

# Pumpkins — they're wierd and wonderful

Poor weather was again responsible for curtailing an outdoor activity but 20 entries managed to get their pumpkins to the Parish Hall last Saturday despite the rain.

The excited entrants dropped their pumpkins off and registered with Lionette Dorothy Harding. They were then directed to the proper table by Virena Swanson and Marion Ostrander who assisted where necessary, in the setting up of the pumpkins.

Mrs. Shoemaker, the owner of the Enchanted Dollhouse and Mercury correspondent for Elora and vicinity, was one judge and Kerry Chalmers, your Rockwood correspondent, the other. The judging was a difficult task because of the work and originally each person had put into their pumpkin.

The winners were as follows:



THE GOOD Ship Lollipop looked good enough to eat!

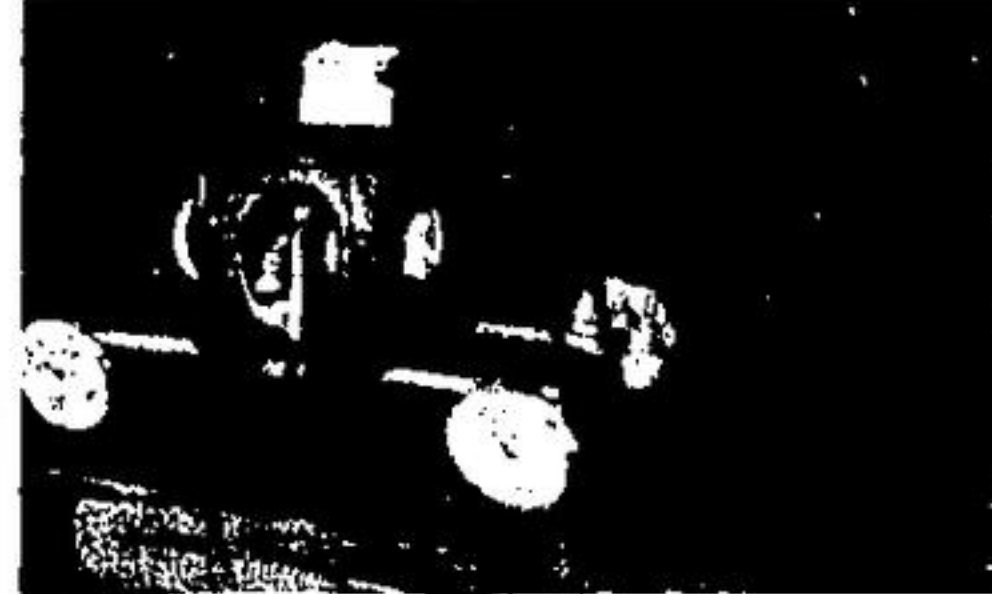
four year olds to five—tied for 1st prize, Dean Billings and Ellen Tobin; six to eight year olds—under the category of nursery rhymes, with 1st prize were Lisa Logan, Kim Petty and Kevin Ritchie; six to eight under cartoons—1st prize winner Elizabeth Noble, 2nd prize David Billings and Mark Richardson with 3rd prize; and under the Halloween theme was 1st prize winner Julie Wilson, 2nd prize David Jones. Nine to 12 years old—under miscellaneous was 1st prize winner Glen March, 2nd prize winner Irene Glendenning and 3rd prize Heather Noble; under faces of people 1st prize tied between Colleen Petty and Robbie Meadows, 2nd prize Sharon Richardson and 3rd prize Jody Wilson; under nursery rhymes tied for first were Kelly Dukelow and Jody Wilson, and thirteen and over tied for first prize were Bob Bonner and Jean Bonner.

Winners returned at two o'clock for their pumpkins and suckers, that would have been prizes for outdoor games, were passed out by Lois McRae and Helen Hill.

The Rockwood and District Lionettes were disappointed in the turnout feeling that although it was probably directly related to the weather there were only half the number of entries there were the year before. The Lionettes will discuss the feasibility of continuing this annual event.



