

Free Press Rockwood

# Home and School Assoc. sets winter agenda

The Centennial Home and School Association has a tight agenda set for the next months with meetings and a fashion show slated for early spring.

Next Thursday, January 28, is the date when vice principal, Mac D. Irvine of the College Heights and George Hindley, principal of Centennial High School in

Guelph, will be the guest speakers presenting their outlined progressive programs for the schools they represent.

The following monthly meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 25, will feature a symposium conducted by Dr. Braund of the Wellington-Dufferin County Health Department on which, as panel members, will be representatives of the various branches of public health.

**Need information**

Mrs. Betty Marshall of Eden Mills, the program convener for the Rockwood Home and School Association, feels that, with so many new branches being utilized co-ordinated by the health department in affiliation with the Board of Education, such as hearing testing, speech therapy, and psychiatry, there is a greater requirement of parent and public information. In her capacity as program convener, Mrs. Marshall is endeavouring to provide such knowledge through the Home and School Association.

A "home sewing and fashion showing" of items created by members of the community is also scheduled for the springtime program and will be held under the direction of Mrs. Anne Berham.



FINAL CLOSING of the old fire hall sees Frank Kelso and Dave Bacon removing the bulletin board for its new home in the spanking new hall.—(Photo by Lorraine)

## Comin's and Goin's

Recent New Year's visitors at the home of his sister and brother-in-law was a former Actonite, Mr. Fred Hill and his wife and daughter Beverly from Morrisburg when they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nightingale of Alma Street and their family. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Art Nightingale of Main Street, their son Freddie and Joanne Wright of Eden Mills, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffin and their little daughter, Beverly. Two other visitors on hand for the festivities were Mrs. Charlotte Nightingale and Ron Prior of Guelph.

Belated but of special interest to Rockwood friends is the announcement of the November 13th birth day of Mark Andrew Williamson the 10 lb. 8 oz. wonder who arrived on the Ron and Jennifer Williamson of Galt, scene last year.

Peter and Alice Johnson spent a two week holiday vacation in Florida over Christmas and New Year's and had a wonderful time.

A warm and friendly greeting was extended to every visitor who attended the Open House at the new Dublin Street home of Rev. Don and Helen Sinclair last weekend. All the children were there with the exception of Rob who is in India and Don who is, at the moment, touring Australia. Many members of both congregations including the Eden Mills and Rockwood Presbyterian churches were welcomed along with other village friends. As near as the telephone, the very popular Sinclair family have not left Rockwood, but merely changed their address, and village citizens are happy about that.

Letters home tell us that Don Sinclair, the eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. Don Sinclair, has been working for the past three weeks in a mine in Australia but is now travelling with friends across the country. The Sinclair's second eldest son, Rob, is presently in India. Having spent Christmas in Kabul in Afghanistan, he and his friend stayed some time in Karachi in Pakistan, and are now headed towards Delhi.

For those who are interested in Nursing Home visitation, a workshop is being sponsored by the Red Cross Services on date of Monday, January 25, at which time Mrs. Anne Ironside, the nursing home supervisor of the Wellington-Dufferin Health Unit, will conduct an informative "How to" activity session based on presentation, recreation and socializing, with patients of a nursing home. If you care, and would like to participate, contact Mrs. Helen Sinclair at 821-9663 for further information.

The Pre-Schooler beginning of the Rockwood Community Christian Education Program did not quite hit with a bang last Saturday when only one-half of the expected number attended. It is hoped that the next Saturday session between 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church will see more youngsters

participating. Two new teachers will be on hand to take over the alternate Saturday morning sessions. Assisting Nancy Ingle will be Mrs. Shirley Harris and Mrs. Jackie Rowe, and the teachers are encouraging all pre-schoolers in the community to attend.

Unit 3 of the United Church Women's group enjoyed an outdoor snowmobile party for their last meeting night. The snowmobiles hit the trail at the back of the Village and returned to the home of Ray and Ellen Thomson on Christie Street. All the athletes enjoyed a great old fashioned chatting bee and then a heaping plate of chili con carne. And it was delicious!

Rockwood friends of Wilma Langdon express their sympathy on the death of her father Willard A. Chipman who died on Monday, January 11 at the Rosebank Nursing Home in Pickering Township. Wilma's brother Jack from British Columbia, Margaret (Mrs. Joe Haney) from Pickering, Alan from Toronto, and Wilma attended the service with their families. Mr. Chipman is survived by his children and 16 grandchildren. An engineer who was very much loved by his family and friends he was buried from the Jarrett Funeral Home in the Prospect Cemetery in Toronto.

Lack of adult participation is the reason for the temporary disbandment of the Rockwood Badminton club. Re-organization will be necessary to establish a consistent, active program of badminton with basketball and other sports for teenagers on alternate nights. Get behind your Recreation Committee and let them know what activity you would like to see. The regular Thursday night badminton will start up again as soon as interest is shown and the opening will be announced. Note: No Badminton This Thursday!

