

# Rockwood News

By Lorraine Root



## HAPPENINGS OF ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

## Free Press News Briefs

## OUR READERS WRITE:

### DEPLORES MESS

Dear Sir: I wish you would send a photographer to take a picture of the disgusting state of Churchill Rd. South, opposite the new apartment buildings.

What with empty cement bags, brown paper, empty oil cans, polythene sheeting and literally dozens of empty paper cups, the area looks more like a garbage dump than does the official town dump.

My wife phoned the mayor on Friday evening and complained of the mess. He came down to inspect it but nothing has been done. Surely there is a by-law covering the dumping of garbage on public thoroughfares—if not, there should be. All of this mess comes from the building site with the exception of the paper cups the contents of which are consumed while standing around a refreshment wagon. The cups are then thrown into the nearest ditch.

We in the Churchill-Longfield area try to keep our properties in good order, often at considerable expense and with a great deal of hard work, yet the Council seems intent on allowing the surrounding area to look like a slum.

Presumably no member of Council has the intestinal fortitude to tackle the apartment contractors and order them to tidy up the area outside the building site. Nobody dares say a thing to the people with money. Meanwhile we have to view this shambles while the contractors and their workmen daily add to the garbage on the side of the road.

Perhaps a picture in your excellent paper would alert the Acton citizens to the callous manner in which our Council fail to look after the interests of the taxpayers on Churchill Rd.

Chas. E. Wright  
188 Churchill Rd. S.  
Acton.

### TO ALL THOSE ROCKWOOD CITIZENS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE ABOUT THEIR HOME TOWN IN THE ACTON FREE PRESS:

Hi folks! Recently, in a chat with the editor of the Acton Free Press we agreed that a full page of Rockwood news of events past, present, and future, would be a great thing.

Many years ago, many of you will remember, some valiant citizens started up and successfully carried on a small newspaper-type edition of their own which, due to an overload of expenses, etc. fell into collapse, much to the chagrin and unhappiness of many of the Rockwood residents.

Now the Acton Free Press is most anxious to let the news media once again become a weekly part of your Rockwood news diet. This cannot be however, just a one man or one woman approach. It is hoped that any person in the village or area nearby will report incidents and events as soon as possible to me either by phone or a note in the mail.

The basic facts as you know them will be all that is required because I, with the aid of my trusty little typing machine will put them into news form and get them into the Free Press for printing. If you hear of some worthy citizen, new building projects, etc., or even if you want to state opinions, just give me a call and I will use my discretion.

You can make this an interesting and exciting page. So get behind this opportunity for getting Rockwood into the news. Let's make this the most important one-page news media in the country. You produce the facts and I will make sure that it's submitted on time.

Be aware however, that, in order to make the Free Press deadline I must have most data in my hands the Monday immediately before the next edition of the paper.

-Lorraine Root.

### Chose local public speaking contestants.

Raymond Carter, grade two, and April Noel, grade one, students of Rockwood Centennial public school, vied for top honour recently in the local primary and junior speaking contest.

The winners were judged on expression, delivery, and attitude. Raymond gave a rendition of "Grandfather Frog" and April recited a charming poem entitled "Picnic in the Park".

The Junior speakers competed against fellow students and were responsible for writing their own speeches. The three young people chosen to compete in the district competitions were David Buttenham and he spoke on "My Trip to Mooseonee" Bill Koperschmidt chose as his topic, "Banff National Park" and Ronnie McRae's speech was entitled "Bees".

The district competition in which these young speakers will be competing will include the entire Township of Eramosa.

At the present moment the main article on the sports scene at Centennial is the badminton tournament. Mixed doubles teams are competing and the students participating are from grades seven and eight. In the games played this far the results have been: Charlie McRae and Dale Hamilton, Ian Gordon and Laurie Hanson, Charlie Allan and Mary Gooyers, Mike Ferguson and Sandy Root.

The boys' basketball team of last year also defeated our boys in their game. One extreme advantage the grade nine boys had, however, was additional height. This year's basketball team has several grade 7 boys on it—and they are looking forward to a rematch with this grad team come next December.

