



MAUREEN McLEOD peers into her frog pot—a 16" ball filled with frogs doing things. She finds frogs fun to make, easy to bend and shape.



ARRANGING HER Christmas ornaments keeps Maureen McLeod busy. Craft show on Dec. 10 and 11 offers wide selection of gifts.

Craft show, sale to benefit new centre

By Kerry Chalmers
Christmas is just around the corner and that age-old problem of finding something different is here once again. If you would like an original gift, be sure to drop by 148 Guelph St. (home of Frog Pots) on Friday Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Village resident Maureen McLeod has organized a unique craft show and sale in her home, involving many talented people. The McLeod's new roomy addition with its lovely stone fireplace will provide the perfect setting for this Christmas shopping experience.

Coffee and sweets will be served by the fire and people will have a chance to browse at their leisure in this warm and cheerful atmosphere. All participants in the show have agreed to give 20 per cent of the proceeds to the Rockmosa Recreation Centre.

Selection
A wide selection of crafts will be presented, including handcrafted wooden toys, unique macramé wall ornaments and hangings, rag

dolls 40 inches high, mobiles of all shapes and sizes, colorful and unusual candles, Christmas decorations, cheeseboards and placemats and napkins in bright sunny colors.

Crafts at home
Maureen came interested in pottery 10 years ago when she was home with her first baby. She found she needed an outlet of some sort and enjoyed the classes in pottery that were held two nights a week at Central Tech. in Toronto.

Pottery seemed a perfect choice for her as a mother because it meant she could do her work at home, make a little money on the side, and also involve her children, allowing them to play with clay as she worked.

Prior to this, Maureen enjoyed oil painting classes at the Ontario College of Art. When the McLeods settled in Rockwood three and one half years ago, many customers followed. Their first home here did not allow the space for a showroom but their charming red brick home on Guelph St. has the area needed for her shop and

showroom, known as Frog Pots.

Frog symbol
All Maureen's pottery is marked with a frog stamp. Functional pottery such as wine goblets, casseroles, coffee mugs, butter dishes and bowls are her specialty as well as fun things like kissing frogs, beavers, bells and knick knacks. For Christmas, Maureen has made pottery bells decorated with velvet or gingham bows to hang from the tree. She is also in the process of making placemats and napkins as well as bean-bag frogs.

Five children
This energetic and talented potter not only manages a home but, mothers five children, runs her shop and also finds the time to teach three classes a week at the Recreation Centre on Delhi St. in Guelph—two adult and one children's class.

When asked what hours her shop was open Maureen laughed and answered in her warm and friendly manner, "How can I answer that other than to say 4 to 8 p.m. most days and usually in the mornings?"

