



HAPPY, SHINING, AND BRIGHT, 30 little people, all members of the Rockwood Centennial primary school choir boarded the bus for Toronto at 8:25 a.m. Tuesday morning headed for Toronto to compete in the annual Kiwanis Music Festival. Sharing the bus were grades 1, 2, and 3 members of the Eramosa public school choir. (Photo by Lorraine)

Lovell - O'Brien vows in Sacred Heart church

Sacred Heart Church in Rockwood was the scene of a pretty mid-winter wedding last January 27 when Irene Mary O'Brien became the bride of Frederick John Lovell in an afternoon ceremony at which Rev. Father F. C. Elliott officiated. Wearing a blue floor-length dress of poly satin with a blue

velvet matching cape the bride looked lovely as she carried yellow roses and staphenotis on a white prayer book. June Reid of Hyland Rd., Guelph, formerly of Rockwood, was the bride's attendant, wearing a matching gown and cape in fuchsia velvet and, giving the bride away, was her brother

Martin Eugene (Gene) O'Brien. Acting as groomsmen for the occasion was Brian Holman and, as ushers, Garnet Reid and Robert Arthur (Art) Halston. **Dinner, dance** After the service a banquet dinner and dance was held at the Rockwood town hall where yellow carnations in bud vases decorated the tables.



IRENE MARY O'BRIEN became the bride of Frederick John Lovell in an afternoon ceremony at Sacred Heart Church, Rockwood, recently.

Victor Smith plays made violin himself

February 8th's Sunshine Club membership was a capacity one and Rev. Ralph Williams opened the meeting with O Canada followed by the regular sing song so well enjoyed by all members. Under business discussion it was decided to leave the purchase of card tables for the club ownership, pending until a later meeting.

Alf Couling followed Mr. Smith and entertained with a mouth organ selection which had everyone clapping their feet and Mr. McDougall gave a humorous entitled The Fawn that Survived the Trapper's Snare. Thos. McCutcheon was next on the list of participators and sang The Stranger of Gallilee after which Mr. McDougall gave a humorous reading of The Lazy Farmer.

During the afternoon program managed by Cliff McDougall and Wesley Leitch, Victor Smith entertained with a violin selection on his own specially made instrument which he, himself had constructed, and, before performing explained to his audience the reason for its being called a Savaris violin. He said that Mr. Savaris had lived in Europe and had tried to simplify the construction of the violin by having no arches, no curves, straight line construction, and no "F" holes, just two straight holes cut as sound holes based on the scientific principle of the era then called the box fiddle. "Savaris" said Mr. Smith "was born in 1791 and died in 1841." He then played his own instrument accompanied by Mrs. Early at the piano.

The remainder of the afternoon's program was spent in games of euchre and crokinole until lunch time with Mrs. Leitch and Mrs. Leachman convening. Prizes were presented to Mrs. Little and Mr. Stewart, the crokinole champs for the day, and winning the euchre high score prizes were Fred Alton and Mrs. McLean with Mrs. W. Gilbertson and Rev. Ralph Williams, the lone hand winners. Mrs. Farr and C. Nelles were awarded the low score prizes and club members were appreciative of the extra prizes on hand as donated by Mrs. Early for the afternoon's games. Birthday greetings were then sung for Mrs. Little, Mrs. Early and Miss C. Nickell.

Council turns down request for pumper

Eramosa council decided that the 1973 budget for the Rockwood-Eramosa fire brigade would stand at an even six mills for 1973, but turned down a request from Fire Chief Carl Meadows that a new pumper be purchased to replace an aging truck for which the brigade cannot purchase parts.

Deputy Reeve Duncan McPhedran said he felt the brigade was the best equipped in the county and 1973 should be a year when the people who pay taxes got a break. "I feel we should hold the line," he declared to council, "and if we can get away with a mill less then it should be considered."

Council did approve purchase of a new van to replace one donated to the brigade by Lou Hills, deciding also the old van should be returned to the donor. The fire chief pointed out that the two present trucks were paid for and interest and principal on the fire hall were down from last year, but with exception of Councillor Bill Adsett, council decided a new pumper at a cost of \$24,000 would be too rich for Eramosa's blood in 1973.

Comin's and Goin's

The heartiest congratulations and best wishes are sent from their many Rockwood friends to David and Gail Bacon whose little miracle Janice Lee checked in at 1:00 a.m. last Friday, February 9 at the Guelph General Hospital weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz. A darling granddaughter for Roy and Bernice Bacon of Rockwood and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred MacKenzie of Guelph. Happy Birthday, Janice Lee and love from everyone.

They finished, a marvellous lunch topped off with a special anniversary cake was served as planned by daughter Marlene and son Wayne Tarzwell along with friends and neighbors. Cards, gifts, and flowers, were all part of the celebration for the popular couple with special guests, Mr. and Mrs. E. Tarzwell of Guelph, parents of groom Garfield; and the bride's two brothers Bert Kelly of Rockwood and John of R.R. Rockwood. Nice going, Garfield and Vera, may your next 25 years together be as happy and productive as the first which have been spent on your farm just outside the village.

Chief Meadows said the expenditure could be spread over two years since delivery of the vehicle wouldn't take place until next year. "I'm afraid I might get a fire such as we had on Christmas day and the old truck gives out. We could end up losing the building and maybe a life," he suggested. "The old truck was beautiful in its day but it is outdated now," he told council. The truck has only 5,000 miles on it but the engine has 100,000 miles logged on it and is "missing". Parts cannot be purchased.

