



Array of sunshine

A FOREST OF SUNFLOWERS impedes Helen McLarty's progress as the Limehouse resident tries to figure out what made her plants grow to roof-height with trunk sized stems. Maybe it was the sign of the cross she made over every seed as it was planted or perhaps the fact that she bought the seeds from a lad called Jack who said he traded a cow for them.

## March of Dimes drive planned for September

by Barb Wynneck

The March of Dimes fund raising campaign will be in full swing in Eramosa Township during the month of September.

Rural residents, watch for campaign literature in mail boxes. Village canvassers will begin their door-knocking

mid-September. The campaign is early in this area so that volunteers do not have to compete with the cold January weather.

Last year close to \$1,000 was contributed to the Ability fund by generous residents. Special mention was made of this fact at the group's annual

meeting. It is hoped that this year, that figure will be topped. Organizer Julie Brace, would like all contributions returned by September's end.

A 50/50 draw is presently on the go, and October 14 is the date to mark on calendars for the last of the March of Dimes dances this season.

## Rockwood Roundup

by Barb Wynneck

The Junior Auxiliary will hold its first meeting September 18, 7 p.m., at St. John's Anglican Church Parish Hall. All girls aged 5-12 are welcome.

All Rockwood Guides and Brownies will register for the new season Tuesday September 12, 7 to 8 p.m., at Rockwood United Church.

Rockwood's Night School will hold its registration Tuesday September 12, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m., at Rockwood Centennial School. Pottery, upholstery, weaving, batik, quilting.

macrame, social dance and fitness will be among the classes offered.

First Rockwood Cub Master Vic Johnson has set his group's registration date for September 7, 7 p.m., at Rockwood Centennial School.

Secretary Len Hockey is out of hospital and back on his job in the village office. Business hours as usual.

Eramosa Township's Dog Control Officer is Mary Keane. She may be contacted at 856-9719.

## Village weeds sought by Rockwood foreman

Rockwood's foreman will be making a tour of the village, surveying for lots blooming with noxious weeds, the likes of goldenrod and ragweed.

Property owners will be advised by mail to cut down the offending vegetation. If this is not done the weeds will be mown by the foreman and the property owners billed by the village.

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## Newest street in village

Turn right at the westerly end of Division St. and you are on Thatcher Crescent, Rockwood's newest street. There is space for five houses, each on a double lot, in this area.

## Erin missing history riddle

Wanted: And soon too - any information leading to the securing of any or all of the records from the Erin village's first year of council.

The first indications of activity by an Erin village council date from 1881, or about a year after the village was incorporated by Wellington County Council on December 6, 1879. So far as anyone's recollection and records are concerned nothing happened at the village's government for a year.

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STU ROCKOLA swings his bat during the benefit game for the March of Dimes Ability Fund. The Rockwood Seniors defeated the Guelph Holiday Platers in the tournament. The entire day was a great success thanks to organizer Julie Brace's efforts.

## Won't pay for fences

Milton Council and its insurance agent refuse to pay rural property owners for damages caused to farm fences as a result of the town's snow removal operations.

Councillors confirmed the policy Wednesday, despite objections from Councillor Luck Day, after Stuart McMillan of 7211 Eighth Line filed a \$250 claim for a damaged fence.

The town's insurance agent William Campbell rejected the claim and said the town was not responsible.

Councillor Day claimed the town does not have any right

to throw snow off the roads onto any private property.

## Province offer

Financial help for local residents to improve their homes is available through the Ontario Home Renewal Program.

Faulty sanitary and structural conditions and the upgrading of plumbing, insulation, heating and electrical systems, are some of the areas covered by the provincial loans.

The system of loans (repayable and forgivable) to

pay for the property rehabilitation is available to individual whose "adjusted family income" does not exceed \$12,500.

These loans may be of particular interest to Rockwood residents who face the expense of water and sewer installations. Further information and application forms are available at both the township and village offices. The program expires in March 1979.

## Nordic Farms host international sale

Limousin cattle and the beef industry received a boost this weekend from a gala promotion event and sale held by Nordic Farms, Eden Mills.

The International Herd Walk featured entertainment, good food, visitors from two continents, and some of the finest Limousins in the country.

The event took place at Bridlebrook Farms, part of Nordic Farms and was hosted by Christina Bouman and Lorimer Massie, owners of the establishment.

Nearly 80 Limousin cattle were sold, some on consignment from other farms, for an average of \$2,690 each including calves and yearlings. The highest female went for seven thousand dollars while the best bull brought eight and a half thousand. Both animals were owned by Nordic Farms. Most of the cattle were bought by Americans, 35 of them going to the Doux Amis Ranch in Texas.

Many South American buyers were expected but most were booked on Air Canada and became stranded in Miami because of the Air Canada ground crew strike. Many Nordic Limousins have been purchased by

South Americans.

Guest speakers and dignitaries for the two day festival included former Federal Minister of Agriculture Senator Harry Hayes, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butts, Floyd McGown, president of International Limousin Council, Dr. Ted Burnside of the U. of G., and many featured speakers from the U.S., Venezuela and Guatemala.

John Bradshaw of CFRB radio interviewed the guests and featured the event for a half hour on his Sunday program, This Business of Farming.

Leroy Van Dyke and his band played for a party Saturday night while fireworks flashed and guests partook of a variety of international dishes.

