

# Antique Corner

FROM YOSEF DRENTERS' COLLECTION

The very old Friesian Dutch clock shown here was hand crafted sometime during the late 1700's or early 1800's. This particular piece is an exceptionally fine one with 5 hand painted oil paintings on oak panels inserted adding to its decorative value. A moon at the top of the dial is manipulated automatically showing its daily cycle changes corresponding with the quarterly, half and full moon. These clocks were considered especially helpful in foggy weather when it was difficult to see the moon and know what particular stage it was at.

This beautiful masterpiece is wound by means of pulling a chain to which a lead weight is attached and will run approximately four days before the chain needs to be pulled again by hand. The inner works are executed in brass and the pillows carrying the works are beautifully turned in 18th century styling.

Carved symbols depicting prosperity and abundance are attached to the topmost part by bunches of luscious grapes representing growth. The dial plate has four brass figures, one of which represents agriculture, another justice, one other hope, and the fourth Bacchus the god of wine.

A number of these collector's items have been transported to the Americas with Dutch emigrants and are particularly valuable.



## Exotic Spain, Morocco highlight trip for five happy travellers

Old world splendour and beautiful scenery enthralled Rockwood visitors recently during a three week trip.

Art and Moira Nightingale, Bob and Vivian Noble and Louis Carriero were the five travellers who returned home a week ago from their visit to places usually seen by most of us in colored brochures and travelogues.

The beautiful and ancient city of Lisbon with its cathedrals, art galleries, and museums was toured and explored thoroughly by the fascinated Rockwoodonians and snapshots and postcards show the unusual and rather antiquated stores with small doorways into which one must walk before knowing what type of shop it is. Only one large department store equivalent to the western world's modern type was seen by the quintet who spent approximately a week touring and sightseeing throughout the city.

From Lisbon the Rockwood travellers continued on through Portugal, down into Spain and then took a boat trip from Algieres to Ceita, Morocco where they viewed a bull fight in the arena there and then on to Tatan and Tangier where they were intrigued by black flags which were flying high from stately poles. Upon enquiry they learned that the Morocco Sundays fall on our Fridays and that, every Sunday, a black flag is always flown. "It was quite like Biblical times" said Moira Nightingale when asked about her visit. "We arrived in Morocco in mid February only two days before their Christmas and, as read about in Bible times, the people of that City had slaughtered lambs and hung them in their doorways."

Spending a day and night in Morocco visiting gift shops and just generally touring about, the group then left to return to Spain and, on their excursion to Santandaren they stopped off to see a bullfight and also had the opportunity to absorb the fantastic beauty of the farmlands and fruit growing areas of the Spanish countryside. Oranges, lemons, olive and cork trees, colored and added to the beauty of Spain in which the travellers noticed that the houses in the cities were mostly tile roofed, and colored ceramics patterned the houses and stores. The sidewalks were neatly laid of hand-cut stonework colored in blacks, creams and grey mosaics; cobblestones providing the roads in Morocco for the small cars, bicycles, and Honda-type motorcycles which are the common modes of travel, with general delivering of bread and milk being conducted from hand push cars similar to a Toronto peanut vendor's wagon.

Women carrying baskets on their heads containing fruit and vegetables are still very much part of the Eastern charm although western garb and hair style is worn throughout most of the countries and cities visited by our local travellers. "The only time we saw native dress and dances" said Moira, "was during a visit to a Portugal Night Club when native dances "out of this world" were performed in costume by Portuguesians" and one of the most noticeable surprises to the group was that in the majority of the places visited, most of the residents could speak English and there were few problems in hotels, banks or restaurants.

It was also noted by the excursionists that Morocco was terribly poor with little children, particularly attracted to the foreign tourists, begging on the street for pennies and food.

The five travellers had first become intrigued with the idea of a holiday in Spain after a viewing of home movie films of two Rockwood friends, Marlene and Teddy Buczek who had made a similar trip approximately a year ago. "It was a yen really" Moira chatted on, "I like travelling and meeting people; it gives me a greater insight into why we should all be thankful to be Canadians."

