



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS attracted shoppers at Saturday's Anglican Church Women's bazaar in St. John's parish hall Rockwood. Mrs. Cardwell shows some of the colorful decorations to two junior auxiliary members Cheryl McMinn and Linde Cox. —(Staff Photo)

Edmin's and Goin's

Friends of Mrs. J. A. Little on Main Street have been concerned but will be pleased to know that she is recuperating from her temporary setback and feeling much better again.

Friday last, was a red letter day for little Pam Ingle when she had her cast finally removed. She is now in the process of learning to stand and walk again and everyone will be happy when she is running around and ice skating again with the other Rockwood children.

The new snowfalls are pulling local snowmobile fanatics out of their place by the fireside. Camaraderie reigns as drivers and riders pick up other cohorts and drop in for coffees and refreshments after late night and early morning snow escapades.

Operators and owners of the country's newest family fun invention feel that it's revolutionizing neighbourliness, and snowmobilers around the village say that they have a whole new radius of friends.

One Eramosa resident reports waking up to see five machines parked outside their home early last weekend, at 1:30 a.m. welcomed ten friends who had gotten together in spontaneous delight at an early morning snowfall. People are really learning to enjoy the great outdoors.

The St. John's Anglican Church bake sale held last Saturday afternoon was quite a financial success and there is a village hope that the skate and

boot exchange will become a regular affair. The winner of the Christmas cake draw was Mrs. Ozzie Meadows on Alma Street.

Eight ladies representing church organizations from various Rockwood and Eramosa churches met at the home of Mrs. Helen Sinclair on MacKenzie Street last Monday evening, to discuss and partially organize a visiting schedule for the residents of the Eden Home for the aged.

Many potential future considerations were mentioned as those present were also aware of a need for local visiting, a place for elderly contemporaries to meet, and also, the necessity of setting up some type of car pool system to be made available for community people who require hospital and doctor transportation. Three ladies have volunteered to set up and arrange the visiting schedule which will probably be in effect in early January of the new year. Anyone who would like to be included on the visiting list should contact Mrs. Sinclair.

Village residents have expressed sincere concern and hope for the recovery of one of our newest citizens, Mr. Prow, Main Street, who recently suffered a serious illness. Friends and neighbours trust that he will soon be well again and want his wife and family to know that they share their concern.



TEN JUNIOR MEMBERS of the Rockwood Trail Riders were rewarded for their performances in the past year, when they received merit certificates at the club's closing banquet in Rockwood, Saturday night. Front row l. to r. Tim Dale, Beth Thomson, Greg Dale. Middle row l. to r. Barbara Makburne, Ken Tuck, Jim Thomson. Back row l. to r. John Dale, Judy Hoppe, Buzz Ellis, Lynn Duncan. (Staff Photo)

Decide on location of new post office

A special village council meeting was called and held at the Town Hall last Thursday, December 4, when the 1969 Trustee Board met with the zone property manager of Accommodations Services of the Department of Public Works of Canada to discuss construction of the new Rockwood and district post office building.

Trustee chairman Don Hills, Bert Smith, Ken Murray, and Chas O'Brien were on hand to discuss with federal representative, C. E. Sweet, the possible placement of the new building and it has been agreed that the village will sell one and

one-half bits of their No. 7 Highway procurement of the old S. S. No. 9 Public School property, with the understanding that the post office will have top priority. Tenders will be out in the spring of 1970 with possible building completion by early fall of the same year. Facing on Alma Street it will have a side entrance on Inkerman Street to accommodate school children from the Centennial Public School thus avoiding danger of possible highway trespass. There will also be car parking access to the site.

HAPPENINGS at ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



The annual Rockwood Christmas Concert will be held on December 18 in R.C.S. room 12.

Red Cross bean guessing contest made \$1.05. Peter Dudnick won the prize a 35cent chocolate bar.

The teachers will be playing the girls' volleyball team Wednesday. We should be playing a basketball and volleyball game with Eramosa next week. After the holidays we will play the six teams we played soccer against but this time in girls' volleyball and boys' basketball.

Academy still locally owned

"Although the Rockwood Academy is a historical building, it is privately owned and no organization of any kind has ever contributed to its restoration and its maintenance."

