

## Comin's and Goin's

It's heartiest congrats and hats off to the group of Rockwood's young hopefuls who played and captured the hearts of approximately 100 board members and their families at a recent annual dinner for the Guelph Y.M.Y.W.C.A. Board of Directors. The Rockwood Philharmonics are still going strong and have progressed from uncertain youths with their musical instruments to confident and highly competent bandsmen with a variety of numbers including "When you're 68" and some double take-offs of the old Rudy Valle virtuoso in which Jim Gordon and Blair Sinclair carry out a duet, their audience was fascinated with the amazing versatility of this young group and their unique arrangements so excellently executed. Jim Gordon, Peter Border, and Blair Sinclair introduced an innovation at the Board dinner in the person of young Kathy Wernegard, of Guelph, who performed as the guest pianist for the dinner engagement. Nice going, kids, we're proud of you all and anxious to hear you again soon in the village.

for the college of Art in Halifax, to nip up to Rockwood to visit his favorite mother and, according to Kenneth, "the Maritime weather is just as wild as it is here in Rockwood."

The local hills were dotted with more than snow during last Sunday's blizzard weather as over 50 snowmobilers of the Rockwood club gathered at their Camp Erebeut winter lodging grounds to have an outdoor cookout with hot dogs and warm refreshment. Everyone had a wonderful time and, if the weatherman has his way it's only the beginning of a whole series of repeated ventures.

Reportedly the chiropractors are having a hey-day with the new mode snowmobile craze. They say the springless seats are doing wonders for their trade and, according to one witty Chiropractic specialist on the radio, he is seriously thinking of investing in a chain of snowmobile companies and will encourage everyone to get interested in the sport.

Dismal as we are at the prospect of losing Kathy Woodward from the vicinity of Rockwood, it must be said that her Friday marriage to Keith Tannahill should prove to be a successful venture. Lots of luck to the fine young couple who have, in a short period, created many friendships.

A wire from the two sons of Rev. Don and Helen Sinclair report their pre-arranged meeting in Singapore. The past few months have been a working period in Australia for Don while Rob, travelling through Europe, came across from Istanbul to Afghanistan and from there to India where he has been visiting the Presbyterian Mission field. Don will continue in a westerly direction through Europe, homebound as Rob moves off in the opposite direction via Bangkok in Thailand, through Hong Kong and back to North America via Japan. A tape of Rob Sinclair and his friend John van Mosse of Kitchener, Ontario has been sent to the Sinclair family in Guelph, recording some of the experiences encountered in India by the two boys. Rob and John pass on hopeful expectations of happy family reunions by Eastertime.

Mrs. W. Guild on Mary Street had a three hour delightful but fleeting visit from her son Kenneth when he took time off from his business trip to Toronto

## Day of Prayer at R.C. church

A capacity crowd of over 100 ladies congregated last Friday evening at Rockwood's Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church to pray together for world peace during the service of worship of the World Day of Prayer. Several readings were given by members representing the various denominations in the village and the basic theme of this year's annual event was entitled "A New People For a New Age."

Representatives representing the Presbyterian Church was Mrs. Betty Death and Mrs. M. Aitken, Mrs. Lois Tosh was the leader representing the United Church ladies; Mrs. Dorothy Dean and Mrs. Betty Lou Clark the leaders for the St. John's Anglican Church, and Mrs. Marg Sennhauser and Mrs. Joy Haliburton, acted as joint representatives for the host Church.

Sister Caroline Dawson, of the Order of the Sisters of Loretta in Guelph, was the speaker of the evening and she referred to the "new age" as being a highly technological one which required a new attitude of prayer which would prepare us and finally result in the revelation of "new people".

New evidence "In this age of 1970" said the young woman speaker, "those of us who call ourselves Christians must be prepared to give new evidence of faith as true Christians are becoming fewer and fewer." Sister Dawson felt that the new Christian woman must be more aware of her role

## Engagement announced

Announcing the engagement of Katherine Anne Woodward, the foster daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson, of R.R. 4 Rockwood, to Mr. Keith Merrill Tannahill, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Tannahill, of Ormstown, Quebec. The marriage will take place on Friday, March 12, at Knox Presbyterian Church in Guelph at 7 p.m. with the reception to be held in the Church Hall.



