Years pass quickly

for Ainley Croft, 91

One of Rockwood's most senior leaves have hit the ground he is

residents is in his glory this week after celebrating his 91st birth-

Happy and good natured, Ainley Croft of Station Street,

Born on what is now the Bill

Ritchle farm on the Fifth Line of Eramosa on November 23, 1880,

everything he endeavoured.

retirement, hung up his hoe and shovel at 5 o'clock and after that,

enjoyed being a home-type man,

relaxing in his favorite chair.

Now that this year's crop of

moderation in all things.

SEEN IN HER BASEMENT recreation room deep breathing positions. -(Photo by Mrs. Vivian O'Brien works out with student Lorraine) Doris Swackhammer of Everton casual Yoga

Everton grandmother teaches wives Yoga

Something new has been happening in a downstairs basement room of a home in Everton lately and several housewives in the village are the participants.

It's called Hatha Yoga and Mrs. Vivian O'Brien, a three year student of the Huron Athletic Centre in Cooksville, recently moved into the Everton community and has been

Many of her students, after weekly classes, feel refreshed and invigorated with a diminishing of physical ailments

says the youthful Mrs. O'Brien who is willing to extend her classes to larger groups or to accommodate potential students in Rockwood sessions. She feels that Hatha Yoga, which is the basic course for enthusiasts but does not include the deeper "meditation" of the more advanced phases, is a marvellous answer to ailments of breathing

Lithe and fast moving herself, Mrs. O'Brien is the mother of two daughters and the grand mother of three young children. She started up her basement classes after moving to Everton two years ago and finds that having pupils working along with her is an extra incentive to keep her

She encourages everyone to include the Yoga program in their everyday curriculum of

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Council, hydro meet

At a special meeting of the Eramosa Township Council held last Monday evening, November 22, all members were present and met with representatives of the Ontario Hydro Commission to discuss problems and matters pertaining to the probable route of the proposed hydro line. It was decided to hold a meeting with the Hydro commission, Township Council members, and property

owners involved, with another public one to be held at a later date if required.

Other matters on the agenda involved the passing of a by-law for an additional supplementation for road expenditures subject to the Department of Transport approval.

able to watch the trains go past and his favorite pastime used to be to watch the trains pull in to unload passengers and freight. Upearly

Rockwood, attributes his Ainley Croft who continues his lifetime habit of early to bed and longevity to hard work and early to rise still makes 5.30 a.m. his getting up hour and, when others are sleeping lights in the Croft household pop on as he Mr. Croft farmed for 36 years proceeds to prepare for his 6.30 a.m. breakfast which starts off until 1934 when he moved into Rockwood and took up residence in the frame double house on Guelph Street near the Main his day in order. Catch this very dear old

gentleman in moments of Street corner. He lived there for reminiscing and he can tell of seven years before purchasing many of the old Rockwood his home on Station Street in 1941 habitats and industries that have and he tells of working 10 hours a disappeared during his lifetime. day at 17 cents an hour shovelling "A flour mill, oatmeal mill, grist crushed stone which had to be mill, lathe mill, shingle mill, two unloaded at the C.N.R. station, to sets of horse and buggy drive in pay for the house. Thresher, weigh scales, three hotels, the carpenter, railway worker, Mr. knitting mill, a drug store, glove Croft was a man of many trades shop, tannery, two tailor shops, a by Lorraine) who also, worked for the turnip waxing plant and the Department of Highways and, closing down of the academy. according to his friends and He tells about two blacksmith neighbors has always been shops which used to be in the conscientious, and tenacious in Crediting his apparent good health to always taking care of himself Mr. Croft has, since his

village, two barbershops, butcher shop, a livery stable, a telephone office, three garages; how the old Methodist Church used to stand on Main Street and was torn down many years ago and he mentions the industry at the railway station with its stockyard freight

shed, mail express and passenger

AINLEY CROFT, Station St., holds birthday greetings and an inscribed plaque from Premier William Davis and the Province on the occasion of his 91st birthday. -(Photo

Cards and cake

History? Mr. Croft remembers much of the activity of this quiet little community away back when and enjoys discussing it with his friends. Tuesday's celebrations were quieter than others he has had but he received numerous cards from political officials as well as those from friends and neighbors who wish

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Comin's and Goin's

Hey isn't it wonderful? Folks in the hospital recuperating and old village friends are returning

home from holidays. Jean Meadows and Dorothy Bolton are recuperating from their recent automobile accident, Jean is having difficulty with her broken jaw mending quickly but she is improving continually and hopefully will not have to be hospitalized too much longer.

Yosef Drenters has been home a week now after his marvellous trip to England to learn more about William Wetherald, the founder of the Rockwood Academy. His descriptive picture of the British Isles and its people, his account of his own birthplace Popples in Flanders, Belgium, and his trip to Holland makes his homecoming a delight for all his listening friends. Welcome to one of Rockwood's

favorite residents and hopefully

everyone will have an oppor-

tunity of hearing his travelling

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and adventurous recounts.

Wow! Really terrific is the fact that Carl Meadows is not only on the St. Mike's Hospital in Toronto, "progressing well" list but he is doing exceptionally well with complete recovery anticipated very soon now. Tuesday's report was that he would be returning to Guelph on Wednesday for physiotheraphy and will stay on at St. Joseph's Hospital for about three weeks before his homecoming. Nice going Carl, we're all on your side and very thankful you're well.

The beavers have done it again. A true work of architectural genius is the dam on Valley Road near the falls and evening visitors to the area need not be mystified by soft paddling noises but be aware that it's just old Mr. Beaver industriously completing another portion of his construction.

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Saturday night was an evening of good fellowship and great sport when some 20 odd members of Erin and Rockwood Anglican Church congregations bussed into Guelph for an evening of sport and recreation at the Sportsmans Bowl. Singing, camaraderie, and high spirites made it a funtime and afterwards it was the Millstone restaurant

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for chow with Ivy Ritchie winning the free chicken dinner a la Millstone cuisine for the best bowling score and then home again finnegan for the merry athletes and non athletes who went along for the ride with plans for more outgoing evenings in the

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It was over the top and out for the 17 canvassers of the Rockwood and Everton Branch of the Canadian Bible Society when they picked up \$425 in this year's October effort, approximately \$14 over the 1970 collection. The total received for the year to date including contributions from the Presbyterian Twilight Evening Evening Auxiliary, Daily Vacation Bible School, Life Memberships, In Memoriams, and Church collections is \$605 and the officers for the society, Mrs. Burton Hill, Mrs. E. Hosking, Secretary, and Miss Pearl Hamilton, Treasurer, are delighted at the outcome of the

appeal and the manner in which their canvassers were received. Well done, folks in the vicinity of (Continued on Page B13)

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False alarm phone calls

The unusually warm weather this district has been enjoying during recent weeks has been blamed for sparking myriads of false alarm phone calls, most of them from area residents requiring fire permits for outdoor rubbish burning.

As all permits are now being referred to the Pollution Control Centre in Kitchener the Rockwood and Eramosa Fire Brigade members who receive the calls are requesting citizens to make their calls direct thus deleting the

necessity of an intermediary. Prank alarms which are being phoned in are now under investigation and offenders are reminded that, when caught, they well be penalized under law.

Two in tour

David Ward, Campbellville and Rae Swackhamer, Acton took part in the livestock management tour this year. A total of 74 young men who are actually engaged in farming spent five days touring farms in the Orangeville-Barrie area in preparation for the livestock evaluation classes at the Royal Winter Fair. Top contestant was David Thompson of Wellington County.

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