

Inn opens

For the first time in almost a year, meals are once again being served at the Terra Cotta Inn.

Last weekend both lunch and dinner were served as the inn officially opened its doors, 10 months after it was ravaged by fire. On Friday night the owners gave a party for the construction crew that rebuilt the restaurant. The next night they gave another party, this time for Terra Cotta residents who were described by the owner's wife, Susan Bongard, as being "friends of the Inn".

The previous weekend tea was served on the terrace at the Inn.

Two of the restaurant's four dining rooms are now open and the other two should be ready for use within the next two weeks.

The original inn was destroyed last August in a spectacular early morning fire and the building sustained \$400,000 damage. A number of priceless antiques were also lost.

The rebuilding job, which cost more than \$200,000, has left the Inn with more dining facilities but without space for accommodations. The owners hope someday in the future accommodations will once again be part of the Terra Cotta Inn.

There is one less floor in the new building.



GOLLY, MOM, THIS strawberry is really good, says six-year-old Mary Jo Halliburton as she snaffles one off her parents' farm patch. The family have been in the strawberry-growing business for 11 years. For the past five they have used the "pick your own" method of selling berries and it has proved highly successful.

Strawberry picking is already on in Eramosa

The days of seeing organized crews of pickers dotting farmers' berry patches throughout the countryside is almost over. Today's more up-dated method of supply is on a pick-your-own basis and, for the past few years, as soon as the first signs inviting customer-picking are raised, large groups of people swamp the areas in an effort to get the best of the crops.

Some fruit and vegetable growers say labor costs are too high and it's less expensive to let people fill their own baskets than hiring others to do it. "It's very difficult to get pickers nowadays," says a few. Others feel the newer method is easier and faster. They admit there are certain organizing problems and rules which must be initiated and carried out to ensure efficiency. They feel that, as long as customer-picking is controlled, it is a simplified way of getting fresh produce to the table as soon as it is ripe enough for eating.

Rainfall produces crops

The Richard Halliburton farm located on County Rd. 29 above Hwy. 24 in Eramosa is one where red, succulent berries have been a major produce for the past 11 years. Usually the Halliburton berries are later than others grown in the district but, with this season's rainfall and hot sunshine, their crop is already on the move and and

berry pickers have started in. Raising strawberries is not a new game for Dick Halliburton. His parents before him were growers from away back. He remembers helping at his family homestead when he was a very young boy. He and his wife, Joy purchased their 100 acre farm 11 years ago and have combined strawberries as a sideline with mixed farming, ever since. They introduced the pick-your-own method of harvesting five years ago and since that time, it has developed into a family business. At one time they used to hire people to pick and sell their produce throughout the countryside but now, with customers coming in for their own berries, four of the five Halliburton children share responsibilities towards operation efficiency. Kelly 16; Casey, 13; Tim, 12; and even Mary Jo, six, all have their jobs. They help with parking, patrol rows to make certain customers don't break into new berry rows and assist with other odd jobs.

This year's crop looks especially prosperous for the happy family. Usually one large acreage is designated for the large, rowed strawberry patch. The ambitious planters procured more plants for the '75 spring planting and this year, on seven acres of land divided into two

specific patches, myriads of white blossoms prophesy an abundant harvest.

Other plans

What other plans do the Halliburtons have for their pick-your-own industry which is becoming more flourishing every year? Joy says that many customers arrive just after dawn and, by early morning, patches are crowded with avid pickers. "By noon each day, ripened berries are usually exhausted and so are we," said Joy speaking of herself and her family. She and her husband feel there is no point in being too ambitious about providing services such as a snack bar and other facilities. They hope to keep production high but conveniences minimal.

Mr. Halliburton conducts the strawberry business along with his field of mixed farming. He raises pigs for marketing and grows his own grain. He finds his farming industry all-consuming in itself. So agrees that it's best to keep the strawberries as a sideline only.

"Just keeping weeds out without all the frills, is a big thing," says the local farmer. He is pleased that this year's supply of big red berries are ripening fast and being collected as soon as they ripen. "Looks like this could be a great year for strawberries," he says.



LION president, Darryl Nichol presents picture of former home to Kay and Doug Earle.

One parent families

One Parent Families, a non-profit Canadian organization of families with one parent—separated, divorced, widowed, or never married—has a branch in Halton.

Consider bike path

The Township of Eramosa has asked Milton Council to support its efforts to have a bicycle path built from Acton to Guelph as part of the reconstruction of Highway 7.

An Eramosa resolution on the subject was passed June 2 and forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

Milton Council considered the subject briefly last week and referred the matter to the town's community services committee.

Presbyterian Women hold indoor picnic

On Tuesday at noon, 11 members of the Eden Mills Presbyterian Women sat down to a delicious and bountiful lunch in the basement of the church. It was a pot-luck lunch provided by the members.

The president, Mrs. W. Lasby opened the meeting with a poem, entitled "No Empty Pews. Thank-you notes for flowers were read from William Wilson, Mrs. E. Burden and Mrs. W. McLean. Gerald and Gary Barden also sent a thank-you note for chocolates received when they were recuperating from injuries received during

hockey games. Twenty sick and shut-ins were noted. Mrs. W. Lasby read a poem, "A Hundred Years From Now. Pennies for the Fellowship of the Least Coin" were collected and dedicated by Mrs. G. McDougall. Mrs. S. Wilson and Mrs. G. Weale took over for a picnic.

