

Obituary

# 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 McCutcheon O'Brien at St. John's Roman Catholic Church in 1926 and together they lived in Toronto with their three children Kathleen, Eugene Martin, and Irene.



CHARLIE O'BRIEN

**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.

In Rockwood he was instrumental in attempting to make Rockwood an

incorporated village. He envisioned 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 friends.

**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

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, Eugene Martin, Rockwood, six grandchildren, Laura, Daryl, Michael and Michelle Skinner; Lee and Martin LaVoie, 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 McDonald of Sunderland, grandson Gordon Hayward, Erin, the three Rockwood village trustees, Don Hills, Stan Harris, and Bert Smith, and also by his good friend Louis Hills. 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 partially showed the esteem felt by his friends and associates.



Variety show at school

Glamor, suspense, comedy, hijinks, and high finance were all part of last Wednesday evening's Variety Show sponsored by the Rockwood Centennial School grade eighters in an effort to raise money for their three day educational trip to Ottawa. Suspense was when Scott Perry

picture one, attempted to murder Mrs. Stevenson (Trudy Smith) but fortunately Sergeant Duffy (Philip Drijber) was on hand to save the day.

Humor galore and picture two shows Arthur (Brent Storey) Nancy Glendenning, (Ma) Elmer

Kirby (Jerry Thatcher) being hugged by Beulah (Karen Young) as daughter Caroline (Patricia Mitchell) looks on with stage manager Mark Hamilton assisting.

Glamor is No. 3 picture and shows Margaret Glendenning, Kim Anderson, Marika Schuller and Linda Cox garbed for the Hawaiian war dance.

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 successful.

Picture 5 was hijinks time members of the Tiny Tots Time cast combined their efforts with Creative Dance Star Ann Wickham. Shown in the picture are Tim Clifford, Bruce MacDonald, 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)

## 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 Rockwood for the first time in history.

Big girls and little girls ranging 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 from Rockwood.

Rolling and delightful the girls, working in rotations according 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.

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 charge and ladies of St. John's supplied the lunch and dessert which kept up the strength of the active rallyists.

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 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 safe 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)

## Rockwood ready for run at third straight title

In spite of the retirement of hard-hitting outfielders Vic Williams and Jim Thatcher, Rockwood 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 last year.

Rockwood opened their schedule in Hillsburgh last night (Tuesday) and host Georgetown (tomorrow) Thursday night.

Both Williams and Thatcher carried big bats. Williams batted .366 and Thatcher led the team in

home runs last year.

**Adding**  
Acquisition of centre fielder Steve Redmond, a former Guelph junior star and the return of former Rockwood players Norm Beattie 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 Acton club.

Other newcomers bidding to crack the Rockwood starting lineup are catcher Tom Raccolla

of Eden Mills and outfielder Harry Phillips, who belted the ball at close to a 400 clip for Acton last season.

**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 process.

Mike Kelley 277, Ted Buczek 257, Chick Milne 249, Dan Arbic 237, Arlon Popkey 224 and Mike Martin 184 will all be back. Popkey will miss six weeks in July and the early part of August, while he is away at summer school.

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 last year.

Rockwood blanked Hillsburgh 5-0 in an exhibition game last week.

The villagers are seeking their third straight league championship.

## 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 in August.

Costs for the instruction will be \$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.

## New song sheets for Sunshiners

It was a sing song from a new song sheets which inspired greater vocal exercises at last meeting of the Sunshine Club in Rockwood with Mrs. William Early at her usual place at the piano keeping everyone in proper key.

Perfect weather and prompt timing showed Rev. Ralph Williams conducting as president 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 will be the date of the 10 a.m. trip in the morning from the Rockwood Town Hall. For anyone outside the club who wishes to take the trip they can hopefully be accommodated for a price of \$3.50.

**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

"Retirement" after which William McCutcheon gave some reminiscences of an International Convention held in the Rockwood Methodist Church in the year 1909 which, told in humorous fashion, created rounds of great laughter.

Euchre and crokinole were then the order of the day and, at 4 p.m. Mrs. Rose Dyer and Mrs. Nellie Saunders served fruit loaf and cheese with refreshments which everyone enjoyed.

The next meeting of the senior club will be on June 8 and members are reminded that it will be the last one on which money can be paid in for the bus trip.

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## Happenings at Rockwood School

By Ann Smitt

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 educational places as the Museum of Science and Technology, The National 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 Rockwood at 8.30 Saturday night.

This week Constable Reilly will be at the school to conduct the first part of the bicycle rodeo. Also this week the grades one and two will be seeing a film on Sweden which they should enjoy.

### POSITION OPEN

Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of Rockwood Hydro and Secretary to Board of Trustees, Police Village of Rockwood. Must be qualified bookkeeper with some knowledge of Municipal affairs an asset but not necessarily a requirement. Must be Bondable.

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**PLACE:** Milton District High School  
**DATE:** Wednesday, June 14  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

If you or your group want to make a presentation, please try to let us know in advance. For background information or notice of presentations — Contact: Mr. John Spender, Secretary, Niagara Escarpment Task Force Ministry of Treasury, Economic and Intergovernmental Affairs 880 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario 965-2773

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