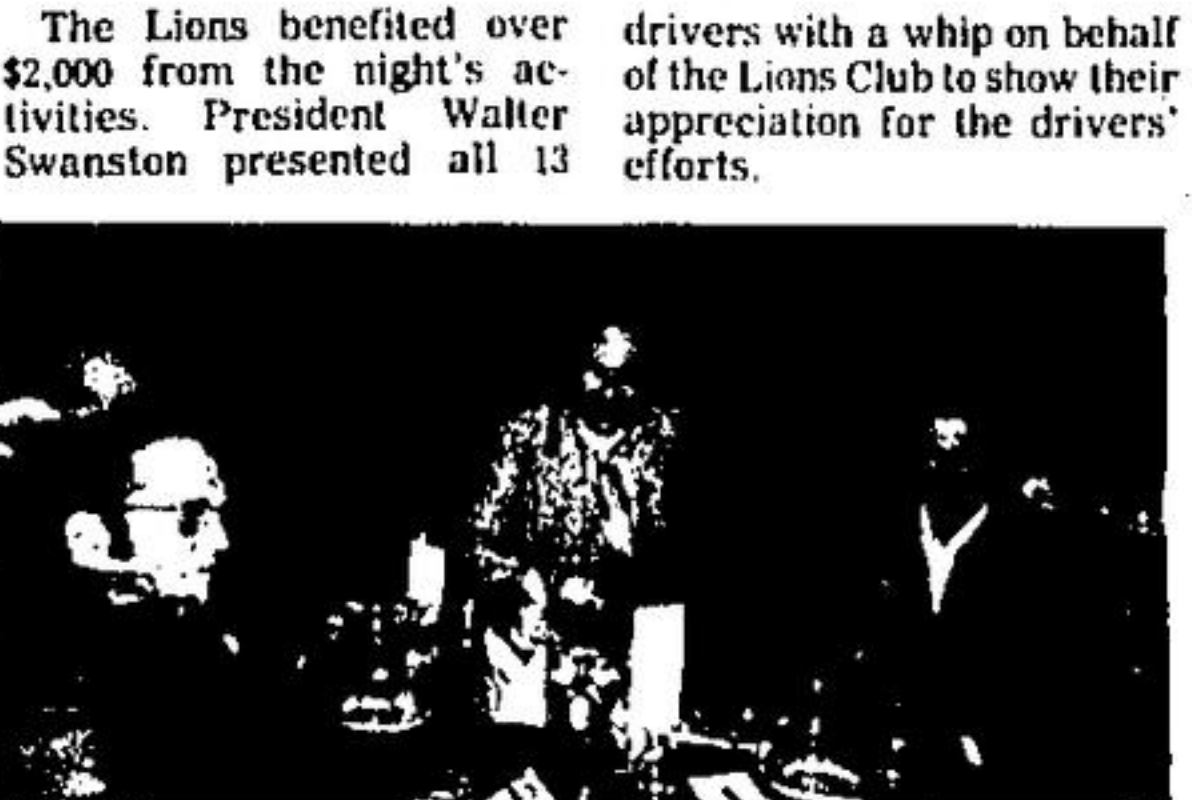
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Raise \$2,000
13 drivers race for Rockmosa

Mohawk raceway's new banquet hall hosted a crowd of 300 people from Eramosa township Monday night when 13 drivers raced for Rockmosa Sports Centre.

This is the largest crowd that has been in the new dining hall since it has been built and also the first time an evening race as this has been held. The idea originated from one of the township resident drivers who wanted to help with the Rockmosa project. The drivers donated all of their driving fees to the Rockwood District Lions Club for the Rockmosa Sports Centre's banquet hall.

—Officials are predicting a heavy turnout for next Monday's municipal election



DISCUSSING THE night's results to see what the Lions would obtain at the Mohawk are President Walter Swanston, drivers Ron Waples and Carmen Hie and head publicity man for Mohawk, Bill Galvin.

Rockwood roundup

By Kerry Chalmers
Several members of the Sunshine Club were among the 300 present at Mohawk Raceway Monday night to watch 13 area drivers race for Rockmosa Sports Centre.

The library will be closed Dec. 25, Christmas Day, and Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

The sympathy of the community goes out to Mr. Alton and family in the death of Agnes Alton.

The Sunshine Club will have their annual Christmas banquet on Thursday, Dec. 9

at 6 p.m. The Lionettes will cater. Talent from out of town will be on hand as well as the Sunshine Boys. So, seniors, get your long frocks out of moth balls and be ready for an old time square dance! Dress is optional.

Attention—Monday, Dec. 6 is voting day. One reeve, one deputy-reeve and three councillors are required for Eramosa Township Council. Polling station No. 1 is Eden Mills Community Hall; No. 2 and No. 3 is Rockwood Community Centre, No. 4 is No. 5 Sideroad Community Hall; No. 5 is Eramosa Municipal building on Hwy. 24, No. 6 is the home of Ralph Wright in Oustic, No. 7 is Speedside Hall and No. 8 is Swanston's Farm at R.R. No. 3 Rockwood.

Sunshine Club donation

The Sunshine Club met on Thursday, Nov. 25 at 2 p.m. The president Mrs. Vera Black was absent as she was attending the funeral of Mr. Black's brother-in-law, Mr. Gill Currie of Guelph. The sympathy of the members of the club goes out to the Black family.

The first vice-president Mrs. Max Milne had charge of the meeting. The members voted to send a thank you note to the secretary of the village with a cheque for \$50 to go towards the heating and electricity bill for the use of the hall for the meetings.

