

## Rideau Lakes Horticultural Society Happenings

What is a Horticultural Society? Where is it held? Who can join?

The Rideau Lakes Horticultural Socciety was formed in 1969 by some very interested green thumbers and some, perhaps, not so green. But nevertheless, enthusiastic and determined gardeners. All with the main purpose of making our beautiful Rideau Lakes District a prettier and greener place to live through flowers.

We serve the surrounding areas comprised of Perth Road, Westport, Elgin, Newboro, Portland and Delta. Monthly meetings are held centrally at Newboro Town Hall, on the first Tues. of each month, excepting January and February.

As we are affiliated with the Ontario Horticultural Society, we are a nonprofit organization. Our membership fee is very small and partly used to further community plantings and projects.

Each month we have a speaker or group demonstrate a variety of topics: such as landscaping, vegetable gardening, forcing bulbs, drying fruits, vegetables and herbs, hydroponics, flower arranging, bottle gardening and houseplant culture. We plan horticulture-inspired bus tours which usually include the general public.

Our current project is the September Fall Flower and Vegetable Show, to be held at Rideau Vista School, Westport. We're planning a Giant Pumpkin, Gourd, and Sunflower Contest for area children as well as a poster contest. This way, we hope to involve parents and many new and potential gardeners.

You needn't have a green thumb to join, just an interest. Come out and join us on Tues., July 4th, and see if you don't agree that horticulturalists are the friendliest people. Slides will be shown of the recent Toronto Spring Flower Show.

#### EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

Airplanes are always exciting. It stimulates the mind and the imagination to be transported through the skies without visible support. To hear the cough of an engine and feel the surge of power is awesome.

Alas, the thrill is too seldom for most of us. Must we content ourselves to sit in the shade and gaze hopefully into the sky? No, not always.

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attached? They are very realistic,
and they are remote controlled
with a radio system. You will hear
and see more and more about this
growing hobby/sport.

There are pilots of these miniature aircraft in the North Leeds communities of Elgin, Delta, and Westport. A special flying field at Westport and the club, Experimental Model Aircraft, attract members from Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. Summer visitors from the U.S. are encouraged to bring their planes and fly Canada.

For these pilots of the smaller aircraft, the excitement of flying is literally at their fingertips almost anytime they choose. For further information, contact the Club at Westport and watch future issues of the Leeds Lantern for news reports.

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#### NORTH CROSBY RECREATION COMMITTEE

#### WALKATHON HUGE SUCCESS

"My feet hurt, but it was a lot of fun," was the most common remark following the Walkathon held early last month by the North Crosby Recreation Committee. This is a first for the Committee as a fund raising idea. 32 walkers completed the 12 mile route.

Township Reeve Dean Taggart joined in the fun, and finished the walk in 3 hours, 11 minutes. Deputy Reeve Eddie Norwood and Councillor Lawrence Palmer (the oldest of the walkers) also participated.

The youngest male walker was 7 year old Todd Wright of Newboro, and he made it the whole way. The youngest girl, Laura McEwen, didn't quite finish; but she did her best.

The first one to the finish line was Arnold Wright; with Randy Mulville coming in only 2 minutes later.

Dr. Mendall McEwen and five of his children took part and Constable Jim Mc Glade and his wife Jeanne walked the whole way.

Organizers of the walk express appreciation to everyone
who made the walk a successto the O.P.P. for their patrols,
for those manning the very important check points and others
who helped in any way.

An extra big thank you to walkers and sponsors! Keen participants, a beautiful day and generous backers netted over \$1000 for the coffers of the Recreation Committee, which will be used wisely for future projects in the Township.

Lucille Bresee

#### PHILIPSVILLE W.I.NEWS

The Philipsville Women's Institute met in their Hall on June8. The group decided to have the pump repaired and to obtain a fire extinguisher for the Hall.

Roll call was answered with "One way I use metric." Mrs. Hallett explained the system to those present.

The evening's motto was, "The mind stretched by a new idea ne-ver returns to the same dimension." The discussion was very interesting.

Miss Thelma Stevens demonstrated picture making and mounting - fascinating and economical.

Mrs. Hallett gave a report from the district annual.

A delicious lunch was served by the conveners.Mrs. Jansen had the marked tea cup.

The July meeting will be on Agriculture and Canadian Industries, to be held on July 13th at 7:30 pm. in the Hall. The roll call will be Methuselah's menu. Each person is to look up a verse from the Bible pertaining to agriculture. The motto of the meeting will be: "Pioneers had their tranquilizer, they called it work."

Marjorie McCann and Leorene Hayes will be the conveners for the next meeting. Reports for the following meetings should be prepared.

Leorene Hayes

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