

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. McNabb enjoy golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNabb of Rockwood celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last Saturday. They were married at Mrs. McNabb's former home at R. R. 1, Moffat, on June 28, 1919, and have lived all their married life in the Rockwood area.

Over 200 of their family and friends gathered in Centennial School on Saturday afternoon to present the couple with gifts and flowers. Among those to offer congratulations were M.P. and Mrs. Alf Hales of Guelph.

On Sunday, the McNabbs were guests of honor at a family picnic at the home of their

daughter Reba Shultis at R. R. 2, Rockwood. They have five children; James, Acton; Neil, Guelph; Anna, Kitchener; Muriel and Reba.

Guests to visit over the weekend came from Texarcans, Texas; Princeton, New Jersey; Saginaw, Michigan; Guelph, Arthur, Fergus, Niagara Falls, Hamilton, Brantford, Acton and Rockwood.

Among greetings received by mail were cards from Prime Minister Trudeau and Opposition leader, Robert Stanfield, and flowers wired from Mr. and Mrs. Andy Kirk in Scotland.



MR. AND MRS. J. D. McNabb celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday at their home in Rockwood. (Staff Photo)

Mr., Mrs. F. Alton mark anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alton, Station Street, Rockwood, were feted by their family with an Open House on the occasion of the 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon and evening, May 22.

Friends, relatives, and neighbors called in to visit the jubilant couple and they were favored with many gifts of flowers and cards.

Granddaughters from Galt and Guelph served the lunch and the

beautifully decorated anniversary cake; with Mrs. Alton's sister, Mrs. T. Savage, from Goderich, pouring tea in the afternoon, with two sisters-in-law, and four cousins, assisting in the evening.

The guests who came to share this wonderful event came from Penetang, Midland, Toronto, Goderich, Galt, Guelph, Acton, and many more from around the Eramosa Township area and Rockwood.



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ROCKWOOD SPORTS

The Donkey ball game in which the Rockwood Seniors played off against the Guelph C Jays ended up as a spectacular event. With the score tied 1-1 it was necessary to have a donkey race to break the tie. For those who did not attend it would be difficult to know how such a fiasco could be accomplished but it seems that the eleven participating donkeys were placed in a circle in the middle of the diamond and, with both teams lined up at a distance from the animals, the signal was given and the first team with a member reaching a donkey and successfully riding it into home plate, automatically became the winners. This could be considered an asinine way to win a ball game, but the Rockwood team came out the victors.

After losing out on the Thursday night game in Rockwood against Belwood with a score of 5-2 with Chickie Milne on the mound, the Rockwood Seniors redeemed themselves in their win against Norval in Glen Williams on Friday. John Salmon was the winning pitcher with Jim Thatcher pulling off three hits. The next game for the Seniors will be in Rockwood against Norval on Thursday night at 8.15 with a tournament in Glen Williams all of Saturday with Rockwood's first game slated for 11.00 o'clock.

Mr. Bill Ward's Pee Wee team played one game last Tuesday night at Limehouse with a

completed score tied at 6-6. With Dyer pitching there was not much as far as hitting goes just the odd scratch but very close all the way through. With the rain playing havoc with the team's playing schedule they have not had one home game in a month. The next game will be in Moffat to be reported in by the time this paper goes to press.

The Rockwood girl's Tri County team made a great showing against Glen Williams here in their home grounds last Wednesday night. Pitcher Gail Nichol was on the ball but they were still in the cellar until the sixth inning when the Rockwood girls really began getting hits and ended the game with a winning score of 36-30. ALWAYS LOOKING FOR SUPPORTERS the next game will be on Thursday night in Ponsonby at 7 o'clock with the next home game a return one against Ponsonby on Sunday at 7 o'clock.

Back to the old vocal stumping grounds! I still haven't seen any activity towards the promised pavement area for the local tennis courts. It would seem that the Eramosa Recreation boys are still on a one-track line of thinking, or maybe they never had the delightful experience of wielding a tennis racket and placing a ball on a line drive down centre court - if they had it's certain that baseball wouldn't be the only outdoor activity in this Village.

OBITUARY

Respected, long-time citizen Carl Hansen dies in 86th year

Fifty-nine years ago, Carl Martin Hansen and his brother, Johan arrived in Canada from Mysen, Norway and, until his retirement in 1966, Carl worked at Beardmore and Company, Limited.

In his earlier years, Mr. Hansen was in charge of the light, heat and power of the Beardmore plant and, in this field, was a master mechanic. He was also a skilled cabinet maker.

