

Postmaster seeks seat on board

The postmaster of the Rockwood Post Office since 1945 has announced that he will seek election as representative for the Township of Guelph, Eramosa, Erin, and the Village of Erin, on the Wellington County Board of Education in the December 7 municipal elections.

George F. Day, of Rockwood, said that he had made the decision to offer his services as a trustee on the Wellington County Board of Education hoping that "I can contribute something worthwhile to this county. This decision has not been made lightly. I realize the responsibilities attached to this position and I will serve the rate payers to the best of my ability."

Concerned about the rising costs of education, Day continued; "I would strive for a more conservative type of school construction and yet be adequately functional. I am also

concerned with the great variety of text books in use in the schools and would suggest a more uniform approach to this item."

The secretary-treasurer of the previous Eramosa School Board for 13 years, the former clerk, treasurer, and tax collector of the township of Eramosa was the recipient of the Centennial Medal in 1967. He is a veteran with four years service during the last war and is the father of two daughters, Janet married and living in Ottawa and Jean living in London, England.

George Day's father the late Frank Day was the author of the "Here and there in Eramosa", a historical book based on the development of Eramosa township. The nominations for Public and Separate School Boards will be held in Erin Municipal Office at Hillsburg on November 23rd from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.



George F. Day

A letter from Eden Mills

This is another in a series of letters written by Miss Val Barrow relating her experience during five "delightful" years spent in Eden Mills. Miss Barrow is writing the series to show her appreciation to residents of the village.

Eden Mills, Ont.
15 December, 1965

Dear May:
This will be my Christmas letter to you and I hope you have a very happy one. Kath will be with you and I shall think of you

both. Your lovely hand-made tray cloth arrived and I have opened it because I shall be away over the holiday. It's just the right size for the silver tray and will keep it from getting scratched. Thank you, dear.

Here Christmas decorating starts early. Norm Marshall seems to lead the way, at least on our little road, by getting his flag-pole and the eaves of his house strung with lights for the first of December. At Betty's house there's the outline of a tree in the big picture window which faces my way. It all looks so gay and cheery when you drive into the village on these dark winter nights. And the lights from the big store windows give a warm and welcoming glow.

See colored lights
From my house on the hill, of course, I can see the colored lights all over the village. There are two spruce trees outside the front door and that's where I have mine. I put them in place one Saturday towards the end of November and it was rather a tricky business because it was freezing rain and the ladder seemed inclined to slide down the hill. Unfortunately they are plugged into an outlet for which I can't find the switch. So last night I had to dash out into the unheated porch, and pull up the trap door to go down into the cellar and unscrew the fuse. I think I'll have to figure out something different for next winter.

The roads were really treacherous after that freezing rain - so much so that I was sure the MacIntyre's wouldn't come for supper so I settled down to do some work. The phone's beside the kitchen window and when I

went to call them, to my horror there they were slipping and sliding up the hill, with an escort of small children scattering sand for every step. I was so embarrassed because I was so sure they wouldn't come I hadn't bothered to shovel and sand the steps.

Hill's a skating rink
The next morning was quite exciting backing - or rather sliding my car down the hill. The school buses couldn't get through so the young Marshalls were in attendance. I managed to persuade them to stand up-hill of the car and they threw sand behind it as I inched down. Betty and Gladys said they stood at the window holding their breath. Guess I'll have to park on the road till spring.

You know, there's a good atmosphere about this house. In its long life it's seen everything. All the ups and downs, the joys and sorrows of life have left it with an impersonal though not unfriendly feeling - a sort of maturity. And it's a good shelter, especially in a storm when it almost seems to gather itself around you.

I suppose this is because the site was well chosen, far enough down from the top of the hill so that the storms go over you. We've had a few of them this fall and just last week we had quite a blizzard. The next morning was bright and clear and those spruce trees on the way out of the village were majestic with the snow on their branches up to their full thirty or forty-foot height.

Well, once again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Love,
Val

Comin's and Goin's

Rockwood friends and neighbors extend their regrets and condolences to the family of Marjorie Saunders on the death of her brother, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Daley of Guelph, whose only son Donald Daley died at his home on Clive Avenue, Guelph, on November 5th. Particular sympathy is also sent to his widow Stella and their six young children, Patricia, Katherine, Gregory, Michael, and twin daughters Anne and Andrea. We are sorry.

Rockwood's Sacred Heart and Oustie's St. Peter's C.W.L. will be holding their annual Christmas Bazaar with penny tables, draws, home-baked food, teenage and other exciting booth items on hand. The place - the Rockwood Town Hall, the date - Friday evening, Nov. 20th at 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. and there will be a warm welcome to everyone who attends.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Harrison, formerly of Rockwood, visited from Shallow Lake this past week at the home of Mrs. Alice Hills.

The Town Hall will be going to the dogs this Thursday, Nov. 19th, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. when the Canadian Department of Agriculture will be conducting their annual rabies clinic. According to officials cats must be also welcomed as usually a few feline creatures are to be seen "clinically bound" during the yearly event although dogs are specified.

Many Rockwood villagers and Township residents were seen by spies at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Concert held last Friday evening at the John F. Ross Collegiate, in Guelph. Reports are that the music was tremendous and well worth while for spectators wishing to take up the band at its next stop in Brantford.

