



ADMISSION TO Muscular Dystrophy carnival at R.R. 4, Rockwood, is bought from Cheryl Cunningham (left) by Laura Jansen. Over \$100 was raised.

MD carnival raises \$108

The Muscular Dystrophy carnival at the Masters home, R.R. 4, Rockwood, was a big success, raising \$108.06. About 35 children enjoyed the games, penny sale and refreshments.

All the stores in Rockwood and Acton were very generous to the children, especially Foodland which donated 125 bags of cookies. Some of these were later sold door-to-door.

The pet contest was a highlight, but the first place dog threatened to eat the first place rabbit. Winners were:

dogs first Tim Duncan with Sam; second Mark Johnson with Tiny; third Ann Masson with Gabby.

Rabbits, first Cheryl Cunningham with Hoppy; cats, first Bobby Phillips with Kevin.

Jason Struthers of Acton won the jelly bean draw with a guess of 515. Tim Duncan won the draw for two Blue Jay tickets.

Refreshments served were doughnuts from Saunders Bakery, cookies, pop, candy and gum.

Rumor denied by officials

Eramosa township councillor David Masson assured council Monday evening that the firm Polysar has no intentions of building a new plant in the area.

Deputy Reeve Henry Holman Jr. two previous meetings ago mentioned he heard a rumor the company had purchased property near the Eramosa-Guelph townline, and expressed

concern over the firm hooking into their sewage pipeline which will run in front of the rumored plant.

The story was run in the Free Press several weeks ago, and according to Polysar officials, that was the first they had heard of the plan. Mr. Masson was contacted by officials who assured him there would be no property purchase and therefore no hookup.

200-mile ride planned

A 200-mile Heritage Trail is scheduled to begin this Saturday and last until August 27. The riders and horses begin at Lake Ontario and will ride up to Penetang on Georgian Bay. This is Ontario's second major equestrian Trail route.

About 40 riders will ride the entire route, and any others are welcome to join or leave the ride at any point.

Hilda Skippon of Erin may be contacted for further information, at 519-833-9147. She advises participants to bring their lunches, halters and ropes and "please no dogs," she says.

The riders begin August 20 at Bronte Creek provincial park after official ceremonies. The group proceed to Hiltop Falls conservation area, go up the third line, stop at the Teen Ranch, Boyne Valley provincial park, Bask Horden, De Klein's camp and Ray Ellis stables. Final cere-

monies are planned, with a grand finale dinner and dance in Penetang.

This inaugural ride's aim is to promote leisure riding areas. These areas could also be used for hiking and other leisure activities, Ms. Skippon points out.

Erin Twp. taxes up

Future roads and roads in use pushed up Erin Township assessment by 9.3 per cent. Interest on a \$30,000 bank loan to underwrite road work last year plus township efforts to raise 35 per cent for future road projects account for most of the hike, according to township officials.

Ontario government subsidies for road work amount to 65 per cent of a project.

No exceptions in pipe hookup delay

There will be no exception in the Ministry of the Environment's decision not to allow the pre-installing of individual pipes to the road to join up with the main sewer and water pipeline in Rockwood.

Allan Patterson of the Ministry attended an Eramosa township council meeting Monday evening said most of the remaining tenders have been let and work to complete the multi-million operation in the village should be completed by Christmas. Mr. Patterson stressed, however, that the ministry could not allow anyone to hook up to the system until everything had been tested.

At a previous council meeting, Mr. Patterson said if the people were allowed to run their pipes to the trunk line but not allowed to connect, there would always be some people who would make the necessary connections and "mess up the system" before it can be tested.

Rockwood Trustee chairman Tony Reed attended the meeting also and

asked that a few exceptions be made. He explained that an elderly couple in town had applied for a special home improvement loan, with part of the money based on the installation of their connection pipes. Because they cannot lay the pipe, the much needed loan is held up and the couple is very upset.

Mr. Patterson said that although he sympathized with the couple's plight, he could not make exceptions. He told council of a case in Ancaster where the people were allowed to run their pipes to the houses before the work was entirely completed and tested. He said when it was testing time, it was dis-

covered that most of the people had been using the system illegally, and jammed up the works.