A local daily newspaper made reference to the Academy recently but mistakenly referred to it as having been sold. The news item was quickly picked up and transferred vocally throughout the village and district as factual with accent on the fact that historical plaques made it a matter of public ownership rather than one for personal sale.

HOLIDAY TIP
Before decorating your Christmas cake, food specialists at Macdonald Institute, Guelph, suggest brushing it with a slightly beaten egg white diluted with 2 tablespoons of water. Let dry. The icing will then stay on the cake better and crumbs will be less likely to come free to spoil the appearance.

Horse sense by Pretty Fair



Ta-dee-daw, de-daw-dee-Hawlee, ta-dee-daw-dee-daw-dee-daw, daw daw!
Wal, yew fawks just dropped in a good time tase me an Freddie practicin' fer th' Christmas speshul wut me an Dakie Ellis an some o' the other horses is tryin' t'git started up. We thot it might be kinda fun t'go around t'all th'barns and sing carols and spread the ole cheer, especially whar ther's some sick varmin's around.
Course, lots depends on whut Jim an Dick's got thot up 'cause if they de-cides t'ake us out hitched up t'he cutter we just can't git out o'that nohow 'cause, like I wuz sayin' just yesterday t'Freddie, "Arter all, it's them guys whut owns us an them guys whut gives us all our vittles so they's nuthin' we can dew t'repay them fer thar hospitality 'ceptin' takin' them out fer rides once in a while."

Freddie's a kinda mean cuss sometimes an he thinks that ole Dick's just usin' me a little 'cause all th'guys have been ridin' him about in-vestin in one o' them snow-mo-beel contraptions an Freddie, he figgers ole Dick's just plannin' on usin' me fer his winter fun so's he can save some o'him money. Course it probably aint troo 'cause no buddy has more Christmas spirit then those ball playin' yokels so's I don't think fer a minute that I got reason fer complainin'.

Achooly, I aint set m'eyes on that Stratton Corner pur-veyor fer a dickans of a ti-me until just last week he dropped in an gave me a hunk o'yugar. Came around fer a spell this week agin but muttered that he thot I might be gittin' tew fat so's had'n't brot me nothin'. Freddie's th'one wot got sore about that 'cause I'd told him that if I got any more sweets this week I'd give it all t'him fer his new fe-male roommate whuts livin' in th' barn with us these days. He's gone kinda sweet on her.

Boy, this Thatcher guy shier is runnin' him-self quite a boardin' racket. Started off with just a few palavarin horses o'his own around here an now he's got another Standard Bred trotter belongin' t'Jack Hamilton stayin' here besides me, Pretty Fair. He's already had Freddie around th' place fer a while and now, just t'gun up the works, he's brought in this other female belongin' tew Bob VanWyck in Rockwood, an they calls her Lady R.K. G-a-w-y, does that braved think she's sumpin'. Keeps referrin' t'me as th'old gal an, just 'cause she's a fresh young filly whut's only two years old, she thinks she's proper t'antalizin'. Wal, believe me yew, I don't aint t'pay any attention t' that kinda goings on - I got Dakie Ellis an them as much as I can tolerate fer boy sumpin's.

Anyways I'll soon be tew busy t'git tew in-volved 'cause Jack Hamilton's bringin' me up a speshul harness reel soon now so thet I'll keep in gewd condishun with werk-outs, pullin' th' cutter around. Course, I'm expectin' t'pull some o' the cute little Thatcher kids around tew, along with some o' there pals, so shouldn't git too flamsy durin' the off-harnessin' seasion.
Incidental like, I shore was daggummed burned up about one incident about which I won't menthun no names. I heard t'tell 'bout that Trail Rider's organization havin' it's annual bang-quit last weekend so's I meandered over t'tee whut was goin' on. Wal, imagine my surprise when I hears ole Dukie Ellis's name and Tony Pettitt bein' called fer speshul trophy winnin's. G-A-D-zooks, maybe if old Jim Thatcher would join the Rockwood Trail Riders he could git me in fer sum o'that thar loot. Me an' Freddie shore wuld like that, sozhilizin' allus been one o'my speshulities yuh know, an with me close re-lashun-ship with ole Dukie Ellis, we'd have lots t'tawk about an all thot.

