



Rockwood's new post office open

ROCKWOOD POST OFFICE which incited public controversy last January finally opened its doors on Monday, July 31, four months later than the originally scheduled opening in March. A face-lifting with bricking on the front of the building has converted what was considered a shoddy cottage to a post office of which Rockwood villagers can be proud. Saturday's move from Main Street was a quiet but hurried one for postal employees. Villagers who expected to see Pierre Trudeau on hand to cut a ribbon were sorely disappointed. A federal building, any plans for a ceremonial grand opening will depend on postal and public works officials. At the moment business goes on as usual with the boxes numbered as before only requiring new keys for the new location.

Photo reminiscences of Rockwood's postal history includes: the old Main Street post office, the second in the village dating back to 1890; a meeting of concerned trustees and township councillors looking over the plans and considering requests to be made on the post office which Rockwood almost had; a picture of the nearly completed building which aroused angry public opinion telegraphed Canadawide; and, on Monday, Gord Bolton opens the door to the new building for his first time as Post-mistress Marg Cox gets stamps for Alvin Root. Mr. Charlie O'Brien, the late Hydro chief is seen in the background as he pushed for the action. The completed picture is a capsule history of what a small village can achieve for if they just holler loudly enough. Landscaping and outside finishing has not yet been completed. (Photos by Lorraine)



On the beach with Heather

Last week swimming lesson graduates made their final efforts to swim just a little harder, a little further and a little better for their tests on Thursday and Friday.

It was a really rewarding experience for the instructor to see the little boy who wouldn't put his face in the water four weeks ago swimming with a grin from ear to ear, or to see a graceful stroke, remembering the labors of perfecting that stroke by both instructor and pupil.

This week the four instructors are faced with the same challenges, as the second session of swimming lessons gets underway.

New instructor

Marilyn McLelland, our assistant supervisor, has left the staff to bask under the Acapulco sun. Her replacement is Francis Morgan, an excellent instructor and familiar figure on the waterfront.

Presently the guards are

training diligently for an area lifeguard competition to be held at Kelso Dam in Milton. The events of the competition include, padeboard rescues, a waterfront rescue situation, a pool rescue situation, a water-front search pattern and rescue relays. With the fine swimming calibre of the Rockwood staff, we are very optimistic about results.

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Comin's and Goin's

Saturday was the greatest day of the year for Mrs. Ida Mae Peirce, of Station Street, who was born in 1886 and celebrated her 86th birthday at the Amber Cupola, just outside Guelph. Children and grandchildren all celebrated together; coming in from Oakville, Guelph and Elmira. After a festive meal it was the evening service at the Calvary Baptist Church as a culmination for a wonderful celebration for a delightful birthday girl. Happy birthday Mrs. Peirce. The big day was actually Monday, and the celebration held on Sunday, but may you have many happy returns for the day.

community centre. Don't forget the dates and see top notch entertainment absolutely free.

Already we're hearing grumblings about the gully in front of the post office and the boulevard is looking bruised and grizzled. No sign, no grass, and who hears the complaints?

Caramba—that's Mexican for "welcome" to Filecito Tissot, 14, from Taxco, Mexico who will be visiting Babs and Ray Ellis of Jackson Street for a week or so to see the sites of Ontario. The Ellis's were guests of Filecito's parents when they visited Mexico last April and they're looking forward to their southern visitor.

Comments on the new post office are many and varied. "Hrum, smells new" said one postal customer. "Better than smelling old" was the bright reply by postal assistant Babs Ellis.

Truth is that Root family, subtracting three, will be away for the next few weeks basking in the northern sunshine. Sounds great to be able to say such things in reference to oneself but the hope is that all news will be phoned in to the Acton Free Press direct. Come on folks, keep the Rockwood pages alive, make your phone call and put your story into print. P-I-a-s-e!

Seeing will be believing but we must hand it to the kids for trying. A front verandah youth conference was held last Monday night and some Rockwood young people are interested in getting behind a "Take pride in your community" campaign. For starters they want to help with the cenotaph garbage debris. Steve McDougall of Mary Street and Ed Roadknight of Alma are the two ambitious teenagers who feel the trouble with the kids is that there's nothing else to do but create havoc. They hope to see a program in Rockwood which will get everyone thinking together towards a constructive clean-up which will create goodwill and activity in the community. Nice going kids, come September let's start up a youth club and see how that makes out.

It's goodbye and come again to Mrs. Marjorie Lawrence of Wardrow, Saskatchewan who has visited her sister, Mrs. Verna Root, for the past month. Summertime's a perfect time for visiting but its good luck on your trip home, to the Western lady.

East-West meet at farm

East met West at the Jack Parkinson farm home of R.R. 1 Guelph this past two weeks as Sylvie Letourneau of Sherbrooke, Quebec, visited with Martha Parkinson as a Centennial School grade 11, exchange student under the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

At the same time, brother Jeff entertained Larry Rausch, 17, of Calgary, Alberta, a Canadian Voyageur exchange student.

The four young people had an opportunity to learn about environments other than their own as well as to become better acquainted with attitudes of others in the sister Canadian provinces. Collectively they agree that people are pretty much alike everywhere in Canada with prejudice and individual attitudes more a matter of geography and lack of communications which are helped extensively through such programs as the C.C.C.J. and the Voyageur exchanges.

"Also a marvellous way to pick up on your High School French", say Jack and Anne, parents of the Ontario travellers. The Parkinsons have enjoyed the Quebec and Alberta visitors and Sylvia and Larry equally enjoyed the casual friendliness of the Framosa family who have included them in all their activities and entertained them with sightseeing around southern Ontario.

Westerner Larry is getting a new view of eastern hospitality; he finds Ontario residents not as formal as he had previously heard they were, which is a great reflection on his enjoyment of his Ontario holiday.

Many retarded adults could make a useful contribution to society if counselling services were available in their home community.



MARTHA AND SYLVIA are seen relaxing Right after the picture they headed to the outside the Parkinson home on Highway 24, Centennial Park for a quick dip before lunch. Sitting behind the girls are Jeff and Larry. —Photo by Lorraine

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FRIDAY WAS WRAP-UP day when swimming instructress Heather Howarth gave the final oral tests to her Intermediate students. Kitty McPherson is on the pair along with Rickie Gooyers and David Swanston. — Photo by Lorraine

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