



CAN YOUR bed beat this one? Organizer for the Pioneer Day Bed Race, Evelyn Eason, sits behind the wheel of the bed built by Don Root and Morris Lavigne. The bed won first place at a race in Fergus when it clocked 28 miles per hour as it travelled 4/10 of a mile in 1.48 minutes! "The route was mostly downhill," reported the smiling Don Root.

Entries coming for bed race

by K. Chalmers
Have you got your bed ready for the bed race scheduled as part of the festivities for Pioneer Day in July. Evelyn Eason would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible so she can further her plans for the race and asks that people contact her by June 22.

There will be three prizes awarded, one for the most original, one for the best time all over and one for juveniles, 14 years old and under. The beds must be people-powered, not motorized and must resemble a bed. There has to be four people pushing

and pulling and the person who is sitting in the bed at the beginning of the race must be in the bed at the end of the race and is not allowed to help push.

Miss Eason asks that people wear a costume of some sort to add to the fun. The route is not yet firmly established but will start somewhere on Gzowski St. and end up in Rockmosa Park. The race will start at 3 p.m. and already has the Eden Millers, 5th Line Flyers, Firemen and Don Root and his crew as entries. Interested parties can call Evelyn Eason at 856-4434.

Flag use is topic for Rockalong W.I.

Rock-a-Long Women's Institute held its June meeting at the lovely new home of Mrs. Ruth Bayne. Mrs. Shults reported on filling the bus to go to Elmira and any interested persons be invited to go to phone Mrs. M. Wilson 856-4788. Mrs. Dyer moved that a display of crafts and brooches be displayed at

a booth for the Institute on Pioneer Days in Rockwood. Mrs. Black gave an interesting report of the District Annual held at Barrie Hill Church. Rock-a-Long is to be hostess at the Wellington Museum August 14.

Roll call was well answered with "A custom from another country."

Miss H. Bayne and Mrs. R. Bayne were conveners for Citizenship and World Affairs for which Mrs. Dyer gave a very informative reading of the origin of Canada's National Anthem, followed by singing The Maple Leaf Forever.

Miss Bayne showed an interesting film on the several uses of our Canadian flag which passed the seal of approval in 1965. It is flown on all public buildings, worn on T-shirts, travelling bags, always to be held in high esteem. Provincial flags and history were also given.

A dainty lunch was served and social half hour enjoyed.

Rockwood Brownie news

1st Rockwood Brownies by Mrs. Ellen Thomson, Brown Owl

Since Easter we have been very busy with spring outdoor activities.

Early in April we carried out a Good Turn by cleaning up the litter on the grounds of Rockwood Centennial schoolyard. It was hard work and we really appreciated the snack that Mrs. Facey prepared for us!

Sixteen Brownies completed the tests for the Observer's Badge. Brown Owl prepared a treasure hunt which we had to follow around the block via Harris Street, Spring Street, Pine St., Water Street and George Street and No. 7 Highway. We wonder who are the Smarties for one group?

Fourteen Brownies finished the requirements for Housekeeper Badge. These houses should have the cleanest windows in Rockwood.

Cookie sales were successful. Our pack sold 360 boxes. Thank you to those who supported this project.

Other activities included a swimming outing with 2nd Rockwood Brownies at Victoria Road Recreation Centre. A big Thank You goes to those mothers who drove and to those who went swimming, too. A picnic, that was rained out did not dampen our spirits for fun and games in June for our last meeting. Our fire kept going and we enjoyed marshmallows and a sing-song at Noble's in between showers.

Badges earned during April and May include:

Observer—Lauralyn Facey, Kelly Hamilton, Lisa Logan, Brenda Nilsen, Janice Patterson, Kim Petty, Leslie

Rockola, Kylie Tomlinson, Johna Ofsenka, Cathy Hawkins, Vanessa Weideman, Beth Haworth, Cheryl Baldwin, Elizabeth Noble, Ren-Sue Smith, Margaret Thomson

Thrift—Colette Nightingale

Housekeeper—Lauralyn Facey, Kelly Hamilton, Carol Meadows, Janice Patterson, Kim Petty, Leslie Rockola, Michelle Whasssey, Johna Ofsenka, Vanessa Weideman, Colette Nightingale, Margaret Thomson, Elizabeth Noble, Cheryl Baldwin

Puppeteer—Kim Petty

Petkeeper—Kylie Tomlinson

Booklover—Janice Patterson, Beth Haworth

Collector—Leslie Rockola, Lauralyn Facey

Craft—Lauralyn Facey, Kelly Hamilton, Cathy Hawkins, Michelle Massey, Carol Meadows, Johna Ofsenka, Janice Patterson, Kim Petty, Kylie Tomlinson, Elizabeth Noble, Leslie Rockola, Vanessa Weideman

Native Lore—Kim Petty

Golden Ladder: (nine parts of the Golden Hand)—Cheryl Baldwin, Beth Haworth, Colette Nightingale, Elizabeth Noble, Margaret Thomson

Cook—Cheryl Baldwin, Beth Haworth, Colette Nightingale, Ren-Sue Smith, Margaret Thomson

We have, also, made napkin rings for the grade eight banquet at Rockwood Centennial School and flowers for the South Wellington float for the Sesquicentennial parade.

Beth Haworth, voted by secret ballot, represented our pack at the official opening of Rockmosa Sport Centre Community Hall.

Congratulations to all of you. I hope you have enjoyed Brownies as much as your leaders have enjoyed working with you. Early in the fall you will be hearing from us. Meetings will resume in September on Wednesday evenings. Have a good summer and enjoy the activities you will do with your families.

Student wins W.I. bursary

by Kerry Chalmers

Rockwood area resident Nancy Glendenning won the Women's Institute Bursary recently. The Rock-a-Long Women's Institute sponsors the 4-H club in this area.