Program
A short program followed with several giving short humorous readings. The Sunshine Boys entertained with old-time music. Euchre and crokinole were enjoyed by 40 members. A dainty lunch was served by a group of members from Acton.

Approve Wintario grants for Wellington County

Wellington-Dufferin-Peel M.P.P. Jack Johnson announced this week that a Wintario grant up to \$100,000 will be made to the Hillsburgh Community Association for renovations and repairs to the Hillsburgh Arena which has been condemned by the Ministry of Labor.

Other grants include: up to \$50,000 to the Township of Eramosa for the construction of a community hall; and an additional grant of \$6,750 to the Township of Eramosa to assist in the construction of tennis courts. The Eramosa Public Library and the Erin Township Public Library will each receive grants of \$2,000 for the purchase of Canadian Books and materials.

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Eramosa library notes

The library will be closed Dec. 25, Christmas Day, and Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

Recent arrivals of books at the library are:
Adult fiction:
The Tide of Life by Catherine Cookson; At Sunrise the Rough Music by Richard Llewellyn, The Pride of the Peacock by Virginia Holt; Nightshade by Derek Marlowe; The Luck of the Irish by Harry Boyle.

Juvenile fiction:
Georgie's Christmas Carol by Robert Bright; The Brownies Throw A Party by Pamela Sykes; Nobody Asked Me If I Wanted A Baby Sister by Martha Alexander; The Caboose Who Got Loose by Bill Peet; McBroom Tells A Lie by Sid Fleishman.

Non fiction:
Handmade in Ontario by Susan Himel; Psychokinesis by Adrian Clark; Antarectic by Richard Harrington; A Heritage of Canadian Art by The McMichael Collection; Capital Punishment in Canada by David Chandler.

Obituary

Alice Hilts dies on November 16

Funeral service was held at Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton, November 19 for Alice Hilts, who died November 16 in Guelph General Hospital. She was 74 years old.

Mrs. Hilts was the former Alexandrina MacLennan, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. MacLennan. She married the late Albert Hilts.

She is survived by sons Donald and Louis of Rockwood, daughters Mrs. H. Lambert, (Margaret) of

Acton and Mrs. H. Brain (Mae) of Guelph, 10 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was predeceased by children John and Gertrude, as well as her parents and her husband.

Interment was at Rockwood Cemetery.

Palbearers were T. Waddington, G. Waddington, of Cambridge; D. Gray, B. Smith, Rockwood; N. Bridgeman of Brockville and A. Pirro, Port Credit.

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Gord Dawe was born in Toronto; moved to Speyside at the age of 8 years. He attended the local schools and then continued his education at Lakehead University. Allowing for the 3 years attending University and working on behavioural modification programs at the Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital, Gordy has lived in Acton and the immediate area.

Gord may be new to the political scene, but he is certainly not new to the area and many of the problems that Actonians feel helpless to combat. He maintains that a direct rapport with the people of this community and the local government is a must. He feels that the local people are not truly represented and that the purpose of a councillor is to keep an open mind and represent the wishes of the people.

For those of you who were at Meet your Candidate Night there is no mistaking Gord Dawe's views on Regional Government.

"Regional government has for the last 3 years been thrust upon us and I am personally confused and dissatisfied as many of you are in what has been accomplished."

"Either make Regional government work for us or get out."

When Regional government was initiated the population of the Region believed it would be one large community working and living together, stabilizing our taxes, maintenance, education, etc. In my estimation this has resulted in a drastic change for the Northern area.

Now may I take a stand on Halton Hills. Are the people of Halton Hills satisfied with this arrangement? I personally am not, for Acton's major concerns are not Georgetown's.

Our major concerns—high taxes, proposed truck routes through our residential areas, off street parking during the Mill St. construction and now, rising recreation costs, as well as poor parking and sewage problems in the Kingham development—it is about time our problems have preferred precedence.

Actonians need their issues dealt with now, not 2 weeks or 2 months from now when the damage is done and the concern is too late.

I am concerned and determined to take a stand on each and every issue that concerns you and your family and with your support intend to voice your concerns publicly.

VOTE GORD DAWE

REGIONAL COUNCILLOR
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