Deputy Reeve Henry Holman Jr. suggested the couple reapply for the loan, without the money for the connections. In this way, they could get their money and the other work done.

Mr. Reed asked the ministry representative if there would be any legal action taken against someone who has hooked up before the spring completion date. Mr. Patterson said the source would have to be located, and the guilty party would "be in trouble". He explained that the plumbing inspector should climb into manholes regularly to make sure no one is hooked up illegally.

Once again, Mr. Patterson said the official turn-on date of the sewers and water would be in May of 1978. He also told Mr. Reed and the council members to blame the Ministry when they received complaints for the delay.

Hard time to choose recipient

Eramosa township council is having a tough time deciding who is to be the recipient of a Queen's Silver Jubilee medal.

In a letter received from the office of the Premier of Ontario it was explained that the province would like one person from each municipality to receive a medal for outstanding work he or she has done within the community.

Council pointed out it is similar to a citizen of the year award.

After much discussion on who to choose, the group agreed it would be very hard to choose one person from the entire township who earns the honor more than someone else. A few names were given by the councillors and they decided to give themselves more time to think of more people before making a final decision.

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Rockwood & District

Council rejects request for grant

The Dance Committee of Pioneer Days on July 1 weekend will not receive a requested \$418 the group spent on the event.

At Monday evening's Eramosa township council meeting Reeve Bill Adsett read a letter from Mrs. Lorraine Root, chairman of the dance committee. Mrs. Root, in the letter, explained that the provincial government had been giving out grants for up to \$5,000 for events on Canada Day weekend. She explained in her letter she thought her committee was eligible for a grant for the total amount of money spent on their dance during Pioneer Days.

Councillor David Masson

told council he thought Mrs. Root was unjustified in making the request, as the dance in question had been a profit-making venture. He admitted he did not know how much money the group made on the dance, but knew they made a large profit. He also pointed out the entire weekend cost the township itself less than \$150.

Council felt the group may have been eligible for a grant had the event been a street dance, with an unlimited amount of persons attending, and free admission. However, Mr. Masson said, because the group made money in both ticket sales and at the bar, he could see no reason why a grant should be forthcoming.



TIM DUNCAN (background) manned the booth where customers panned for gold, at the Muscular Dystrophy carnival at the Masters' home, R.R. 4, Rockwood.

Nellis farm hosts horse ride-a-thon

A Ride-a-thon will be held October 2 at the Mansell Nellis farm on Blue Springs Road, with the proceeds going towards the emotionally and physically handicapped.

The event is expected to draw close to 200 riders, said organizer Dorrie Murdoch. Last year, 100 took part in the ride which was held in Puslinch.

The sponsoring organization is the Central Ontario Developmental Riding Program (C.O.D.R.P.). This

group was formed in 1973 to provide recreation and therapy for people with orthopaedic disabilities and has its closest branch in Guelph.

Each rider at the ride-a-thon, will have sponsors for the 20 mile route. There will be two or three veterinarians along the way to check the animal to make sure it can make the route. Mrs. Murdoch explained this year's route is tougher as it is over natural terrain. Last year, she said, the riders travelled on a country road.

All monies raised in this event will go back into the club to purchase more equipment and help support the non-profit organization. One other way they raise money is through Local Initiative Programs for the people who give the riding lessons, and through Wintario grants for the equipment.

Further information on both the ride and the club can be obtained by calling 821-4587.

Mrs. Murdoch stressed the ride is not for amateur riders.



GROUP WHICH took part in the presentation of the Muscular Dystrophy carnival at the Masters' home, R.R. 4, Rockwood, gathered under the trees during the event. Over \$100 was raised for the cause. MD carnivals are popular again this summer.

Investigation continuing

Halton Regional police are investigating the break and enter of a local auto body shop in an industrial park August 9. Entry was gained through a window, and thieves make off with one body grinder, a ten piece drive socket set, a body hammer and file, a part of a bottle of rye and \$1.75 in quarters.

Musical thief

A thief who likes music made his way into an R.R. 4, Acton home sometime August 7 and removed a cassette player, turntable and headset. Halton Regional police report. The suspect could have possibly driven away in a late model bright red Datsun.

Roundup

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