During the tour through Spain their stop-off at Santandaren culminated in the meeting of relatives of close friends from Georgetown, Ontario, by whom they were happily received. According to the visitors from Rockwood, they were generally accepted right throughout their entire trip with friendship and courtesy.

After spending some time visiting all the places of interest in Spain which they could absorb in a limited number of days, the Nightingales, Nobles and Louis Carriero then returned to Lisbon from where they flew back to New York, on to Montreal and then homeward bound to Rockwood via automobile. A marvellous holiday was over but, true Canadian fashion, they were all happy to arrive home again.

Recently, a 10-year-old French girl wrote, on the birth of babies, a composition that went like this: "In France baby girls are found in roses and baby boys in cabbages. In England and America babies are brought by the stork. In all other countries, babies are born the normal way."

## Rockwood News

### Horse sense

by  
Pretty Fair



Howdy yo all folks. The cold blast o'winter weather over last weekend shore did set yuh back a bit didn't it? That I was dreamin' about the pervadin' sunshine wot was finally gonna be on its way an then that daburned mother nature pulled a fast one gave us a fresh blast o'snow.

It aint so much that I hate the snow but it seems t'me that as long as that white stuff is still on th'ground my weryk gonna be cut out fer me wut with that Martin Du-pus kid takin' me out and runnin' me all around in th'cutter so much o'time.

Course, whose 's'ay that it's gonna be one bit better when it does go wut with Dick plannin' to buy me a new Easter hatnets fer gettin' hitched up t'be jigger with. The boys is gettin' all excited right now, they went t'Mohawk last Saturday and made a little extra jack t'spend fer Easter eggs fer thar kids n'stuff an' now they can't wait till May when the summer racin' season starts in Orangeville an Hanover. Gawdy, them guys shure has got a good dose

o'racin' fever nears I ken see, an it can shore have a m-o-h-a-w-a-k effect on sun fellers cause they can lose a lot o'dough, rac. me, if'n they aint careful.

Heard Dick tawkin' though, about the Mohawk Raceway been t' a good place t'race, Marlene, 'cause they have fashion shows every Wednesday eve thar beginnin' at 8 o'clock with speedol garments imported from Toronto. So he's got 4 weeks o'good bettin' time t'd make down on the boys figger that if'n the lady folks is happy watchin' fashion shows, they won't mind them speedol money on racin'.

Wal, folks, it's t'warn' into a great day an' I'm all fer that but I gotta go now an' get my Easter eggs all wrapped up wut I got fer Freddie an' Apple with a bag speedol one made of wheat cakes an' eye flour fer thar dog-busted grand friend o'mine, Duke Ellis. So remember now don't eat too much o'that Easter choccolat stuff o'ther Easter choccolat an' wot'll really get round an' wot'll enjoy yer holidays. Be gewd now yore friend,  
PRETTY FAIR.

## COMIN'S AND GOIN'S

An Easter surprise for Rockwood villagers is a brand new baby girl born to the Gary Braces of Inkerman Street. The 7 lb. 1 oz. cherub was born at 2:55 a.m. Sunday, March 22, at the Guelph General Hospital, a sister for Allison, Anita, and Colin. Many congratulations to Marilyn and Gary, her proud parents.

The affection of Rockwood villagers is expressed in their deep concern over the recent hospitalization of Pam Ingle in the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. Everyone is hopeful that the doctors' optimism of a limited stay of three weeks will be fulfilled and that Pam will be home again soon.

Rev. Dr. Gerald Bell has returned to his Harris Street home after a month's vacation in Frostproof, Florida, near Orlando, just in time to get his spring planting on the way for his usual summer display of beautiful flowers of which villagers are so proud.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Root are also home from their vacation in Florida after four weeks of balmy southern breezes.

Friends and neighbours of Roy Lovel are glad to see him back from the Guelph General Hospital feeling slightly more fit and we all hope for a completed recovery soon.

Acton's Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnston have completed their three week vacation which they and Mrs. Johnston's mother, Mrs. Rose Dyer, spent in Florida recently.

