



WHIPPING THEIR NEW headquarters into shape before their spring Open House, members of the Eramosa Township Fire Brigade members complete a few finish-ups: 1. Earl Duly does a touchup putty job. . . 2. Fire Chief Carl Meadows finishes a baseboard operation as Frank Kelso assists. . . 3. Frank Allsop and Bill Wingate prepare the paint to apply to. . . 4. A cupboard in the new Eramosa Township Fire Hall on Inkerman Street. 5. Fred Nightingale tests the top ceiling baseboard as. . . 6. Frank Kelso, secretary, gets down to considering material costs in the new office. 7. Chief Carl Meadows stands, minus full dress uniform, beside his two captains, Frank Allsop and Fred Nightingale, who are proud of their almost completed hall into which many of the members have poured hours of diligent work time.—(Photos by Lorraine)

## No Injuries Car careens, rolls lands in creek

Fate played a merciful hand in Rockwood last Wednesday evening when, at 7:30 p.m., the car in which two Acton residents were driving, careened across the highway, hit a guard rail, and catapulted into a series of rolls to land up-ended on its wheels in a small creek, inches in front of a cement abutment, and the occupants in the car were able to walk away, uninjured.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Fountain of R. R. 1, Acton, were proceeding north on No. 7 Highway, and had just passed Harris Street in Rockwood when their vehicle, sliding on the heavy snow, went out of control and veered directly to the left hand

side of the road, hitting a post and smashing through the guard rail to plunge down the high embankment.

**\$600 damage**

The '68 4 wheel drive Bronco Ford Station wagon turned over three or four times before landing upright in the shallow water below. Damage to the car was estimated at \$600 with further costs of \$15 for the post.

However no charges have been laid as the miraculous accident was only one of many in the area to be blamed on the heavy storms of that evening. The Fountain automobile, drivable after the incident, was towed to a nearby garage for repairs to the roof and fenders.

## C.N.I.B. canvass next week

"Although you may not know a blind person you play an important part in his success" said one of the directors of the C.N.I.B. fund raising campaign in the Wellington County.

Referring to many of the advances of the Canadian National Institute of the Blind the chairman at a recent meeting said that "in spite of high levels of unemployment, blind persons continue to enter new careers." In one province, six blind people are employed as office assistants and in another province a blind telephone operator records the charge number when the caller dials a direct distance line.

Nothing new "There's nothing unusual about new careers for blind persons" he continued and told how a few years ago x-ray film processing was studied and found suitable for blind technicians. Even the computer with its technical language and complicated operation is providing jobs for trained blind people. The chairman mentioned two blind individuals who were working together as a team with one in a supervisory position and the other in establishing computer programs for her company across the country.

Touching on the development of the blind in skills of sports the chairman said that more than 3,000 blind bowlers try their skill on the bowling lanes each year in Canada. A guide rail at the foot of the lanes and the advice of a sighted coach helps many blind players to strike up a one game total of 250 in five pin and 200 in

ten pin bowling.

**Costly venture**

In setting up establishments to fit these people to live as active and productive a life as possible in a society geared for the physically fit is a costly venture. The CNIB is a private agency and its work depends on public support. In addition to employment, it provides residence care for senior citizens and a host of additional services from recreation to home study courses.

"Even when you are prepared for it, blindness is always sudden," observed the chairman. "It is up to those who can see to support the services which help to compensate for the loss of sight."

**Local campaigners**

Rockwood campaigners will be visiting throughout the village on the consecutive dates from March 22 until the 26th and, as part of that time constitutes the school holiday period many of the canvassers will be high school girls.

Included in the local group will be Judy Hospes, Marie Henry, Jewel Stumpf, Janice Wilson, Kathy Forest, Marsh Stumpf, Jacqueline Gooyers, Maryjone Drijber, Elsa Kneigt, Corinne Kneigt, Kathleen Holman, Charlene Bolton, Mary Gooyers, Marion Coulson, Nancy Meredith, Brenda and Carol Death.

Campaign Chairman for the village is Miss Pearl Hamilton and she is hopeful that the community will get behind this worthwhile venture.

## Villagers must think as family

The "open house" invitation from the three fourth year University of Toronto students in Landscape Architecture is not proving its purpose, according to Rod Kent, one of the lads who is conducting a self determining course project in which they are studying the validity of life style in a community as yet not affected by urban sprawl.