DO YOU recognize anybody? An example of the originality Rockwood kids used in dressing up their pumpkins at the contest Saturday.



CINDERELLA'S coach was nice. One of the entries Saturday.



THE JUDGES pin a ribbon on Cinderella's coach, a real work of art at the pumpkin judging contest Saturday.

## Free Press Rockwood and District

### Town hall renovation construction concerns

"I want it to go down on record that I am having trouble with my well", Division St. resident Gary Lawton told the October meeting of the Village Trustees, last Friday night at the Parish Hall. "This is a problem that did not exist before the water and sewer crew began work," he stressed.

The water level dropped leaving the family without water for one day and although his supply has returned he says the water is murky and full of sand. The trustees assured Mr. Lawton that the water and sewer contract would protect him if in fact his water supply was permanently affected.

Chairman Alan Osborne also pointed out that nobody guaranteed that they wouldn't disrupt the water supply and that the situation might correct itself. Trustee Pat Smith suggested that the Board seek policy statements on this sort of complaint, feeling that this may be the beginning of great public concern. Another issue was the protection of trees in the village that may be destroyed if in the path of the project.

Meeting These were only a few of the concerns the trustees felt they could give no definite answer to.

They told resident Lawton that a meeting is in the process of being set up. This meeting with Eramosa Council, Village Trustees, the engineers and a member of the Ministry of the Environment will clarify the many unanswered questions regarding costs of hook-up, policy on extension of the proposed system etc. The village residents will receive some definite written information on this following the meeting.

The Board of Trustees discussed the lack of communication at many levels, between the Township Council and the Board. It was felt that several examples of this are evident at each meeting.

Home Renewal It has been established by the Trustees on the Township

council that the Home Renewal Program can be used to defray the costs incurred in the hook-up of water and sewer connections. This is a loan and grant system based on the income of the applicant. Further information will be made available in the near future.

A NO EXIT sign, requested by a local resident, will be erected on St. George St. The village is aware of the need for other street signs but will wait until after construction is completed before following through on this. A list of the necessary signs has been compiled. Road repair will also be done following the sewer project.

Foreman here Village Foreman Wayne Dudy was present and the condition of village equipment was discussed. The garbage truck is ready for winter and a new tire has been ordered for the truck.

The village would like to buy a tractor. Eramosa council has been approached and Road Superintendent Bob Hamilton attended the last meeting to present information on various ways in which the village could do this. Confusion arose when it appeared there had been a misunderstanding in the information the village had asked for. Chairman Alan Osborne explained again just what the village was asking and trustee Pat Smith stressed the importance in having the correct information as soon as possible. He felt that the village would have to look at other alternatives if not given the green light by council.

The present tractor needs repair and the board does not want to proceed until they know where they stand as far as assistance in obtaining a new vehicle goes. Mr. Hamilton assured the trustees that he would have some answers this week.

Increase There will be an overall increase of 19 per cent in the Hydro rates effective Jan. 1. Notices will be sent in the mail and advertised in the papers.

A car accident in the early

hours of Oct. 19 resulted in hydro to two houses being cut off. The emergency service of Ontario Hydro had to be called in and it took four hours to restore service. Charges will be laid and Rockwood Hydro will bill the person responsible, a local resident. Hydro Manager Len Hockey announced that a contractor for Rockwood Hydro will be replacing faulty street lights throughout the village.

Numbers game New residents to the village have a problem. Bell Canada requires a house number before they will give anyone a new telephone number. When the people drop into the village office, Len Hockey has a problem.

The side street numbers on houses in Rockwood have no set order. Trustee Bert Smith explained that some of the numbers on the houses may not be accurate either as the scouts, years ago, had some numbers printed and sold them as a project. The board felt perhaps when the student planner arrived he could take on the project of sorting out the street numbers. In the

HEATHER NOBLE isn't really holding Raggedy Andy by the hand, she is just getting him ready for judging. Andy won third prize at the Rockwood pumpkin judging Saturday.

meantime Mr. Hockey will continue to try and find, by use of maps, the correct house number!

