

## News of the district

### Curious Alma fence is made of junk

**FERGUS** - Question: What do you do with hundreds of pounds of junk metal?  
 Answer: If you own a welding shop you build a 75-foot fence. At least, that's what Raymond Grose did with all the odd pieces of sheet metal and machinery that gathered at his welding shop at Alma. He happened to have a spot along the edge of his front yard that needed some dressing up and he also had some imagination. The result is a work of art that has been drawing considerable attention in this area.

People driving by on the county road between Alma and Elmira often stop to admire the handiwork.  
 It all started last fall. As another gem arrived, it was welded onto the bare framework of steel tube. When Mr. Grose cut another piece from a sheet of steel, the scrap was kept to fill in. When the whole thing was completed this spring, it was sprayed with aluminum paint.

Now Mrs. Grose is preparing a flower bed to set the whole thing off and the house will have something of distinction.

The visitor can find all sorts of things welded in place. The end nearest the road has an old hand-powered sewing machine at the top and a plow share at the bottom. About the middle, there is a meat grinder, some chain links and a mower blade. At the far end there is a car wheel, a pump cylinder and some old wrenches.

In between can be found pipe fittings, more pump cylinders, part of a treadle sewing machine, wheels of all kinds, a weigh scale, the action out of a shotgun, fan blades and deer knobs what else.

At one spot, there are miscellaneous pieces of pipe forming the word "Walter". The significance of this is not explained. Mr. Grose lives on a fine farm about a mile west of the village of Alma. He raises cattle.



**HEAD TABLE OFFICIALS**, and guests for the Rockwood Home and School graduation banquet, (from left to right): G. T. Hindley, principal of Centennial C.V.I.; L. E. Poor, principal of Centennial Heights V.S.; Kay Powers, student council president; G. E. McRae, Centennial school principal; Major MacCorquodale, guest speaker; Mrs. Lois Tosh, president of Rockwood Home and School; Murray Smeltzer, chairman of Eramosa Twp. school board; Sandy Hudson, vice-president of Rockwood Home and School. (Staff Photo)

### First Centennial school graduates hear Salvation Army major

First crop of graduates from Rockwood's new centennial school were feted last Thursday evening by the Rockwood Home and School Association at the graduation banquet in the school.

Guest speaker for the event was Major MacCorquodale, of the Salvation Army's House of Concord, in Toronto, who spoke to the large number of students and parents on making full use of the mind and body.

Major MacCorquodale referred to experiences in the House of Concord where young people are treated after falling for the current trips with drugs and

indulgent living. He emphasized the return of good health in many cases was slow and in some instances irreparable damage was done. He urged graduates to strive for perfection of mind and body and to make full use of their potential.

The speaker spiced his remarks with humorous anecdotes. He described the pitfalls of Yorkville, tempting to the senses but often the cause of a youthful downfall.

Major MacCorquodale was introduced by Brenda Smith and Bob Wright expressed appreciation.

Special guests were G. T. Hindley, principal of Centennial C.V.I.; L. E. Poor, principal of College Heights V.S.; Murray Smeltzer, chairman of Eramosa Twp. school area and Sandy Hudson, vice-president of Rockwood Home and School.

Mrs. Lois Tosh, president of the Rockwood Home and School was hostess for the event. Welcome to the large class of graduates was extended by school principal Grant E. McRae. Master of ceremonies was student council president Kay Powers.

William Kupferschmidt said grace and the toast to the Queen was proposed by Murray Wilson. Mr. McRae, Mr. Love, Miss Wilhelm, Mrs. Storey and Mrs. McPhodran gave class reviews.

Presentation of school graduation photographs was made by Mrs. Tosh assisted by Lois Hamilton.

Appreciation to Rockwood Home and School was expressed by Gail Montgomery.

Valdictorian Blair Sinclair quoted Robert Frost's poem about two roads diverging in his address, comparing them to the right and wrong roads a student could take. The analogy was well taken when he compared the wrong road to school drop-outs.

The delicious turkey dinner was cooked and served by ladies of the Home and School. Pianist was Carolyn Law.



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### Raise \$1501.60 for Cancer Society

**ERIN** - Canvass receipts for the Erin township section of the Wellington County Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society amounted to \$1501.60, \$8.14 less than the 1967 total.

Broken down the different sections of the township contributed the following: Erin village \$449.55; Hillsburg area, \$271.25; Orton area, \$109.50; Ballinafad area \$127.70; Osprings area, \$163.60.

Cancer Society officials were pleased with results of the canvass.