Our poorest showing this year was when the girls played volleyball against Aberfoyle. They were defeated twice and were certainly not up to form. In fact Mr. Love stated that he could find nine monkeys he would substitute them. However with exception to the Aberfoyle games the girls had a very successful season. Many of them are in grade seven, the majority in fact, and Mr. Love is looking forward to next year when these girls will be in grade eight, plus one year's experience on the school team.

In the latter tournament involving the Love-Marion trophies, a split resulted, Rockwood winning the volleyball and Eramosa the basketball.

To finish up the season the girls played last year's volleyball team (all of them in grade nine) and the old pros came through with the win. From a "properly played volleyball" game this was definitely the best game of the season.

By the way if anyone has a lacrosse team of boys 12-15 there is a team here at Centennial that is looking for games. We just can't seem to find any other lacrosse teams in the vicinity.

Softball teams will be organized during the next few weeks and the track and field day is coming up shortly, hence combine this with the badminton finals and we find quite a busy May-June.

Other events: Mrs. Storey's 7A class has just put on several successful skits on the history of New France, the "Feeble" Family, and a very humorous one on weather forecasting.

Mr. Love's 8A will be putting on the play "Oliver Twist" in about two weeks.

I very much like palaeontology. And for this I need no apology.

I collect lots of bones and rocks. And put them in my big black box.

My rocks fill many racks. Boxes, bags, and socks! My bones with secrets locked inside.

Give me hours of interest wide.

In closing, all I'd like to say, is: my hobby may be a career one day!

-Ian Gordon, 12 yrs. old, Grade 7.

DECORATION DAY is scheduled for June 1.

FIRST SUNBURN of the season on the weekend.

NEW HOMEOWNERS in Lakeview are working hard to produce beautiful lawns and gardens.

GEORGETOWN Legion has 465 paid-up members, with a goal of 500.

SIGNS AT Thompson Motors have been switched to "Gulf."

THE LIBRARY HAS a new selection of books lent for three months by the South Central Regional Library system.

FLOWERS OF Hope can be planted in your garden soon. They're given in return for a donation for the Mentally Retarded.

THE BAND executive is making plans for the official opening of the music centre later this month.

LIONS HELD a pleasant dance in the Music Centre Friday. St. Alban's Guild catered.

IDENTIFICATIONS received for the class photographs in the "Photos from the Past" series don't always jive. So we give names—without a guarantee of accuracy!

THE APARTMENT buildings on Churchill Rd. S. are quite a tourist attraction evenings and weekends. Many people are expressing pleasure at the new buildings' size and view of distant hills.

NIELSEN'S LADIES' Wear section is flourishing a new floor after a near-straight 48-hour's work on the weekend by owner Paul Nielsen. The poured plastic floor is embedded with sparkling gold chips.

THE NEW PLAQUE on the Lt. Col. John McCrae house in Guelph explains the significance of the house—in two languages, English and French. It's the first bilingual historic plaque around.

## ROCKWOOD SPORTS

Now that the smell of springtime is permeating the Rockwood air, so is the appetite for baseball. Whether it be the

good ole faithfuls who just want to try their hand at batting the ball around to see if they still have that men's right-hand swing; the jubilant fathers with the potential 1975 All Stars in their own midst; or just the average Joe who continues to participate in the local baseball team simply for the plain fun of it; in any event, with the coming of the June season, everyone's getting ready.

The Eramosa recreation committee have again entered teams in the Tri-County Minor Softball League. This year, in addition to the Atoms, Squirts, Peewees, and Bantams, teams have been entered in the Midget age group and Senior Girls' League.

The total registration is approximately 150 children and, as there can only be a maximum of 18 players per team, a house league is being organized under the able direction of George Smith, to handle the excess number of players so that every youngster interested will get a chance to play ball.

The season will be getting under way shortly but, as the schedules have not yet been received, the exact dates are not known.

