

Rally raises \$5,000 for Lions

Rockmosa snowmobile rally on the weekend proved very successful raising close to \$5,000 for the Rockwood Lions club once all pledges are in.

The event was held to raise money for the community centre.

Many non-members assisted the Lions with the program and the many

sponsors helped swell the profits.

Winner

Winners are listed as follows: least points Sandra Vorhagen; most sponsored dollars Jack Hoogheim with \$524; least points for a family John and Dan Golightly; oldest driver completing most miles Robert Logan;

boy under 16 most dollars Tim Kingsbury; girl under 16 most dollars Liz Moss; second boy under 16 most dollars Robbie Bonner; second girl Patty Winters.

Prize winners, first, jacket, Jack Peart; second, case of oil, Tim Kingsbury; third, bottle, Alex Lush; fourth, goggles, Tim Kingsbury.



WHAT A lovely way for mom to spend a Saturday morning! Enjoying the breakfast are from l. to r. Rachelle Tarrant, Brenda Thomas and Mary Tarrant. Mrs. Ann Vos, Mrs. Diana Wallace, and Guiders Remy Heard and Ann Chesworth, supervised the nearly 50 guides.

Rockwood bowling

Team standings. Unpredictables 83 points, Carneys 81, Country Men 80, Jr. Farmers 76, Nortons 71, Four Corners 70, Raggedy Pants 68, Pin Pals 66, Optimists 65, Kay's Feeds 64, Guelphites 59, Mustangs 55, 211, 209 equalling 522 triple; Larry Fines 146, 236, 177 equalling 559 triple; Raggedy Pants 4 points; Helen Elliott 221, 122, 233 equalling 576 triple; Grace Britney 175, 152, 258, equalling 588 triple; Four Corners 3 points; Mary McKerris 251, 171, 164, equals 586 triple; Nellie Stokman 191, 219, 181 equals 591; Nortons 4 points; Nancy Gordon 223, 238, 224 equals 685 triple; Clarence Hillon 197, 139, 207 equals 543 triple; Optimists 5 points; Ted Justin 216, 238, 261 equals 715 triple; Jerry Birkholz 151, 222, 202, equals 665 triple; Unpredictables 2

points, Eugene Ferguson 191, 226, 146 equals 563 triple; Gerda Bakker 157, 176, 211, equals 544 triple; Carneys 2 points; Nancy Ferguson 215, 205, 197 equals 617 triple; Danny Renaud 266, 186, 174 equals 626 triple; Countrymen 5 points, Peter Bosch 215, 200, 129 equals 544 triple; Ted Klaver, 176, 226, 186, equals 588 triple; Kay's Feeds 7 points; Mary Lush 264, 118, 184 equals 566 triple; Dunc Kingsbury 196, 179, 222, equals 597 triple; Mustangs 9 points; Doug Carney 203, 138, 157, equals 498 triple; Ken Martin 197, 210, 188, equals 595 triple; Men over 500—Ted Justin 715, Jerry Birkholz 665, Danny Renaud 626, Glen Gray 610.

Women over 500—Nancy Gordon 685, Nancy Ferguson 617, Mary McKerris 596, Mary Lush 596, Nellie Stokman 591, Grace Britney 585, Helen Elliott 576, Ruth Kingsbury 547, Gerda Bakker 544, Eva Bosch 525, Betty Hamilton 522, Joy Ritchie 510, Karen Nighlingale 504.

Betty Lou Clark wins handmade quilt

Lucky winner of the beautiful heritage quilt created by the quilting class of the Eramosa Arts and Crafts Night School was Betty Lou Clark of R. R. 5, Rockwood.

Mrs. Clark was not present last Wednesday evening when the draw was made at the Open House Registration Night held at Rockwood Centennial School. When she learned her name was drawn

she was overwhelmed. "It's the first time I've won a draw in my life" said the excited Deputy Reeve.

The lady who takes special pride in handmade articles and is an avid collector of old furniture and antique pieces says the stunning quilt will occupy a place of honor in her household. "It will be one of my prize selections and become an heirloom" she said happily.



KITCHEN CLEAN-UP was never so much fun! The girls worked in crews both cooking and tidying up in order to serve the 150 pancake breakfasts to village residents. From l. to r., Wendy Briggs (front), Scarborough; in back, Marjorie Ramsey, Michelle Heard, Mary Kelly, Scarborough; Angela Hildebrandt, Scarborough; Elisabeth Moore, (kneeling), and Tammy Allsop.

Free Press Rockwood and District

Board finance chairman sees 1976 a crucial year

A report on Wellington County Board of Education budget projections for 1976 has been prepared by Trustee George Day, Chairman of Finance.

"1976 will be the most crucial year for School Boards in preparing a budget which will alleviate the impact on the taxpayer. Without any additional programs, the taxpayer will be hit with a 30 per cent increase in the area of 30 per cent. The province has told us in no uncertain terms that the taxpayer will have to share a greater burden in the cost of education. School boards are allowed an increase of approx. 8 per cent over last year's expenditures. This falls short of the expected increase which can not be avoided. Salary negotiations - which are at this time not settled - will account for a substantial amount of the increase: approaching approx. 65 per cent to 70 per cent of the total budget. Wellington County has a teaching staff of almost 1200 personnel with 120 in the caretaking and maintenance departments.