BUSY WEEK

Last week was a busy one for Milton OPP. Officers investigated 32 general occurrences including four thefts, two breaking and entering, one disturbance, three complaints of wilful damage, one missing person investigation, one stolen car recovered for another police department, three liquor investigations, one prowler complaint, two domestic complaints, two complaints of hunters trespassing and two impaired drivers were apprehended.

SOME STORES have Christmas decorations up already.

C.W.L. members plan for bazaar

The Sacred Heart Rectory saw members of the Rockwood and Oustie C.W.L. meet on November 11 to culminate their Christmas bazaar plans and also to make more for their final get together at the December meeting.

Mrs. Joy Halliburton, president, chaired the meeting. Mrs. Bernice Bacon acted as secretary and Mrs. Agnes Holman gave the combined church's financial report which was, to match many area church treasuries "low".

Father Elliott gave a prayer in which he stressed the need for more church people to take up the need for vocations in the Church, and prayed that, without a supply of constant ministerial students showing interest the cavity would grow and supply would diminish.

Sunday's Church Bulletin had reminded everyone that all ladies wishing to contribute to the Christmas Bazaar could do so and also advertised the euvres to be held on the last Saturday of each month at the Rectory at 8:30 p.m. with a welcome to everyone. The ladies at the meeting continued to complete their bazaar discussion and conveners gave their various reports.

Mrs. Betty Gooyers, assisted by Joanne Gooyers, her sister-in-law convened the evening's lunch

Happenings at Rockwood School

Rockwood Centennial news
This story was written by Ricky Drijber, a 13-year-old Grade 8 student in Mr. Bob Love's class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Drijber of Mary Street.

REALLIVING

I remember when I woke up to the sweet fragrance of fresh porridge. My foot touched the once warm brick as I stepped onto the old oak floor. I grabbed my ragged shirt and pulled on my worn trousers. I stumbled out to the table to find everyone already eating. I apologized for being late and grabbed the home-made chair. It felt rough as I dragged it to the table. Father had already eaten and was out in the fields thrashing the wheat. I took my worn spoon and shoveled some porridge in my mouth. The warm porridge tasted delicious as it went down my throat. I took another and another spoonful until my portion was finished.

I hurried outside to go help my father. As I ran to the fields I saw the paddock go by. I waved at the captain and he beeped the shrill horn. It was just about the only transportation we had for long distances since no roads had been completed. When I arrived at the spot where my father was working I noticed that he had already cleared about ten yards. I started to collect the grain and threw it on the wagon. I could hear the hissing noise of the scythe as it cut the grain. I piled more grain on the wagon until it was full. I jumped on the wooden

seat and pulled the reins. The old mare started moving towards the barn. The barn wasn't the best in the valley but the local people had done the best they could with the materials we had. I can still remember the bustle at the barn raising bee. It was just about the only type of get together we'd ever had. It was an old brown barn with just one room; room for the grain. The animals had to live outside.

As I was emptying the grain I heard the dinner bell ring. I unhooked the horse and rode over to the house. As I entered the crackling fire's warmth hit us. The smell of fresh bread filled the room. I sat down at the table as father entered. He said the travelling peddler was outside. We all scrambled outside to the wagon. I don't know why we all wanted to see him I guess it was just a change of faces. He showed us all of his goods but the mousetrap caught my eye. It looked like a little house where the door open up and the mouse walks in. But this door just opens one way so it is trapped inside. Then it goes into the next door where a sort of jail door closes and it can't get out. I bought it for twenty-one cents and put it near the door so it would catch the mouse as it came in.

We went in the log cabin again to eat. Mother poured out the boiled wheat coffee and put the freshly baked bread on the table. We discussed all the treasures the peddler had and then we left the table to work again.

That's the way it was then, I'd call that "real livin'".



Fred and Vivian Nightingale

Fred and Vivian Nightingale and family on Alma Street recently hosted Vivian's mother Mrs. E. A. Hill of Morrisburg, during her short stay in Rockwood before leaving for a visit to Florida.

TOP SCHOLASTIC honors were awarded recently to Marjan Drijber the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Drijber of Mary Street, Rockwood. The Grade 12 student who has many scholastic awards attended the Centennial Collegiate Vocational Institute third annual commencement at which time she received the top girl award in Centennial C.V.I. with the highest average in the academic year 1969-70, the top girl award of the grade 11 year and Marjan was also the class prize winner.

Top honors at Guelph

Village residents are proud of their students and their scholastic achievements. They are products of a rural school and have proven their abilities by taking top honors in various fields at the Guelph Centennial Collegiate Vocational Institute annual commencement held last Friday, November 6.

Yvonne Noble, Gordon Tosh, Debbie Hartung, Jeffrey Parkinson, Diane Seim, Robert Storey, David Donnell, Patrick Meredith, Marjan Drijber and Marilyn Elsdon are Rockwood and area students who were top class prize winners.



ROBERT STOREY of R.R. Rockwood, received special laurels at the Guelph Centennial Collegiate Vocational Institute Commencement. A student enrolled in the Grade 12 Four Year Science, Technology and Trades Branch, Robert was awarded the Outstanding Student award, the J. Douglas Oaks Memorial Scholarship as one of the four outstanding students in shop subjects, as well as the top class student award. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Storey and has won the Outstanding Award for two years consecutively.

Exceed budget

Halton County Social and Family Services committee members learned their expenditures for their first year of operation will exceed their \$139,200 budget before the year is out. Expenditures up to the end of September amounted to \$107,573.

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