

# New doctor for village



When Dr. Jane M. Hosdel, M.D. hung out her shingle last Tuesday morning, September 8, it was a welcomed announcement that Rockwood village had a new doctor.

Presently located in the Holman Construction building on Main Street beside the town hall, Dr. Hosdel and her husband Behzat, have also taken up residence in the village and although her evening hours have not as yet been established she will be available via daytime phone call appointments from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. "For evening calls," said the young doctor, "I can be reached by simply dialing the office phone number."

Came from Holland

Born in Haarlem, Holland, Dr. Hosdel came to Canada with her family to live in Newmarket,

Ontario. She attended the elementary and high schools there and then completed her medical education at the University of Toronto. After her graduation she interned at the Toronto East General Hospital.

Interested in all phases of medicine Dr. Hosdel looks forward to her future in the village. She is delighted with its scenic beauty and, after considering for some time where they would like to live she and her husband chose Rockwood and are pleased with its close proximity and easy access to the Guelph Hospitals and also its central location comparatively near Toronto.

Rockwood village has been minus the services of a consistent village practitioner ever since the death of Dr. Kenneth Waller approximately four years ago and Dr. Hosdel's arrival is a pleasing one to many residents.

# Comin's and Goin's

It's a happy birthday from all her Rockwood friends to Mrs. H. Leslie on the occasion of her 90th birthday last Sunday.

All his friends and school chums will be happy to know that Steven Jones who suffered a bicycle accident a week ago is now at home and recuperating. He should be back at school some time within the next ten days.

Great response is anticipated for the combined church Sunday school this year and its opening date has already been set for Saturday morning September 26. The decision to utilize the various church Sunday school halls in the village instead of the school has met with happy approval from

the school staff and the meeting place for the first six-week semester will be the Rockwood Presbyterian Church hall at 9 a.m. All age groups are invited, from the pre-schoolers up to and including the grade 8 children, with an avid staff of teachers. Under the guidance of the combined clergy of Reverends Peter Tucker, Don Sinclair, and Ken Cardwell, the staff will include: Miss June Thomson, Mrs. Ellen Thomson, Mrs. Sitska Derjber, Mrs. Lois Tosh, Mrs. Betty Lou Clark, Mrs. Betty Easson and Mr. Grant McRae. Miss Nancy Ingle will head up the kindergarten children assisted by Wendy Gray and Nancy Meredith.

## Concern over accidents

# May pressure for lights

Concern over the number of serious accidents which occur periodically on the Fifth Line of Rockwood and Highway 24 recently prompted the Eramosa Township Council to consider a mechanical counter device which, when installed, will give an estimated count of traffic and road usage.

Although the Wellington County Traffic Division has not as yet procured the device it will, sometime within the next few weeks, be placed somewhere above Highway 24 on the Fifth Line. The concluding information will be used, hopefully, as a pressure on the Department of Highways proving the necessity of a signal light on the fatal corner.

### Truck count

A recent truck count was also made on the fifth line below highway 24 by the Department of Highways in co-operation with

## Three attend conference

The Halton Juniors sent three delegates to the Junior Farmer Leadership Training Camp at the Y.M.C.A. Conference Centre at Geneva Park on Lake Couchiching. Lois Hunter, George Henderson and Rae Swackhamer were at the camp from Sept. 7 to Sept. 14 along with some 87 other delegates and 15 staff members.

New active cases of tuberculosis have declined dramatically in the last decade since the introduction of anti-tuberculosis drugs.

# Rockwood

## Heavy registration Centennial School

The heavy September registrations in the junior grades of the Rockwood Centennial school have necessitated a revamping of the entire school program, according to Grant McRae, the school principal.

An average of 33 children per class shows the overall enrolment of 452 pupils including kindergarten classes which is an increase of 10 over last year.

### New teachers

Four new teachers were on hand to greet the September school children this year and, although it is disconcerting to see staff changes, assurances are that they have been replaced with top notch educators.

