

Put yourself in the picture says Rockwood chairman

By Julie Brace

The Granite Club in Kitchener was the activity scene on Oct. 7 as the Ontario March of Dimes Ability Fund held its 17th annual meeting at the Central Western Ontario Branch Board.

After six years as community chairman for Rockwood, I decided it was just about time I got out and met these people I had fought for so long been in contact with but only through correspondence. And what a richly rewarding evening I had.

After six years, I had the pleasure of meeting Miss Dorothy Clark, a lovely lady completely confined to a wheel chair for many years, but whose talents and endless efforts as treasurer of the board are unlimited. Such a determined and hard-working individual I have never met.

I mention Dorothy mainly because she has been my closest and most frequent personal contact throughout my years as community chairman, but on Oct. 7, I had the pleasure of meeting so many of those dedicated individuals who either hold an office in the administrative end of the organization, or like myself, represent a district.

I might make mention here that Honorary Provincial Chairman is none other than Darryl Sittler (who unfortunately didn't attend the meeting!).

As a summary of monies raised was distributed to everyone, I was very pleased to see that Wellington County ran third in their total fund raising efforts.

Special mention was made of the great contribution our village had made to the 1976 campaign. Of the whole of Wellington County, Rockwood ran third in its fund raising and was topped by only Guelph and Harrison. On a personal basis our village acclaimed overall greatest improvement percentage-wise over the 1975 Wellington County Campaign.

After the fund-raising dance at the Town

Hall on Oct. 2, a year's total of \$794.00 was turned over to the secretary, (1975 was \$295.00), but unfortunately money from the dance was too late to be added into this year's list of contributions in the minutes at the meeting.

But you can bet I was a proud little lady to be representing a village such as Rockwood whose contributions rang bells for their efforts. I am humbly grateful for the support I have received from all my friends during campaign events. This support does not go forgotten.

The theme of the guest speaker was "Put Yourself in the Picture." The speaker, Jack Longman, a handicapped adult since age 22, has spent some 30 odd years since his affliction working as an insurance salesman, and for the last 15 years has operated his own insurance office. He couldn't stress enough the fact that despite preconceived thoughts of the public, handicapped individuals have their own desires, wants and abilities.

Because their feet don't operate does not automatically mean that their hands will. They also have a desire for a career just as we do, and with the opportunity given, this can be achieved by many many handicapped adults. A brilliant thought in their minds—the law of compensation—what was taken away something or someone put in its place. And from there they strive to lead a normal life, keeping in mind—"food for thought"—that little things mean a little more; that it's a great privilege to be able to drive a car in the morning—not routine as it is to us, that every day that they are not in the hospital is a good day. With this final thought I will end, for it to me says all, and that is: this being the feeling of a handicapped adult.

"You are my real friend because of me, because I have nothing to offer you."

Though I personally disagree I believe they have so much to offer if we will reach out to them. Judge on their ability—not their disability.

Free Press Rockwood and District

Change of ownership sparks food bargains

Rockwood's new store, Food Town, formerly Al's Groceries, had its debut last weekend when new owners Alfred and Trudy Neumann held an open house. Village residents were invited to drop in and see the many new changes at 130 Main Street and take advantage of the offer to save 10 per cent on every item in the store.

All stock has been increased and brought up to date and fresh produce is now brought in from St. Lawrence Market in Toronto by Mr. Neumann. The Neumanns stressed that they will continue to buy foodstuffs locally whenever possible. The meat department features table ready meats cut and packaged on the premises offering better customer service and savings.

Another innovation is the introduction of Bonimart label items. This change in suppliers enables Food Town to compete on a supermarket level. The Oshawa Group, the new suppliers, also service stores such as I.G.A. and Food City.

Food Town will feature articles on special every second week and the draws will continue for a short while. There is also a rack offering discontinued lines and dented cans at sale prices. The Neumanns invite customers to ask for items they wish to see on the shelf. Store hours remain the same, open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays until 9 p.m.

Alfred and Trudy Neumann have spent their life serving the public. They have owned and operated many businesses such as: a car dealership, a pig farm, a service station, a restaurant, a nursery and most recently a John Deere dealership known as Country Mart on Hwy. 7. They both enjoy people and



TRUDY AND Alfred, the new faces at Food Town in Rockwood greet their customers.



