

Many new homes, but

Predicted building boom not yet come to pass

Two years ago, Eramosa councillors were predicting a substantial increase in new homes to be built in Rockwood about 1969. It was expected that, at least 200 new homes would have been built by the early part of this year and it could well be considered an area of suburban living for residents commuting to Guelph.

Today, a walk around Rockwood shows only slight progress as far as many of the streets are concerned.

There are a number of handsome new homes on Frederick and Weatherall Streets. The area around the new Centennial School, including Pasmore, Balacava and Guelph Streets, have some very lovely dwellings. Division Street and the new Brady Street at the northeastern end of Rockwood is also being built up with at least six new homes on what used to be the former Fred Moore's farm. Other new sites have sprung up on such streets as Christie, Henry, Gzouki and Dowler Avenue.

All this building, together with new face-liftings of some of the various older homes in Rockwood, give the Village a new sparkle and certainly a look of progress and productivity. Rockwood, originally a retired farmer's settlement, and then a village which tended to encourage a transient population, is now expanding with many outsiders taking up permanent residence.

Even with all these outward signs of progress, the great

of land space on which to build a home. In the Village, our lots are 66 feet by 132 feet, which is not enough, so we have to have two lots side by side or back to back.

"The township has had many requests for land severance but the Board of Municipal Affairs in Toronto have seen fit to turn them down. Consequently we had to form a Committee of Adjustment composed of three members who would be responsible to give a hearing on all requests for severance. The three members are: Mr. W. H. Cargo, chairman, Mr. Cyler Wheeler, and Mr. Elmer McCannell, as Rockwood's representative. Mr. Lloyd Hindley is secretary-treasurer, and it is his responsibility to accept all applications for a severance along with a \$25

charge for the hearing. "Furthermore, Mr. Hindley has to notify all people within 200 feet of the property as to any objection they may have on such a severance in which case they will notify Mr. Hindley in writing accordingly. The hearings will be held on the second Monday of each month in the township office."

"Naturally," continued Mr. Milne, "there will be restrictions, as the committee of Adjustment have to adhere to the zoning by-laws of the township and these zoning by-laws will be in force until such time as the Ontario Municipal Board have a final hearing on it and approval. However, certainly the Committee of Adjustment will do all it can to encourage and approve of more homes than are now in the making."

Summer garb

Swooping canaries are here all year

It is newsworthy to note that flocks of yellow canaries and goldfinches have been invading the gardens and lawns of Rockwood residents the past week. On checking with the College, Dr. Middleton tells me that these birds are American goldfinches which, contrary to belief, do not migrate but stay around all year.

