

Rockwood roundup

by Kerry Chalmers
All contributions to this column are welcome. You may call me at 856-4890 with any news item or up and coming event. Please let the phone ring many times as our home is under renovation and it is difficult to get to the phone in just two or three rings! You may also mail news c/o P.O. Box 134, Rockwood.

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Sunshine members will be having a bus trip to Woodbine Race Track on June 17. The bus will leave the Town Hall at 11 a.m. Please let Jessie Dunk or Robena Peacock have your names as soon as possible if you would like to go.

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Sympathy is extended to the Graham family in the loss of Hugh Graham last Sunday in Guelph. Mr. Graham and his family were residents of Rockwood for years. He is survived by his wife Sarah, their family and grandchildren.

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The Lions are still looking for items for their auction sale on May 28. Spring cleaning will produce lots of odds and ends. Don't throw them out the Lions urge, call any Lion or Lionette and they will come and pick up the item.

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The Lionettes are taking another bus trip to O'Keefe

Centre on May 18. If you would like to hear Engelbert Humperdinck don't delay suggests Leona Kingsbury, as tickets are going fast. The bus will leave Rockwood Centennial Public School at 7 p.m.

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The Eramosa Junior Farmers held their Annual Amateur Talent Show on Friday April 22. The proceeds from this event were presented to the Rockwood and District Lions Club building fund. The presentation was made by Wendy Martin, master of ceremonies, to incoming Lion's president, Walter Swanston. The Lions appreciate their thoughtfulness and faith in the Lion's community endeavours.

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A Spring Tea and Bazaar will be held this Saturday May 1 at Rockwood Centennial Public School. The bazaar will be held from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and is in aid of the Rockwood Co-operative Nursery School. Handicrafts, a fish pond, a bake table, a penny table and a white elephant table will be among the many attractions. There will also be a special play area for the children with popcorn and candy available. Despite the weather this will prove a fun way to spend your Saturday afternoon. Everybody is welcome.

Rockwood bowling

PLAYOFF STANDINGS—
Junior Farmers 7291, Country Men 7056, Four Corners 7018, Optimists 6972, Pin Pals 6933, Unpredictables 6881, Guelphites 6863, Carneys 6785, Mustangs 6752, Raggedy Pans 6657, Kays Feeds 6589, Norries 6564.
Men Over 600—Ted Justin 787, Peter Bosch 677, Bill Atkinson 646, Jim Cernik 640, Glen Gray 630, Larry Fines 624, Danny Renaud 612, Sam Nyholt 610.
Women Over 500—Nelle Stekman 523, Diana Carney 503, Marion Allan 558, Mary Nighlin 557, Eva Bosch 536, Gerda Kirkholz 524, Mary Lush 518, Nightingale 517, Karen Nighlin 516, Kathy Holman 516, Brenda Ferguson 508, Corrie Kuiper 504.



This month's issue of Riding magazine has a very interesting article on show jumpers and the type of horse required for this. The first two pictures are of 14.1 h.h. ponies - the famous If Not and Stroller - both exceptional show jumpers. A paragraph with the story remarks on the comparatively small size of many successful jumpers, a world where size usually dominates.
A friend is running into a problem selling an excellent hunter and jumper mare. The mare is 15.2 h.h. and is considered "too small" by many interested people even though the mare is twice the horse any 16 h.h. horse is.

Big car - big horse?
What is this thing with height? Why do people figure it's a must to have an enormous horse? Is it an ego thing like purchasing a big car? Do people feel better horsemen because they can ride a horse with three extra inches on his shoulders?

The common remark I hear is "Well, judges won't look at a small horse." Which is a bunch of ?!?!? - the judge never gets a chance to look at anything but a stereotyped 16 h.h. Thoroughbred. Of course he's going to choose one, he has no choice. The aforementioned mare has won over 60 ribbons and trophies so the judge must look at something else once in a while.

My own favourite mare is a 14.1 h.h. family pony who can outjump bigger rangier horses. Most of her offspring were 14-15 h.h. and all were extremely successful in hunter and jumper classes.

What buyers tend to forget is the temperament of the horse, not the size. A good performance horse needs courage, enthusiasm, and the will to win. He needs to like the job he's going to do, and to do it with a joie de vivre. The small chunky horse more often possesses this attitude than the large horse. So many big horses are nervous flighty things, or dumb bunnies who don't know what to do with their feet. When a big horse has the right attitude, he is a very good horse, of course, but I wish potential buyers wouldn't pass up a good smaller horse just for the want of a couple of inches.

Cheaper, too
One more argument for the small horse - have you ever tried to feed a big horse? They're all hair and appetite. It's much more expensive to keep a big horse than a little fellow who jumps his heart out on two oats and a flake of hay a day. Vet bills seem to be less for the small horse. The big chap is always getting his feet caught in something, or falling over one of the little people. You rip more breeches, too, trying to clamber up the side of the big horse.
I've had all shapes and sizes of horses - give me the little one every time, or have you got that message by now.