PACKAGING CHICKEN is just one of many jobs for Sandy McLean left, and Leona Ripley as new employees of Food Town.

see this new venture as an exciting challenge. Food Town appears to be off to a good start judging by the turnout on the weekend.

Rockwood bowling

Teams standings

Carneys 40, Guelphites 34, Kay's Feeds 28, Four Corners 27, Mustangs 27, Five Plus One 26, Optimists 24, Countrymen 24, Dynamites 17, The Happy Gang 17, Nortons 16, Popeye 15.

Men over 600: Dunc McPhedran (Spartan) 753, Danny Renaud 606, Sam Lawler 659, Ken Martin 644, Tony Stokman 628, Ted Justin 627, Wally King 622.

Women over 500: Sue Nightingale 563, Ann Parkinson 550, Dana Carney 547, Betty Reid 547, Hanna Cleland 525, Nellie Stokman 520, Val Samuel 502, Denise Bolton 501, Alice Johnson 500.

Results of games played Oct. 26, Countrymen 4 p.m., Jan Loof 543, Cheryl Kuper 491; Guelphites 3 p.m., Dunc McPhedran 733 (spare), Sam Lawler 659.

Kays Feeds 7 p.m., Ken Lush 579, John Polo 487, The Happy Gang 0 p.m., Glen Gray 560, Bill Gray 556.

Five Plus One 5 p.m., Betty Reid 547, Wayne Nightingale 511, Optimists 2 p.m., Ted Justin 627, Sam Nyholt 507.

Mustangs 5 p.m., Ken Martin 644, Hanna Cleland 525, Four Corners 27, Tony Stokman 628, Ann Parkinson 550, Dynamites 5 p.m., Paul Holman 579, John Daley 571, Nortons 2 p.m., Nancy Gordon (spare) 680, Sue Nightingale 563, Carneys 7 p.m., Danny Renaud 606, Wally King (spare) 623, Popeye 0 p.m., John Murison 509, Sylvia Brain 492.

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Hallowe'en party for Brownies

Many strange creatures appeared at the October 27 meeting of the Rockwood Brownies. With both the first

and second packs together and in costume, identification was difficult but fun. The Brownie ring looked quite

different with the strange group of individuals replacing the usual uniformed Brownies and their leaders.



CARVING OUT their pumpkins at the Rockwood Guide Hallowe'en party are from left, witch Susan Johnson; football player Lisa Pett; bunny Shelley Spencer; princess Laura Jansen; and Wendy Galley.

There was an apple for each Brownie but they had to catch it in their mouth as it hung from a string.

The Mexican pinata was imitated by hanging a large heavy paper bag filled with treats. The bag was decorated by the Brownies last week. Brownies took turns trying to break the bag with a stick while blind folded.

After a drink of chocolate milk Brownies enjoyed a Hallowe'en story. Badges were presented including cyclist badges which had earned last year. These badges had not been available at the time the Brownies passed their test. Mrs. James Thatcher, Brown Owl of last years pack, presented the cyclist badges.

The Brownies presented Mrs. Thatcher with a small gift in appreciation of the work she has done with this pack.

Leanne Thatcher was presented with her Religion in Life Emblem. Jack-o-lanterns made of orange construction paper with tissue paper eyes were made by each Brownie.

Lest we forget. Buy a poppy so we won't.



RAGGEDY ANNES and Andys enjoyed their Hallowe'en party at Rockwood Guides last Thursday evening. Pictured left to right Shari Thatcher, Michelle Patterson, Laurie-Ann Baldwin and Jayme Moss.

Quacks and gobbles heard

Rockwood Sunshine Club held their bi-monthly meeting in the town hall, Rockwood.

Mrs. W. Black opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. A friendly sing-song followed, starting with an oldie, Old McDonald Had a Farm which brought a lot of laughing and shouting as they went through the Quack Quacks and Snorts and Gobbles etc.

The trip to the Winter Fair sponsored by the Rockwood Lionettes was discussed, and all arrangements were finalized. The bus is to leave Rockwood town hall, Novem-

ber 12 at 9.30 a.m. arriving in Acton at Knox Church, around 9.45 a.m.

A light program was put on with Mrs. M. Milne reciting a poem Why Wear a Poppy followed with a Retirement Poem which was enjoyed by all.