"Not too many villagers are making a point of coming around to visit and see what we're doing" said the young man from the C.N.R. station who, in his earnest desire to impress upon the Rockwood residents the necessity of pooling their mental resources and standing up for what they want their home-town to look like in the next few years, had this to say:

**Potential resource**

"After working in Rockwood for a relatively short period of two months, I have noticed an invaluable resource, a potential resource that at the present time is just starting to be tapped. This resource deals with an attitude. "The scale of Rockwood is such that the town as a whole is comparable to a house in a city,

the individual inhabitant's home a room in this house and the people are comparable to a large family. People usually think of their house and territory as being of utmost importance to them.

**Small scale**

"If the members of the Rockwood family wish to fight an issue, or make a home improvement, the scale is small enough to do it, if the attitude that Rockwood is their home and their house just a part of it exists. "The people of Rockwood must think as a unit as a family protecting and improving their home. At the present time this "community spirit" exists in only a very few people here. It must expand and become incredibly tight if Rockwood is to fight the many existing pressures and the many increasing future pressures of urbanization to come.

**Poor response**

"Since beginning work in the Rockwood railway station, we have invited everyone we have come in contact with to drop over, and express their opinions and feelings about what form Rockwood should take on in the

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## "Schools are for people" lively Open House proves

It's what you see and feel that tells the real story and warmth and friendliness, mixed with childlike industry and enthusiasm was what visitors to the Rockwood School felt at the Open House visit during Education week, and great praise of the local staff has been applied by the hundreds of parents and villagers who attended.

Indicating that "schools are for people" a Wellington county committee calling themselves "Super Comm" standing for Super Communications was formed for the purpose of stimulating community involvement in the educational process and encouraging dialogue. Rockwood's theme was "Transportation, Communication and Informational recording" and was one of tremendous satisfaction to parents who could see their children's activities and work on display.

The public who were interested in what education today is all about as presented to the Rockwood students were able to view firsthand many items now being used in the learning field and were warmly welcomed by the teaching staff to enquire and discuss points of interest including questions about the curriculum from kindergarten level to grade eight.

Black and white silhouettes were admired by many viewers and the grade one student's art interpretation of the Centennial teaching staff was "absolutely killing" said one parent who could see the humour and free scope being encouraged by her imaginative teacher with her young proteges. Everyone was delighted.

**Space display**

"Experiments in science" and

parents stopped to peer into microscopes; geography displays, and a gymnastic demonstration with the Gymnastics Club composed of the grades 5 to 8 students participating. History and mathematical presentations by the students themselves were there along with a Science Space presentation.

Several exhibits including rock collections all added to the general interest of the worthwhile program as whole families trailed from room to room fascinated with the informality and pervading goodwill which the night of education seemed to offer.

In the higher grades students ran the tape recorders while others were in charge of the projector as a film of buffalo hunting was shown. Older pupils worked into the program by conducting visitors to various rooms and explaining some of the class room procedures.

**Wonderful experience**

"It was just wonderful" said one lady who had never visited the school before. "I was able to enter every room in the school and was enchanted with the art work, mobiles, beautifully designed sticheries and even a French play which was being performed by students in the school library."

Another parent echoed the attitude of many others when she said that after her visit last Thursday evening she realized what a special tie the fortunate Rockwood children have. "They seemed to move about with their parents and were very proud of their surroundings," said one young mother. "They gave me the impression they felt like the hosts in a place to which they

were closely attached."

**Artistic displays**

Colorful and brightly designed posters, Eskimo scenes with a variety of igloo made of marshmallows were all part of the ingenious display of the creative abilities being encouraged by the teachers of their young charges. Visitors peering through microscopes and others scanning through workbooks were all part of the scene while in the halls manual training lamps and other items made by the grade 7 and 8 boys were matched by the sewing accomplishments of girls in the same grades.

**Public relations**

In the program leaflet it read "Please note that students and staff are working jointly during this evening."

"Packed and fascinating" was the general consensus of those who attended and certainly the aim of the Education week "to provide something special to help in the aim of cementing even better public relations" had been attained by the staff of the Rockwood Centennial School.



KINDERGARTEN TEACHER Mrs. D. Carney shows Bradley Bender how to make a leprechaun as David Wood works on one he is making. Many other kindergarten creations were on display during Education week at Rockwood school.—(Photo by Lorraine)

## Girls review drug conference

Accumulations of heavy snow necessitated many postponed meetings on the March agenda throughout the village and its vicinity and, in some cases, changes of meeting places. The monthly meeting of the Rockalong Women's Institute usually slated for the No. 8 School House was conducted instead, at the home of Mrs. Margaret McPhedran of R. R. Rockwood.

