

## To retain "Rockwood" name as old station transferred

A society which has waited 18 years to accomplish the acquisition of the Rockwood C.N.R. Railway station were happy with satisfaction last Thursday morning when, at 11:15 a.m. a formal ceremony culminated the transaction after theirs was the highest bid at a recent railway station auction.

"It's the only station house in the area" said president Bob Johns "Which it was feasible to move in one piece". Other stations in the vicinity had been considered but ruled out because moving them would present even greater difficulty than that of the Rockwood building.

In one piece "Instead of having to break it down into three or possibly four sections" said president Johns, "We can move the Rockwood station all in one piece".

The stipulation of the C.N.R. is that it must be moved within 90 days after sale and the Ontario

Electric Railway Historical Association directors anticipate heavy moving and re-facilitating costs. Although the Association is

fortunate in having as its member, one of the top house-moving men in the business, there is still the possibility of

damage, the high costs of installation and foundation as well as those of necessary plumbing and other facilities.



THE PRESIDENT AND FOUR directors of Association. Directors attending the ceremony are from left to right, Jack Knowles, Ron Cooper, Jim Borelan, D. Watson, the C.N.R.'s Mr. Veenis and President of the O.E.R.H.A., Bob Johns.—Handing over the ownership papers is R. M. Veenis of the C.N.R. to W. J. Watson of the

Mr. Johns estimates the complete cost of replanting the station to its new home in Nassagaweya close to Ten Thousand dollars complete. He assured the visitors attending the Thursday ceremony that "Rockwood" will be kept on the station front and, although the original sign had been stolen, on the Wednesday night prior to the turn over, the Association president assured his audience that a new one would be made, thus Rockwood will retain part of its early historical beginnings in another township.

Many valuable pieces of indoor furnishings have been removed from the station since it was slated for auction in early spring including such items as the beautiful wrought iron grill work and old station master's chair, baggage carts, etc. thus bringing anxious Rockwood residents to the conclusion that perhaps it's better to have it removed and restored after all, than completely demolished by vandalism.

Disease and slowdown or growth often are serious after-effects of forest fires.



THE NEWEST Rockwood Centennial School kindergarten addition is the teacher, and Mrs. Carol McAlister instructs Nancy Coppes and David See in coloring as Lisa Piotti grins happily in the background. —(Photo by Lorraine).



TRACY TOMLINSON of R. R. Rockwood seems adept on her first day of Kindergarten. She works away quietly as teacher Mrs. D. Carney talks to other pupils. —(Photo by Lorraine).

## Enrolment up at Centennial

Enrollment is raised slightly this year at the Rockwood Centennial School which serves the children from the southern portion of Eramosa Township below Highway 24 and includes all kindergarten-aged youngsters in the township.

Few changes will be presented in the 71-72 curriculum except in the area of the special education and remedial program directed by Mrs. Marg LaFontaine where emphasis will be applied in reading, phonics, and arithmetic. Two new teachers have been taken on staff and the Industrial and Home Economic courses will continue to be carried on in the Guelph Waverly Drive School.

grade 5 and 6 class will have Mrs. Betty Post as its teacher; Mrs. Marg LaFontaine the Special Education and Remedial program classes, Mrs. Mary Myerson, grade 5; Miss Cathy Wilhelm will be taking the Grade 6 pupils and Nancy Foster the grade 7's while also teaching the special French and Geography course for the Intermediate department.

The grade 7 and 8 combination classes will be taken by Mrs. Bob Love and Mrs. Reita McPhedran; Mrs. Ramona Storey is the teacher for the straight grade 8 class.

### On course

New teachers Mrs. Carol McAlister of Guelph is the new staff kindergarten teacher addition and she will be working closely with Mrs. Doris Carney, also of Guelph. Grade Two classes will be under the able control of Mrs. Mari Watson and, another addition to the staff, Mrs. Bev. Harris. Mrs. Bett Coulson continues as the Grade 2 teacher and Miss Gail Ratio the 2 and 3 Combination class.

Lay reader mayor Les Duby took the service at St. Alban's Sunday in the absence of the rector.

Rev. Harry Dawson was at the University of Windsor on a marriage and family counselling course.

Mrs. Shiela Robins will be in charge of the Portable grade 3 pupils and Mrs. Marion Tubman and Miss Marilyn Warwick the two grade 4s. A combination

Jack Pine cones need heat to open and release seeds

There were five new national parks in Canada since 1965.

## Comin's and Goin's

The tickets on sale for the fifty-fifty draw show the date of the Earl Duby Benefit Night as that of Saturday, September 11 instead of the one announcing the event in last week's Free Press. Great attendance is hopefully expected by the Rockwood-Eramosa Fire Brigade who are sponsoring the evening of fun and games and, also with the Cheesburger barbecue, games of chance, and ball game scheduled to start at 7 p.m. there'll be a mammoth bingo game to which everyone is invited. 25c will get you into the park and the lads from Centre Inn will dazzle you with their ball tactics as they match up against the Puslinch Fire Department. So everybody join in a community evening for a great project for a greater guy.

