

# Local girl achieves top honor

by Barb Wynneck  
Jean Bonner has stopped for a few weeks at her Rockwood home en route from the Pacific to Atlantic coasts—just long enough to re-arrange the skating gear in her bags.

In August, 18 year old Jean earned two gold figure skating medals in San Diego, Calif., under the eye of an international Canadian judge. October 2 she takes up her duties as "pro" at the Glace

Bay—Sydney Figure Skating Club on Cape Breton Island. It took Jean 11 years of hard work and determination to achieve her goal, the triple gold medal.

A group of fellow skaters, skating professionals and friends gathered at Rockwood Community Centre on Sunday to celebrate Jean's figure skating accomplishments. This summer she became a triple gold medalist, the highest

achievement in figure skating proficiency. The medals are awarded by the Canadian Figure Skating Association. The last member of the Guelph Figure Skating Club, Jean's home club, accomplished this task in 1962.

Hugh Guthrie, president of the Guelph Figure Skating Club, acted as master of ceremonies. The Gold Medal Dance award was presented by her dance coach, Malcolm Cannon of Guelph. Jacqu

Pugh of The Upper Canada Skating Club, Toronto, presented the Gold Medal for Figures. Margaret Hyland of Ice Capades Chalet, San Diego, Calif. presented the Free Style Gold Medal.

Mrs. Hyland coached Jean at the Upper Canada Skating Club for nine years. A year ago Mrs. Hyland moved to California. Jean decided to continue here coaching with Mrs. Hyland, in California during the last two summers.

Sharon Stevens presented roses on behalf of the Guelph Figure Skating Club. Astrid Cancins presenting a skater figurine on behalf of the Guelph Figure Skating Club's amateur coaches. Lynda Cannon made a cash presentation on behalf of the skaters attending the Cannon Fall Figure Skating School. Congratulations and mementos were given by other skating friends.

Jean thanked not only all

her coaches for their interest and support but also the skaters and directors of the G.F.S.C. for giving her many opportunities. She included the City of Guelph for allowing her the use of their facilities, her mother for her chauffeur duties and her father, for his support, in her list of thank yous.

Jean is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bonner of R.R. 3, Rockwood and the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. R.J. Cunningham, Georgetown.