The usual games got underway, eight tables of euchre,

and one of crokinole. The high scorers in euchre were Mrs. Gilbertson and Mrs. G. Wright.

A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. H. Leachman and Mrs. Johnston, consisting of tea biscuits with jam fillings. Next meeting is November 11 at 2 p.m., same place.

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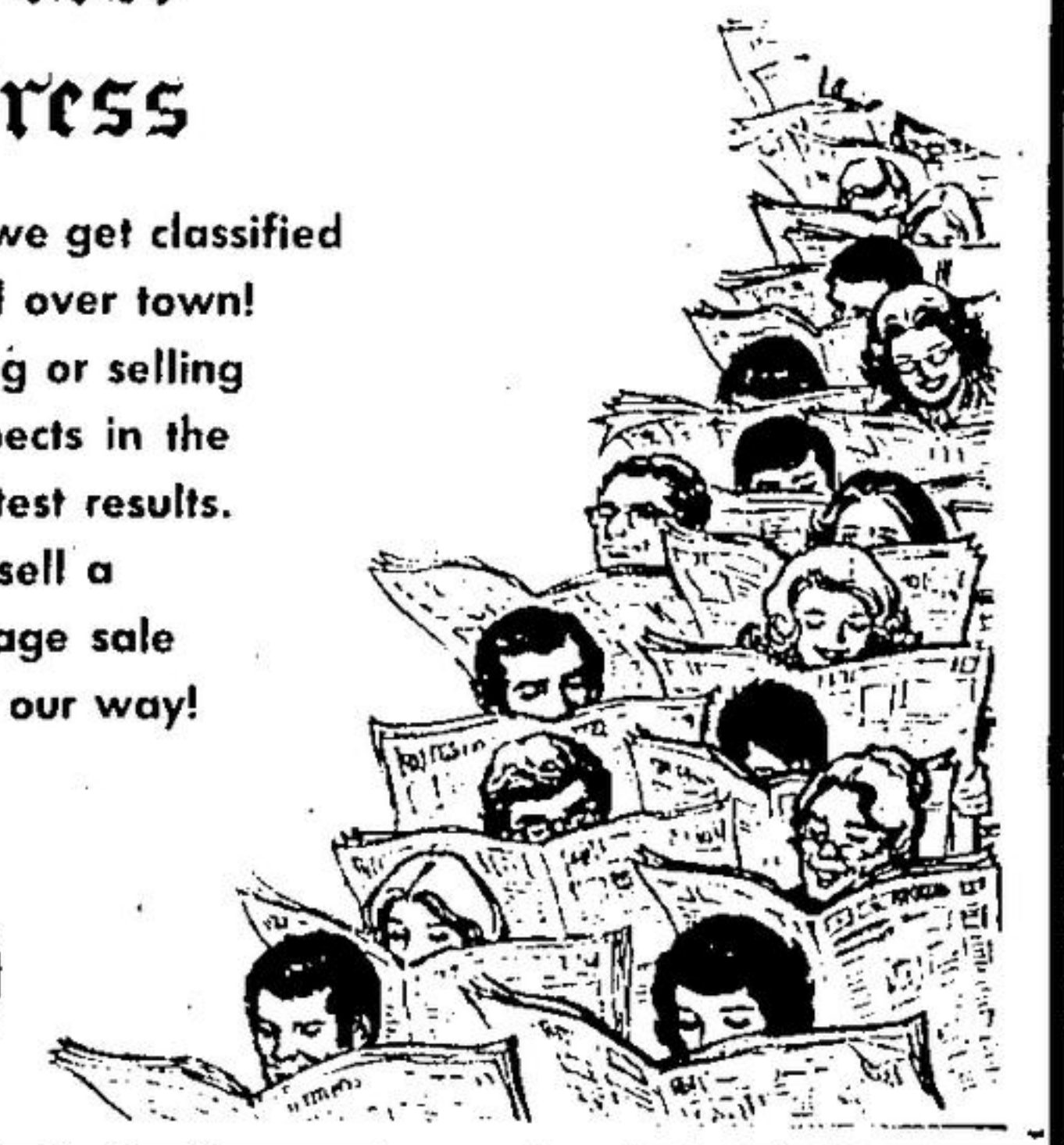
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