

Eramosa 4-H awards presented



SHOWN ABOVE ARE THE TROPHY WINNERS OF THE Eramosa 4-H Dairy, Calf and Soil Clubs. Front row left to right Terry Matthews, Sandra Leslie, Sharon Leslie. Back row left to right Jamie McDougall, Brad Matthews, Bruce McDougall and Christine de Groot.

The Eramosa Dairy Calf Club and the Beef Calf Club held their Awards Night at the Rockwood Centennial School on December 20. Over 50 4-H members and their families took part in the evening sponsored by the Junior Farmers.

The Clubs begin in April when the young farmers acquire their calves. They keep monthly reports which they forward to their leaders and then to 4-H County Coordinator Jerry Townsend. There is a 1,000 point system, based on Gate Sign, Farm Visit, Judging, Examination, Exhibits, Showmanship, reports and attendance, to calculate the trophy winners. The Fergus Fall Fair is the Achievement Day, when the calves are shown and judged.

Leaders in the Calf Club are Larry McDougall, Peter Richards and Ron Storey. Dairy Club leaders are

Harvey Allan, Ron Martin and Alex McNabb, who was given a certificate of appreciation in recognition for his leadership during the last 15 years.

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food Certificates were awarded to Ken Timmings, Tim Kingsbury and Brad Matthews for six projects completed to Bruce McDougall for 12 completed projects.

Breed Association Award winners were: Lisa Cote,

John de Groot, Mike McNabb, John Pritchard, Scott Petty, Ian Giddy, Brad Matthews, Terry Matthews, Gordon Freeman, Terry Williams, Ralph Garbotz, David Hambly, Peter Herwynen, Pam Pletsch, Brent Beauchamp, Greg Benham, Mike Southwell, Kelli Swanson, Lyle Freeman, Joe Smeltzer, David Herwynen, Sandra Leslie, Jamie McDougall, Margie Burnside, Shelly Burnside, Stephen Burnside, Sharon Leslie, Mark Lillie,

Brian McDougall, Eric McDougall, Mike McRae, Hudson Merritt, Norah Quast and Ken Timmings.

There were seven trophies awarded. The Eramosa Junior Trophy for the highest standing member was achieved by Christine de Groot. Two trophies were won by Bruce McDougall; one for the top standing member from Eramosa Township in Three Field Crop Clubs, and the other was the Wellington

County Soil and Crop Improvement Association Challenge Trophy.

The Wellington County Shorthorn Trophy was won by Marnie McDougall. Top Showman in the Eramosa Calf Club is Brad Matthews. Junior member in Eramosa Township who has the highest aggregate score for their first two consecutive years in 4-H is Sandra Leslie. Sharon Leslie is the Eramosa Calf Club's Top Beef Club

member. Terry Matthews was awarded the Livestock Management Trophy. Congratulations to all!

Doug Pletsch, a professor at the University of Guelph spoke of his three years' experience, teaching at the University of Ghana, as an exchange member of the Canadian International Development Agency. Refreshments all donated by the members, were served to round off the evening.



THE JUNIOR choir's Christmas carols filled the air with festive tones on December 21, at the Rockwood Centennial school assembly. Shown left to right are choir members David Johnson, Carol Meadows, Kathy Hawkins, Margie Thomson, Elizabeth Noble, Vanessa Weidman, Beth Haworth, Laura Davy and Michelle Swanson.

Rockwood bowling

Team Standings—Kay's Feeds 35, Rovers 34, Optimists 32 (pinfall 27,179), Pelters 32 (pinfall 26,977), Four Corners 31 (pinfall 26,398), Norton's 31 (pinfall 27,897), Happy Gang 30, Guelphites 26, Pin-Pals 25, Dynamites 21, Countrymen 20, Carneys 17.

Results of games bowled Tues. Dec. 20.

Happy Gang 5 points—Rick Seim 651, Dennis Death 576, Pelters 2 points—Erke Van Driel 525, Joy Halliburton 490, Guelphites 5 points—Sam Lawler 653, Nancy Gordon (spare) 593, Countrymen 2 points—Eva Bosch 536, Peter Bosch 502.

Four Corners 5 points—Marg McKersie 631, Nellie Stokman 619, Ann Parkinson 596, Nancy Gordon (spare) 593, Ivy Ritchie 564, Sue Nightingale 554, Gerda Birkholz 548, Eva Bosch 536, Linda Wilson 533, Erke Van Driel 525, Verna Blair 514, Denise Bolton 508.

Winners of the Turkeys in the Christmas Turkey Roll were: Ann Parkinson; Og Hemming, Diana Carney, Verna Blair, Gerry Birkholz, Sue Nightingale, Lloyd Marsden, Fred Vandervalk, Rick Seim, Danny Bolton, Gwen Gordon, Peter Bosch. Other prizes to be won were: The Rockwood Lionettes Christmas Cake, Cheese, Baby Duck Wine, Moirs Chocolates and Mixed Nuts.

Rovers 5 points—George Smith 545, Gordon Ostrander 493, Nortons 2 points—Ivy Ritchie 564, Sue Nightingale 554.