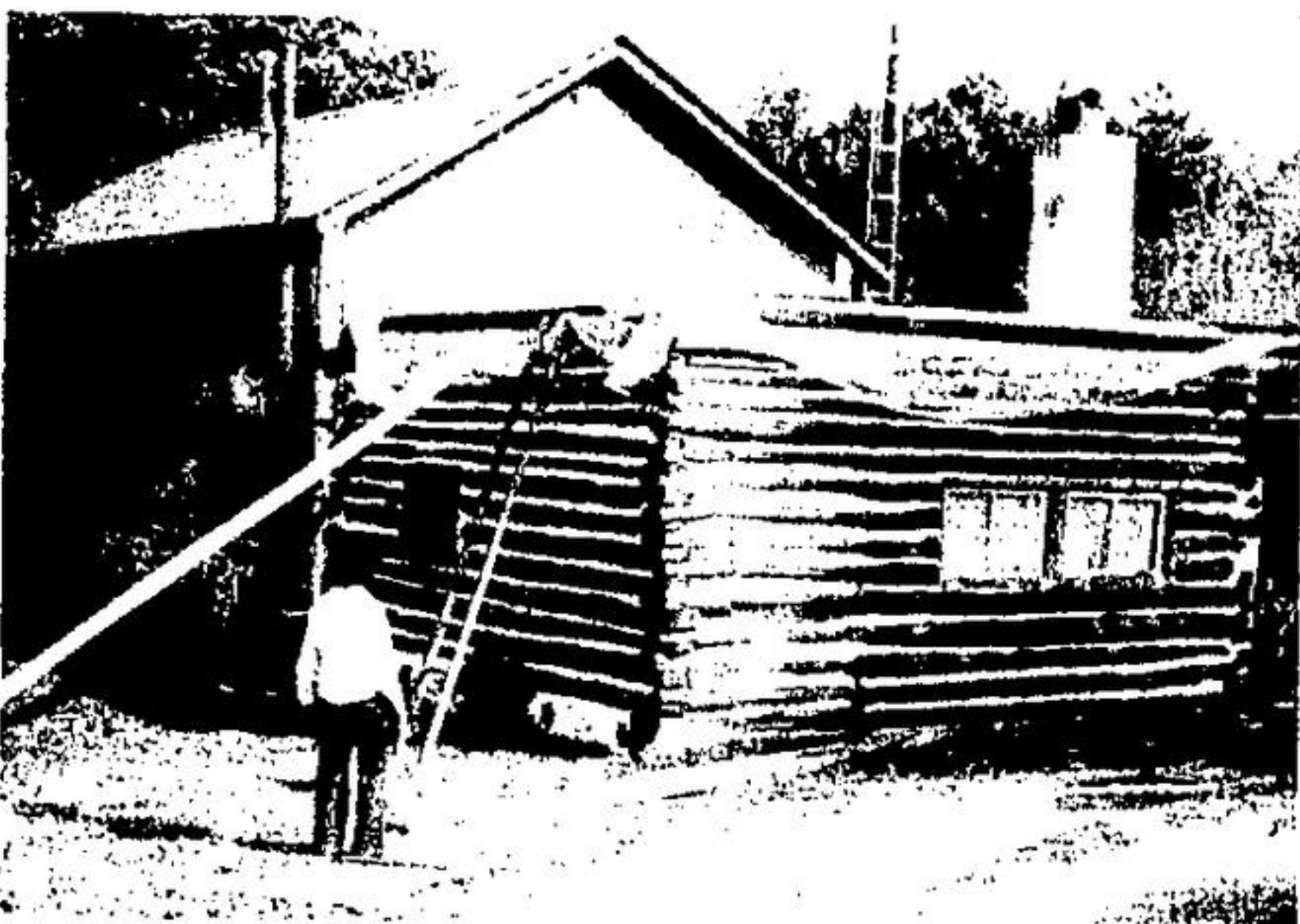


FIGURE SKATING'S highest award, the triple gold medal was achieved by Jean Bonner. She is pictured here with her coaches. Front row; Margaret Hyland, Ice Capades Chalet, San Diego, Jean Bonner, Jacqu Pugh, Upper Canada Skating Club, Toronto. Back row left to right; Pat Hoy, Guelph Figure Skating Club; Malcolm Cannon, Guelph Figure Skating Club; Bruce Hyland, Ice Capades Chalet San Diego.

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## ROCKWOOD & DISTRICT

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THEY REALLY raised the roof! The Stumph family of R.R. 3, Rockwood plan to add a second storey to their home. They took off the roof last Saturday and it has rained every day since! Arthur Stumph constructed the house from the logs on his property during the 1930's.

### Eden Mills

## Fall wedding held in church Saturday

by Wilda MacDougall  
A dessert party preceded the registration of guides and brownies on Tuesday night. The new auxiliary executive for this season is Jean Turowski and Doreen Davis as co-chairladies; Donna Watchal as treasurer and Maisie Palmer as secretary. Mrs. Arley Roy of Guelph is a guest at the home of Mrs. Herb Gilbertson and Shirley. The monthly meeting of the Community Club was held on Monday evening but there was a poor attendance. The next meeting is Monday, Oct. 2.

Don't forget to attend the Craft Show in the hall on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The Anniversary Services for the United Church will be held on Sept. 24, at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Rev. E. Cossar will be guest speaker, so try and worship at one of these services.

There will be no church service at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday as the congregation is invited to attend the Rockwood Presbyterian Anniversary service.

A lovely fall wedding took place at the Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Sept. 16, when Miss Diane Jackson and

Wayne Chamberlain were united in holy wedlock by the Rev. Carrie Doehring. This was a first for Carrie and it was a beautiful ceremony. A reception followed in the community hall which had been made most attractive for this special occasion.

Dancing was to the music of The Funk Family and a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain will be living in Guelph and the good wishes of the community go with this happy couple.

### Guide and Brownie news

by Ann Chesworth  
Some of the Eden Mills Girl Guides have worked hard gaining skills and earning badges this summer, and having fun in the process. Rina Blaakman, Kim Boose, Iona Chesworth, and Sarah Hulland struggled to get the political parties and systems straight, and though they admitted it was rather boring, they all passed their Citizen badge with flying colours.