Seeing Western Canada via trailer was the summertime holiday for the Grant McRae family this summer when they touched such places as Calgary, Jasper, Edmonton, and Moose Jaw making new acquaintances at camp sites and exchanging ideas and conversations with folks from North Dakota, Maryland, Ottawa, other distances. A wonderful way to spend a holiday, beneficial, healthy, as well as educational. Tuesday, Sept. 7, found Principal McRae back at his old stomping grounds at Rockwood Centennial and their friends are glad to see them home again.

It's a two months "Adieu" to one of Rockwood's favorite citizens. Yosef Drenters has left for England and Europe where he will visit many interesting and historical places and reacquaint himself with some of his own family background. The academy is in good hands while he is away and, come November, Yosef will be reporting back with stories of his agenda-packed tour. Villagers wish him good luck and look forward to his hometown return.

Come Sunday, September 12, Rockwood and Stone United churches will be resuming their regular time schedule — Stone United at 10 a.m. and Rockwood United at 11:15 a.m. with their own minister Rev. Ralph C. Williams on hand.

The theme for the service will be "Love" as revealed by the story of "The Prodigal Son"

retold for our time. The two Sunday schools will also meet with the congregation to commence their year's program with full staff and lessons of vital concern for the boys and girls in attendance. An invitation is extended to the whole family with a "Come - sing - and join in the fellowship."

No free chicken but lots of bounty was Ray Death's reward at the 1971 Steam-Era held in Milton last weekend when his 1934 Lincoln was chosen to lead the official parade and to escort Colonel "Fried Chicken" Sanders through the town through the town on the occasion of his 81st birthday. Ray learned that the colonel does love fricaseed fowl, was born in Kentucky, (although he also has a home in Cookeville) still drives a car and guess what? It's also a Lincoln only of '71 variety.

Sanders was impressed by the Steam show. He's never seen one before and as he sat in the front seat of the Death's vintage vehicle, passing out autographed pictures five officials of the fair also rode in the same car. Ray representing Rockwood Presbyterian Church competed in many contests at the show and for three days in a row won the log-swing contest as well as others. He didn't get "any free chicken from the colonel" Ray said, but he really made it big with other prizes.

## Car fire Sunday

A complete write-off was the description of the motor vehicle accident which occurred last Sunday, September 5 at 11:07 p.m. when a '64 Ford Station Wagon driven by Matthew Schechak of 14 Case Street, Hamilton burst into flames on Highway 24, four tenths of a mile north of the 6th concession of Eramosa.

The cause of the accident has not been determined as Constable Lennox of the Guelph O.P.P. detachment is still investigating. The Rockwood-Eramosa Fire Brigade was summoned and they extinguished the fire of the blazing vehicle from which everything had been removed. The driver escaped without injury.

### Meet teachers

## Plan registration night school courses

The registration and "meet the teacher night" for the creative arts and craft program as sponsored by the Eramosa Recreation Committee will be held as scheduled in the Rockwood Centennial School on Tuesday September 21 at 8 p.m.

In attempting to comply with the requests of those interested in involvement with the Arts and Crafts program, only highly qualified teachers will be instructing, and costs have been set according to salaries required. Hooking will be taught by Mrs. Dorothy Comfort who has conducted a number of classes for the Guelph Creative Arts and Crafts; Drawing, design and mixed media will have John Mattar, O.S.A. a teacher at G.C.V.I. and also for the Guelph Creative Arts; Mrs. Audrey Jones, a graduate of an English Needlecraft School who has taught in various schools in England, will teach needlecraft, crewel work and crochet, also including decorative sewing such as for cushions, and lampshades.

The weekly two hour courses have been set at \$15 with the exception of the upholstery classes under Fred Jensen, a well known Acton Extension Course teacher of several years standing. The upholstery instruction will cost \$20 for a weekly three hour session.

As hopefully no resident will be excluded from the program special provisions have been arranged by the Recreation Committee for those who find the venture too expensive, however, registration will have to be limited on a first come, first registered basis, as group allowances have been set at only 12 to 15.

"We hope to be able to offer a different selection of subjects after Christmas, commencing some time in January, if there is sufficient interest" says Mrs. Mary Coulter, the pro-tem chairman of the special committee set up to organize the program, who feels that the new

venture should add hours of stimulating interests to many members of the Rockwood and Eramosa, community.

## Nine permits in township

Nine building permits issued in the Township of Nassagaweya during the month of August were valued at \$452,500.

The permits included five residential, one commercial, two agricultural and one institutional. A total of 49 permits have been issued in the township since January 1, 1971, bringing the total sum to \$1,061,700 to date.

Figures at this time last year were considerably lower, at \$674,295.

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Picture Subject — a scene, children, animals, building, flowers etc. of general interest, taken within ten miles of Acton.

Identification and technical information (type of camera and film) to accompany each entry.

Three entries per person permitted (Children's entries welcome.)

Negatives and prints to be submitted to the Free Press so judging may be completed and pictures enlarged for display at the Fall Fair.

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- ◇ NOVELTY FLOAT

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### PRIZES FOR EACH SECTION

1st PRIZE-\$30.00 2nd PRIZE-\$20.00 3rd PRIZE-\$10.00

Mail Entries to: Chairman Parade Committee J. D. Hesson  
118 Churchhill Road S., Acton, Ontario Telephone 853-0996

ON / OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1971.

NOTE: Small children with buggies, bicycles, etc. join in parade at Knox Church.

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