



JOHN PATERSON counts Greg English's ribbons from Rockwood Centennial Field Day nine firsts!—the kindergarten champion.



MUSIC NIGHT at Rockwood Centennial School was a great success in spite of the heat and the invasion of mosquitos through the opened doors. Here the Senior Choir sings their rendition of the most enjoyable number Old Joe Clark.

## Milton jail closes Friday

The 115-year-old Halton Jail in Milton will close its doors at 1.30 p.m. this Friday, June 2, thus ending another chapter in Halton's history. John L. Main, regional director of the Ministry of

Correctional Services, reported to Milton Council this week that it may take two weeks to remove equipment and furniture from the building but it should be vacated by Sunday, June 18.

No prisoners will be accepted after this Friday at lunch time. All police have been notified of the closing, Main said, and have been asked to take prisoners to the Hamilton-Wentworth detention centre, the Metro Toronto West Jail or Guelph Jail.

A replacement for the regional jail is expected to be built at the site of Maplehurst Correctional Institute in Milton, but not for a few years, according to the Minister of Correctional Services Frank Drea.

For more than a decade, inspecting grand juries have been condemning the old jail in Milton and calling for its closure.

The jail, court houses, old registry office as well as the health unit building and the police station are all owned by Halton Region.

The health unit is expected to vacate its building and move into the new regional building later this year.

That will leave the whole block vacant, with the exception of the police station. The block is bounded by King, Mary, Brown and Hugh Streets.



Is there anything funnier than the sight of a full-grown man sitting in dignified splendor on a riding lawn mower?

You know, half the year we spend removing snow, the other half we struggle to remove the grass. The aspects of nature that annoy our sense of order are never ending.

This isn't a grumbling column, though, because I love cutting grass. I'd better—we have two and half acres to mow. I suppose it's silly having so much to tidy and subdue around the house but we enjoy the sight of reasonably manicured space and couldn't stand to cut up the front expanse with little fences.

So we started cutting the hay field that existed before and compromised by planting a large variety of huge trees. Well, they looked huge on the nursery lot—they resemble twigs with three leaves now that they're safely established here.

A rose by any other... It's surprising what you can do with a worn out hay field. We've had that kind of lawn on all three of our farms. If you look closely, it's all broadleaf weeds but once cut they produce a green carpet, providing you don't mind straggly stems popping up untidily the day after cutting.

If we ever sprayed the dandelions, there'd be no lawn left. Besides, what is nicer in May than a golden carpet all round the house. If dandelions weren't so prolific, they'd be considered a desirable bedding plant—at great cost.

I'm very proud of my exotic tropical hibiscus plants, but our Jamaican friends consider I'm filling the house with weeds. In England, we had a lovely prized flower bed of golden rod. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and dandelions are beautiful.

Easy walker This year, I finally got my push mower back. Cutting the grass, is to me an ideal way to sunbathe and get exercise at the same time. It also gives me an hour or two of uninterrupted thinking. I love it. It's not easy for the kids to wrestle the mower away from me and because I like it so much, they look upon it as fun mother shouldn't keep to herself.

Two years ago, the children and I went on a trip to Montreal in May and Mack found himself cutting the grass. When we came home, there was a shiny new riding mower in the yard!

How I hated that thing. To sit for two hours being jounced all over the garden doing nothing more constructive than steering was a total waste of time. You couldn't even get a decent tan all hunched over protecting your liver from the shaking.

Erica was the only one who got a kick out of it. She ran around in an eccentric circles and figure eights pruning little trees and curing my raspberry bush problem. But she had a very small vote and lost. Back to the push mower, lithe muscular legs, and an all-over golden tan. Well, I can dream, can't I.

## Club interested in planting

by Barbara Wynneck Betty Eastwood, Tony Reid and secretary Len Hockey were present at the May 29 Rockwood Village Trustees' meeting.

Murray Haig attended the meeting as a professional landscaper and member of the Rockwood Horticulture Club. He presented the idea that a plan should be drawn up for future tree plantings in

the new section of the cemetery. The Horticulture Club or interested parties would then have some direction to follow in the future plantings. He also pointed out that the Club is interested in horticulturally improving other Village areas. The trustees will consider his suggestions.

