

Free Press Rockwood & District

\$5,000 grant to youth choir

The Eramosa Youth choir has just been given a \$5,000 grant from Wintario to help pay expenses incurred on their recent trip to the International Eisteddfod in Wales and concert tour of the British Isles.

Of the 18 entries in the Welsh festival, seven received first class honours and the others received honours.

Their concerts were well received throughout the tour, and many requests received for tapes of their work to be sent.



A RECORD NUMBER of entries, 16 in all, filled the junior English equitation class at the Rockwood Trail Riders horse show Sunday. . . there were as many as 22 contestants in

English pleasure and an estimated 30 in the western pleasure class. That's a pile of horses cantering around a ring at one time.

Trail ride takes its toll

Some were concerned about the strain the trail ride would take on their horses. Others were more concerned about the toll the ride would take on their rearends.

Few, if any, of the 50-odd riders who left Saturday from Bronte Park for the seven-day 200 mile trail ride along the new Heritage Trail to Penetang on Georgian Bay had ever attempted such a journey on horseback.

All of the riders, however, were looking forward to the trek.

According to Mavis McCallum, director of public relations for the Ontario Trail Riders Association, only 38 "hard-core" riders would make the entire trip. The others who left Saturday were going for the weekend or just the day.

Among the hard core riders was Jane Scott of Orangeville, who said she rode her horse every day.

Before leaving Saturday Miss Scott busied herself by applying fly-wipe on the forehead of her horse.

"I understand we're going to travel about six to eight hours a day with a stop for lunch," she said.

One of the flashiest dressed riders leaving for the trail ride Saturday was Trooper Peter Gibson of the Governor General's Horseguard who

was dressed in full black, red and white military riding outfit.

The riding outfit, however, would only be worn on the first and last day of the journey.

"It gets dirty on the trail—and hot," he explained.

Trooper Gibson had previously escorted the trail riders who took a similar trip to open the 200 mile Great Pine Ridge Trail in 1973.

The Pine Ridge Trail runs east from Campbellville to Frankford (near Trenton). Eventually Mrs. McCallum hopes to see trails linking with Niagara Falls in the south running north to Sudbury.

"You could call it the Bruce Trail for horses," she joked.

Mrs. McCallum said it is necessary to identify the trails so that municipalities can include them in their plans.

The trails could be either used for week-long holidays or family escapes during the weekend.

As for the riders taking part in the initial ride of the Heritage Trail, many were already looking forward to the party and dance in Penetang the following Saturday.

After that the horses will be driven home in trailers, while their owners ride in cars.

Possibly some will be sitting on cushions.



ALL OUT FOR SUPPER. Graydon Skippon of Erin Township serves up a meal for the horses on the Heritage Trail Ride. Riders from all over the area are riding from Port Credit to Georgian Bay this week to open the Heritage Riding Trail. Riders camped on the Third Line of Erin on Sunday.

Three silvers for Alan

Three silver medals were awarded at the Canada Games to Alan Swanson, 18, of H.R. 3, Rockwood. He arrived home wearing his Ontario team uniform - white pants and red jacket - with the three prized medals in his luggage. He left right away to act as counsellor at Camp Akomak at Ahmic Lake, near Magnetawan.

He will be returning to grade 13 in Guelph in September.

Alan placed second in 50 metre free style, second in the 4 by 100 free style relay, and second in the men's 200 metre free style relay. He missed a first place by three-hundredths of a second, with a time of 24.94 seconds in the free style swim. He and the gold medal winner

touched the side of the pool at the same time, with the electronic signal indicating the closeness of the contest.

Alan said he had a "wonderful" time. The competitors lived together in a village at the university. He said they were well looked after, and taken on sight-seeing trips.

Each participant was given 12 pins to trade, and this was one way to get to know the young people from all over the country.

He is especially happy about the autograph given to him by the mayor of St. Johns, Dorothy Wyatt, during a visit to her office.

He had never been to Newfoundland before.

Although his parents, Walter and Vrena Swanson had been reading the papers and watching television, they didn't know how many medals he had won until he arrived back home.



PAT DALES, Rockwood rider on the Heritage Trail Ride, unpacks his supper while making camp Sunday on the third line of Erin. Many equestrians are making the pleasure ride from Port Credit to Georgian Bay during this week. Pat's son Greg was also on the ride and plans to go the whole way with his father. The ride ends at the property of Babs and Ray Ellis, Penetang, formerly of Rockwood.

Osprige Month's vacation

by Doris Fines

"Aunt Martha" Jackson is settled comfortably in her new home at Waldie's Nursing Home and "just loves it". She says she enjoys some good games of checkers and cards. We were pleased to learn she likes it there. She remarked about the good meals and how well they look after her.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howes spent a week holidaying at Goderich, and while there they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Bonnie Lang visited a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McCausland and family at Bramalea.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken have returned from a month's vacation in the west. They visited with their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. John Aitken and family at the Canadian Forces Base at Cold Lake, Alberta, and saw their new wee grandson. John and Penny went camping with them in the mountains. They toured the new Botanical Gardens in Vancouver, and visited cousins on Vancouver Island. They enjoyed marvelous weather, but say the fire hazard is really high around Vancouver on account of the unusually dry weather.

Break-in

A Wilbur St. S. resident reports that sometime during the early morning of August 14, thieves broke into his car parked in his driveway and made off with a stereo cassette tape player, and rifled through the glove box. Halton Regional Police investigate.

Former Actonian is Policeman of Month

Two Georgetown police officers have been named Policemen of the Month in Halton.

Cons. Bob Andrews, formerly of Acton, and Wayne Jessop were given special citations as Policeman of the

Month for June by the Oakville Kiwanis club.

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