Rina, Iona and Kim were then joined by Kerri and Sharon Gilbertson and Sherri McIlwraith to look at the variety of weather we enjoyed in August. Part of the study session included an early morning trip to the Agricultural weather station in Elora. Don Kelly kept everyone entertained with the "flipping water bucket", a device used to measure precipitation.

Sharon Gilbertson, Kathy Johns, and Jennifer McLean went to the Guide Camps at Keewaydin on Lake Huron. Sharon earned her Junior Camper and Outdoor Cook, while Kathy and Jennifer earned Camp Skills and Ecology badges.

organize a search party when Rina disappeared mysteriously. Popsicles eased the tension when the girls returned to find that Rina had been at the campsite all the time!

We welcomed Mrs. Joan Hawes of Guelph to test Paula and the girls who were doing the Camp Skills badge. She spent the whole day with us and the girls enjoyed her company and got over their fear of being tested for Camping badges.

It was ironic that the only accidents which occurred at camp were involving the adult leaders. Mrs. Blaakman was demonstrating axmanship, and Mrs. Chesworth was whittling with a jack knife, when they received cuts. Sarah Hulland rushed to their aid and did a magnificent job of first aid and home nursing.

Badges earned or completed at the camp were: Camp Skills, Rina Blaakman, Yvette Blaakman, Kim Boose, Iona Chesworth, Sharon Gilbertson, Paula Hayward, Sarah Hulland and Sherri McIlwraith; Campfire leader, Sharon Gilbertson and Sarah Hulland; Explorer, Kim Boose and Iona Chesworth; Outdoor Adventure, Yvette Blaakman, Sharon Gilbertson and Sherri McIlwraith; Outdoor Cook, Yvette Blaakman, Paula Hayward, Sarah Hulland and Sherri McIlwraith. We were delighted to have Kerri Gilbertson and Renette Tarrant at our camp as they fly up to Guides next week.

We congratulate Sarah Hulland on completing the work for her Canada Cord. Mrs. Ana Maria Bell, Mrs. Remy Heard and Mrs. Ann Chesworth have held their first planning meeting for the

## Trustees bowing out of municipal election

by Barb Wynneck  
Betty Eastwood, a Rockwood village trustee is bowing out of public life and will not be candidate in the 1978 municipal election.

She was acclaimed to office in the last election and will have served one term. Betty says that "it has been an interesting experience, but it is time to make room for someone else."

She wonders if the township will replace the present trustee-council system in the future.

Tony Reid doesn't think he will seek re-election as trustee on Nov. 13. He says that, "people don't care about the village. Maybe somebody

else can get more support. We can't establish rapport with council."

Tony was acclaimed to the position in 1976, his first term as trustee.



BETTY EASTWOOD

Audrey Bilton won't contest a trustee seat. This time she says she is running for township council. She feels that the council has the most say in Rockwood's affairs.

Audrey would like to see Rockwood become a "town". "Rockwood should be its own boss, especially when it is going to grow," she says. She is "against big development in the village" and favors single family homes.

Audrey will have served two and one half years as trustee come Dec. 31, 1978. She finished Pat Smith's term when he resigned while in office. She had placed fourth in the 1974 race. In 1976 she too was acclaimed to office.

At the present time, it looks as if no one will be running for the three vacant seats. If this happens, and there are no names in the hat by the closing day of nomination, October 23, the closing day will be held over one more day. If there are still no candidates nominated, a nomination meeting will be held after the election. If at this time, there is still no interest in the positions, the present trustees will be back on the job, according to clerk Lloyd Hindley.



AUDREY BILTON



TONY REID

## Fitness class popular

Only the active programs took off at last week's night school registration in Rockwood Centennial school.

"It must be the trend towards good health and exercise that everyone's talking about," said members of the night school organizing the fall program.

Ladies' physical fitness and social dance were the two classes that proved most popular. An earlier decision to float only those courses with a minimum of 13 students was the determining factor. "We felt that all subjects offered were excellent ones," said one committee member. "At other times the popular courses were able to subsidize the classes with smaller registration but this time the committee felt that all courses should get by on their own merit with surplus monies to be used to back dance instruction."