Men over 600—Sam Lawler 653, Jim Dales 653, Rick Seim 651, Gerry Birkholz 605, Don McKersie 600, Howard Dunk 600.

Women over 500—Marg McKersie 631, Nellie Stokman 619, Ann Parkinson 596, Nancy Gordon (spare) 593, Ivy Ritchie 564, Sue Nightingale 554, Gerda Birkholz 548, Eva Bosch 536, Linda Wilson 533, Erke Van Driel 525, Verna Blair 514, Denise Bolton 508.

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See you in the New Year!!

Eden Mills

Christmas meeting of UCW services in news of area

by Debbie Marshall
The Eden Mills United Church Women held the Christmas meeting in the Sunday School room. Vice president Mrs. Betty Snow welcomed the good attendance.

After several Christmas

carols Mrs. Holly Saulonies read the Christmas story from the New Version of the Bible.

Mrs. Finley gave a prayer. The story Let's Not Have Christmas This Year, was read by Mrs. Freda Thompson. After listing the pros and

cons of Christmas, we will celebrate Christmas not because of what it has become over the years, but because of what it can become.

Mrs. Mabel Parker, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Jean James, showing a very good balance for the year.

Nomination report was given by Mrs. Holly Saulonies.

Mrs. Finley took the chair for the election of officers as follows: past president Mrs. Ruth Millson; president Mrs. Betty Snow; vice president Mrs. Mabel Parker; secretary Mrs. Freda Thompson; treasurer Mrs. Jean James; missionary convener Mrs. Ruth Millson; flowers and card convener Mrs. Lorna Tomlinson. Mrs. Freda Thompson thanked the outgoing officers

for their good work in the past year.

Mrs. Betty Marshall thanked the ladies for their participation at the various events at the nursing home.

Donations of money were voted to three church funds. Mrs. Betty Snow asked that new members be encouraged and closed the meeting with prayer. A Christmas buffet and social time was enjoyed.

The Eden Mills United Church Choir entertained the Nursing Home to carols and Christmas music.

A beautiful candlelight service was held Christmas Eve at the Eden Mills United Church.

There are still a few tickets left for the New Year's Eve dance. Please contact Debbie Marshall at 856-4035 for the tickets. Those who have not picked up their please come and get them before the 29th of Dec. or the ticket will be sold.



INTERESTING CONVERSATIONS abounded at the Sunshine Club's Christmas party at Rockwood Community Centre. Jean Precious, left, had something very interesting to discuss with Daisy Kingshott (back to camera) Margaret Copperauld lends an ear too!

Rockwood Roundup

by Barb Wynneck
Lloyd Dyer says that he needs only one more load of water before the skating rink is ready in the Ball Park. Let's hope that the other fire truck is repaired soon, so that villagers can don the blades this week!

Winnie and Don Hills have two holiday visitors in their home, their daughter Joan of

Vancouver and a niece from England. Daughter Donna, of Calgary, was unable to join in the Christmas celebrations in Rockwood as she is travelling in New Zealand.

Mary and Chester Meek were very busy in the kitchen on Christmas day, preparing dinner for all 14 family members who were home for the festive meal.



AWAITING THEIR stage debut in the Christmas pageant at the Rockwood Centennial School are Mary (Janice Patterson), Innkeeper, (Kevin Harris), Shepherd (Ian Robson) and angel (Stephanie Turowski).

Meets King of Sweden

A visit to Sweden is an event anytime, but a visit and a meeting with the King of Sweden is an occasion to be remembered for all time. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson of Oakville met the king this spring at the annual International Police Association Congress held in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Mr. Wilson, recently retired from the Halton police force and once deputy chief of the former Trafalgar Township force, is the first North American to be elected president of the association.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were head table guests at a luncheon attended by King Carl XVI Gustaf.



UNIQUE DECORATIONS of shiny milk weed pods, cookies, painted pine cones and paper cup bells, all made by the children, adorned the Christmas trees at the Rockwood Nursery school. Shown at the party for moms and kids are four of the little ones; Lucas Misurka, Beth Duncan, Andrea Barnstaple, and Andrew Patterson.

International equestrian on Canada's team

By Jennifer Barr

When you are selected as a member of the Canadian Jumping Team at the Royal Winter Fair and break your arm on the first night, you can do one of two things: throw a tantrum or shrug philosophically. Torchy Millar did the latter.

The Milton rider is used to getting hurt in this world of horses but he's also used to being chosen to represent Canada consistently. The young Ottawa native has jumped for Canada since 1967, the same year he won the North America Jumper Championship in Detroit.

Other winnings

Other winnings include: the individual bronze medal at the '71 Pan-American Games; Canadian Jumper Champion in '73; and leading Canadian rider at Washington this fall. Millar has ridden in two Olympic Games—on the gold medal winning team of '68 in Mexico and in Munich for '72.

The flame-headed equestrian (nicknamed "Torchy"—real name, Terrance) is now comfortably settled as manager of Barcrest Farms situated north of Milton off Highway 25. This sizeable

establishment, owned by Barchild Investments and run by Brenda Barr of Milton, is one of the leading horse training stables for hunters and jumpers in the area.