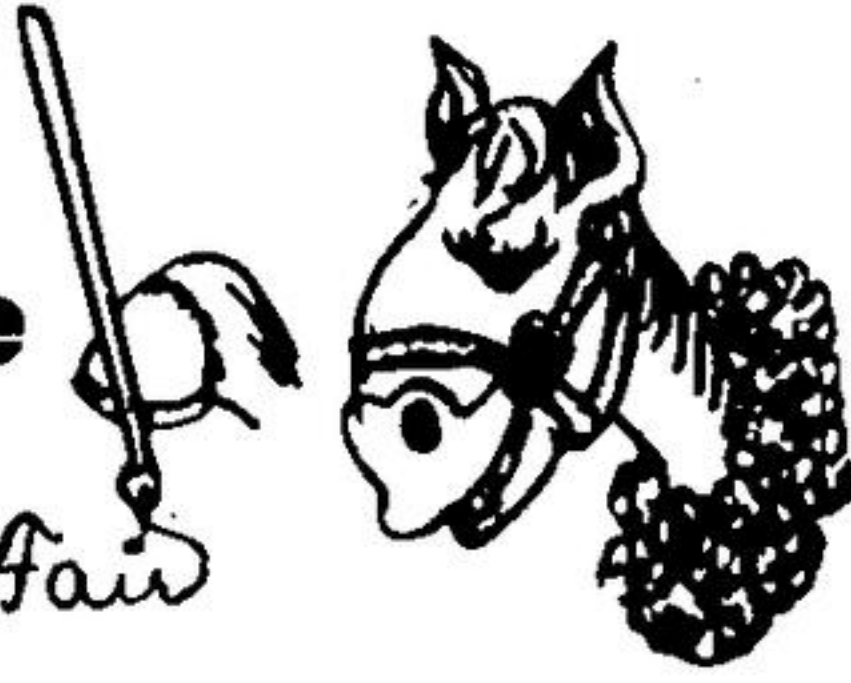
Mrs. Jean Verhagen has replaced Rockwood's past Grade one teacher Mrs. Vi Kramp who

is now handling the Grade nine Girl's Vocational program at College Heights in Guelph. Mrs. M. Tubman has come up from the Eden Mills School and will replace Miss Lois Feltis in Grades 2 and 3. Mrs. Kathleen Mayes has taken over the grade 8 teaching of Mrs. Evelyn Farr and Miss Nancy Foster, with her B.A. Arts degree will be teaching oral French replacing Miss Hella Gruter. The remainder of the staff remains constant.

The Rockwood Centennial School absorbs students from all areas in the township south of Highway 24 and all Eramosa kindergarten children. The special remedial students from the township also attend the Rockwood school including an overflow from Erin.

## Horse sense

by Pretty Fair



Howdy folks! Hyar I am loafin' around as usual these days wot with th'boys tryin' t'git me rested up fer the Mohawk racin' proceedings in October.

Git t' run off now an then an sometimes when a gal is sportin' around she shore gits t'know a lot o' things about nothin' but a few things about somethin'. Likes th' other day fer instance.

After listenin' t'all them guys at th'town hall bellyackin about the cost o'them sewers which theys goin' t'git from the ole Ontario Water Resorce Comishun-wal, it got me t'thinkin when I watched them guys dig up th'footings fer the new fire hall on Inkerman Street. Gawly, there they wuz diggin and diggin tryin' t'git th' dabburned shovel through the rock and they almost bent the darn thing an, accordin' t'my specifikashuns they wuzn't more'n three feet down when they wuz hittin the blasted stuff.

Makes me kinda glad I aint a human bein havin' to pay out all that money and holy beek when I canter around Rockwood I have a hard time tryin to spot them cormsarn millionaires wot the Water Resorce guys must think lives in that thar village.

Heard some grim reemarks bein spouted from sum guys on th'corner too about how they'd sew th'dang commishun t'f'n they shuffle thar foundations durin the blastin' proceedings. Stands t'reason such things could happen wuz with all that talk about rock strata an such. Me, I'm gonna pray the ole dick lets me hang out at Jim Thatcher's

place so I won't lose my hearin' when they loose all that gun powder or whatever they's intendin' t'use.

Was gallivantin' down near the old school grounds when the classes wuz goin in last week and holy beek thar sure is a load o' little new guys all almin' t'be prime ministers these days. Aint nothin cuter than a whole gang o' little critters fust startin' thar school yars. Thar they wuz all scrubbed an shiny but they gets kinda mean arter a day or two tho an the cute edge kinda rub off a little. Course, to me an every other ole gal, I guess their own little colts allus stays kinda speshul.

Wal folks, got a date with Maverick Duncan in a short while so I gotta skeedaddle. Next week I should have sum reel excitin' things t'tawk about meantime, keep laughin' at yoreself, it keeps a feller thinkin straight. Yore Friend, Pretty Fair.