ROCKWOOD'S NEW musical group, the "Acapulco Golds" is seen after a warm session. Front row shows Paul Murray, Oscar Feenstra, and John Smit, with road manager Fred Smith, drummer Glen Noble, and Steve McKenna, in charge of equipment. —(Photo by Lorraine)

## Acapulco Golds village hopefuls

Blaring loud, noisy, but great, is a group of young village hopefuls who have decided to pull their talents together to work as a group which calls itself the "Acapulco Golds."

With John Smit and Paul Murray the two lead rhythm guitarists, Oscar Feenstra on bass, and Glen Noble on the drums, the electric musicians are a new innovation in the Rockwood vicinity who hope to display their talents on the local dance scenes.

Past experiences Two of the lads have had past experience in small band groups and Paul was a member of the Speed River Gang which folded during the past year. Since that time the five Rockwood boys have united to form the Acapulco Golds and their special rhythm is rock and roll, with variations of the blues.

Joe Campanola is the light man, the boys consider him a genius with his special knowledge of highlighting affects. Fred

Smith is the road manager, Charlie Giddens writes the poetry for their music, and Paul Murray puts the songs together as well as doing some of the vocalizing.

Timeless effort is being shared by these enterprising entertainers and the village should be proud of their efforts. "Keep them off the streets" is the hue and cry of every teenage parent and the Acapulco Golds are finding their own way of keeping occupied.

Practise in hall The United Church Sunday School hall has been their practise place and commendation on the generosity of that Board of Directors for understanding the needs for such a workshop is extended by the boys who hope, sometime, to repay the trust of people like Stan Harris, by creating a concrete and established musical group which the village and local areas will be able to refer to for dancing engagements.

## Erin student named top public speaker

The winner of the 1971 elementary public speaking contest for Wellington County was a 13-year-old Grade 8 pupil from St. James Separate School in Guelph.

Using as her topic "Commercials" Marisa Bonaldo, was picked by a panel of judges composed of Joyce Robinson, Rev. Harry Herlihey, and Lloyd Swackhammer.

The youngest contestant at only 10 years old, was second-place finalist Barbara Tweddle a Grade 5 student at the James McQueen School in Fergus and her topic was "Individuality". Third place honours went to Joanne Young, aged 12, who is in Grade 7 at the Mount Forest Public School and "A School Desk" was her topic.

Other finalists The other finalists who all get

participation awards, were: Rosemary Chambers (12) of Grade 7 at Erin P.S., Donna Winer (14) of Grade 8 at Aberfoyle, Karen Downey (13) of Grade 8 at St. John's Separate School, Arthur, and John Deen (11) of Grade 6 at the Calvin Christian School in Drayton.

The annual event is sponsored jointly by the Ontario Public School Trustees' Association and the Ontario Hydro. The County Convener for the 1971 contest was Assoc. Superintendent, Cliff Whitfield, who, in his letter of thanks and congratulations said: "I urge and encourage you to continue your endeavors in the public speaking field. The poise and confidence gained in this activity will be advantageous throughout your future life and careers."

Ronnie McRae was the top speaker in the local competitions in Rockwood and was the Group One winner of the Area Two

competitions held earlier at the King George's School in Guelph. Ronnie's subject was "The F.L.Q."

## Euchre winners

Last Saturday's winners at the L.O.L. euchre at Crewsons Corners:

Ladies' high Vivian Shaw 118; ladies' low Joan McDonald 80. Men's high Dave Swackhammer 112, men's low K. McDonald 77. Lone hands Ron McEachern 6. Door price Dave Swackhammer.

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A C.N.R. TELEGRAPHIST whopped out Rockwood station agents, dropped in to the village Monday. Peter Driscoll of Burlington, Ontario, stopped by to recall some of his nostalgic impressions of railway life and to review the local station. Employed now as a truck salesman, Mr. Driscoll said that records show the old building was built in 1860 and that the last time he operated in the village was in 1956. Asked if Rockwood had changed much since that time he said he was amazed at the little apparent change commenting that "it was pretty much as he last remembered it." —(Photo by Lorraine)

## WESNAKE POINY CONSERVATION AREA



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, is the date set for the Father and Son banquet for the local Rockwood cubs shown here when they hiked on the Bruce Trail last year. Akela, Mrs. May Swackhammer, hopes for a large turnout at the annual affair which is arranged by the Cub and Scout Mothers' auxiliary. —(Photo by Lorraine)

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