



CHOPPED DOWN to size now this heavy tree branch was blown down in Thursday's wind and rain storm. A victim of the now defunct Agnes the branch, weighted by water, finally cracked and came booming down on 7 Highway just below Harris Street necessitating 1½ hours of traffic rerouting between Frederick,

Wetherald, and Carroll Streets in the Village. Alerted by the Hydro Office workmen from the Department of Transport and Communications in Erin arrived on the scene and chopped up the roadblocking branch. (Photo by Lorraine)

No crosswalk on No. 7 allowed

A letter received this week from the Regional Traffic Superintendent, R. S. Hunter, for the Minister of Transportation and Communications in London, conveyed to the Rockwood Board of Trustees that their request for "special crosswalk markings indicating that the roadway on No. 7 highway extending from the Cenotaph across to the opposite sidewalk" will not be sanctioned.

The communication was in answer to a third request made by the Board on behalf of citizens who were alarmed that, without proper crosswalk lighting and markings, pedestrians could be struck down in traffic.

Mr. Hunter said that No. 7 is not a village-owned roadway but a highway owned by the Department of Transportation and Communications. "In this case" read the letter, "There is no legislation available to allow a pedestrian crossover on roadways under our jurisdiction. In view of this we must advise you that no additional devices will be installed in this area."

The Department indicated that the present crosswalk which already has existing crosswalk markings plus a school crossing sign should function "quite satisfactorily" with reliable crossing guards.



PAUL CHADDER, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Chadder of R.R. 2, Guelph, won the coveted Leslie Family Award for academic proficiency Monday at the Rockwood Centennial public school graduation night. Paul has been an outstanding student all during his school years but the award was presented for his grade performance with top marks. (Photo by Lorraine)

Award winners

JACK DRUIF OF R.R. 5, Rockwood, was the valedictorian at Monday night's Centennial School graduation banquet chosen for his all-round scholastic abilities, he commended teachers and parents for their assistance in making his school life memorable and worthwhile. Jack is 14 years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Druij of R.R. 5, Rockwood. (Photo by Lorraine)



Comin's and Goin's

Missed a bright light at the corner of Alma and Church Streets lately, the corner of the Herb Saunders abode? Well, the brightness you're missing is Marie Ellen who left May 31 for Jasper, Alberta, and, with her Guelph friend, Mary MacIntyre, is working there not to return until mid August. Reports are that she's having a wonderful time, enjoys the people and the country there, but the weather in Alberta matches our own - cold and rainy. Miss you in your home grounds, Marie Ellen and your Rockwood friends look forward to your return. Happy work-holiday to you, too.

Signs in the village say that two rock groups, Mayne and Swamp Witch, will be invading the town hall. Organizers hope for a large crowd.

L. Hockey replaces late Charles O'Brien

Recently appointed by the Rockwood trustees Len Hockey of Main Street will take up his duties beginning July 1st in his capacity as manager and secretary treasurer of Rockwood Hydro, secretary to the Board of Trustees, and secretary to the Cemetery Board.

Roe Canada Ltd. and, after plant closure, operated his own business as broiler grower for nine years. More recently Mr. Hockey was employed at

University of Guelph as Office Supervisor and presently is engaged in part-time work as bookkeeper.

In 1969 Mr. Hockey attended a four month refresher course at Conestoga College with accounting, business law and mathematics as major subjects.

A keen member of the community, Len and his wife Ray took up residence in the village 3½ years ago and live on Main Street near the outskirts. As a property owner Mr. Hockey is interested in municipal affairs and is also familiar with office routine including typing and computer application.

In accepting the position Mr. Hockey will be replacing Charles O'Brien who held the same office for a period of eight years before his death last May. In the absence of a hydro manager the position has been filled in the interim by his wife Ruth.



LEN HOCKEY

Rockwood park is "Experience" scene

The Grand River Experience, an experiment in environmental education, has been extended by the Grand River Conservation Authority to provide summer activities for campers in three major conservation areas.

The seven-week program will include films on safety, nature and conservation topics, to be shown regularly on outdoor screens on Saturday nights at Elora Gorge and Rockwood Conservation Areas and Pinehurst Conservation Area between Galt and Paris.

Nature education hikes and guided tours of conservation areas will also be available to campers throughout the summer. The tours will be run by students employed by the authority under SWEEP (Students working in an Environmental Enhancement Program).

The summer program will also include wildlife camps at Luther Marsh Conservation Area, west of Orangeville, and teacher-training sessions at Apps Mills education centre, near Brantford.

Find body in farm house

Cause of death has not been determined according to police reports on the finding of a body at an R. R. 3, Rockwood, farmhouse Friday morning. Investigation continues on the death of David Clarence James, formerly a resident of Guelph.

According to Corporal Judson of the Guelph O.P.P. the boy's family is presently residing in Cleveland, Ohio, having moved there from Guelph some time ago. Twenty-three year old David had returned to the City and his name has been linked as a Crown witness to a London, Ontario, murder.

The O.P.P. denies that the relativity of James' death to that of the London trial however, and samples have been sent to the Forensic Science Centre in Toronto following a late Friday autopsy.

George Day's vocal commentary on his and Grace's trip to England sounds terrific. Two days with Jean in London and then a rented car trip from Margate on the east coast all along the southern coast to Land's End, into Wales and all the while visiting beautiful old cathedrals, and places of historical interest, through Aberfan where, six years ago, 100 children lost their lives in a land slide; Stratford, Cambridge wherever their whimsies took them Grace and George went covering approximately 1,680 miles of thoroughly enjoyable travelling. The Day's returned home last Tuesday via the 365 passenger jet airplane the 747 and, as a souvenir for the local school kids there are pamphlets in the school library on the 747 to introduce them to the progress of modern travelling. Welcome back, folks, your three week tour sounds marvellous and maybe Rockwood villagers will be asking you for a condensed historical tour of their own via pictures so we can all share your excursion.

Hold it! Youngsters, oldsters, and in-betweeners be alerted! The Cenotaph crosswalk is not what it looks to be. A letter from the Department of Highways indicates that as the Main Road is really No. 7 Highway belonging to them the marked out area is not legal and village trustees want citizens to be aware and not feel unwarrantedly secure making the crossing in heavy traffic. "Fine if crossing guards take the school kids across" said the letter but take note that it's no safe place after hours for anyone unless they're watching. Please play it safe and keep on being a Village Citizen not an accident statistic.



Happenings at Rockwood School

by Ann Smit

We had a very exciting week.

On Monday we had our big field day. The school came in third. On Tuesday the patrols and bus patrols went on a picnic to Riverside Park. They all had a marvelous time.

Friday was the big day. Playday! There were all sorts of games and fun. The teams with the most points won ribbons.

This Monday night will be the grade eight graduation. Then on Tuesday the grades six to eight are going on a stream survey. Here we will have a complete survey of a stream near by.

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