### Yanks may control P.L.'s

**MILTON** - The Milton-based P. L. Robertson Manufacturing Co. may soon come under control of American owners, it was announced this week.

Directors of the Robertson firm have agreed to sell more than half their common shares to Procor Ltd., of Oakville, at \$35 each plus a large number of third preference shares at \$18.25. Procor is a subsidiary of Union Tank Car Co. of Chicago. Union Tank Car announced it would extend the offer on the same terms to all shareholders, conditional on 70 per cent acceptance from common stock holders and a 67 per cent favorable reply from third preference holders.

Founded in 1907 in Milton by the late Peter L. Robertson, a noted inventor and industrialist, the firm presently includes the Milton factory, the Toronto head office, a Montreal plant, and factories in Florida, Indiana and Puerto Rico. Mr. Robertson invented the socket head screw which carries his name.

Hilton's new industrial promotion film and the award-winning Expo film on Ontario will be travelling to England this summer when Milton Mayor Brian Best takes a holiday to his homeland. The Mayor, his wife and family plan to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Best in Wareham, Dorset. Mayor Best has already made arrangements to take along a copy of the Hilton industrial film, and is attempting to get the popular, "Ontari-ari-ari" picture as well.

While his trip is a holiday junket, Mayor Best admits if any of Great Britain's rich industrialists want to see his films and discuss a move to Milton, well... he just might be able to find the time to do a little promoting, too.

Mayor Best said his father, a Wareham councillor, has talked the Mayor of Wareham into staging a reception in his son's honor.

### Old autos object of by-law

**GEORGETOWN** - Residents owning more than one car will have to watch their P's and Q's from now on, if a zoning by-law amendment voted by council is enforced.

Aimed at residents who, councillors claim, mar the scenery with old automobiles on their property, the law now requires that no portion of a front yard can be used for parking unless it has a paved surface. It also bans parking for vehicles of more than one ton, and requires one covered garage space for every two vehicles on the property.

Some councillors doubted that the amendment would bear up if it came to a court case.

The Ontario Municipal Board has asked Georgetown Council to study capital expenditure forecast more closely before they issue them.  
 Original forecast for town expenditures made in 1967 for 1968 was \$690,000 but actual figures amounted to \$3,315,000. This, cautioned the O.M.B. was stretching dollars too far in a period of serious monetary difficulties.  
 Georgetown's capital debt which will reach approximately six million dollars this year was the main concern of the O.M.B. claimed Deputy-Raeve Speight.

### CHURCHILL

### 130th anniversary for Churchill church

by Mrs. F. McArthur

Churchill church anniversary is to be held next Sunday June 9, at 11:30 a.m. it being 130 years of service at Churchill. The guest speaker will be Rev. Leslie Mott of Hamilton with special music. Everyone most welcome.

Word has been received that Mr. William Butler of Fergus who is so well-known in this vicinity is still in a critical condition in Toronto General Hospital after his accident on May 25. We all hope for better news each week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr were guests on Saturday afternoon, June 1, at the wedding of Brian Bessey and Donna Ridler at Dublin United Church, Guelph, and reception after.

Mrs. F. A. Williamson of Galt, Mrs. E.D.L. Hammond, Miss Lynore Walters, Georgetown, and Mr. Vern Denny attended a dinner party on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McDonald and Gordon in honor of two birthdays in the family.

Mr. Emerson Anderson and his boys Earl and Jim spent the weekend at the hunting camp at Van Koughnet.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence also Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pearce of Toronto visited on Wednesday with Mrs. Alfred Saunders.

Visiting at the parental home with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton and family were Mike and Jenora Hamilton, Mark and wee Amy Lynn of Georgetown also Bill and Karen Smith and wee Stephanie of Ballinafad.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr attended the wedding in Dublin United Church, Guelph of Brian Bessey and Donna Ridler and the reception afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Williamson and Mrs. Annie Burns visited Mrs. Jim Bennett who is a patient in Chedoke General Hospital on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Marchmont of Hornby, also a niece and nephew Mr. and Mrs. William Drysdale, Billy and wee baby Mark of Brampton visited last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Brown and family.

Mr. Fleming and daughter of Toronto visited with her sister Carol and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Saunders and wee son, also Carol's grandfather Mr. White of Toronto spent a couple of days at his home prior to leaving for California.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacArthur visited on Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin, Erin.

### Seven homes

Nassagaweya Zoning administrator S.W. Savage reports building permits for construction with a total value of \$126,250 were applied for within the township during May.

The structures, including seven new residences, two residential additions and an accessory building bring the 1968 total to \$505,550, comparing with last year's tally at this time of \$640,000.

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