



ROCKWOOD GRADUATES are, back row, left to right Jeff Parkinson, Floyd Nutley, Bill Wandorf, Gordon Toth, Bob Brown, Mike Marshall, Tom Thomson, Clare McDougall, Bradley Kelly, Blair Slipp; third row, Danny Bolton, Randy Downes, Janice Wilson, Marion De Groot, Karen Kramp, Nancy Meredith, Bonnie McKersie, Kathy Holman, Debbie Hartung, Jean Snyder, Marie Saunders, Roger Darby, Jim Gilbertson; second row, Sherry Guild, Patsy Weir, Sandra

Henry, Trudy Glazier, Corinne Kneigt, Mary Anne Milne, Janice Osborne, Diane Seim, Jacqueline Gooyers, Wilma Anderson, Linda Locke, Helen Craigie, principal G. E. McRae; front row, Randy Pettitt, Brian Storey, Don Garner, Adrian Gooyers, Steven Lowrie, Jeff Perry, Bill Mitchell, John Clark, Bill Somerville, Gary Smith, Steven Shultis—(Staff Photo)

## Home and School banquet marks graduation for Grade Eight students

"Having completed these last eight years, we feel a sense of accomplishment. We have a choice now—forward or backward." Thus spoke Mari Ellen Saunders as the quoted James Keller, in her Valedictorian speech as the class representative at the Grade Eight graduation banquet last Thursday night.

Although there is sense of jubilation reigning in such banquets there is also a mixed

feeling of sadness shared by teachers, pupils and certainly the parents combined. Suddenly the small grade one infant holding onto an escorting hand is his own. There is a moment of nostalgic pride for the parents; one of self satisfaction and maybe relief for the teachers; and a sense of adventure for the student.

"We not only have the teachers to thank, but our parents, who have given us

confidence to go on and become what we aspire to be." Mari Ellen Saunders, with her usual display of confidence and aplomb continued, and finished with the thought, "No matter which high school you plan to attend or where you may later travel, keep the name of Rockwood Centennial School with you and uphold its standards."

The graduation banquet of the Rockwood Centennial School has become a very important event to the students attending, and the school gymnasium literally sparkled with the young scrubbed faces of graduates beautifully attired in their Sunday best. Sandy Hudson, president of the Home and School Association, officiated as host for the evening's events with Brian Storey ably managing the role of Emcee. The grace was said by Lucy Reuter and the Toast to the Queen was given by Roger Darby.

Brian gave a short word of welcome to guests and students and the banquet was served. After the dinner Debbie Hartung introduced the guests at

the head table and the emcee proceeded to welcome the parents who were on hand to join the group; various other people gave short speeches of introduction and thanks. Special guests were introduced by Grant McRae, including D. W. Franks, Associate Superintendent representing the newly formed Wellington County School Board. Mr. Franks outlined the immense size of the new County Board of Education and praised Rockwood pupils for their great efforts, commending them on some of their recent achievements.

G. T. Hindley, Principal of Centennial C.V.L., gave a brief welcome to new students from the Rockwood school, and L. E. Peet, Principal of College Heights Vocational School, also welcomed his prospective new students. Murray Smeltzer, the popular retiring chairman of the recently dissolved Eramosa Trustee Committee, gave a short talk to the students, congratulating them for their accomplishments. Brian Storey then introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Peter Tucker, B.A., B.D., Minister of

Rockwood and the Stone United Churches.

Mr. Tucker gave an inspiring talk to the students in which he very nicely outlined the value of education and its role, stressing that "books" alone are not the sole criteria for becoming educated. He made it quite clear that education involves more than memorization and regurgitation of material.

In pointing out that the true radical can often be a positive attribute to society Rev. Peter Tucker said, "The true radical deals first of all with things as they really are and he does not allow others to tell him of the way things are but first makes investigations for himself. 'And,' he continued, 'that is the true purpose of your education.' He concluded his talk by wishing for the students present a full, busy, and exciting life, with a constant pursuit of knowledge.

The teachers present then gave a series of class reviews including ones from G. McRae, R. Love, Miss K. Wilhelm, Mrs. R. McPhedran, Mrs. R. Storey, and Miss H. Gruter. Poems were read which had been written by the Grade 8 students. Mr. Hudson then presented photographs on behalf of the Home and School Association. The Valedictorian, Mari Ellen Saunders gave her speech and the evening was concluded with O Canada being sung to the musical strains of the school piano with Miss Helen Craigie as pianist.