Scrutiny Trustees will have very difficult decisions to make. Programs which are now available to students will have to be carefully scrutinized. Outside of the regular classroom, programs such as outdoor education, field trips, summer school, will be looked at. In the case of summer school, courses might have to be curtailed and parents might have to provide transportation. Guidance counsellors in elementary

schools, remedial teachers in secondary schools, consultants, are some areas which trustees will consider. All present programs were instituted after careful assessment and it will be most difficult to cut into them.

Basic supply budgets for schools, special school requests, alterations, will be stringently looked at.

As one trustee, I will strive for a proper pupil-teacher ratio. At the Eramosa Public School extra staff was approved to take care of increased enrolment. We must not lose sight of the basics in the regular classroom and cut-backs must not jeopardize the regular classroom programs.

The province has reduced the grant percentage from approx. 62 per cent to 57 per cent - this alone will account for the unusually large tax increase being predicted. For the past five years, provincial grants have increased enough that the effect on the local mill rate has been minimal. Last year (1975) the province

No flag

No flag flies at the cenotaph these days. The rope is missing.

Agree with Waterloo

The Eramosa township council are in agreement with the regional municipality of Waterloo when it comes to Local Initiative Programs and Wintario grants.

The councils feel if the federal and provincial governments are not prepared to fully fund the LIP and Wintario grants over a three year period the grants should be phased out over the same length of time, which would allow organizations time to seek additional funds from the public and private sectors.

Refuse permit for building

Alfred Berry was refused a building permit by the Eramosa Township Council Monday evening.

Mr. Berry had applied for the permit to erect a new dwelling on his farm for his own use. Council refused his request stating that the application does not meet the requirements of the zoning by-law.

Got your 1976 licence renewal sticker yet? Deadline for affixing the blue sticker to your rear licence plate is Feb. 28.

Rockwood roundup

by Kerry Chalmers Attention, pet owners! Under the Township by-law covering dog control, all dogs are prohibited from running at large. Dogs caught running free can be impounded and the owner fined.

Also, Mr. Hockey reminds residents that 1976 dog tags are available and that he has already sold quite a number. He feels now is a good time before people start rushing once the warmer weather arrives.

Len Hockey, Hydro Manager, reports that there is a problem with the new proposed hydro rate increases. The increase has not yet been approved by Ontario Hydro therefore the

February hydro bills (bi-monthly) will be at the old 1975 rate. All electric and commercial monthly bills are still awaiting a ruling from Ontario Hydro. This will explain why these bills will be late and why the confusion.

An assistant Dog Control Officer for the Village of Rockwood is needed. There is at present one applicant on file. Check the Want Ads for further details.

The manner in which a tractor will be obtained for the village is still under discussion. The trustees would like to meet with the Roads Committee to complete negotiations in the near future.

Seek opening

by Kerry Chalmers Bob Leslie and J. D. Tomlinson, both property owners on Dowler Street, approached Rockwood trustees to request the opening of Dowler Street connecting Dowler, Gowen and Bridge. The men felt this would be of great benefit when the construction on Main St. South begins.

The trustees advised these men to obtain signatures of adjacent land owners, and if the people agreed, they felt there should be no problem. In order to request water and sewer connection on a street that is not presently on the official water and sewer plan 100 percent agreement of property owners is required before any request or recommendation can be made by the Village Trustees.

Ask meeting review project

The Village Trustees have suggested that the Eramosa Township Council convene a meeting to review the progress of the water and sewer project. They hope this meeting can take place in February and suggest that representatives include, Council, Trustees, The Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of the Environment, and Woodstock Engineering (or the contractors).

To reconsider building permit

At the January meeting of the Village Trustees last week resident Louis Hills made a request to the Board to reconsider his application for a building permit for lot 38 on Queen Street. The trustees are recommending that the Eramosa Council consider this.

It seems Mr. Hills made his application to the building inspector prior to the current freeze, and that due to the mail strike, the approval of the Health Unit was delayed.

Although the trustees feel the validity of the original building permit should be reviewed, they don't feel Mr. Hills should suffer because of this.

The trustees are also asking council to consider some type of approval by the trustees prior to issuance of permits by the building inspector. They feel the problems encountered in the past and expected in the future will be known to council members and a re-appraisal of this issue would be beneficial to all.

Sixth Line rail bridge

An application has been made by the Eramosa township council to the board of Transportation, Canadian National Railway and the Ministry of Transportation and Communications to renovate the railway bridge on the Sixth Line.

At Monday evening's meeting of the council, they decided to authorize the Reeve Bill Adsett, roads superintendent Bob Hamilton and the clerk Lloyd Hindley to make the application for a ten ton standard load limit bridge.

Renovate basement

Renovations will soon be underway in the basement of the Eramosa township office.

At the council's Monday meeting, it was decided to have one half of the basement fixed up so it could be used by the recreation committee and other township groups. Clerk Lloyd Hindley has been authorized to hire a contractor to do the work for an estimated \$500.

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