The chief suggested that if council would not go along with purchasing the truck that they consider keeping the budget the same as last year and this would enable the brigade to buy the cab and chassis for the pumper and add the rest later. The pump on the old truck is still good and could be transferred to a new vehicle. The deputy reeve was not impressed with the argument. He said the brigade had an up-to-date mutual aid system and this could be used if they got into trouble at a fire with the old pumper. He also suggested the "miss" in the motor could be fixed rather than the township doing out money for a new one.

Friends of Harvey Bayne of R.R. Rockwood say "hi" to the two week Guelph Hospital admitee and hope that he'll recover rapidly and be back in the district again soon.

Hey! It's special happy birthday singing for three important ladies in our community so, the best returns for every day of the year to Mrs. J.A. Little, and Miss Nickell of Rockwood and Mrs. William Early of Eden Mills. Congratulations to you and blessings from your many village friends.

How about that! The fireman did it and let's hope it catches on. Saturday night was ladies' night for wives and gal friends of Rockwood-Eramosa Fire Brigadiers and the ladies were treated to a potluck smorgasbord dinner with ultra trimmings constructed by the gentlemen. Roast beef, turkey, salads galore, hot rolls, carrot sticks, (gentlemen style), cake and ice cream. "A tremendous meal" said the ladies attending and it was served at the hunger hour of 11:15 p.m. after three hours of dancing to old and new smash hits of everyone's time as per records. "What a night" and the ladies had fun, the gentlemen love to do it again, and by 12:00 p.m. the crowd had departed with the St. John's Parish Hall all cleaned up with no fuss, no muss, and neat as it ever was!

Night school aspirants waiting for a call will be delighted to know that ye ole Arts and Crafts will be commencing come date of Tuesday, February 27, for 10 consecutive weeks. Same as usual, the classes will be held at the Rockwood Centennial school at 8 p.m. until 10 o'clock with no preliminary registration night. The classes being presented for this session include Bridge for Beginners, Creative Stitchery including crochet, and Yoga. If bridge enthusiasts would like to see classes for advanced bridge instruction this will also be considered if sufficient inquiries are received. So get out your bicycles and make it to the school come February 27. It's a guaranteed step toward getting rid of winter cobwebs.

Mr. McPhedran said council had asked taxpayers to pay five mills for several years and it was increased to six, which was money well spent, but everything else was up, too, so if a mill could be saved without sacrificing any protection they should pass the saving on to taxpayers. The reeve agreed. So did sessions of February 24 at 9 to 12 p.m. at the parish hall. The square dancing instruction will be held every other week at \$2.50 per couple to cover costs with a snack bar open on hand for refreshments. Everyone welcome, everybody come, and learn how to enjoy square dancing at its best when you know how!

It's a "better luck next time" to two Rockwood-Eramosa top bowlers Glen Gray and Vivian Nightingale who bowled in Galt last week vying for the Carling Trophy. Bowling in the 2nd round against many contestants for the zone finals the local team didn't quite make the grade but it was a great try and that's what counts. Vivian will be competing in two more tournaments this weekend and her fellow team mates wish her the best along with her friends in the village. Nice going, Vivian, we're all behind you and remember the old cliché, "matters nought whether you win or lose but how you play the game."

What ho! It's congratulations to Garfield and Vera Tarzwell who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last Friday evening at the St. John's Parish Hall with approximately 130 guests from the Rockwood district and Guelph. Ken Warrington's four-piece orchestra from Ferguson was the group which kept everything hopping from 9 to 12 and, after

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Eramosa approves road expenditures

Eramosa Council passed a resolution authorizing road expenditures of \$51,300 for 1973 at a special meeting Friday afternoon when projected expenditures worked out by road superintendent Bob Hamilton and representatives of the Department were discussed. Council also authorized applying for a supplementary allowance of \$26,100. Both are subject to approval from the Department of Transportation and communications. Expenditures were broken down into \$13,000 for construction and \$38,300 for maintenance while the supplementary figure consists of \$18,500 for construction and \$7,600 for maintenance.

The Department pays a subsidy of 50 per cent on road expenditures so actually the township is raising \$51,300 for roads which the Department will match, making a total of \$102,600 with the supplementary added to it for a total of \$144,000. **Breakdown** Figures include \$1,000 which has been allotted to roads in Eden Mills, \$7,000 to Rockwood, \$5,000 for spraying and cutting, \$4,000 for hard top maintenance, \$36,000 for loose top maintenance, \$24,000 for winter control, \$3,000 for safety devices, \$3,000 for culvert maintenance and \$7,000 for overhead. Council has also authorized a \$17,000 road needs study, 75 per cent of which is recoverable by subsidy.

Mr. Hamilton said he proposed to prime and double seal the road through Everton this year as far as Sideroad, which councillors have humorously dubbed the McPhedran Freeway, since the deputy reeve lives along it, but all construction and maintenance hinges on the amount of work the Department approves. Council also discussed the assessment which is being lost from buildings torn down to make way for the Guelph Dam, noting there should be some form of compensation for the losses.

Councillor Clark, who suggested replacing the motor and fixing the truck up. Councillor Jim Milne felt the budget should be set so the brigade can buy a new panel truck at a cost of \$3,500 and hold the line on last year's estimates, saving the extra for a new pumper, a suggestion which council acted on by resolution. It was also agreed to purchase two new 24-hour clocks for the fire hall at \$50 apiece.

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