Don Hills, local representative at large on the Water

and Sewers Committee, also attended the meeting. In future, he will relay the trustees concerns to the Ministry of the Environment and will report the meeting's minutes back to the village office.

Decoration Day is this Sunday, June 4.

New eavestroughing will be installed on the village office.

The building's trim will be painted during the month of June.

A letter was read from local resident Lloyd Dyer regarding his concern about the five point intersection at Guelph, Mary and Inkerman Streets. He feels that the area is dangerous because of speeding vehicles ignoring the stop signs. He would like

to see Guelph Street closed from Inkerman to Pasmore Streets. No houses front on this route. The trustees agree that this is a hazardous area and they suggest that Guelph St. should be barricaded at Pasmore and Inkerman Streets for a period of time to see if traffic patterns improve. The trustees will recommend this to the township council.

## Root, McLeod win round-robin tourney

by Barbara Wynneck

Rockwood Tennis Club's first round-robin adult tournament saw Andrew Schuster and Monty Root, and John McLeod and Robin Root face each other in the final doubles match. Robin Root and John McLeod were the tournament winners. They were awarded the grand prize of three used tennis balls.

The heated day and play were enjoyed by all. Further monthly tournaments are being planned. Notices will be placed at the courts.

The Monday morning ladies' tournament finally got underway this week. No rain, lots of sunshine and friendly competition made it a fun day. Game time is 9 a.m. each Monday morning for all local lady tennis buffs.

## Gertie Bayne 90 years young

by Barbara Wynneck

Gertie Bayne celebrated her 90th birthday, Friday, May 26, at her home on Guelph St., Rockwood. Friends and relatives delivered their best wishes throughout the afternoon. When asked if she felt 90, Mrs. Bayne replied, "not for one moment."

She was born Gertrude Burns, on a farm on the 7th line Eramosa Township. She lived there with her family until her marriage to George Bayne.

She and George farmed on the 5th Rockwood line, moved west for a few years, then returned to Rockwood to take over the Burns' homestead.

Gertie has been "busy with living" her 90 years. She raised two children Helen and Harvey, as well as her sisters two daughters Doris and Isabel. There are now three grandchildren and one great granddaughter in the family.

In 1936 Mrs. Bayne held the charter meeting of the Rockwood Women's Institute at her home. She recalls that the group was named after the horse "Rock-a-long," who had speeded along and done great things. She has been a life long member of Rockwood United Church and the U.C.W.

Gertie and George retired to the village with their daughter Helen, 29 years ago. Harvey then took over the homestead. George passed away in 1961.

The spry Mrs. Bayne presently keeps herself busy reading and tending her indoor garden.



GERTIE BAYNE of Rockwood sits ready to slice her nintieth birthday cake. Behind her are her birthday roses sent with the best wishes of Rock-a-long Women's Institute of which she is a charter member.

## Rockwood Roundup

by Barbara Wynneck

The beautiful spring blooms seen at the village office, the cenotaph, the cemetery and the boxes at the village's outskirts are the results of the Horticulture Club's work last fall. They certainly are delightful and welcome signs that spring has arrived.

Grade 8 Rockwood Centennial Students return from their four day trip to Washington D.C. this evening. Their days were packed with activities including a White House Tour and an evening at Lincoln Centre.

Rockwood's Fire Department is known province-wide as a fine example of an effective volunteer department. Fire Chief Carl Meadows was recently chosen by the Fire Marshal's Office to speak at the Fire Chiefs' Annual Meeting in Ottawa. He was the source of information for chiefs who needed direction in improving their departments. Frank Alsop has resigned as deputy chief. Tom Rockola is the new man on the job.

Kids, the Lions and Eramosa Ball Association Bkathon is this Saturday, June 3. Pledge sheets are available at both Rockwood Centennial and Eramosa Public Schools.

Eramosa and Rockwood Home and School Association meets June 6, 8 p.m. at Eramosa public school. Planning for the creative playground is on the agenda. Plan to attend with your ideas.

## 24 hour doctor service recommended by panel

Guelph General Hospital has been urged for the second time in as many months to have a doctor on duty at all times.

Members of the Public Institutions Inspection Panel (formerly known as the Grand Jury) at the current sittings of county court here recommended that the hospital "consider a staff doctor to be on duty in off-hours and on weekends."