RAY DUHAIME with a mess of speckled he caught in the Eramosa River last Tuesday. Largest was 14 inches in length.—(Staff Photo)

## Rockwood river teems with fish

"No, siree, I won't tell you exactly where I caught it, but I will tell you that I did catch it in the Rockwood River. I also caught eight other speckles that ran between 8 and 11 inches."

This was said by Ray Duhaime, of 121 Guelph Street, Rockwood, as he proudly displayed his trophy, a 14 inch speckled trout, last Tuesday night. According to Ray, the Rockwood River, unknown to many avid fishermen who have returned home luckless is teeming with such fish.

"Last Sunday night," said the proud sportsman, "I managed to hook 19 speckles between 8 to 12 inches, and in the past week I caught 32 speckled trout and three rainbows."

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make many very happy. Room 6 had a tour through the Enchanted Doll Museum at the Rockwood Rockery on Tuesday, May 27. The pupils enjoyed seeing the 500 dolls, many of which are authentically dressed, portraying the different walks of life found around the world.

Many thanks are forwarded to Mrs. Shoemaker for opening a wealth of knowledge to the children in such a short period of time.

Mrs. R. Thomson and Mrs. O. Drijter accompanied Mrs. R. Tripp and her grade four class. The children are now busy in room 6 constructing settings to put their own home-made dolls into this week. They hope to have a display set up by the end of this week for all the school students to see.

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## Horse sense

by  
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Howdy, folks! Didn't do so well this week in Hanover 'cause I was scratched in the seventh race and couldn't run. Dick was pretty hung up about it and told me that I won't be running for two weeks now and that will be in Elmhurst on the thirteenth of June.

How, guess what. I opened the stable door on Sunday and had a great time—ate a whole belly full of grass. Made me feel real good and right frisky. John Salmon, he was plenty sore about that and says it shore ain't going to happen again.

Bill Ward, the local bank manager, dropped around the barn over the weekend. Must have been checkin' up on his investment cause he sure gave me the once over. He made some money on me when I came in second in my last race at Hanover and I guess he wanted to see what shape I'm in for the next trip.

My neighbour Vic Willis fell off a friend of mine on Saturday, and plumb broke his arm so I might have to play the outfield for the next few weeks. Jim says that I don't need to get so uppity 'cause they might find someone better to pinch hit for ole Vic.

Guess who came around here to see me on Monday mornin' just before the big yellow bus ploughed through into Guelph to take the kids to school. It was that coach feller, you know, Darryl Nichol, the one that looks after the girl's softball team. He was tellin' me that the Nichol team had a great game on Sunday night at the Ball Park in Rockwood. He said that he got so excited he didn't move the players around fast enough but when they got started they really played and for their first game they were great. Seems the Bellwood parents were out in great numbers supporting their team, as for Rockwood moms and dads, it was just something to have a least one kind of recreation for the girls, even if it is the same ole ball game pizzazz. Parents are still wonderin' what happened to the tennis courts and roller skating area that they were promised by the Recreation Committee in the ball park.

Heard that the pore li'l Ward kid, Steven, broke his leg in a back yard game of ball last week. He's only goin' to miss a week of school though, but his

leg's goin' to be in a cast for six weeks, accordin' to the doc.

Incidentally, that editor fellow, the jaunty one with the glasses that goes around takin' pictures for the Acton Free Press, was here a while ago. Says he took a great picture of the forty-eight kids at the Home and School Banquet held at that there Centennial School and that the prints are up for grabs for only \$1.00 for a five-by-seven inch and \$1.50 for an eight-by-ten inch effort. Maybe I'll trot over this afternoon and pick one up at the Free Press office.

Yesterday, I was gawkin' over the fence when I was doin' my exercisin' up north of Highway 24 on the second line, and I saw that Haliburton's sure have a bountiful supply of strawberry beds and I tell you guys that those plants are just loaded with big, fat, berries. Bet they'll be at their best come late June and early July. Can't tolerate the things myself.

## U.C.W. completes layette project

Unit Two of the United Church Women's Group in Rockwood, had their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Earl Brown.

The U.C.W. have now completed their project of three layettes for the annual spring bazaar for the United Church overseas Relief Fund.

The program for the evening was based on John 1, chapters 35-42 and the theme for same was "Seeking". It was prepared by Miss G. Hanna, Mrs. George Day, Mrs. Helen Baine, and Mrs. Jim Hill prepared and took the devotional. Two friendly contests were then run off, one based on scriptures, and the other just for fun, and then lunch was served.

The unit usually meets on the last Wednesday of each month but with July and August looming up there will be only one more monthly meeting which will be held in June.

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