From the Village here, Al Nicols is doing his own thing by sponsoring Rockwood's first Junior team for girls in the 12 to 15 age bracket. They'll have an outstanding coach to give them all the tips and knowhow in Ritchie Rusk. Marion Bayne will be co-ordinator and second coach, with Darryl Nicol standing in as team manager.

Right now the team is in the practice and try-out stage and the actual team players and subs. have not yet been weeded out. League games will be starting off sure in June and they will include teams from Hillsburg, Morriston, Glen Williams, Moffat, Ponsonby and Bellwood. This promises to be an exciting series so we'll keep you posted on its results.

There are many plans in operation for this Conservation Park notwithstanding the regular swimming instruction classes which the children of Rockwood and area can easily take advantage of and enjoy. The dates of these classes will be posted at another time.

co-workers bid Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Miller adieu at a going away party at the music centre on Friday, April 25.

The popular couple is leaving Acton for Madoc where Lorne has bought a service station and snack bar.

There was a presentation to Lorne and his wife with a bouquet of flowers included. Mrs. Miller replied with a kiss for her husband.

Lorne invited anyone passing by Madoc to drop in and see him.

Also presented with a bouquet of flowers were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kentner who were celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary.

The successful party was arranged by Lorne (Minute) Walters.

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### Rockwood park sets record opening date

The weekend's glorious sunshine and summer-like weather enticed many picnickers to the Rockwood Conservation Park and the parking area boasted as many as 125 cars. This set a new precedent in Rockwood because usually the dates set for park entry is later in the season but with such contagious warmth producing high feeling for outdoor enjoyment, everybody was at the gate looking for a place to park their vehicle and relax in the sunshine.

One group of ambitious Boy Scouts including 150 scouts and 25 leaders, arrived on the scene early Friday night for a camp-out despite the possibility of cool evenings. They had a set program of patrol competitions in which the entire Burlington District, involving 17 troops, competed in such events as "preparing a campsite", keeping it clean, and canoeing

### Honor Acton couple

Seventy-five friends and

Kingsbury, Sam Nyholt and Garfield Tarzwell.

The Sportsman's Bowl trophy was captured by the team of Norton's Bluebirds. The Captain, Ivy Ritchie, received her presentation on behalf of teammates, Jennifer Williamson, Bob Vincent, Irene Lavoie, Vic Davies, and Mary Stahlbaum.

Individual trophies were also presented to the following bowlers for their particular categories:

High Average—women: Shirley Salmon 218; men: Dick Dupuis 236.

High Triple—flat—women: Doris Jestin 765; men: Bob Vincent 823.

High Single—flat—women: Irene Lavoie 361; men: Harvey Jestin 331.

High Triple—handicap—women: Gerry Hilton 808; men: Art Nightingale 866; Bill Scott 866.

High Single—handicap—Women: Jenny Williamson 363; men: Blake Kind 354.

Most improved bowler—women: Muriel Buttenham 10; men: Pete Mulden 12.

The banquet concluded a season of good sportsmanship and competitions. The league executives see a future of even greater competition with the hope of a larger league membership for next season.

### Wind up bowling

#### White washers cop Gray trophy

The Acton legion hall was the scene of the Rockwood Bowling League's annual banquet and dance last Friday, May 2.

The Legion Ladies catered to the feast and, after dinner, Bill Ward, the bowling league treasurer, wittily expounded on the "where's and why's of money spent from the treasury".

Duncan McPhederan, in his capacity as president, then gave a humorous address based on a brief resume of the year's happenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gray were on hand to present the Gray Trophy to the captain of the league championship team, Clarence Hilton. Other members on the White washers were Gerry Hilton, Art Nightingale, Winnie Hills, Marina Mulder, and Pete Mulder.

The Dave Gray Trophy is considered to be one of renown inasmuch as this same trophy has been in existence right from the beginning of the bowling league when it was first formed in 1961.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garney also made their presentation of the Garney trophy to the play-off champs of the season. This is also a unique award as this is the first time of presentation and the Shatton's captured this prize. Captain Duncan Kingsbury was ably assisted all season by Dick Dupuis, Shirley Salmon, Ruth

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