

Free Press Rockwood

### 300 see fireworks despite fog, rain

Predictions of rain and fog did not thwart the enthusiasm of the Rockwood Trail Riders last Monday night and, although other communities alerted citizens that their fireworks displays would be postponed for better weather, the local group decided to go ahead.

By eight o'clock the ball park was crowded with cars and people. Benches, fences, and car tops were comfortable seating facilities for at least 300 children and adults who thronged to celebrate Queen Victoria's birthday in the usual all-fired fashion, and flares, star bursts, comets, and pin wheels shot into the air in quick succession, temporarily lighting the hazy grounds.

Approximately 1½ hours of blasts, crashes, and high shooting fire crackers amused the crowd which was hardly visible in the foggy atmosphere and, as each

one splintered into bursts of light sprays acclamations of amazement could be heard from the children.

They enjoyed it all and quick trips to the snack bar for hot coffee made the damp and cold slightly more acceptable for the adults.

The evening's Trail Rider cracker-lighting experts were Gord Cox, Moe McGinnis, Bill Nofal, and Ken Tuck, as chief Carl Meadows stood by with the Eramosa Brigade fire truck. Frank Allsop emerged from the broadcasting booth during which time he welcomed the large crowd who had arrived despite the inclement weather conditions and used the occasion to make various announcements including that of the important Grand Opening of the new Rockwood and Eramosa Fire Station slated for Saturday, May 29.



THE 'STRATTONS' team Garfield Tartzwell, Jimmy Thatcher, Dunc Kingsbury, Dick Dupuis, and in front Sam Nyholt and Ruth Kingsbury were the top team for the season and won the Dave Gray trophy. —(Photo by Lorraine).

### New snack bar exciting venture

Something new is happening on the Main Street in Rockwood and it hasn't taken the village folks long to cotton to the idea of taking time out on shopping tours to enjoy quick refreshment.

People are congregating and cars pull up to get service at the new Dairy Bar where charcolball burgers and hotdogs will be the specialty come Opening Day.

for satisfied customers.

Arlene's husband Lawrence, the barber in the family, admits to more experience in the culinary line as his mother and father had, at one time owned a restaurant. Plans are that he will assist his ambitious wife during after hours of his barbering trade and sometimes on holidays.

The Kingswell Barber shop is trying a new tack and, with the barbering business continuing in the back portion of the building, it looks as if the snack bar could develop into a flourishing food emporium where everything from ice cream to cold and hot drinks can be ordered through the window.

Arlene Kingswell who has never operated a restaurant of any description is enjoying her new role as chief cook and coke machine manipulator but admits that the soft ice cream machine is presenting quite a challenge.

Exciting venture

Right now the venture is an exciting one for the Main Street couple. They are planning on keeping the snack bar window open from 10.30 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day from Monday to Saturdays. From whence will come their greatest trade, what foods passing pedestrians will find most palatable, and whether car trade will outweigh walking traffic, are all questions of unknown quantity.

"At first when we opened on a small scale last Wednesday, I only attempted to make up a few cones," said the rookie booth operator. "The next day I dared a sundae or two and, Friday I was even rapping off banana splits

"Wow" say the two little Kingswells, Murray and Paul, aged 10 and 8, "Imagine all that ice cream for free!" and they look forward to Monday's gala opening date when the house speciality will be delicious sundaes with a "buy one and get one free" introduction to all the customers.



JOY BARRETT of Delaware Street in Guelph sits beside April Noel of Main Street, Rockwood, as they watch a giant rocket catapult into the air to burst into a myriad of colored flashes. —(Photo by Lorraine)

### Happenings at Rockwood School

The Erin-Eramosa Track and Field Meet will be held at Brisbane on June 9. Also, added to the other events there will be a Tug Of War.

There is going to be a Field Day for just Rockwood School. Plans for the grade eight's graduation ceremony are taking shape.

Rockwood centennial School under the guidance of Room 12 — grade 8 — will be working on a float for the Rockwood Carnival which will be held June 19.



