Charles O'Brien dies was village secretary

The significance of last August's hospitalization of Charles O'Brien finally hit home Thursday, May 18, when news of his passing at the St. Joseph's Hospital at 2.45 a.m. circulated throughout the village. The man who had chosen Rockwood as his retirement hometown, 15 years ago was laid to rest in her village cemetery the following Saturday.

Born in Sunderland, Ontario, in 1903 March 8, Charles O'Brien was the eldest son of Martin Louis and Florence Arnott O'Brien. He married Ruth Mc-Cutcheon O'Brien as St. John's Roman Catholic Church in 1926 and together they lived in Toronto with their three children Kathleen, Eugene Martin, and

Builder by trade

A builder by trade Charles O'Brien, known more affectionately as "Charlie" by his many friends, was avidly interested in municipal affairs and, before coming to Rockwood has served as a member of the Business Agents Association of the American Federation of Labor in Toronto; was financial secretary of the Aeronautical Lodge 717 and member of the Legislative Committee Trades and Labor Council; and, for seven years prior to leaving, was chairman over York Township Area Ratepayer's Association involving over 14,000 members. Rockwood he was instrumental in attempting to Rockwood

hard-hitting outfielders Vic

Willms and Jim Thatcher, Rock-

wood Senior playing coach John

Salmon expects to be able to field

as strong a team as the one which

won the Intercounty Fastball

championship and reached the

OASA Intermediate "C" finals

Rockwood opened their

schedule in Hillsburgh last night

(Tuesday) and host Georgetown

Both Willms and Thatcher

carried big bats. Willms batted

.366 and Thatcher led the team in

Early at her usual place at the

Perfect weather and prompt

and, after the opening songs Mrs.

Ethel Craig read the treasury

report. This was followed up by a

discussion about the Niagara

Falls bus trip and, after financial

discussions on the matter June 22

outside the club who wishes to

take the trip they can hopefully

be accommodated for a price of

Reminiscences

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Leitch

were the program conveners for

the afternoon and they called on

Mrs. Max Milne who gave an

amusing poem recitation entitled

wood Town Hall. For anyone trip.

(tomorrow) Thursday night.

last year.



CHARLIE O'BRIEN

incorporated village. He envisionaged slow growth for his new-home municipality and wanted to see only the best things for her future. In 1964 he became hydro manager and village secretary and has served in that capacity with faithful diligence enjoying the confidence of the trustee boards as well as that of his customers and village

- Devout Christian · Father F. C. Elliott, when officiating last Saturday, May 20, said in his eulogy to a marvellous Rockwood citizen, "Charles O'Brien was a man of strength

Add sting

Steve Redmond, a former Guelph

junior star and the return of

former Rockwood players Norm

Beattle and Blake Hind should

add some extra sting to the

villagers' hitting attack. Beattie

played with Guelph Ingrams of

the Inter-City league last year

and Hind spent the year with the

Other newcomers bidding to

crack the Rockwood starting

lineup are catcher Tom Raccola

New song sheets Popkey will miss six weeks in July and the early part of August, while he is away at summer

in the year 1909 which, told in

Euchre and crokinole were

Nellie Saunders served fruit loaf

and cheese with refreshments

club will be on June 8 and

members are reminded that it

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The next meeting of the senior

rounds of great laughter.

which everyone enjoyed.

Acton club. :.

Acquisition of centre fielder

Rockwood ready for run

at third straight title

In spite of the retirement of home runs last year.

for Sunshiners

greater vocal exercises at last reminiscences

It was a sing song from a new "Retirement" after which

song sheets which inspired William McCutcheon gave some

meeting of the Sunshine Club in International Convention held in

Rockwood with Mrs. William the Rockwood Methodist Church

piano keeping everyone in proper humourous fashion, created

timing showed Rev. Raiph then the order of the day and, at Williams conducting as president 4, p.m. Mrs. Rose Dyer and Mrs.

will be the date of the 10 a.m. trip will be the last one on which

in the morning from the Rock- money can be paid in for the bus

and stature. He was a wonderful Christian as well as a great man." Mr. O'Brien believed that everyone who visited the Rockwood Hydro office should be treated equally. With a religious background he had been an altar boy when younger and had continued as a devout Christian ever since, loving those who knew him and trying not to betray his friends.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, his daughters, Kathleen Skinner, Brampton, Irene LaVoie, Guelph, and his son, Eugen Martin, Rockwood, six grandchildren, Laura, Daryl, Michael and Michelle Skinner: Lee and Martin LaVole, and three great grandchildren, Jean Timmy, and Geffery, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon .Hayward of Erin. He is also survived by his only sister, Mrs. Alfred (Gertrude) McDonald of Sunderland and his brother Albert of Cannington, Ontario. Charles O'Brien was laid to

rest by his nephew Paul Mc-Donald of Sunderland, grandson Gordon Hayward, Erin, the three rockwood village trustees, Don filts, Stan Harris, and Bert Smith, and also by his good friend Louis Hilts. He will be sadly missed in the village office but his courageous interest in Rockwood's past and his hopes for her future will always be remembered and the cards and floral tributes which poured in commemorating his death only partfally showed the esteem felt by his friends and associates.

of Eden Mills and outfielder

Harry Phillips, who belted the

ball at close to a .400 clip for

Top returnees

Second baseman Harry Barber

and the dynamic pitching duo of

Salmon and Bob Shaw head the

list of returnees. Barber hit .335

with 87 base hits last year, while

Salmon and Shaw took turns

silencing opposition bats, racking

up several shutouts in the

Mike Kelley 277, Ted Buczek

.257, Chick Milne .249, Dan Arbic

.237, Arlon Popkey .224 and Mike

Martin .184 will all be back.