With President Helen Bain on hand to conduct the assembly correspondence and business matters were dealt with in quick order and members voted on three topics for the next institute short course which will be officially proclaimed by the Department after all the results have been tabulated.

Two interesting specialties made the March meeting one of variation and pleasure for the ladies when public relations convener of the Rockalong group Mrs. W. Guild, introduced the first of her evening speakers in the person of Mrs. Gertrude Wallace of R. R. 4, Rockwood, who generalized extensively on her last summer's trip to the Federation Women's Institute during Manitoba's Centennial celebrations. Postcards, humour,

and souvenirs the speaker had brought home, delightfully portrayed to the members some of the eventful incidents of Mrs. Wallace's attendance at the conference, and members enjoyed the first-hand recall of what had taken place.

**New touch**

The second portion of the program was a new touch when Mrs. Guild then introduced two young Rockwood girls, Maryjone Drijber and Wenda Gray who had been invited to tell about their three day visit to the Toc Alpha Conference held last fall at Niagara Falls, the topic of which had dealt on the usage of drugs. "Nothing was shoved down our throats" said the two girls. "Their effects were simply made obvious to us and we were expected to draw our own conclusions." The annual meeting which usually deals with alcoholism and its problems had taken on a new slant and the girls had attended representing the

future. The response has been far from encouraging.

"The ideas we are presently preparing and hope to present to you in the near future call for the involvement of every person living in Rockwood. Some of these ideas will involve spending some money. But the money you spend for the continued existence and the betterment of the Village of Rockwood I consider an investment not a loss. "Drop over and say hello." Rod Kent

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This Friday night it will be free admission to folks of every age group when the Rockwood Centennial Audio Visual club will present the Walt Disney production of "The Love Bug" about a Volkswagen with a personality at the Centennial School auditorium. The time is set for 7:00 p.m. and everyone will be welcomed. It's an evening at the theatre, let's see you there.

The Junior Farmers had to cancel their snowmobile party last weekend. Executives were just tied up and they hope to plan it again for this weekend at the Thomson house on the Fifth line.

Two Trail Riders got together last Saturday afternoon, March 13th, and discovered that they both had birthdays on the very same day in the exact same year. Result? An unexpected party for Harvey Pettit and Mo McGinlis held at the McGinlis home and everyone had a great time. A

belated greeting, gentlemen, from your Rockwood friends.

Tremendous concern that a worthwhile village project may die out in reason that Frank Allsop is calling a general meeting of all interested parties who want to see the Rockwood Carnival break ahead and build up again to its past peak. The meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, March 24, at the library in the Centennial School at 8:30 p.m. Please attend and keep such activities alive.

The Grade Thirteen French students of the John F. Ross Collegiate recently presented a selection of their choice of French short skits to a student audience composed mainly of French studying students; Principal J. Morrison and Vice Principal J. McCormack were also invited to attend. The highlight of the presentation was a play called Post au Parc which was introduced by Etienne Leslie of Station Street, and starred Kevin Josiah Root, Guelph Street, as the poet. A satirical farce of the same play was then presented with Charles G. P. Gidden of Dowler Street and Robin D. L. Drijber of the Mary Street Drijber Nest, sharing the lead roles. The dual role portrayal of Charles Gidden and the quality of the acting in the latter presentation was appreciated by the student audience who considered presenting both of the Rockwood actors with a Oscar in a tinfoli bust of Mr. McCormack.

Rockalong Institute. Their synchronized review of the conference was refreshingly witty and the local ladies enjoyed the casual "sit-down" resume which the girls presented.

**Pioneer history**

Mrs. Florence Trousdale then gave the institute mpito, interjecting her own knowledgeable facts about early pioneer history in the Rockwood area. Mrs. Trousdale, whose family were early settlers in Ebenezer in Nassagaweya, teaches a Women's Bible Class in Ebenezer, and has been long known for her excerpts of local beginnings. She correlated the month of St. Patrick's Day with her own Irish wit, adding color to the finale of the meeting which a delicious lunch was served by conveners Mrs. Albert Shultis and Mrs. Trousdale.

The next meeting of the Rockalong Institute is scheduled for April 6, at which time new dates will be set for the regular winter-time eueches which had to be cancelled because of winter storm sessions.

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