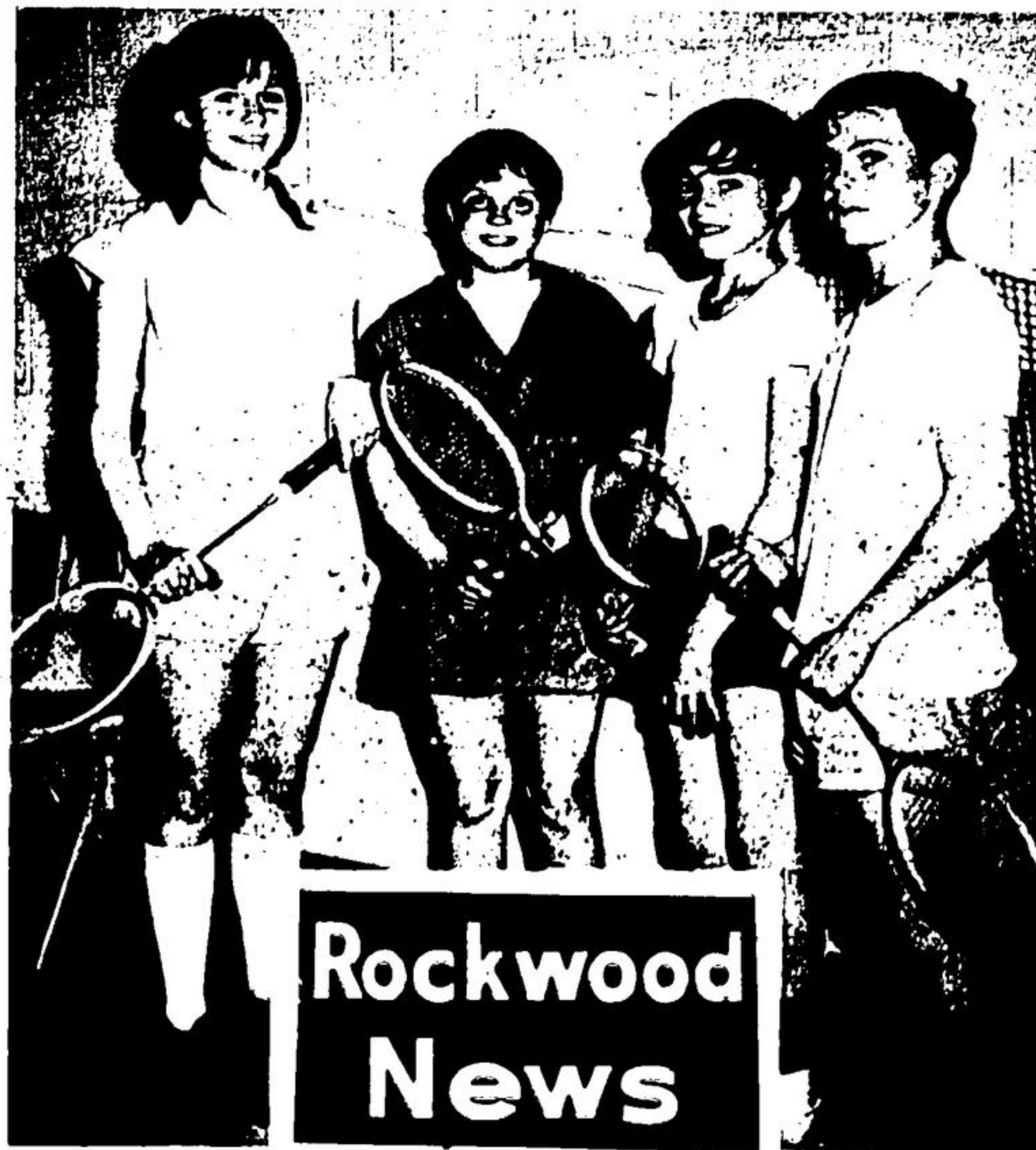
Normally they are a brown-olive shade during the winter but after the breeding season in the spring they assume this gorgeous brilliant yellow shade after moulting. The male will retain his plumage for six months and then change back to the olive shade.

These birds, continued Dr. Middleton, are opportunists and like nomads will move from place to place wherever there is a supply of food. In winter they move in large flocks consisting of from 80 to 100 birds about the countryside and dwell in sheltered areas like cedars and coves. They stay in one locality until food runs out and then move to another location. In the springtime the flock breaks up and the birds pair off with mates into smaller groups of about five or six pairs.

At the present time we are at an in-between period as the goldfinch does not nest until the end of June or beginning of July. This nesting season continues until September when they finish up.

There are many theories why the goldfinch nests so much later than other song birds but Dr. Middleton's theory is that they

like to nest on thistle-down and in the warmer weather. These birds show a distinct preference for plant family composite which includes dandelions, thistles, garden plants etc.



Rockwood News

ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL SCHOOL defeated grade eight runners up Nancy Maradith BADMINION CHAMPS were Sandy Root and Steve Lowrie last Wednesday afternoon. (Staff Photo)

ROCKWOOD PERSONALS

Mrs. Jim Oakes, Mrs. Harold Scott, Mrs. Albert Shultis and Mrs. Andy Johnson went on a scheduled bus trip to Ottawa recently. The bus stopped off at the Parliament building, then on through the Gatineau Mountains, past various sections of interest in the City, and downtown through Hull, Quebec.

Mrs. Audrey Hudson's mother, Mrs. Lillian Doe, is in Rockwood from her hometown of Sutton, Surrey, England. Mrs. Doe will be visiting the Hudson family for the next three weeks.