A coroner's jury in March recommended that with the population of Guelph approaching 70,000, a staff doctor should be on duty at all times in either Guelph General or St. Joseph's hospitals.

The members of the inspection panel, touring public buildings in Wellington County, were told that no doctor is in the General Hospital's

emergency department from midnight to 7 a.m. and on weekends.

They were told, as was the inquest, that doctors are on call and available within 10 minutes.

Douglas Whitworth, Hospital administrator, said that it isn't "an absolute necessity" to have a doctor in the hospital at all times.

He indicated it would be too costly to keep a doctor avail-

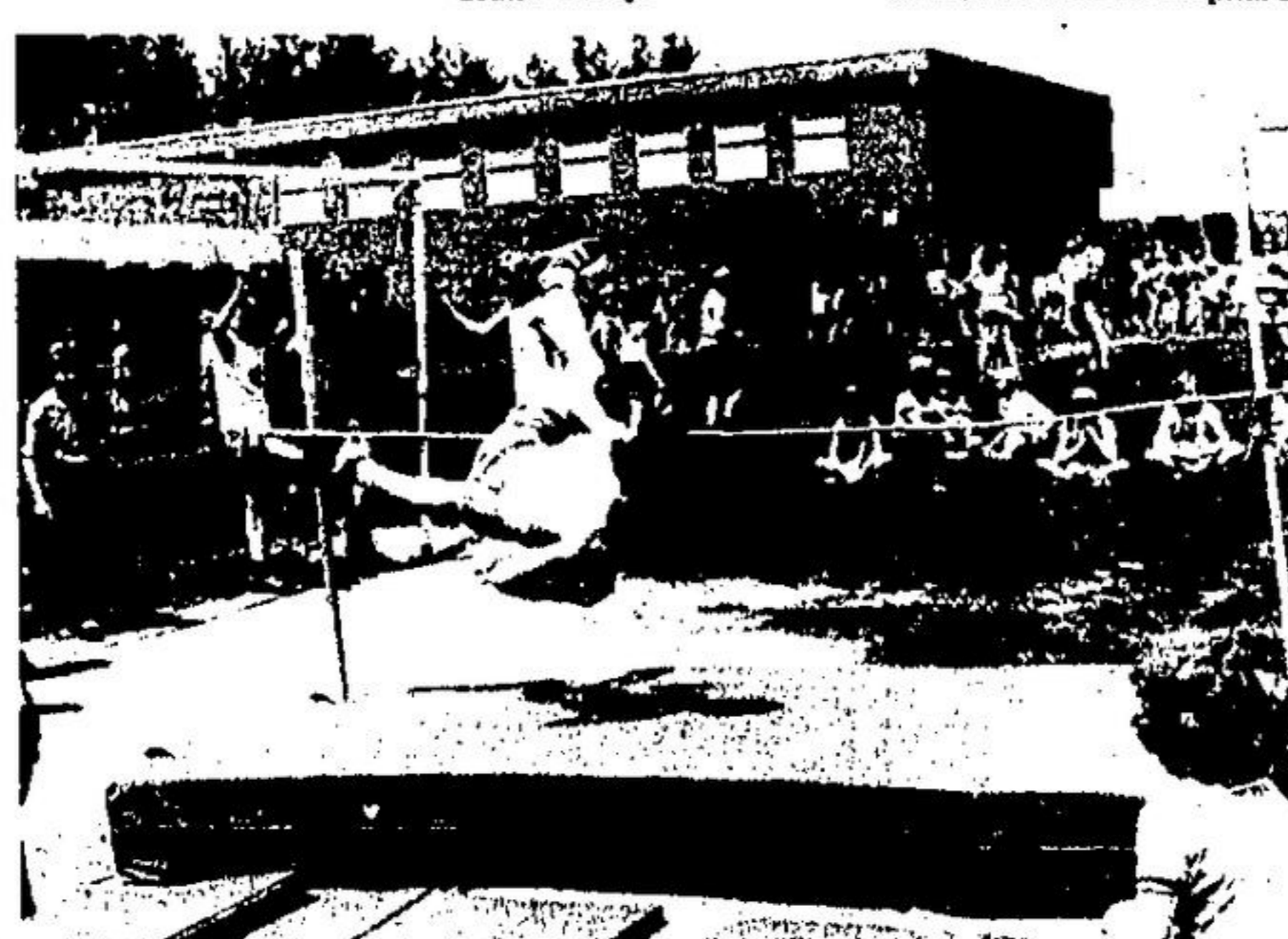
able around-the-clock and that the current system "functions effectively in our hospital for a city our size."

