

Free Press

Rockwood and district

Rockwood Digest

September was a big month for Rockwood media personality Peter Gzowski. On September 27 McLelland and Stewart released Peter's latest book "The Sacrament", an account of the ordeal last winter of Brent Dyer and Donna Johnson who survived an airplane crash by consuming human flesh.

The 20 day ordeal began in early May when the single engine Cessna carrying Dyer then 25, Donna 17, and Donna's father Don Johnson crashed, in an Idaho blizzard. The pilot, Norm Pische, and Johnson died in the crash. Dyer and Donna managed to make it to safety 20 days later by cooking and preserving strips from Johnson's legs.

The two surviving Saskatchewan residents approached Gzowski about telling their story because "He is someone decent, has a heart and cares about people," they said in an interview.

CBC radio aired a tape and interview with the two on "As It Happens". The story was also told on the Fifth Estate recently.

The book which took six months to complete will have photographs and be available shortly in book stores.

"It's a fabulous story," says Gzowski, "I was interested because I like good stories."

In case you're wondering what all the excavation is around the post office—it's not the discovery of treasure but a historical plaque being erected by Parks Canada.

James J. Hill, founder of the Great Northern Railway was born around Rockwood in the mid 1800's. He was educated at the Rockwood Academy and later moved to St. Paul's, Minnesota.

Mrs. Mary Milne of Rockwood remembers James Hill who was a cousin of her grandmother, Mrs. James Ramsey. She had a gold watch belonging to the famous railroad man given to her by her uncle, also of St. Paul's. The watch is still in the Milne family's possession, being the property of Mrs. Milne's granddaughter, Judy Woods.

We may have to wait for the plaque for a while. It seems there has been some confusion in government directives about the plaque base. Originally workmen dug footing excavations of grave proportions for two standards 6 foot 10 inches apart. Specifications were changed to standards 3 feet six inches apart so the whole job was redone.

Then it was decided only a small footing was needed for a single standard and the whole area was filled in and sodded. If you look closely you can see a small tap like structure in newly sodded grass awaiting its historical plaque!

Winner of the money tree at the Eramosa Home and School Garage Sale held recently at Eramosa School was Mr. D. Cameron.

Sunshine Club enjoyed Laurel and Hardy Films at a recent meeting.

Rockwood Lionettes are arranging a bus tour this month for Seniors.



Collecting bottles (and kittens) for Rockwood Scouts and Cubs last Saturday were Jason Bard, Scott Love and Stephen Robson.

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Acton's well-known quarter horse Judge Roy Ineson judged western classes at the final Rockwood Trail Riders show Sunday. Here he presents the winning ribbon for western pleasure to Cathy Black riding Sugar Star Bars.

Rockwood Trail Riders held their final horse show last Sunday. Actually this was a replacement show for the rained out spring show but it enabled the club to have their full complement of five shows this season.

Roy Ineson of Acton judged the western part of the 18-class show and Ms Castleman of Touch and Go Farms, Milton judged English classes.

Entries were down from the usual 15 to 18 horses per class of recent years.

Even equestrians are feeling the pinch of inflation and gas prices. Most schooling shows (those who don't offer money prizes) are reporting fewer entries.

Horse owners are also down in numbers since the horse-crazy mid '70s. Feed costs and the initial purchase of horses and equipment are deterring many people from getting started in the equestrian business.

Tennis is cheaper, it seems.

Please call Jennifer Barr 853-2010 or 856-9096 with Rockwood news, personals and community coming events.

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NOTICE

The Corporation of the TOWN OF MILTON



PUBLIC MEETING REFERENDUM QUESTION

TAKE NOTICE THAT MILTON COUNCIL will be convening an open public meeting for any interested individuals requesting further information on the REFERENDUM QUESTION appearing on all ballots in the forthcoming 1980 Municipal and School Board Elections.

The meeting will take place in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall, 251 Main Street East, Milton, on Wednesday, October 15th, 1980 at 7:30 P.M.

The Referendum Question as authorized by By-law 70-80 and appearing on the ballot is as follows:

"Are you in favour of the Town of Milton seeking changes to the present structure of Regional Government by having more planning and servicing responsibilities returned to the Town from the Region of Halton?"

Town Council encourages your participation!

Dated: October 8th, 1980 R. Main
Clerk Co-ordinator

Rockwood teen enjoys trial of brigantine voyage

by Eric Elstone
Bruises and food are the first memories to surface in Erica Barr's mind after her recent Great Lakes trip as a sailor on board the brigantine St. Lawrence II.

Recollections of the food, "Oh yech! It's all canned stuff," and the bruises—she twice fell down a hatch—are fading as fast as her flesh heals.

In her place rise fonder thoughts: the food fights and sponge fights were fun, she says.

"We had to have some amusements. There were no radios. We were told we were here to sail, not to listen."

And sail they did. Some 30 youngsters, with officers, tackled the 450 miles from Kingston to Sarnia in 12 days on board the 42-ton two-masted ship.

Erica is the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Barr of Clara St. in Rockwood. She and her Guelph chum Jenny Brooks met many new

friends on the ship. About 60 per cent of the crew were boys. Crew members came from such places as Ottawa, Montreal, Orangeville, Toronto and Georgetown. About a third of the crew was from Kingston.

Erica and Jenny first saw the St. Lawrence II last year when they visited Erica's grandparents in Kingston. They signed up then. Other crew members probably followed up newspaper advertisements for Brigantine Incorporated, 152 King St. E., Kingston.