Upholstery, macrame, batik, tie dye, weaving and quilting were the classes which went by the board. A brochure advertising those to be offered was sent out in mid August informing township residents. Date of registration was also included. Committee members felt that maybe springtime is a better season in which to offer night school classes. "We'll watch it carefully and, if courses are warranted, the committee

coming Guide year, and report that there are very exciting activities to prepare for. We welcome any new girls in the Eden Mills area who would like to join us on Tuesday evenings.

may set up new registration and classes come January," said the committee.

The dance instruction classes which will feature everything from modern ballroom to square dances will be held at the Rockwood Community Hall on Thursday evenings. There are still openings for this new innova-

tion to the night school program. Ladies' Physical Fitness will be held at Rockwood Centennial school gymnasium every Tuesday evening. "We could still handle a few more if they're really anxious to get into shape," say the committee members.

### Rockwood Roundup

by Barb Wynneck  
Eramosa Ball Association's Fun Day starts at 12:30 p.m. this Saturday at the Ball Park. In case of rain (again), the event will be held on Sunday.

This is the Saturday for watching the Junior Tournament at the Rockwood Tennis Club. Play gets underway about 9:30 a.m.

## Steam engine to pass through area

by Barb Wynneck  
Do you want to see a steam engine puffing down the tracks? Be at Rockwood's Main St. railway crossing at 9 a.m. Saturday or about 8 p.m. the same evening and see the 6060, C.N.'s survivor of the steam era, chug westward.

The train passed through Rockwood on Tuesday morning about 10 a.m. Hired by the Whirpool Corp. it was headed from Toronto to Stratford. All hands were ready in the Guelph Railway Yards where the train put on water about 10:15 a.m.

Fair. These passengers will be riding in rail car comfort enjoyed during the 1940's.

Dave Gray of Main St. Rockwood, opened his back door wide on Tuesday morning, upon request of C.K.K.W., a Kitchener radio station. The train's whistle was put on tape via the Gray's telephone. Radio listeners heard the 6060's wail later in the day's programming.

Mr. Gray, a train buff, whose home is located next to the rail line, watched "the Discovery Train, lit up like a Christmas tree," roll through Rockwood at 11:30 p.m. Sat. Sept. 9.

## Leo recognition night newest service club

by Barb Wynneck  
"Enthusiastic" is the word that applies to Rockwood's newest service club, The Leos, according to Lions Club advisor Vince Dunne.

The Club, under the sponsorship of the Rockwood and District Lions Club had eight members in June. On September 15, Recognition Night, 22 young people were welcomed by Ontario-Quebec Leo Chairman, Dougald Campbell.

The organization's purpose is to promote service activities among the youth of the community and develop the individual qualities of leadership, experience and opportunity.

Local president Laura Milbourne sees the club working with the Lions and Lionettes on their bazaars, drives and dances. The group will raise funds to benefit community youth under 18 years of age. No specific projects have yet been planned, says the president.

The group is open to all those under 18 years. The executive are: president Laura Milbourne; vice president Butch Given; secretary Sandy Kingsbury; and treasurer Judy Finley.

The Lion advisors are Vince Dunne, Al Schink, Harry Bonner, Grant Macerac. Lionette advisors are

Helen Hills and Leona Kingsbury.

There are 35 Leo Clubs in Ontario and Quebec. Nearby towns of Hillsburg, Arthur and Mount Forest also have such organizations.

Leos sold Recognition Night dinner dance tickets to both adults and teenagers, providing a pleasant mix to the evening's festivities.

Winners of the first Leo sponsored draw are: First prize, colour T.V.—Harry Seim, Rockwood; second prize, camera—Ken Death, Rockwood; third prize, \$15—Stan Jackson, R.R. 1 Hillsburg.



JUST LIKE the good old days! This steam engine, 6060, CN's survivor of the steam era, puffed through Rockwood yesterday with its whistle wailing.

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Coming Events

ERAMOSA TOWNSHIP Heritage committee invite you to a Supper and slide show, Rockwood Community Centre Rockwood, Monday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m. Adults \$5.00, Seniors Citizens \$4.00, children under 12 \$2.50. Show only at 7:30 p.m. \$1.00. Tickets available at Eramosa Town office, Stratford, Saunderson's Bakery and Pearl's Variety Store.