Keenly interested in town, community and world affairs, Mr. Hansen served on the Public Utilities Commission, the town Council, the Cemetery Board and the board of managers of Knox Presbyterian church, of which he was a member. Quiet and unobtrusive by nature, his efficiency and foresight won him the respect and admiration of all with whom he came into contact.

Three years ago, Mr. Hansen suffered a severe illness which forced him to retire, at the age of 83 but, in spite of impaired health, he enjoyed the ability to work around the home.

In 1913 Mr. Hansen married Emma Anderson and five years

ago last July, the happy occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary was celebrated with their family; Gordon of Milwaukee; Edward A., principal of Acton High School; Wilma (Mrs. Clarence Coles, R.R. 2, Acton; and Dora (Mrs. Howard Coles), St. Mary's.

A sister, Mrs. Aksel Breivig (Anna), of Mysen, Norway, is the only surviving member of a family of ten.

The funeral was held on Monday, June 23, at the Rumley-Shoemaker Funeral Home, with Rev. Andrew McKenzie officiating. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Palbearers were four grandchildren: Bruce Coles, Stephen Coles, Ronald Hansen and Bill Hansen; a nephew, Roy Hansen; and Thomas Ware who was associated with Mr. Hansen for many years at Beardmore and Co.

Four grandchildren, also, Jimmy Coles, Leslie Coles, John Hansen and Paul Hansen were flower bearers.

There are also sixteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Free Press Personals

Mr. Grant Withers is home again after a stay in hospital.

Miss Edith Prosser of Bracebridge is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. Roy Arnott, who is employed by the town, is on the sick list and will be home for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. James McGladrey had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. George Inch, Sharon and Laura of Orlando, Florida.

On Sunday Vern Denny and Brent Marshall flew on a charter flight to England, to spend the summer touring Britain and Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillman from R.R. 1, Grand Valley, visited his Uncle Minute Walters this past weekend.

Miss Jane Watson and Miss Mary Watson flew Monday to the Maritimes and will spend July visiting relatives there.

Miss Kim Wood is home again after being in Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto. She's the daughter of Cons. and Mrs. Roy Wood.

Mrs. Velma West and Mrs. Thelma Moulton of Scarborough have just returned from two weeks' vacation in the Hawaiian Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. George McGladrey of Thornton celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at Mr. and Mrs. James McGladrey's, Acton, with a number attending.

Visiting with relatives in town were Mr. J. Kerr Brown of Winnipeg and Mr. John Brown of Calgary. Mr. Kerr Brown left Acton in 1902, he recalls.

Miss Janice Drew is a patient in St. Joseph's hospital, Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mann, Stephen and Kevin of Delhi, have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mann prior to moving to Fredrickton, New Brunswick, with the Canadian Tire Association.

Colleen and Frank Houston, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houston, Main St. N., left on Tuesday to spend the summer in Ireland with relatives.

Councillors, the clerk, deputy-clerk, assessor, press, wives and guests enjoyed the annual council steak barbecue last Wednesday evening. This year the event was held in the back garden at the home of Mayor and Mrs. Duby. The mayor's guitar was still warm from the previous night's singing session of the Mayors and Reeves convention, and the group enjoyed singing for their supper.

Attending the anniversary party of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rogvaldson of Elliott Lake held at the home of their daughter Mrs. J. Tatton, R.R. 4, Acton, on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Alan Guay of Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. E. Guay of Trenton; Mr. and Mrs. Dickson Bailey of Orillia; Miss Jackie Rogvaldson of Elliott Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor of Orillia; Rev. and Mrs. H. Bailey, Marcell and Glen of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. E. Rogvaldson, Galt; Mr. and Mrs. C. Rogvaldson and Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rogvaldson and Bill of Acton.

Gord McKeown heads new Rotary executive

Last week's Rotary club meeting, held at the fire hall, was hosted by Rotarians Jim Ledger and Ed Huxley.

Business discussed dealt mainly with renovating the scout hall. It was reported that the club had progressed considerably in this venture and had now completed the re-tiling of the ceiling.

The club was honored to have present at its year-end meeting District Governor Ken Miller who was on hand to witness the passing of the gavel. Incoming president Gord McKeown gratefully accepted his new

position and all its duties and obligations for the forthcoming year from former president Gary Dawkins. For the new year the president will be assisted by vice-president John Anderson; secretary Fred Gordon succeeding Ron Lewis and returning treasurer Dave Manes. Club members expressed gratitude for the contributions of past president Gary Dawkins.

During the past year the club was extremely successful in expanding its membership as well as increasing its services to the community.

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