Friends of Donna Hiltz will be pleased to know that she has passed her second set of examinations with flying colors. Donna is presently at the MacGregor Clinic in Hamilton where she is taking a two year course in radiology as an X-ray technician.

Miss Janet Southwell has now completed her first year at Queen's University where she is taking a course in Physiotherapy. Janet is spending her summer at her home near Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Mason left for England by jet to visit relatives in Deal, Kent, where the sister of her mother, Mrs. Don Hiltz, resides. The couple have rented a car and will tour the southeast coast of England with their final destination, as that of Mr. Mason's immediate family in Wigan, Lancashire.

Miss Brenda Ingle, Harris Street, Rockwood will be a camp councillor at the Anglican Church Summer Camp at Canterbury Hills, this summer.

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Dahmer-Bolton wedding solemnized in Rockwood United church Friday

In a double ring ceremony last Friday evening, the sixteenth of May, Denise Veronica Alison became the bride of Robert E. A. Bolton, at the Rockwood United Church. Reverend Peter Tucker officiated at the seven o'clock ceremony and Mrs. Frank Allison played the organ. The church was beautifully decorated with large yellow and white glads and mums.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace A. Dahmer of R. R. 5, Guelph, Ontario and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Bolton, Catherine Street, Rockwood.

The bride wore a floor length gown of anchie glazed linen with lace and her petalled head piece was shoulder length. She carried a bouquet of orange delight roses. Wearing identical gowns of pale green anchie glazed linen with matching head attendants were Mrs. Judy Hepburn, a friend of the bride, as maid of honor; Miss Diane Brenner, of Guelph; Miss Beverly Dahmer, sister of the bride, and Mrs. Judy Forest, Rockwood. The flower girl was Miss Donna Hepburn, Rockwood and she carried a nosegay of yellow rosebuds. The bridesmaids all

carried bouquets of yellow roses.

Master Randy Flewelling, Belwood, the cousin of the groom was the ring bearer and he wore a black suit.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Horace A. Dahmer.

Guests were present from England, Toronto, Guelph, Kitchener and Rockwood.

The reception and dance was held in the Rockwood Town Hall and the mother of the bride received garbed in a dress and jacket of captain blue with a stunning white hat with blue flowers to match. Her gloves and other accessories were white and she wore a corsage of orange delight roses. Mrs. Bolton assisted, wearing an ensemble of mauve crepe with matching hat and white accessories and a corsage of yellow roses.

The master of ceremonies was Robert Forrest.

The bride left the gathering wearing a lovely knitted suit of mauve boucle with white accessories. On their return from their trip they took up residence at York Rd., in Guelph.

Several miscellaneous showers and parties were given in honour of the popular couple by Mrs. Judy Hepburn, the three bridesmaids together, Mrs. Donna Sweet and a stag by Don Hepburn and Al Shank.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bolton

ROCKWOOD SPORTS

Rockwood ball park was the scene last Tuesday night of a gruelling game when the Rockwood pee wee team only barely came through against the Limehouse team.

Down 10 runs after three and one-half innings, they came back to win 18 to 17, in the bottom of the seventh inning. The

Rockwood team had Hector Thatcher as the starting pitcher for the first half and he was relieved in the third inning by John Dyer.

The second game was to have been played on Sunday but was rained out. The next home game on Tuesday night against Moffat at 7 o'clock.

1969 TRI-COUNTY SOFTBALL SCHEDULE PEEWEES

Convener: Doug Thomson, Tel. 854-2544, R.R. 2, Rockwood

Tuesday, May 13, Hillsburgh at Eden Mills, Limehouse at Rockwood, Belwood at Posenby, Morrison at Moffat.

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Tuesday, May 20, Eden Mills at Belwood, Moffat at Rockwood, Hillsburgh at Limehouse, Posenby at Morrison.

Sunday, May 25, Belwood at Hillsburgh.

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Tuesday, June 3, Hillsburgh at Morrison, Eden Mills at Rockwood, Posenby at Limehouse, Moffat at Belwood.

Sunday, June 8, Moffat at Hillsburgh.