July and the early part of August, while he is away at summer

Four junior players, Gord

Burnett, Martin Dupuis, John

Thatcher and Randy Peart will

be available for duty, whenever

the dates of junior and senior

games don't clash. Thatcher hit

.338 in 65 at bats with the seniors

Rockwood blanked Hillsburgh

The villagers are seeking their

league

straight

championship.

5-0 in an exhibition game last

Acton last season.

Glamor Hi-Jinks! Ticket Takers

Variety show at school

grade eighters in an effort to raise money for their three day Suspense was when Scott Perry

picture one, attempted to murder Mrs. Stevenson (Trudy Smith) but fortunately Sergeant Duffy

Humor galore and picture two

hugged by Beulah (Karen Young) as daughter Caroline (Patricia Mitchell) looks on with stage manager Mark Hamilton assisting. Glamor is No. 3 picture and

Hawaiian war dance.

shows Margaret Glendenning, Kim Anderson, Marika Schuller and Linda Cox garbed for the

> Rick Kelly, Albert Kelly and Wayne Coulson sell tickets at the door to purchaser Vern Osborne. Approximately \$125, was raised to assist in the costs of the travelling venture and earlier the school had participated in a car wash project which was also

Picture 5 was hijinks time Costs for the instruction will be members of the Tiny Tots Time cast combined their efforts with Creative Dance Star Ann Wickham. Shown in the picture are Tim Clifford, Bruce Mac-Donald, Ann Wickham, Ann Smitt, Carol Death, David Rayner, Jody Anderson, and Debbie Hill.

> The evening was a great activity-wise and those who made the trip found it exciting and informative. They left early Thursday morning to return to the metropolis of Rockwood last Saturday evening.

-(Photos by Lorraine)

Special tribute was given to the four young Rockwood leaders who are the youngest in the district and the organizers of last Saturday's event. Nancy Beatty, Brenda Ingle, Wenda Gray, and Sandy Root, were the girls in Rockwood for the first time in charge and ladies of St. John's supplied the lunch and dessert Big girls and little girls ranging which kept up the strength of the active rallyists.

ROCKWOOD

Free Press

100 J.A.'s meet

for rally here

What's green and white, green

and white, green and white, and

green white? Approximately 100

Junior Auxiliary members that's

what and that was the count at

last Saturday afternoon's Rally

held at St. John's Church in

in ages from 4 to 13 all

participated in games and

programs representing their

groups from St. Georges in

Georgetown, Grace Church in

Arthur, St. Georges, St. Patricks,

and St. Davids in Guelph.

together with their hostesses

Rollicking and delightful the

cording to age, incorporated in

their round of activities, a church

service, games of fun, crafts,

and, as a finale, a treasure hunt

which kept the local neighbors

and merchants scrambling and

the leaders on their toes.

from Rockwood.

history.

The excitement which began as the busloads and carloads pulled in to the church parking lot at 1 p.m., was concluded on the dot of 4. New friendships had been established, songs exchanged, and, before the J. Aers packed on to their busses and made for home they gathered on the lawn girls, working in rotations ac- of the Church bowling green and forming a circle they joined together to sing their special J.A. song to the tune of Now the Day is Over and, as a finale gave their good fellowship shake and wished their new friends best wishes and

sufe trip home.



HAPPY WITH ANTICIPATION a busload of Georgetown J.A. girls piled off at Rockwood's St. John's Church parking lot to participate in the first rally of the local church's history. (Photo by Lorraine)

Glamor, suspense, comedy, hijinks, and high finance were all part of last Wednesday evening's Rockwood Centennial School educational trip to Ottawa.

Variety Show sponsored by the (Philip Drijber) was on hand to save the day.

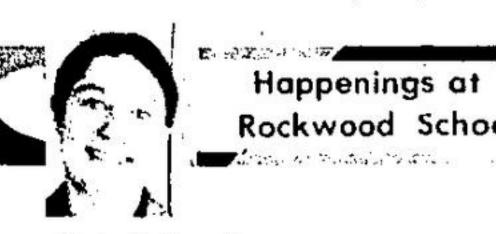
shows Arthur (Brent Storey) Nancy Glendenning, (Ma) Elmer

Swim session dates assigned

Big things are on the horizon for the Rockwood Conservation Park swimmers this season when two sessions will be held beginning July 3 to the 28th and August 1 until the 25th. Registrations will begin on date of June 12, and hopefully many of last year's instructors will be on hand to take up the torch from last year

Royal lifesaving, Red Cross, pre beginners, advanced beginners, Junior Survival and Elementary Life saving. Intermediate life saving and junior artificial life saving are all on the summer agenda with special senior classes to be held

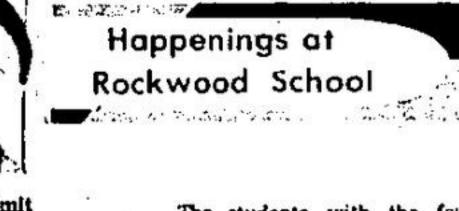
\$3. per child and, after last summer's enthusiastic response the G.R.C.A. expects classes to fill up quickly and warns all parents to be on the alert and get ready to register.



By Ann Smit

This week was exciting for the grade eights when they left for Ottawa at 8,30 Thursday morning. They toured the city with a guide and went to such wood at 8.30 Saturday night. educational places as the Museum of Science and be at the school to conduct the Technology, The National first part of the bicycle rodeo. Aeronautical Museum and the fascinating, beautiful Parliament Buildings.

The students with the four chaperones stayed at the Butter Motor Hotel. The students were sorry when they had to leave the city. They arrived back in Rock-



This week Constable Reilly will Also this week the grades one and two will be seing a film on Sweden which they should enjoy.

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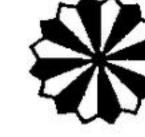
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