

Eight local honor graduates John F. Ross commencement

Eight Rockwood and district past John F. Ross Collegiate students were awarded Ontario Secondary School Honor Graduation Diplomas but only five were in attendance to receive them at the fifteenth annual commencement of the John F. Ross Collegiate Vocational Institute held last Friday evening, November 5.

Two of the eight students receiving their diplomas won special awards for outstanding achievement and of those receiving their secondary school graduation diplomas, Gary Hindley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hindley of R.R. 1, Rockwood, won the \$100 Frank Braucht Scholarship as a worthy student continuing education in a technical field.

Receiving the \$150 Ontario Scholars Award for students obtaining 80 per cent with seven year 5 credits were Steven Leslie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Leslie of Station Street, Rockwood, and Gayle Willard, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Willard of R.R. 4, Rockwood.

Gayle also won special acclaim for her proficiency as a girl proceeding to University taking the \$100 Margaret Scott Award presented by the Captain Frederick Bond Chapter, I.O.D.E. as well as another \$100 Wellington County Board of

Education award for students proceeding to higher education on the basis of scholarship.

Receive diplomas

Present to receive their graduation diplomas at last Friday's ceremonies were William Garner, Charles Gidden, Stephen Leslie, Alan McPhedran and Gayle Willard.

Robin Drijber and Greg Strong have presently taken time off from their scholastic continuance to spend some months in Australia and Kevin Root is in Europe with plans for an eight month work schedule in a kibbutz in Israel.

Six of the eight graduates were former S.S. No. 9 Public School students who had shared their earlier training together in Rockwood.

Four local boys receiving certificates of Secondary school graduation were Gary Hindley, Alan McDougall, Ross Millson, and Christopher Smith.

Last class

Friday's commencement participants included students who were the second to last group from Rockwood and area attending the John F. Ross Collegiate. Since the building of the Centennial School in Guelph district pupils have been registered there and the present John F. Ross Grade 13 class will graduate in June 1972 as the last one containing Rockwood and area students.



STEPHEN LESLIE



GAYLE WILLARD

Receiving the Ontario Scholarship for a student obtaining 80 per cent with seven year 5 credits at last Friday's Commencement Exercises at John F. Ross Collegiate was Stephen Leslie, the second eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Leslie of Station Street, Rockwood. A former student in the S.S. No. 9 village public school Stephen's scholastic achievements have followed him throughout all his school years.

Presently taking time off from his educational endeavours he has plans for a Creative Writing Course for next year and, although the University has still to be determined, it will probably be one in the province of Ontario.

Three awards for top proficiency were awarded to Gayle Willard, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Willard of R.R. 4, Rockwood, at last Friday evening's annual commencement. A former Rouge Hill Public School student she completed grades 9 and 10 at Dunbarton High School near Toronto and continued with her grades 11, 12, and 13, education at the John F. Ross Collegiate in Guelph, graduating at 17 years of age. This year, specializing in Physical Education, Gayle is attending the University of Waterloo.

Sportsmen: don't kill game illegally by starting a forest fire.

Constant worry

JACK PARKINSON, R.R. Guelph, holds the damaged remains of a sheep killed Tuesday as one of three which was being chewed by the hungry dogs which are seen lying beside the ravaged sheep.—(Photo by Lorraine)

Farmers shoot dogs to protect livestock

Mass mutilation and destruction!

Each day sheep farmers are finding half chewed carcasses only partly devoured by dogs which are tormenting the farmers all through the district of Eramosa. Cute little puppies which develop into grown dogs abandoned by their owners, unfed, unkempt, starving, and some running in packs, with shooting for protection of their livestock the only answer for the local farmers.

Irate dog owners object to the dog shooting episodes which the farmers are having to resort to, but first hand viewing of slaughtered home-grown livestock is a sad picture and each day fresh reports are heard of the rampant killings, some close to barns in easy view of the farmhouses.

"Nothing seems to deter the dogs," said one farmer who is sickened by his early morning sight of chewed stock and says that it's a constant worry about what he will find after the nighttime dog prowls as most of the killing takes place after dark. Warnings have been circulated and dog owners, under the Livestock Protection Act, told of their liability that, "should their dogs be found to be running at large and especially if these dogs are molesting or killing livestock, owners should check immediately with their

municipal clerk regarding legislation which makes them liable to fine and destruction of the offending animal."

"Keep the dogs in at night," says Jack Parkinson. "Feed

them and look after them and they won't get into trouble." There are 350 sheep on the Parkinson farm and they have lost a number recently as well as others badly chewed which might as well be dead.

Comin's and Goin's

It'll be another afternoon out for the ladies of the district when the Rockwood Presbyterian Church's Twilight Auxiliary their annual bazaar on Saturday, November 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. with Christmas gifts, baking goodies, sewing crafts, and a tea party with your friends all at the Presbyterian Sunday School room. So get ready for Santa Claus and get in the spirit with a Christmas wreath around the date in November. Cheers, folks, see you at the bazaar.

Rockwood friends of Mrs. Jimmie Milne (Jean Barrett) express their sympathy at the passing of her father Mr. William Barrett. Jim and Jean have flown to Windsor, New foundland to visit with her mother during her sad bereavement and plan on staying

for a week's visit. Jean's aunt from Oshawa and an uncle from Guelph are also visiting their sister.