There are 12 4-H clubs in Wellington South and each year a person is selected by the Women's Institute of Ontario. The applicant must be graduating and continuing their education at a post-secondary institution.

Nancy will be attending Conestoga College of Applied Arts in Guelph where she will take a medical secretary's course. She has had honors for the last three years at Centennial High School where she is a member of the Honors Society. An industrious girl, Nancy has completed 12 4-H clubs since she was 12 years old taking two courses a year. She received provincial honors for completing these clubs, all home-making clubs. The bursary of \$50. will go towards her education and will be presented at the commencement exercises at Centennial in the fall.



HOLDING HER spoon rack is Nancy Glendenning, winner of the Women's Institute Bursary for Wellington South. Miss Glendenning has received a silver spoon for each club she has completed over the last six years, taking one in the spring and one in the fall.

Missions are topic for W.M.S. meeting

Mrs. Margaret Swanson of Raymond St., Guelph, was hostess for the WMS Group of the Rockwood Presbyterian Church for their June meeting. The president Mrs. Helen Sinclair opened the

meeting with prayer followed by hymn 417, Jesus Lover of my Soul. Mrs. M. Milne read the second chapter of Timothy, followed by prayer.

Mrs. W. Leitch and Mrs. D. Gray gave reports from the Spring Rally that was held in St. Andrew's Church, Hespeler. Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon of Hamilton was the guest speaker and spoke on World Missions which was very interesting.

Bicycle rally

by K. Chalmers

Rockmosa Bicycle Rally, sponsored by Eramosa Ball Association and Rockwood and District Lions Club will take place on Saturday June 18, starting between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. from Eramosa Public School. The participants living south of Hwy. 24 may meet at Rockwood Centennial Public School for free transportation to the starting point. The rally will be patrolled by OPP and St. John Ambulance. Rain date is June 25 and there will be prizes for the most pledges and free refreshments.

Reports were read by the committees. Each member read a favorite poem. Mrs. Swanson served a cup of tea and a social half hour was enjoyed by the 14 members present.

Erin paper on microfilm

Erin history buffs have 20 years of back issues of the Erin Advocate available to them through the village library.

The issues, from 1909-1929, are on microfilm. Other editions of the paper will be put on microfilm later.

The library also has filmed copies of the nation's census from 1851-1971.

What do you see? an old woman—or me?

by K. Chalmers

It seems that people today are so busy rushing here and there that they have little or no time for older people, people who have retired from the working world. These people have lifetime experiences to share with us and need to feel loved and needed, as we all do. We assume that

because someone is old they don't think or feel like the younger generation.

With Pioneer Day coming up and our thoughts on the old ways, I felt this poem was appropriate. It was found in a nursing home bedside locker of an old lady who had died just hours earlier. It was taken to the Ottawa Journal by a concerned citizen.

What do you see . . . ?

What do you see, nurses, what do you see?
Are you thinking when you are looking at me.
A crabby old woman, not very wise
Uncertain of habit, with faraway eyes
Who dribbles her food and makes no reply
When you say in a loud voice, "I do wish you'd try."
Who seems not to notice the things that you do
And forever is losing a stocking or shoe,
Who, unresisting or not, lets you do as you will
With bathing and feeding, the long day to fill
Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see?
I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still
As I use at your bidding, as I eat your will
I'm a small child of ten with a father and mother,
Brothers and sisters who love one another.
A young girl of sixteen with wings on her feet
Dreaming that soon now a lover she'll meet.
A bride soon at twenty, my heart gives a leap,
Remembering the vows that I promised to keep.
At twenty-five now I have young of my own
Who need me to build a secure, happy home.
A woman of thirty, my young now grow fast,
Bound to each other with ties that should last.
At forty, my young sons now grown will be gone
But my man stays beside me to see I don't mourn.
At fifty, once more babies play 'round my knee,
Again we know children, my loved one and me.
Dark days are upon me, my husband is dead.
I look to the future, I shudder with dread.
For my young are all busy rearing young of their own,
And I think of the years and the love that I've known.
I'm an old woman now and nature is cruel,
'Tis her jest to make old age look like a fool.
The body it crumbles, grace and vigor depart,
There is now a stone where I once had a heart.
But inside this old carcass a young girl still dwells,
And now and again my battered heart swells.
I remember the joys, I remember the pain,
And I'm loving and living life all over again.
And I think of the years all too few—gone too fast.
And accept the stark fact that nothing will last.
So open your eyes nurses, open and see
Not a crabby old woman, look closer—see me.

Rockwood Roundup

by Kerry Chalmers
Sympathy goes out to the Stumpf family and also to Mrs. Margaret McNabb and family in the loss of their dear ones.

Are you concerned about the hazard land restrictions and wonder how they will affect your property? Area residents are invited to meet with the Grand River Conservation Authority on Thursday, June 16 at the Town Hall between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. There will be a formal presentation at 7 p.m. and a discussion may continue until 10

p.m. A subsequent meeting will be held in Eden Mills.

All about peonies will be the topic at the Rockwood Horticulture Club meeting tonight at the Town Hall at 8 p.m. Guest speaker will be Mr. Gilbert from Gilbert's Peony Gardens in Elora.


Join the parade

Decorate your bicycles, kids and get ready for the pioneer parade on Saturday, July 2. Anyone with something special to offer is invited to call Carl Meadows. Old cars, decorated bikes, floats and horses are welcomed.

There will be prizes for the best horse, best float, best social group entry, best commercial or business entry and best bicycle.

The parade will commence at one o'clock from Rockwood Centennial public school and travel down Guelph St. and up Main St. to Rockmosa Park. Interest is rising, according to Mr. Meadows, who asks residents to call him at 856-4664 if they wish to participate.

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