The inspection panel report also recommended that patients at the hospital be provided with a cost breakdown of the care they have received.

They found the hospital to be immaculate in all areas and said they were impressed with its operation and care for the patients.

## Princesses visit Mall

Halton Dairy Princess Holly Hurren of Campbellville will be at Burlington Mall Saturday, June 3, to promote milk and milk products. Holly will be assisted by Marion Bool, Ontario Dairy Princess from Grand Valley.



SENIOR STUDENTS demonstrated many different methods of getting up and over that high jump bar at the Rockwood Centennial School Field Day. The high temperature of the day added to the heated competition.

by Wilda MacDougall

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barden held a family dinner in honor of their twins' 21st birthday this week. Those present were Gerald and his fiancée, Miss Lise Burrell, both of Cornwall, twin brother Gary, and his friend, Miss Barbara Millburn of Guelph, and Jim Barden also from Guelph.

Camp Corwin was a beehive of activity as 15 Brownies spent the long weekend enjoying the great outdoors. Roman days was the theme, and the girls dressed in togas and were given Roman names. Everyone including the leaders and helpers were thrown to the lions. The Saturday evening concert was special as all the Brownies and visiting Guides performed skits and sang songs. A Roman meal was prepared and all ate with their fingers, much to the delight of the children. Most of the girls earned their holiday badge. The end of the camp was also the end of this season's Brownie meetings.

Please remember, swimming registration is Friday, June 2nd from 6.30 to 8.30 at the Community Hall. Children 3 years of age and up are welcome. Swimming lessons start the first week in July.

In women's baseball, two teams were formed, Mike Marshall is coach, and Linda McNiven, organizer. The Ladies play on Tuesday evenings.

Mrs. Jim Kirby has returned home from a two week visit with her daughter Liz, Peter and Joshua Campbell of Oakville. While there she attended the graduation of her son-in-law, Cpl. Peter Campbell of the O.P.P. (formerly of Acton) who earned his Bachelor of Commerce degree from McMaster University. Congratulations, Peter.

The 116th Anniversary service of the Presbyterian Church was very well attended and many nice comments were heard about the fine sermon by Rev. C. M. Lewis, a professor at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University in



AWARDS WERE presented recently at the First Eramosa Guide Company. Heather Cox, centre, received her Canada Cord. Cheryl McDougall, left, and Kelly Flewelling each were awarded their All Round Cords.

## Brownies enjoy camp, church marks 116th year

Waterloo, and the special music provided by the choir. The May meeting of the Presbyterian Women was held at the home of Mrs. James and Mrs. William Gilbertson with an attendance of 11 members. The meeting opened with the reading of the new 23rd psalm by president Mrs. T. Barden. Plans were made for clean-up day at the church. A donation is to be given to the Managers towards renovations to the manse in Rockwood. The spring rally of the Waterloo-Wellington Presbyterian will be held in Fergus on May 31st. The roll call was answered with a shower gift for the church kitchen. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. William MacDonald, with a sing song, say or do program by each member.

A short essay on Newfoundland and Labrador was read by Mrs. T. Barden. Scripture was read by Mrs. G. W. Lasby and a chapter on Hasty in Judgement was read by Mrs. K. Stevenson. Readings were also given by Mrs. G. Mac-

donnell, Mrs. J. Chamberlain, Mrs. W. McLean and Mrs. S. Wilson. The social hour was convened by Mrs. J. Gilbertson and Mrs. K. Stevenson, and courtesy remarks were extended by Mrs. S. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Lockert have returned from a three-week visit to England. They went over to help Eric's sister celebrate a special birthday. They also visited Beryl's mother and sister and family, and they also visited Winchester Cathedral.

Eden Mills Cemetery will not hold a Memorial Day service this year. If it is the final resting place of someone you have loved and lost, and care to make a donation in their memory, it could be given to the treasurer, Mr. Lloyd Neville.

Miss Susie Blacklock recently enjoyed a bus trip to Ottawa with the Guelph Safety Patrols. The 51 children were treated to a tour of that historic city, including a visit to the Governor General's House.