A concerned resident would like to see a notice board erected in the village and suggested the site of the medical centre. Pat Smith felt that although this would eventually be a good location the landscaping would have to be done first and this might hold things up. Chairman Osborne suggested placing this at the town hall as part of the town hall renovation.

LIP grant Chairman Alan Osborne announced that approval had been given and a LIP Grant of \$14,000 for renovation of the Town Hall had been approved. Trustee Pat Smith has headed this project and drawn up plans for the renovation. A meeting of representative residents is to be held to discuss the public input into the renovation scheme. Construction is scheduled to start Nov. 3.

One concern that Gary Lawton brought to the meeting had nothing to do with sewers, it was the lack of what he called publicity. He felt that the village and area had little idea of exactly how involved the Village Trustees were and had no concept of the work involved in the running of village affairs. The trustees recognized this problem and discussed the reasons behind it. It is felt that although monthly meetings are open to the public very few people take any interest. The Board of Trustees would like to issue an invitation to the public to drop in at any meeting whether or not they have a business issue. They are welcome to just sit and listen. Also if they have concerns they can drop in and ask Secretary Len Hockey if they might be put on the agenda.

The meeting came to an end at 1 a.m., perhaps an indication of the time involved.

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## Rockwood roundup



**OPEN HOUSE** Teachers, parents and students all worked together last Tuesday evening to make the Open House at Rockwood Centennial Public School, a huge success. The purpose of the open house was to provide an opportunity for students to bring their parents to the school and show them their work as well as meet their teachers and friends in an informal setting.

Mr. McRae, principal, welcomed everyone into the school. The classrooms were set up with projects and some of the students assisted the teachers. The music room, for example, had instruments on display and in the Science room, some of the experiments the children had done were shown.

The evening ended with everyone gathered in the main hall over coffee and orange juice provided by the Home and School Assoc. Delicious cookies and cakes were provided by the mothers.

**Tom Peacock retires** Tom Peacock was honored at an afternoon tea Sunday when members of his staff at the South Residence, University of Guelph, met to bid him farewell. Mr. Peacock retires at the end of this month after 17 years at the university where he has managed student residences. The tea held at the home of his secretary, Mrs. Dora West of Guelph, included many former staff members who once worked with Mr. Peacock.

The staff presented Mr. Peacock with a barometer and his wife Robena with a dozen red roses.

Mr. Peacock has made no definite plans for the future yet but his wife felt he will probably spend the next couple of weeks doing odd jobs around the house that he has wanted to find the time for.

**Banquet** Don't forget the Mother and

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**Daughter banquet** for brownies and guides this Thursday evening at 6.30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church.

**Horticultural Society** Anyone interested in forming a Rockwood Horticultural Society is invited to come to the Rockwood Academy Wednesday Nov. 5, at 8 p.m.

**Student Planner** Rockwood will employ a student planner next summer who will assist in planning parks and recreation, and help beautify the village. He will also take part in housing plans. This is made possible through a provincial scheme that enables a municipality to employ a senior student planner for 20 weeks with the government subsidizing 80 per cent of his salary. The Trustees have written to various universities and colleges to ask for applicants.

**Devil's Punch Bowl** The 17-acre tract of land, better known to longtime residents of the village as the old lime quarry area, is in the process of being deeded over to the University of Waterloo as a permanent environmental sanctuary. The land now owned by Dantur Co., will not be built on once deeded to the university but instead nature trails will be developed and the park will be used for research on geological phenomena.

A large pothole known as Devil's Punch Bowl located the acreage is reputedly the second largest pothole in the world, the other being in South Africa. Access to the area will be guaranteed to all Rockwood residents, a prerequisite of the agreement. The old quarry road will remain the access road into the park.

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