The primary grades up to Grade 4 were given a special treat last Tuesday morning when the "Raise money for Grades seven and eight Quebec tour" committee sponsored a movie presentation of Blue Beard's Ghost. A number of parents were also on hand to enjoy the movie and purchase popcorn prepared by the Grades seven and eight girls.

The programmed presentation of "Gracious Living" which is being sponsored for the Catholic Women's League by the Ida Burns & Associates of Port Credit has been planned to help defray costs of the educational program set up for Isabel Cordone, Guatemala, the foster child being sponsored by the

Rockwood and Oustic C.W.L. On Monday, March 30 at the Rockwood Centennial School auditorium the 8 p.m. event will include a talk on table settings, hints on interior decorating, and new ideas for your kitchen.

Mrs. Howard Brace has had a winter visitor this past season in the person of her mother-in-law from Orillia, Mrs. J. Calderwood, who will be leaving again soon for her hometown return.

A fashion show sponsored by the Rockwood Home and School Association will display the latest features for springtime wear from the Walker's Department store in Guelph on Thursday, April 2 at 8 p.m. to which everyone is cordially invited with door prizes, fun and food on the agenda of entertainment.

Mrs. W. J. Guild of Mary Street, will be entertaining Mrs. J. Calderwood for an evening before her departure to Orillia, Ontario.

The drive to raise funds for the Grades seven and eight Centennial School children's trip to Quebec is really on, and the Tour committee are asking everyone to set aside the date of Friday, April 3, for an evening of dancing to the Music of "The

## Serve blarney, stew at pot luck supper

Rockwood's first St. Patrick pot luck supper held last week was a colossal success, according to the green chef-hatted stewards of the United Church who hosted the affair.

Steaming pots of glorious smelling and savory stew to round up the appetite of Patrick O'Flannagan or any other Irish mother's son bedecked the long buffet supper table, with homemade rolls, fancy relishes, pickles, chili sauces, and special salads, blending in with the food fare, with touches of green added by the little folk.

Shamrocks decorated the wedged chef caps worn by the culinary experts as they served behind the table in white shirt-sleeved elegance handing out free Irish smiles and attempts at pure Irish blarney to everyone as they filled their

Country D's" at the Centennial School gymnasium with prizes, good music, and hours of fun in the offing. Tickets can be purchased at the door and everyone will be welcomed!

Alan and Joan Mason (Hills) will soon be changing their residence to 7205 Sixteenth Avenue, in Burnaby, B.C. In a recent letter home she mentioned a barbecue at Stanley Park, Vancouver with friends where the 55 degree temperatures reigned with daffodils, narcissus, and dogwood flowering in fantastic supply.

Rockwood residents who remember Frank Guild, also known in theatrical circles as "John Rockwood" or "Mr. Rockwood" will be interested in hearing that, now retired, he is wintering in France with his wife from which place he sent a postcard saying that he is well and happy, to Mrs. W. Guild on Mary Street, Rockwood.

Rockwood friends will be pleased to know that Mrs. Flora Malby is now back home recuperating slowly after her sojourn in the Guelph General Hospital. Everyone hopes for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Ida Pierce of Station Street, Rockwood, attended the wedding of her grandson Robert James Pearce in Morrisston, Ontario, last Saturday, March 21.

plates with heaping helpings of holiday fare. The wives of various stewards on the Board convened the supper and prepared the homemade dessert cakes and all the other delicacies while Lois Tosh and Gladys Hanna proudly produced the gourmet delite "a la Irish stew."

Approximately 150 guests were there to enjoy the new venture which may become an annual happening and stewards, under the chairmanship of Albert Malby were: Gladys Hanna, Elwood Tosh, Ray Thompson, Roy Petty, Murray McLaren, Bob Noble, Robert Tripp, Herb Smith, John Carney, Chester Meek, and Lloyd Marsden who recently moved to Guelph, and all agreed that it was a grand evening "Sure and Begorra!"

## Bus drivers, guests attend Safety Association banquet

Approximately 200 school bus drivers with their husbands and wives constituted the gathering of 400 people at the Transportation Safety Association of Ontario banquet held last Saturday evening at the Estaminet Hotel in Burlington, Ontario.