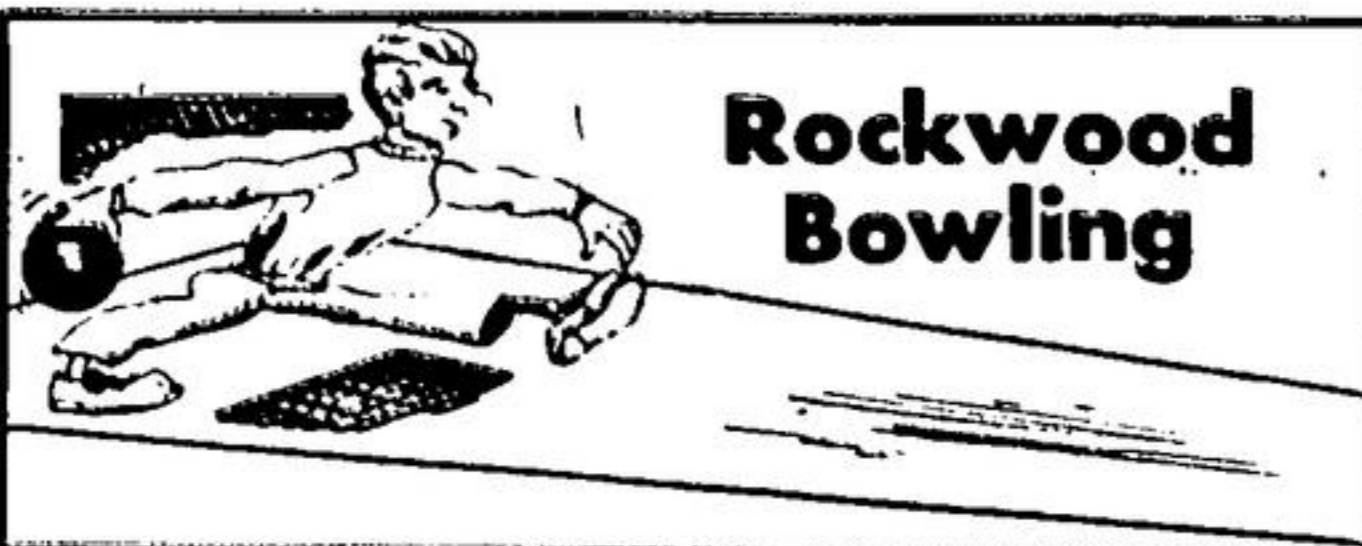
Wal, it looks like I gits to drive th'cutter t'pick up the ball player's Christmas tree this year, so's I'd best git ready her harnessin'. Jack Hamilton just pulled up an he's got th' darn thing over his arm so's I guess I'd better leave yew all naow until next week. So, keep warm, keep friendly, an, more important, keep happy.

Your friend,
Pretty Fair.

Rockwood News



ROCKWOOD TRAIL RIDERS held their closing banquet in the Rockwood Town Hall, Saturday night. Trophy winners were, front row l. to r. Babs Ellis, Lynn Duncan, Jean Pettitt. Back row l. to r. John Dale and Tom Smith. —(Staff Photo)



Rockwood Bowling

Strattons are still the team to beat for the Rockwood Bowling leagues as they are in top rung position with 55 points. Second place Carneys have 49 points; Queen of Hearts is Team No. 3 with 47; 4th place Nortons have 46; Elmer's Alley Cat's 43 points have them in 5th position; 6th Spot shows the Four Corners and the Neighbours vying with an even score of 39 points; 7th place is taken up with the Begoodorbegones with 38 points; Whitewashers are in 8th position with 33 points; and the 9th position away down low shows the Untouchables with 31 points.
The Carney's team took 5 points from Elmer's Alley Cats last Tuesday night and Fran Crooks helped her team by

pulling off a 571 score. Begoodorbegones took 5 points against the Four Corners 2, and Jim Thatcher on the winning team ran up a 641 as Marg McKersie with the Four Corners made a 570.
Stratton's took a straight 7 points from Nortons and the Dunc Kingsbury score of 677 and Shirley Salmon's 596 was all part of it but the Norton team's Fred Nightingale made 730 the top score for the evening.
Clarence Hilton's 602 score helped the Whitewashers to take a 5 to 2 lead against the Untouchables and the Queen of Hearts beat out the Neighbours with a 7 to 0 score. Harvey Jestin of the Q. of H. ran up some 672 points and team mate Doug Chandler 670.

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