Displays of beef cattle of several breeds greeted visitors to the grounds as well as Brahma and Brahma-cross cattle. Large tented arenas housed entertainment, dining and sales activities.

Hundreds of visitors and guests enjoyed the festivities to their fullest. The cattle reserved comment.



JACK CARPENTER says he won these cow chips at the International Herd Walk, Nordic Farms Limousin cattle sale this weekend. Closer investigation revealed the "cow chips" to be kaiser buns. Jack was covering the Eden Mills event for television.



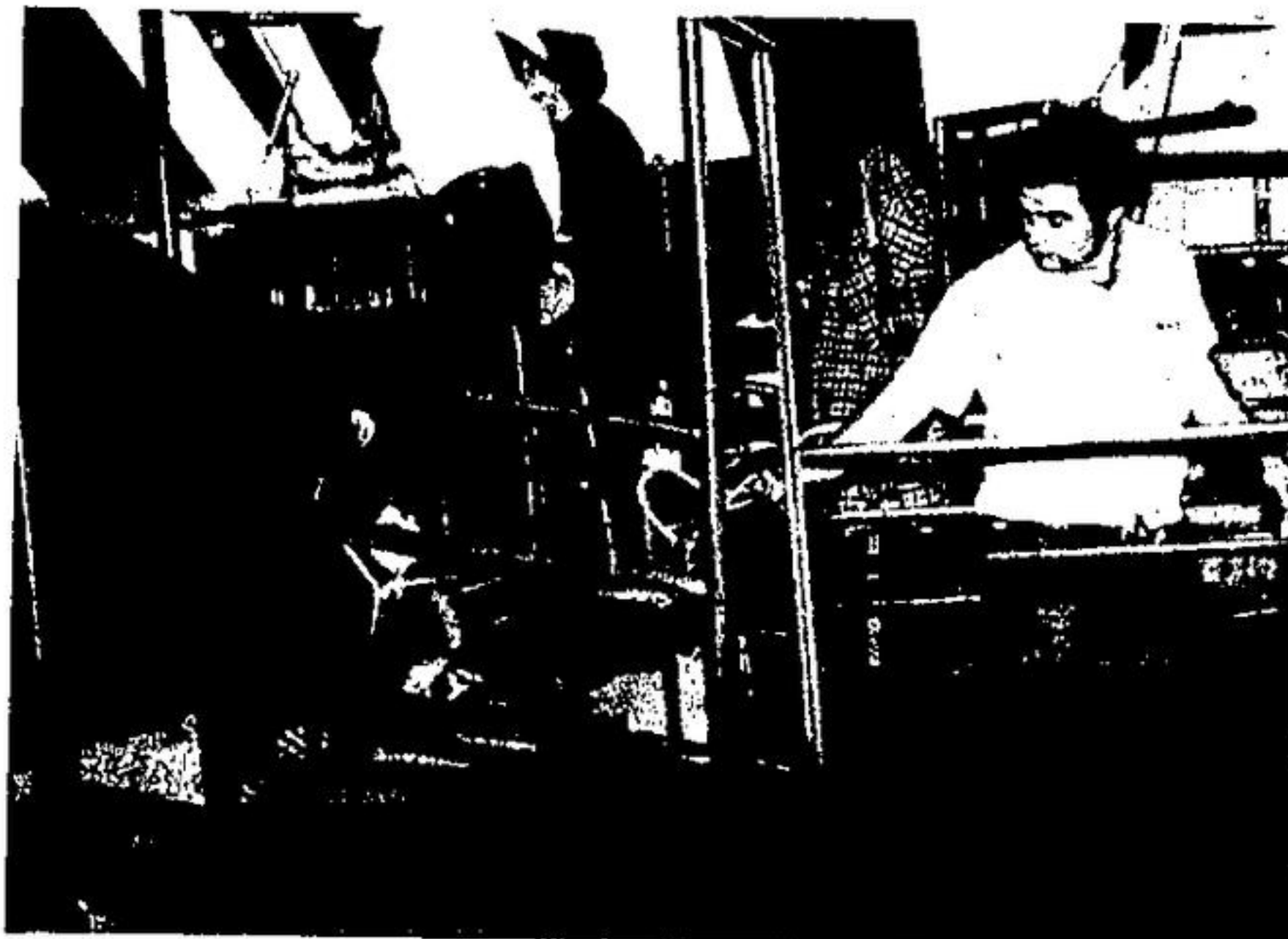
PROUD YEARLING waits his turn in the ring, while Charlie Barnes of Eden Mills, and Doug Burnside of London discuss the price he'll bring. The Limousin bull, owned by Wood Lynn Farms of London, is romantically named "Wood Lynn 5".



SEVEN THOUSAND dollars was paid for this Heifer, Nordic Fair at Nordic Farms International sale this weekend. Susan Dunlop checks the sale catalogue for notes on Fair's pedigree. Susan and her husband Tim are herd managers at Nordic Farms.



INSIDE THE SALES tent, bids were hot and heavy as Limousin cattle raised bids up to eight thousand dollars. The International Herd Walk was sponsored by Nordic Farms, Eden Mills. Nearly 90 cattle were sold.



GOING GOING GONE, sold for \$3250, this bull is led from the Limousin sales arena by Tim Dunlop, Nordic Farms herd manager. The International Herd Walk held at the Eden Mills establishment saw some of the finest cattle in the country sold.