## Mrs. Leslie a chipper 90

Diminutive and chipper could describe the delightful 90-year-old lady who celebrated her birthday last Sunday, September 13 and in recalling almost a century of living, is surprised that people should want to hear about the happenings of her past.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jane (Root) Leslie was born in a Bruce County farmhouse in Amabel Township near Warton, Ontario in 1880 as the eldest of three children, with two younger brothers. She remembers clearly the days when her older brother, now 88, left home at 21 to be a homesteader in Western Canada. He and her 78 year old baby brother are both living and faring well.

Mrs. Leslie lived in Oxford County until her father died when she was 14 and then, with her mother and brothers, moved to another farm in Oxford County. It was while visiting her grandfather Root's farm in Erin Township that she met Henry Stafford Leslie whom she later married in 1915 and together they moved to a farm near Eden Mills.

### Proud of family

It is with pride that she refers to her cousin John Root who presently resides on her grandfather Root's Erin Township farm and also her cousin Alvin B. Root of Christie Street in Rockwood. She is proud of her two sons George Henry Leslie who is today, pharmacist in North Carolina with his wife and family and her younger son Bob Leslie, a popular Rockwood resident and his wife Joan and their four children.

Mrs. Leslie couldn't specify the correlating factor between the

young people of today and those of a century ago. "Every one should have the right to do what they want to do" she said and chuckled at her recollections of her own tom boy days when she liked to sneak out and ride bareback, much to her own parents' chagrin.

### Moved to Rockwood

After her husband's death in 1939 she and her two children moved to Toronto to live there until after the graduation of her eldest son from Pharmaceutical College after which she and Bob moved to Guelph until he joined the R.C.A.F. Mrs. Leslie then stayed with her brother and his wife in London for a short time but later moved to Rockwood which became her permanent home address for many of the years following.

A remarkable lady with an amazing background of longevity and good health and one who enjoys good humour, she now spends much of her time dividing her visits between her two sons and their families and also many of her living contemporary relatives. A staunch Baptist by birth Mrs. Leslie is now a United church member who well recalls the days before the church division was instituted. The old farmhouse in which she lived after her marriage still stands although part o the property was purchased and is the site of the



MRS. HENRY STAFFORD LESLIE who, with her two sons and family, celebrated her 90th birthday last Sunday, September 13.

recently closed down Eden Mills public school building.

### Family dinner

Sunday's celebration was a special family dinner out for the very dear and grand Mrs. Leslie and her eldest son Harry flew up to be also with his mother for the occasion. Well wishes and cards were sent from many friends and

political dignitaries including Messrs. Trudeau, Roberts, Alfred Hales and, in a special letter, birthday card from her cousin John Root and his wife, he said that she could take great pride in being a member of an early Canadian pioneering family and for having come through so many years of living.

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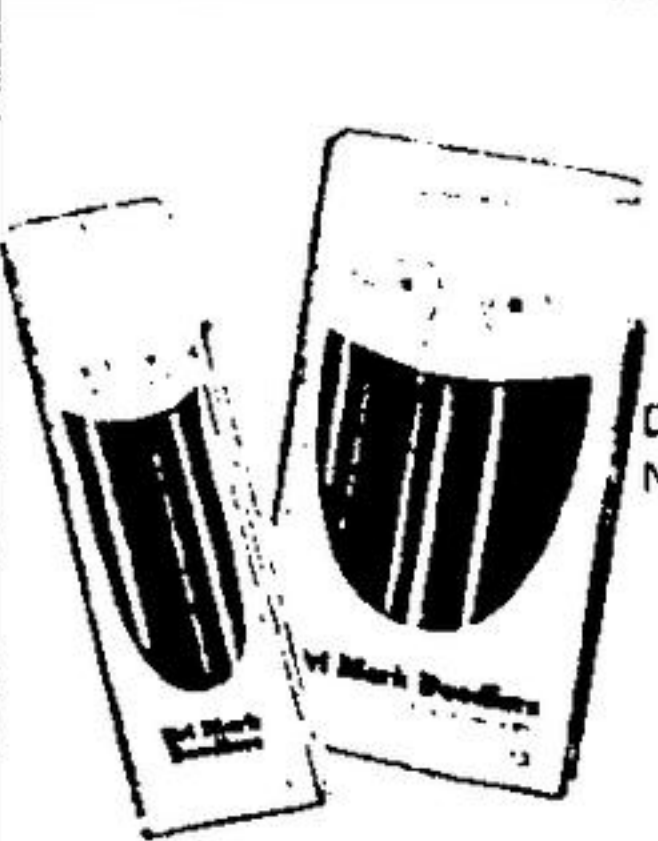
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