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ELWOOD (TONY) Bolton jokingly asked for the ownership of his "vehicle" Monday as Darryl Nichol, president of the Rockwood and District Lions Club, presented Mr. Bolton with this wheel chair. The chair is supplied by the Lions and is for the use of Mr. Bolton as long as he needs it. The Lions hope to extend this service to other senior citizens whenever possible. Mr. Bolton is a longtime resident of Rockwood. He was born and raised here and raised his own family in the village. He worked for the Ministry of Transportation and Communications for 20 years until his retirement.

Eden Mills

Auction sale held in park

By Mrs. Georgina Wright

Mrs. Elmer Millson was hostess for the United Church Women's monthly meeting on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Ed Parker gave the devotional reading, Scripture and taking a topic. The way of God with man - she said Christians have freedom of choice, man has made mistakes with wrong choices. God has not made man helpless. When man turns to God he will find power. Mrs. Parker also gave a reading on Easter lily and egg symbols of fruitfulness, followed by prayer. Minutes of last meeting and correspondence were read.

Treasurer Mrs. James gave a report showing a good balance from our last lunch-

con. Another one has been arranged for early May. Mrs. Thomlinson gave the flower and card reports.

Money was donated to the Parkwood Manor, Waterloo towards their Spring Tea, also a donation to the church building fund. Mrs. Millson closed with prayer. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess. Courtesy Convener Mrs. Thomlinson thanked the hostess for the use of her home.

Go shopping

Eden Mills Friendly Seniors met on Wednesday afternoon for their meeting with 19 present. We were glad to see our president Mrs. Anna Wilson back in the chair after her stay in hospital. Opening the meeting with O Canada, she then read a reading.

Minutes and treasurer's reports were given by Mrs. Mansel Lowrie and the buying committee will meet Wednesday to go shopping for necessary articles for their club room. Plans are being made for a bus trip in May.

Mrs. Katherine McPhedran gave a reading. The members adjourned to the card tables for euchre and crokinole. Winners for cards were Mrs. Sada Gilbertson and Katherine McPhedran.

The Community Club members held an auction in the park Saturday afternoon. Despite the rain a fairly large turnout attended. The ladies had a bake sale in the booth. Mr. Tuffin was the auctioneer and everything was disposed of.

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Limehouse

Brownie, cub awards

by Mrs. A. Benton
Brownie Awards Mar. 18. Golden Bar, Monique Campbell, Diane Crew-Read, Jennifer Thomson, Sherry Willisie.
Golden Ladder, Beth Olah, 1st year Pins—Monique Campbell, Sherry Willisie. 2nd year Pins—Feb. 18, 1976—Kathryn Cutler, Jennifer Thomson.

Badges: Kendal Batchelor - Cook, Susan Brown - Friend to Birds and Writer; Lorelei Buscher - Pet Keeper; Tena Clow - Cook, Pet Keeper; Diane Crew-Read - Cook, Book Lover; Coralee Denny - Collector, Singer; Karen Gregory - Pet Keeper; Lori Little - Writer; Brenda McCausland - Toy-maker, Housekeeper Jan. 15, 1976; Beth Olah - Writer; Sherry Willisie - House-keeper, Cook, Writer; Karen Hawes - Cook, Jan. 29, 1976; Jennifer Thomson - Craft Artist, Friend to Birds.

The Cubs have been quite busy lately. For the past two weeks they have been visiting the lab at the Georgetown hospital. One half went one week and the other half went last week.

We wish better health for several local persons; Mr. Douglas Scott, and Mrs. Glen Scott in hospital in Georgetown, and Mrs. Ralph Turner in hospital in Guelph. Miss Helen Mills is home after some ten days with friends in Vancouver. Mr. Harvey Norton had a week's holiday in Barbados.

No interest-free loan

Mrs. Pat Thornton and Mrs. Glenda Barton will receive a \$1,000 interest free loan from the town of Halton Hills, to start a nursery school in Hornby Community Hall.

Council rejected the idea, Tuesday night, with only Councillors George Malby and Les Duly in favor.

Councillor Roy Booth questioned the legality of the town lending money to private individuals.

Councillor Harry Levy claimed whether legal or not, the town should not be getting into subsidizing private ventures.

Mrs. J. Crichton and Miss Jackie had a week in Freeport, the Bahamas.

(from Mrs. Hannah)
Limehouse Group Committee held their April meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Galford with 13 members present. Plans were made for the craft and bake sale, the father and son banquet coming up in May, and for putting a sink and the remaining cupboards in the Scout Hut.

The boys thoroughly enjoyed it, especially when Mike Smith and Rod Deforest had an electrocardiograph done on them.
The Cub pack plus the Scout

troop also went to the Ford plant in Oakville for a tour. A special thanks goes out to the parents who helped because we were required to have one adult for every two boys. A total of 34 went.