Rockwood and Eden Mill citizens should be pleased that their spritely collectors for UNICEF on Halloween night took in the grand sum of \$155.59. School collections showed a total of \$144.23 and, together with extra individual donations and the Presbyterian Sunday School collection the total sum was raised beyond expectations. Many thanks to the boys and girls who collected from their Rockwood and Eden Mills cohorts and would-be assistants. It's a worthwhile cause executed by a most worthwhile group of youngsters.

Take a piece of tinsel on the first finger of your right hand and remember the Sacred Heart and Oustic C.W.L. Bazaar to be held Thursday evening, November 18, at 7 p.m. at the Centennial Public School Auditorium. Surprises, baked goods, presents, surprises, bingo, tea, craft items, fun for the kids, more surprises, good fun, good will and you!

Ain't it the truth! Rockwood is proud of her Mrs. Mary Milne of Guelph Street who, as a member of the Acton Citizens' Golden Age Club actively participated in a program of the Annual Senior Citizen's Rally held in the Burlington Senior Citizens Centre last Monday, November 8. "Why wear a poppy" was the timely topic of Mrs. Milne's recitation and she followed up with "the farmer's wife's prayer." "It's just surprising what the senior citizens can do," said Mrs. Milne and related instances of amazing talent in the group consisting of visitors from Acton, Milton, Waterdown, Oakville, Georgetown, Burlington, Aldershot, and Brampton. Nice going, Mrs. Milne, and we will remind all Senior Citizens of the Rockwood area that their next meeting is at the Town Hall at 2 p.m. Miss Florence Till also accompanied Mrs. Milne at the Rally and had a great time.

Friends of the McNabb family of Harris Street wish to convey their sadness at the November 3 bereavement of Anna Bestward. There's little anyone can say that doesn't sound trite except a very sincere "sorry" and that is understood.

Hey now! If you're a member of the Eden House Nursing Home Auxiliary or even a "Would like to be" member attend the meeting on Thursday, November 11 at 8 p.m. at Eden House to assist in programming plans to make life more fun for our Senior citizens who are in residence because they are not well. Want to help and add zest to your own life? Come along with us!

Friends of Miss Helen Bayne of Guelph Street are sorry that she is ill in bed and everyone hopes that she will be out and around very soon. Lots of luck, Helen, and we'll be watching for you.



Log cabin roof is on

A crew of volunteers spent their final Sunday working on the roof at the log cabin at Halton Museum in the Kelso Conservation Area last week. The roof is near completion. Some of the work will be done by the staff at the museum before winter sets in and some will be contracted out in the spring.

The work was conducted by the friends of the Museum group.

Former councillor Alan Ackman doesn't want line in township

Former Nassagaweya Councillor Alan Ackman reiterated views of the Council and Planning Board of last year that they didn't want the proposed hydro line in Nassagaweya at all if it could be avoided.

He emphasized to this newspaper there was no such thing as an "Ackman route" as had been suggested in an earlier report. He noted last year's Planning Board and Council had adopted a report from a Planning Board subcommittee. The report had opposed the line being in the township at all but suggested if had to cross Nassagaweya, it should avoid triangulation of properties by following one of 12

other possibilities detailed in the report.

Acknowledging he had a vested interest in the project since his property was likely to be affected, the former councillor stressed that he wasn't trying to push the route onto someone else's. He was opposing the route in the township and particularly he was opposing the triangulation of properties and the visual pollution that would result from the towers.

Mr. Ackman praised the current council for rejecting an invitation to a private meeting with Ontario Hydro officials to discuss the location of the route.



Fourth Line is blocked!

Close Fourth Line some disgruntled

By Lorraine

Area residents viewing this scene have attitudes of nostalgia, sadness and in some cases annoyance. It is the snow-fenced barricade set up to discourage drivers and encourage them to utilize the new Fourth Line diversion some few hundred feet beyond the Grand River Conservation Park.

The new road was built to cancel out the bottleneck on the Fourth Line bridge which, during the summer months presented potential fire brigade problems when trucks could not pass the narrow roadway. However, many Rockwood citizens and local farmers are concerned that the bottleneck will continue to exist only further up on the new road just past the Rockwood park.

Sneak past gate

"I've lived on this line all my life," said one disgruntled resident. "I've always been able to put on my bathing suit and go for a swim whenever I wanted to but now I'm going to have to sneak past a stupid fence or pay a gate fee to enjoy what has always belonged to us in the first place."

"It's the Authority pushing in again" said another farmer hotly, echoing the thoughts of many area residents. "They just wanted their own little grounds all set up neat and tidy and then the taxpayers like you and I pay for it. We pay to have it moved in our taxes, and we have to darn well pay to get to use it plus we still have the same inconveniences of a crowded roadway."

And so it goes. The old Fourth Line which has been in existence since the early development of Eramosa Township has had to be moved. Call it progress or authority, it just ain't no more. History suggests that it was first completed around the date of 1850 and now, approximately 121 years later it's defunct—more history bulldozed into the past and time lurches onward.

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