Sixty horses are housed in the heavy oak box stalls and may be ridden by their owners in the huge indoor arena or any one of several paddocks and riding rings. Nestled in the hills of the Escarpment, the farm provides beautiful wooded scenery for quiet rides.

Millar looks after the 40 boarding horses, helps train them and their riders, looks after the showing schedule, oversees the horses' care and generally keeps things on an even keel. Throughout all this, he tries to keep up his own riding and training program.

Serious at 12

Millar comes by his interest in horses naturally. His family, always had horses in Calgary, and continued the interest after moving to Ottawa when Torchy was a youngster. He started taking his horse business seriously at the age of twelve and went the usual Pony Club—Junior Horse Show route. He also hunted and went to one-day-

events but decided by age 15 he liked showing better.

"I guess I was pretty successful as a kid," he admits with reluctance.

His senior showing centred around the Ottawa-Montreal area from 1958 to the early seventies.

"This was at a time when you could compete with inexpensive horses," Millar comments. "You could take a \$500 half-bred horse and have a shot at competition. Now things are more sophisticated."

These days it may take as much as 150 thousand dollars to purchase a competition horse, according to Millar. "For 20 thousand you might get a green prospect," he says.

It was a lack of good horses that kept Torchy off the Canadian Team from '74 to '76—he just couldn't find a good horse at a reasonable price. This is a common problem for Canadian equestrian competitors in any branch of the sport. Competition for Millar next year depends on "business and a horse."

In the meantime, he keeps very busy looking after Barcrest horses which include everything from "high-class show horses to pleasure horses".

"We always have a bunch

(of horses) around someone sends us for schooling," Millar comments.

The training of horse and rider consists of casual instruction and no formal classes.

Barcrest also has some breeding which includes hunter and Thoroughbred racing stock which Torchy manages. There are three winter schooling shows to plan, and when Millar isn't away looking for new equine blood, he's helping clients select from the horses available at the farm.

Torchy praises the area he finds himself now living in. "It's close to everything with horses. I don't find it too crowded—I don't like to get too far into the woods."

He likes the area so much, he's settled in "to an apartment in Oakville with a new bride, Betsy, who fortunately happens to be horse-oriented, too.

He's looking for a horse to show next year, although he thinks Edenvale, the horse he showed at the Royal, "looks like a good prospect".

If the horse is there, Millar will be off to Quebec, Detroit, Montreal, Washington and New York next year riding for Canada as he has done these past ten years.

Anybody got a horse?



TORCHY MILLAR, member of the Canadian Jumping Team, instructs Linda Lester of Toronto, at Barcrest Farms, Milton. Millar manages the large equestrian establishment and has ridden for Canada in the Olympics twice.



December 9—What do you do when you're snowed in with the kids? My first reaction when I hear that dread announcement on the radio "All buses in Wellington County are cancelled" is to mutter "darn it" — or words to that effect. But after I become resigned to changing my plans for that day, we usually get on with all sorts of interesting jobs that I'd been putting off.

Today is just such a day. Morning chores were very difficult because of the depth of snow around the buildings. The animals weren't terribly co-operative, the novelty of the snow has worn off for them and they just want breakfast, thank-you-very-much. But we were cheered by the sight of a plowed path down our driveway—some good fairy had made an early morning swipe with his snow blade—thank you, good fairy.

Brooms, all round

It took a while to convince the children they weren't going to watch television all day but were going to give their rooms a GOOD CLEANING. Great stay-at-home activity—providing mother can stand it.

We decided to combine the cleaning with our periodic boxing of clothes and toys for re-cycling through Goodwill agencies. The kids always get very enthusiastic about this. Pat even dumps in all his good shirts, the new pants he hates, last year's Christmas gift from Great Aunt Bertha and his homework books. Kindly maternal correction sends him on his way with a thick ear.

Today, Erica washed all her dolls' clothes for sending away. She's a very grown up young lady of twelve now and scorns her Barbie dolls. But as soon as they've gone she'll be sorry. So hard to be a girl-woman, never knowing from one day to the next whether you'll want to wear lipstick or pony-tails.

Albion cobwebs

We suffered the sight of tiny dripping clothes hanging all over the heat ducts all day as we continued with a job I can't stand—dusting the walls and beams. In a log house with twelve foot cathedral ceilings all over the place, this is a constant job. Erica is good at hopping up and down ladders with dusters-on-a-stick and launching herself into space as she wins the battle of the cobwebs. We've tried damp mops for the job but they leave lousy trails. What we really need is a six foot man who doesn't mind heights. Come to think of it, I married one.

We joined Sandler and Young in carol singing and generally got ourselves all Christmassy. Felt like charging out into the blizzard and hacking down a spruce tree but managed to control myself.

Finally, towards the end of the day, after the animals were safely stabled again, I curled up in front of the fire with an early Christmas present—a treasured out-of-print copy of "Travels with a Donkey" by Robert Louis Stevenson.

I could stay like this quite happily till Spring—but I'll whisper the wish in case someone hears it.



JOINING IN the carol sing at the Rockwood Sunshine Club's Christmas party are Cecil Nellis, Mrs. Nellis and Ethel Adsett.