MURRAY AND PAUL Kingswell enjoy a pre-school treat from their new family snack bar located on the Main Street at the front of the local barber shop. "Mmmm, is it good!" say the boys and their mother awaits her next customer. —(Photo by Lorraine)

### Fire marshal reports local, province data

Ontario's fire death rate rose in 1970 by 0.54, the incidence of fire increased by 3.35 per cent and the total monetary loss increased by 2.7 per cent, reports Ontario fire marshal M. S. Hurst in his annual report. The fire death rate, however, remained below the average from the past five years.

The statistics of all the municipalities in Ontario are included in this annual report.

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**BACK SEAT DRIVER**

Advice from the back seat, if it arouses resentment, is more likely to cause an accident than prevent one. Every passenger in a car has a responsibility to the driver to see that his own behavior does not contribute to unnecessary distraction or tension, reports the local OPP.

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### Two fire alarms

Two weekend fire alerts proved to be of little consequence but required the investigation of the local fire department.

Saturday at 2 p.m. was the first signal calling the brigade to the vicinity of the Indian Trail where fence stumps were left smoking representing potential problems. Fire crackers were considered to be the cause.

Another alarm was sounded on late Sunday afternoon around 4.30 p.m. which required concerted hunting effort on the part of the brigade members. The approximately one hour search revealed however, no fires in the township although the Rockwood-Eramosa firefighters scoured from the south to the most northern point.

### Limehouse Visits, W.I. in account

By Mrs. A. Benton

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Noble, Kevin and Mark of Hamilton visited the James Nobles on Sunday.

The W. I. held a short business meeting in Limehouse Memorial Hall on Thursday evening.

Mesdames Kirkpatrick, Anderson and Benton as delegates and Mesdames Frank Brown, Booth, Noble and Elterby of Limehouse Women's Institute attended the 70th Hallon W.I. District Annual in Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton on Wednesday.

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# June 1 is Census Day. What's new with you?

This is your chance to tell Canada who you are and how you're doing.

Census day is almost like voting day. It's your right and privilege. Your chance to let Canada know all about yourself and your family. How and where you live. It's as secret as the ballot. All these facts become statistics. And many organizations use them to plan for our future.

This is how governments know where to spend money for the most necessary things: hospitals, schools, housing projects, roads and highways, community centres, parks. For example, a high percentage of children under five in one section of your community may alert the board of education to the need for a new school. Or, districts with a high proportion of sub-standard housing may be identified and earmarked for urban renewal and development programs. Things like that.

It's a do-it-yourself census.

Any day now, you'll receive your census questionnaire. The idea is that everyone in Canada must fill in that form on June 1. If a pre-paid return envelope came with the population census form complete the questionnaire and mail it back. If there is no envelope, don't mail it but hold the form until it is picked up by a census representative.

This will probably be the first time you've ever had the chance to fill in your own census form. The old way of sending census takers around knocking on doors and asking you questions served a useful purpose in its day. But we've found, after many trial censuses, that people do a better job when they fill in their questionnaires themselves.

If you are a farm operator.

If you have a farm, the census representative will bring you the Census of Agriculture form along with the population census form. The extra information you give is important for government farm programs and farm organizations in the years ahead. Some time after June 1, the census representative will call on you to pick up the completed census forms. So don't mail them back.

What happens if somebody doesn't fill in his census form?

Everyone in Canada is required by law to be counted in the national census. If you don't bother, a census representative will have to come around and fill in your questionnaire with you. So, if you do it yourself, you'll save time and money for everyone.

We need facts about you . . . and your family. Otherwise we won't have the whole story.

Give a few minutes to the Census of Canada. And Canada will give you a better future.

It's your census. Everyone has the right to expect the information he gives to be treated in absolute confidence. And you can be sure that the information will be used for the good of all Canadians.

So, don't forget. June 1. Tell us what's new.

## Count yourself in.

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