Peter Johnson and Walter Gordon were two of the Eramosa drivers who received safe driving awards for only one year of service; Allan Burnett, area Supervisor for the Norton Bus Lines with a four year background, and Marion Allan, Elizabeth Burnett, Helen Elliott, and Ivy Ritchie, won their awards for five years of safe driving services.

Marion Duffield was on hand to receive her award as an 11 year driver for the Norton drivers from Guelph, along with other city operators, Bernice Snooks with 2 years experience and Irene Copeland with four.

Among the guests at the annual, 27 year old affair, were the following area residents: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Allan, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Duffield, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eason, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Howatt, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Metcalfe, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff

Shaw, Mrs. Bernice Snooks, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Speare, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tuffin. The head table was occupied by the executive of T.S.A. and their wives, and guests, Hon. George Kerr, Mayor Harrington of the Town of Burlington, and Police Chief Skerritt. Defensive and accident free driving were the necessary requisites for the winning of awards in a group of bus drivers who share camaraderie and friendship as they make their daily routes transporting children to their various public schools.

"If anything is lost it's always on the bus that it happens" said attractive Betty Burnett who has found everything from lunchtime bananas to expensive fur mittens left behind by some mind-occupied child.

The Norton Bus line has been in Eramosa for only two years but is now expanding into the Guelph area with 19 routes in all and the 1968 statistics show 10 fatalities in Burlington being reduced in 1969 to only 5 which is attributed largely, according to the Burlington Police records, to the Bus Company's policy of "defensive driving" as the safest method of transportation for all passengers.

After the presentation of awards entertainment was then provided to the assemblage with

the Vince Mountford Troupe providing a terrific floor show, after which a draw was made with the lucky winners for the evening being Marion and Arnold Duffield, Pat and Jack Nightingale, Marion Allan and Alan Howatt.

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By its Railway Transport Committee

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

In the matter of the application of:

I-Canadian National Railways, to discontinue passenger-train service between:  
Area (Province of Ontario) Train No.  
Toronto —Palmerston 670, 671, 672  
Palmerston—Owen Sound 670, 671, 672  
Palmerston—Southampton 656, 668, 669  
Stratford —Kincardine 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667  
660, 661

II-Canadian Pacific Railway Company, to discontinue passenger-train service between Toronto and Owen Sound, in the Province of Ontario, provided by passenger trains Nos. 302, 306 and 307;

III-Canadian National Railways, to discontinue that portion of their passenger-train service between Toronto and Guelph, in the Province of Ontario, provided by passenger trains Nos. 986 and 987.

TAKE NOTICE that the Committee has determined under its Order No. R-6313 dated August 5, 1969, that the amounts which constitute the actual losses attributable to each of the above described passenger-train services in each of the prescribed accounting years are as follows:

	I (C.N.)	II (C.P.)	III (C.N.)
For 1966	\$414,073	\$76,640	\$126,955
For 1967	454,962	89,606	141,060
For 1968	480,244	97,935	147,313

TAKE NOTICE ALSO that PUBLIC HEARINGS of the above APPLICATIONS will take place commencing at the hour of 9:30 a.m. at the following places and dates:

**GREY COUNTY COURT HOUSE, OWEN SOUND**  
Commencing March 31, 1970

**WELLINGTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE, GUELPH**  
Commencing April 8, 1970.

It is the Committee's intention to consider the application of Canadian National Railways shown in I above as the first order of business at the hearing in Owen Sound commencing on March 31, and then to consider the application of Canadian Pacific Railway Company shown in II above in Owen Sound after the completion of I. The Committee intends to consider the application of Canadian National Railways shown in III above at the hearing in Guelph commencing on April 8. However, all persons who wish to do so may present their views on the discontinuance of any passenger-train services listed above during any of the two hearings and in either place.

Persons who wish further information respecting any of the above described passenger-train services may write to the Secretary, Railway Transport Committee, Canadian Transport Commission, 275 Slater Street, Ottawa 4, Ontario.

Dated at Ottawa, Ontario, this 26th day of February, 1970.

**C. W. RUMP, Secretary,**  
Railway Transport Committee.