Prizes allotted

Prizes were given for the following contests: guessing jelly beans in jar, Mrs. R. Wright; name the object, Mrs. W. McDonald; the oldest person present, Mrs. W. Gilbertson; the youngest, Mrs. D. Sinclair. Mrs. J.

Gilbertson had the honor of having the most grandchildren. Mrs. Weale won the contest for guessing the mileage of Mrs. Wilson's car. Mrs. Sinclair was able to guess the closest number to the one chosen between one and 50. A word scramble was taken by Mrs. McDougall. Mrs. Wilson won the object-choice game; Mrs. W. McLean had the most American money. Mrs. Lasby had come the longest distance and also had the closest birthday. Mrs. Weale had the most objects in her purse, she was the pleased recipient of the prize.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Lasby gave each member present a piece of anniversary cake to take home. She and her husband, Wallace, will have been married 28 years this Friday, June 27. The cake was given in their honor.

Lions host Lionettes D. Earle family feted

Saturday night was ladies' night and Lionettes were beautifully hosted by members of the Lions Club at Leisure Lodge in Preston.

A smorgasbord dinner and a dance later in the evening, kept the party going from 8 p.m. until 12:30. Big event of the night was presentation of a gift to a former Rockwood couple who left the village two months ago to live in Brantford.

Couple feted

Kay and Doug Earle were the feted couple who with their family, moved into the village approximately two years ago. In making his farewell speech, Lion president Darryl Nichol said the two would be sadly missed both as individuals in the Rockwood community and in the Lions and Lionettes clubs. Both Mr. and Mrs. Earle had very quickly adapted themselves to village life and had contributed time and energy towards raising funds for the Rockwood project.

The president presented the couple with a picture of their former home in Rockwood located at 224 Main St. N.

They left the village to start up a business in their new town.

The Saturday party is an annual event for the Lions Club. It's the Lions way of saying thanks to the Lionettes for their year-round support. A large number attended. Lionettes said, "It was a wonderful evening."

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Guide and Brownie news

With the official closing of another year of Guides and Brownies we can happily look back and say we have had a very good and productive year. Arms full of badges are proof enough of all the hikes, camp fires, first-aid courses, variety shows, pantomimes, jumble sales, camping trips, volleyball games, fire and accident-prevention courses.

A camp last weekend for the guides, proved to be once again a great success. There is a summer program underway, set up by Captain Ann Chesworth for any guide interested in participating.

2nd Eden Mills pack

The 2nd Eden Mills Brownies put on their pantomime for their final night last Monday. Mothers and fathers of the girls involved turned out to see their offspring perform. As usual everything went well on performance night. Had visitors looked in on our rehearsal the week before they may have wondered if we'd ever make it.

Three Brownie leaders have left this spring. Mrs. Anna Jackson, Miss Eva Stevenson and Miss Linda Blacklock. Eva is getting married; Linda is busy in many other ways and finds the responsibility too much as a working girl. Mrs. Jackson feels it is time to take a back seat. She will be helping on the side lines when needed.

Last Tuesday all the new Guides, patrols were set-up. Captain Chesworth let the girls choose for themselves who they would prefer to work along with. Time will tell how this works. Friends want to be with friends in any

activity we do, so it makes sense to set them up together in patrols.

At the end of the evening many badges were given out, including naturalist and ecologist badges. Thanks are extended to Bob Love of Rockwood Centennial school.

The 1st Eden Mills Brownies had a pack holiday at Camp Corwin on Friday, May 30 until Sunday. It was a great success and a lot of outdoor activity was enjoyed. "Outdoor adventure" and "Holiday badges" were completed. Two of the

mothers, Mrs. Lillian Neave and Mrs. Joan Krusch helped too.

Last weekend, five Guides and Brownies from Eden Mills joined with 80 Guides and 66 Brownies from all over Ontario at a special camp in Owen Sound, Delta Chesworth, Michelle Heard, Iona Chesworth, Carol Harpham and Elizabeth Moore were the girls who attended. The occasion was one celebrating 65 years of Guiding in Canada. The captain said, "We had a marvellous time making lots of new friends."

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Environmental Hearing Board
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
ON

THE ALIGNMENT OF THE HYDRO TRANSMISSION ROUTE BETWEEN POINT 33 NEAR COLBECK AND POINT 95 NEAR LIMEHOUSE

The Province of Ontario, by Order-in-Council No. O.C. 1585-75 dated the tenth day of June, 1975, authorized and directed the Environmental Hearing Board to review information pertaining to that portion of the approved Hydro transmission route, Bradley Junction to Georgetown, between point 33 near Colbeck and point 95 near Limehouse, as identified in the Ontario Hydro Bradley-Georgetown Environmental Report, and conduct the public meetings necessary to determine if the selected alignment between these points can be modified in any way that, having regard for reasonable cost, will minimize the impact on the agricultural land and undesirable effects upon the environment and report its findings to the Minister of Energy.

The Environmental Hearing Board will hold the PUBLIC MEETINGS in the Hillsburgh Community Centre, Hillsburgh, Ontario, beginning at 10:00 a.m. local time, on Tuesday, July 15, 1975 and for such additional days as may be required in order that interested parties may have an opportunity to present their written or oral briefs and to ask questions concerning the alignment of the Hydro transmission route. If the briefs are in writing the Board would appreciate receiving 10 (ten) copies, if possible, for the use of the Board.

Copies of the information pertaining to the subject matter of the Meetings will be on view in the offices of the Environmental Hearing Board at the address shown below and at the municipal offices of:

The Village of Grand Valley,
The Township of East Garafraxa, Marsville,
The Township of Erin, Hillsburgh.

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