## Juniors conference

Several members of the Eramosa Junior Farmers attended a Toronto Conference last Saturday, January 9, to participate in competitions which included such activities as County Choirs, ladies' trios, square dancing and folk singing. Although the local group which includes members from the Erin and Eramosa Township combined, made no placements, their enthusiasm was high during the weekend activities.

Approximately three-quarters of the forty member club attended the annual provincial conference which was held at the King Edward-Sheraton hotel.

At the present time the District Junior Farmers are contemplating a drama production to be entered in the Fergus High School Drama Festival sometime in the early spring.

## Planning board appointments

At a recent special council meeting held in the Eramosa Township chambers on date of Monday, January 18, three new appointments were made to the Guelph Suburban Planning Board.

Representing Eramosa Township on the 18 member board, will be: John Benham of R. R. 3 Rockwood, Ted Cargo of R. R. 5 Rockwood, and Reeve, Warren Parkinson of R. R. Guelph.

The Planning Board includes three members from Puslinch County, Guelph Township, Erin Village, Erin Township, and Eramosa Township.



CHURCH HILL at St. John's provides hours of pleasure for Rockwood small fry. Brenda McLaren is seen sliding full speed down the snowy mound as friend Brenda Harris awaits her tttturn. Then it's Brenda Harris' turn and she almost clobbers the photographer.—(Photo by Lorraine)

# Former Rockwood resident Dr. Truscott board chairman

Dr. Bruce Truscott, a former resident of Rockwood village, was elected chairman of the Wellington County Board of Education for the 1971 year, at the January 11 inaugural meeting. During 1970 he was the vice-chairman of the board and headed the budget discussions.

Representing Puslinch township, Dr. Truscott, prior to the creation of the county board, served on the former Board.

**Lived in village**

A native of Winnipeg, Dr. Truscott received his secondary education in Toronto, and while attending the Ontario

Agricultural College and Ontario Veterinary College he and his wife Barbara lived in Rockwood Village. He received his Ph. D. from the University of Waterloo. Dr. Truscott now teaches and works on research in the department of veterinary science and microbiology at the University of Guelph.

**For county board**

A strong supporter in the potential of the county board system Dr. Truscott believes that the Wellington Board has made some significant progress in the area of equalization of opportunity and that county residents have received a number of over-all benefits.

With a strong ambition to encourage and promote community involvement in education he also feels that parents, board, and teachers should combine their attitudes jointly and examine education's basic aims. He feels that the costs of education should be considered

in relation to the philosophy and also an examination of how education is fulfilling the needs of society.

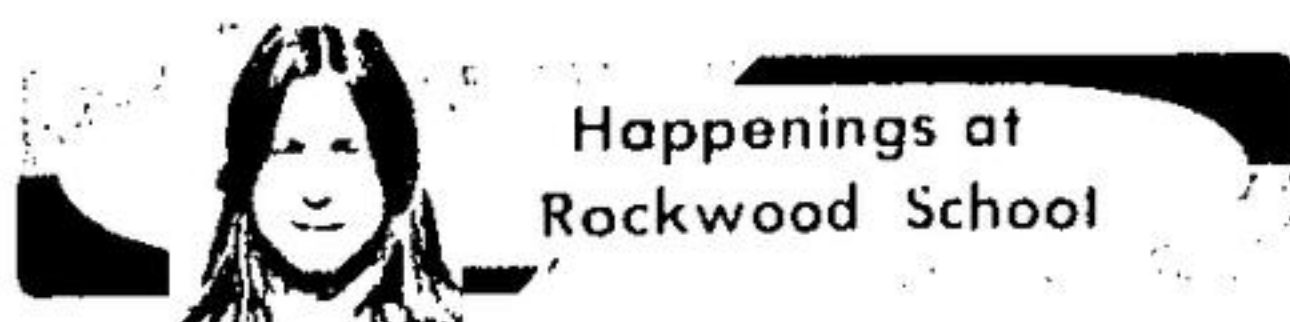
"I am involved all the way in county education affairs," says Dr. Truscott.

## First chief

### Herb Saunders

An error in last week's issue of the Acton Free Press stated on the Rockwood page that the first elected chief of the Rockwood fire brigade was Herb Bolton. However, a retraction is necessary.

First official fire chief was Herb Saunders from 1949 to 1951, inclusive; Herb Bolton took over in 1952 and was chief until 1963 inclusive; Art Nightingale for the year of 1964; Fred Nightingale from 1965 to 1969 inclusive, and Carl Meadows 1970 and 1971 inclusive.



Happenings at Rockwood School

Last Friday Ron Death and John Clark held a dance for the young people at the school. Shades of Tyne played.

**Girls' Badminton**

Ann Wurr and Marie Hartung have two points and Carol Adam and Marie McMillan have two points and Eileen and Debbie have two points.

**Girls' Valley-Ball**

On Monday last year's team played our team. Of the three games played they won two games 21-12, 21-18. We beat them 21-15.

**Floor hockey**

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