Erica's parents only cleared the trip after they received word from Erica's grandfather, an avid sailor, that there was no problem with safety Precautions on the vessel.

Mrs. Barr noted that information about the trip was hard to come by from the company and it was not very detailed about safety. "Parents should be prepared to pursue the information

they want," she said. The St. Lawrence II is owned and operated by the Brigantine Incorporated, which is a charitable corporation. St. Lawrence II can unfold 2,490 square feet of canvas plus some extra.

She, all ships are called she, is also equipped with a 72-horse-power diesel engine.

On Erica and Jenny's voyage, the St. Lawrence graced Lake Ontario with her sail. However, she had to employ the engine when climbing the stairs of the Welland Canal locks. And Lake Erie was so calm, the engines had to continue turning.

The upper lake section was "a little boring," said Erica, but it was fun too. She is quick to add there was much toiling by crew members. She lost ten pounds.

When Erica speaks of her sailing experience the words fall from her mouth like so much data spewing from a computer. She knows he sail area, she talks of the

watches (four hour work shifts in which crew members take turns running the ship). There were yards. Not backyards; the wood cross-arms which hold the square sails. And much more.


Erica took with her a few hours of sailing experience when she climbed aboard the St. Lawrence II. She had, however, been on no boat as large as the brigantine.

When the novice sailors were not learning the ropes they could sun themselves on deck. At night they sat up and talked-talked-talked.

The length of the trip was just right, as far as Erica was concerned. When the ship tied up at Sarnia it was time to go home.



Erica Barr took a 12-day voyage on the brigantine St. Lawrence II recently on Lakes Ontario and Erie.



NOMINATIONS

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

1980 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Notice is hereby given that Candidates may be Nominated for the following offices by filing with the Returning Officer at the Town of Milton Municipal Offices, 251 Main Street East, Milton, Ontario during his normal office hours, a Nomination Paper in the prescribed form:

Such Nomination Paper shall be filed during the period commencing on:
THURSDAY, October 16th, 1980 through FRIDAY, October 17th, 1980 between the HOURS of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
MONDAY, October 20th, 1980 between the HOURS of 8:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Nominations may be filed for the following offices:

THE TOWN OF MILTON

MAYOR—To be elected at large and serve as a member on both the Regional and Town Councils.

2 COUNCILLORS—To serve on both the Regional and Town Councils. One such Councillor to be elected from the combined Wards 1 (Trafalgar), and 3 (Nassagaweya) and one such Councillor to be elected from Ward 2 (Milton).

8 COUNCILLORS—to serve on the Town Council only. Two such Councillors to be elected from Ward 1 (Trafalgar), Four such Councillors to be elected from Ward 2 (Milton), and Two such Councillors to be elected from Ward 3 (Nassagaweya).

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON

2 MEMBERS—One such Member to be elected by Public School Supporters from the combined Wards 1 (Trafalgar) and 3 (Nassagaweya), and one such member to be elected from Ward 2 (Milton).

1 MEMBER—To be elected by Roman Catholic Separate School Supporters from Combined Municipalities of Halton Hills and Milton.

NOTE—As the Town of Milton is combined with the Town of Halton Hills to elect one Member to the Board of Education for the Regional Municipality of Halton to represent Roman Catholic Separate School Supporters in the respective Municipalities, Nominations for Candidates for the said Member will be received by the Returning Officer of the Corporation of the Town of Milton at the Milton Municipal Offices, 251 Main Street East, Milton, Ontario, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Thursday, October 16th, 1980 through Friday, October 17th, 1980 and Monday, October 20th, 1980 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON

2 MEMBERS—One such member to be elected by Separate School Supporters from the combined Wards 1 (Trafalgar) and 3 (Nassagaweya), and one such member to be elected from Ward 2 (Milton).

THE MILTON HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMMISSION

1 MEMBER—to serve the Commission from Ward 1 (Trafalgar).

2 MEMBERS—to serve the Commission from Ward 2 (Milton).

1 MEMBER—to serve the Commission from Ward 3 (Nassagaweya).

All of the above offices are for a Two Year Term. Candidates are required to submit Nominations on the prescribed forms only. Such forms may be obtained from the Office of the Returning Officer, Town of Milton, Municipal Offices, 251 Main Street East, Milton, Ontario during normal office hours.

Notice is also given that the Municipal Elections Act, 1977 provides that a Nomination Paper:—

(a) Shall be signed by at least ten electors whose names are entered on the preliminary list of electors or who have made application to have their names included on the list and who are entitled to vote;

(b) Shall state the name and address of the candidate in such manner as will identify him and the office for which he is nominated; and

(c) shall state the name and address of each elector signing the nomination paper and, where the office for which the candidate is nominated is a member of a school board, that such nominator is a public school elector or a separate school elector, as the fact is; and

Take Notice that the nomination paper shall state for which office and in which ward or area, except those running at large, the candidate is proposing to be nominated. And Further Take Notice that where the candidate is running in a ward or area his nomination paper must be signed by people on the Polling List of Electors in that specific ward or area.

And Further Take Notice the onus is on the person nominated for election to an office to file a bona fide nomination paper.

R. Main,
Returning Officer
Town of Milton

Dated this 3rd Day of October, 1980

The names of the Candidates Nominated will be posted in the lobby of the Town of Milton Municipal Offices as they are received.



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