Tuesday, June 10, Eden Mills at Moffat, Hillsburgh at Posenby.

Rockwood students see new city hall

A group of Rockwood and Guelph, Grade 11 students from the John F. Ross Collegiate went on a field trip to Toronto, recently.

There they were taken on a guided tour to the Toronto Harbour where one of the interesting features was the loading and unloading of a Japanese freighter. The guide who conducted the tour gave them a brief talk on "the present and future of the Toronto Harbor and the channels leading into the harbor." She combined this with a resume of "the St. Lawrence Shipping Line."

Besides the freighters and fireboats, the students were able to see the Island Airport and they were reminded that the new parking lot which is now used for the Harbor Commission employees was once the old Toronto Maple Leaf Baseball stadium.

The tour was then conducted to the new City Hall where students were shown through the building to hear a lecture on "the Toronto Planning Board."

This trip was only one of many educational projects which the Collegiate sponsors from Guelph every year.

News and views

By LORRAINE

By Lorraine

FISHING CAN BE FUN

Like many of my female counterparts, I had never even attempted to understand just what it is that happens to our masculine swain every spring as the first of May rolls around and takes them out for frequent escapades to overnight fishing spots and sometimes on weekend jaunts to Ontario's wilds.

I WAS A FISHING WIDOW

The word "widow" is one that can be applied in many areas. We are continually hearing about golfing widows, ball player widows, tennis widows, and doctor's widows. For years now I, along with thousands of other wives, have been struggling to be detached of any identity as a fishing widow.

Actually, that particular identification is not, really, such a dreadful one. In fact, it is probably the most preferable type of widowhood because one always has the double reward of knowing that one's spouse will eventually return, plus the added possibility that he might also be the proud donor of enough filets to feed at least one quarter of your family for one meal. Such rewards can keep one mentally lubricated with hopeful expectancy for many hours.

Now, having always been an outdoor type at heart, and having myself, been exposed to most types of active sports as a child, I had rather put fishing in the same category as golf, sitting in a rocking chair, watching hockey on television, and lawn bowling. Namely, as that of something to be done when one could no longer hit a mean tennis ball or wield legs around a badminton court.

Besides the apparent inactivity of the game, there was also the rather grim mental picture one conjures of the attempt to ease a fat, wiggly, cold, worm onto the hooked extension of a fishing rod. Every would-be fish fanatic must face the inevitable fact that, if they are going to take their new pastime seriously, they must be prepared to accept the full responsibility of attaching their own bait and, if truth were told, this most distasteful task is probably one of the biggest reasons why more women have not adapted more readily to this outdoor activity.

A NEW WORM DEVICE

Maybe if some clever manufacturer could come up with an instant worm, a pretty colored thing which would not move until coming into contact with the water, or even a spray worm that would simply take shape as it was squeezed onto the hook. Maybe then more female fishermen would be lured into the field of fishmanship. I have a feeling though that many husbands would literally massacre any brilliant research expert who dared to invent such a gimmick because what better excuse for an "escape from reality" than an overnight fishing trip with the boys.

And so it was. The art of fishing was never one of my achievements or ambitions until one Christmas morning two years ago I awoke to find, stuffed inconspicuously in the toe of my stocking, a beautiful new spin cast rod all shiny and exciting. I chuckled to myself knowing I would never use it.

I WAS "HOOKED" ON FISHING

Well, thank goodness, I was wrong. That year, come the first of May, found three couples casting their lines on the waters of a local pond in an endeavour to catch enough fish for a weekend breakfast. Me, I didn't catch a thing myself, but I was "hooked".

In the space of a few days I had learned that this was not a sport for the aged; it is just as fascinating as other outdoor skills; there is an excitement of sorts; and it does take special abilities to catch and land some types of fish. The worm? Oh that can be managed by thinking the other way, and before you notice, even that stomach jerking task can be an application of special dexterity and skill.

So, when your husband next suggests a jaunt into the country for a little quiet fishing, just drop the ole "fish eye", toss away your apron, pack up a lunch making sure that you have plenty of insect repellent, jump into the car, and go. Who knows, maybe it won't be the fish but you who will be "hooked".

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