Badges
The following Cubs have earned badges; cyclist Hugo De Winter, collector Clive Mullins, skier Christian Book, handyman Hugo De Winter, house orderly Ian Brown, religion in life Tim and Tom Ruggie.

Three new boys are welcomed into the pack: Bruce Irvine, Rod Deforest and John Payton.

Public comment on aggregates

Residents of the Caledon area expressed some strong feelings about gravel operations near their homes during and following a public meeting held in Caledon on April 12 by the Ontario Mineral Aggregate Working Party.

"Members of the Working Party were impressed with the input provided by the 250 area residents who attended the open house at the Caledon municipal offices," said George Jewett, Working Party Chairman and Executive Director, Division of Mines, Ministry of Natural Resources.

"The main message we received was that government should be more concerned about protecting the interests of area residents, but we also heard about such problems as truck traffic, lowering of water tables, and pit rehabilitation," Mr. Jewett said.

Recommendation
The Working Party was established by Natural Resources Minister Leo Bernier to recommend improvements to current legislation in a report this fall.

Residents drew the Working Party's attention to the failure of some operators to rehabilitate old sites and to adequately screen operating pits.

Some said the situation was

made even worse by the number of small pits worked only occasionally, instead of having a small number of operations large enough to be managed properly. If used fully, some suggested, these pits could be worked out in a short time, then rehabilitated.

It was the feeling of some that so-called economical methods of aggregate production could become very expensive if full social and environmental costs were calculated.

Some people felt it unfair that these costs were being levied on area residents rather than being shared by consumers of aggregate in Metro Toronto and elsewhere.

The Working Party's next open house was held in Guelph Tuesday, April 27.

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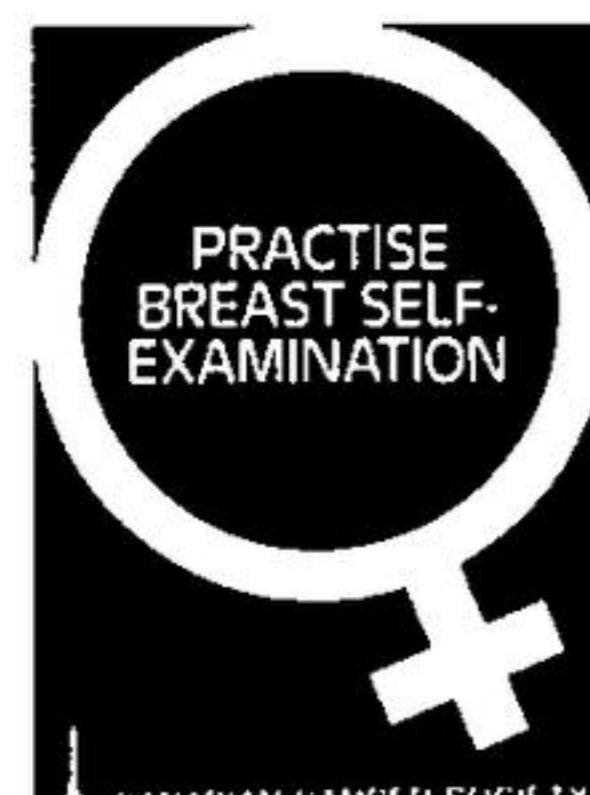
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Ospringe

Beef supper has a good response

by Doris Fines

Well, now, that was a short summer. Somebody must have pulled the wrong switch when they pushed the clocks ahead Sunday morning. Or could it be the fact that I just had my snow tires removed last week? Whatever the reason, I DON'T LIKE IT. The slushy snow messed up the roads and the cars. Traffic along Highway 24 was heavy on Sunday regardless, as people headed homeward from a chilly week-end.

The hot beef supper at the church Saturday evening drew its usual good response. Mrs. Max Schotsch entertained the waiting crowd with organ selections while tempting aromas wafted up from the basement. Nearly 300 people enjoyed the meal, which was well worth waiting for.

Gerald Miller is a patient in Guelph General Hospital, where he is recuperating after having surgery on his knee.

Donnie Jackson of Douglas Point visited with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ferguson, for the weekend. The eighth meeting of

Ospringe I, Embroideramas, was opened with the 4-H Pledge. It was held at the home of Teny and Janet Vander Heide. The secretary Linda Pankratz read the minutes. The discussion was on Achievement Day, which will be on May 15 at Ross H. Mackay, Public School, in Hillsburgh. An exhibit is being planned for that day. The girls worked on finishing their books, with the leaders checking them to see how they were coming along.

Ebenezer

Birthday greetings

By Mrs. Ron McLean
Congratulations to Dorothy and Rick Jones of Burlington, on the arrival of James Ronald (Jamie), a playmate for Robert.

Belated birthday greetings to Art Diamond and Catherine Fremantle of Milton.

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