rockwood Centennial public school. It was a finish-off before winter break and the students had a wonderful afternoon.



DOUBLE DUTCH skipping means that spring is almost here and pupils at Centennial public in Rockwood are getting a good start as they practise their prowess at the school's carnival day last Thursday. Wagon races, tug of wars, three-legged races and games of fun were all part of the activities. This picture is living proof that skipping is not just a girl's sport but for everybody.

## Comin's and Goin's

Ladies and gentlemen in charge of the Good Friday breakfast at Eden Mills Presbyterian church were delighted at the turnout of village and district residents who made their Sunday School room the place for the special breakfast. "Never had such a large crowd," said the ladies who feel the minimal price charged for the food was a great drawing card. To keep down the costs they had to leave out the hot cross buns but visitors who consumed 'til full didn't complain a bit. "See you next year," was the usual comment.

Don't forget! This Saturday's bazaar sponsored by the Lionettes will be one of fun for everyone with draws for a quilt and crocheted dress part of the game. Seven o'clock is the start-off time for the sale items with a progressive euchre slated to begin at 8. Everyone is invited to attend and for senior citizens it's a special welcome from the organizers.

A super-delicious dinner of hot roast beef with gravy and the works was the one set out for the Lionettes an unquestionably pretty waitress served last Wednesday night. It was the day of the election of officers and the Lions looked after the meal.

A financial statement gave a run-down of the ladies' activities over the past year and showed great lists of charitable organizations to which they had contributed, of fund-raising schemes and community efforts for which they worked. The Lionettes were

proud of their year's showing and applauded the executive for what had been accomplished.

Donna Greenish was last year's president who transferred out of town with her husband before her term of office was up. Betty Eason stood-in for Mrs. Greenish but, at last week's election became the official lady of the hour. First-vice is Barb Bonner; second-vice, Lois McRae; secretary, Jean Gray; two year director, Marion Ostrander; one year director, Dorothy Harding, tall twister for the year is Marie Milne. Other members of the Lionettes were also given positions.

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FIRE CHIEF CARL Meadows is seen with Eden Mills Girl Guides after an evening of giving and marking sheets of examinations on fire-safety. The girls passed the test easily and the chief said they were apt pupils. It was all in the interest of Guiding and the girls were later awarded their fire-safety badges.

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## Guide and Brownie News

by Diana Wallace

1st Eden Mills Brownies variety concert held Sunday, March 16, week was very successful indeed, with a hall full of people.

With skits, dances, songs and jokes the time flew by. One minute we were in bonny Scotland and the next in Hawaii or scrubbing decks with a sailor. Then we were visiting a hillbilly family making soup; (each put salt in as they passed through.) The children in the audience got a big kick out of this.

Members of the girls' families helped with the props and costumes. Sitting in the audience one could well appreciate the work and effort that goes into one of these shows. It was a credit to all concerned and every Brownie certainly did her best.

Refreshments were served afterwards and everyone agreed they had thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

2nd Eden Mills Brownies The week of March 10 saw us busy rehearsing our pantomime once again. This will be held April 13. The following week we worked on our village, making trees and fences. This the girls really enjoyed this and results were effective.

1st Eden Mills Guides On week of March 11 John Ford from the St. Johns Ambulance joined us, to start a five-week first aid course with most of the girls. The remainder of the guides made chocolate easter eggs in the kitchen.

The following week was first aid again. The remaining girls painted eggs for Easter and as always these turned out very nicely. These girls also saw a Canada Post Office movie to help them with their postal badge.

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