

OUR READERS WRITE:

Dust, stones make "highway" dangerous

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Acton Free Press
Acton, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

The following will describe the present conditions and background of Highway 25 North from Acton to Osprey.

In the summer of 1971, the Ministry of Transport and Communications undertook to rebuild the six miles of highway from Acton to Osprey. Prior to this time the Ministry in their wisdom saw fit to purchase land and remove all trees so that the road could be widened to Highway specifications. It is our belief that the road is not even built to County road specifications!

During the past two years this supposedly new and improved highway has only been free of dust, loose gravel and flying stones for seven months.

The flying stones have resulted in many broken windshields, smashed headlights, ruptured radiators and, in fact, one broken house window. The loose gravel has been a factor in accidents along this stretch of road.

Dust caused by the many vehicles travelling this major highway, make living

conditions almost unbearable. It is not unusual to see cars driving with headlights on in the daytime as visibility is reduced at times to zero.

This busy "highway" is extremely dangerous for the many school children walking and waiting for their school bus. People walking on this road often must turn their backs to avoid dust and protect their faces from flying stones.

Rain changes the dust to a sea of mud. Calcium will reduce only the dust, but not the flying stones. An oil seal as used last summer is only useful until the first frost.

We would like to make two suggestions, to the Ministry of Transport and Communications to alleviate the dust and flying stones. The first, and most practical, is to lay a permanent seal. The second suggestion is to reduce and enforce the speed limit to 15 miles per hour.

Over a period of a few years, we believe the permanent seal would be less expensive than the constant grading, watering and temporary oiling of the highway.

Yours truly,
Concerned Travelers
of Highway 25 North.

Why no British history in schools?

Dear Sir:

I have just had a call from pupils of Rockwood Centennial School. They were seeking information on a project relating to Eramosa. I told them that I, the oldest living teacher of their school had been presented with the cornerstone of the old school by the wreckers, who perhaps thought more of the building than the people themselves. I relayed it on to Mr. Drummie, Supt. of our Elora Museum.

I told them of the boy from Eden Mills who trudged three miles to school at S.S. No. 1 every school day in the year and won the prize I had offered for best attendance.

But what they told me, shocked me. They don't study British History any more, just Canadian and American. Why should our young Canadians be burdened with the stories of presidents, and American wars?

The Dept. of Education is letting American money and business in our country (which is, by the way, a part of the British Commonwealth) sway them too far from the straight Canadian path.

I must not forget to tell you how up-to-date they are with patriotic songs. "The Queen," "O Canada," and "The Maple Leaf Forever," is their limit.

I showed the pupils the picture of a former King of England, but only one, the boy with the shock of black hair, stopped to read the words below, and he may have realized that some Englishmen have been quite closely connected with Canada.

Yours truly,
Millicent Milroy,
Rockwood, Ont.

Comin's and Goin's

Our prayers and best wishes are in England with Judy Guest who hurriedly left last week after a phone call from her sister that her mother was very, very ill. Rockwood friends trust that when she arrives back in the village that her news will be reversed with her mother well again and the Guest family happy once more.

Members of the Cub and Scout Group Committee (all parents) ably! The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 18 will be transferred to the home of Leslie Ferguson. If you're talking to friends give them the old alert that, instead of meeting at the Judy Guest home they're to wend their way to the Ferguson den instead.

The Boy Scouts and Girl Guide Associations are doing it again. This time it's a rummage sale at the Rockwood Centennial School on Saturday, April 14, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. with home baking, penny, and tea tables coming only second to gala rummage and junk. Any old scraps in your cellar? Bring it along; it could mean a trip to something special for some village youngster but just a rust collector to you.

Word is that southern Ontario, 7 1/2 miles from Guelph is not the only location of a village of Rockwood. Visitors to the States recently discovered another Rockwood in Tennessee. "Wouldn't want to stay there, like my own home town better, but it was fun to discover a sister village in another area of North America" and in the past week three members of the community

Belwood area man injured

A 24 year old West Garaftax township man remains in satisfactory condition in the intensive care unit of Guelph General hospital, following a single vehicle mishap on Highway 25, Saturday afternoon. The accident occurred near the intersection of Erin township's Five Sideroad, about three miles north of Acton.

Robert E. Carter, R.R. 4 Belwood was taken to the hospital where he was treated for a fractured hip.

Damage to the front end of the 1973 Chev pickup truck he was driving was estimated at \$1000. The mishap took place about 2.25 Con. Christie, Guelph OPP is investigating.

have phoned in the information.

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Talk about your "Women's Lib." Old correspondence to Rockwood ladies written in the 18 and early 1900's revealed that letters were always addressed to the gentlemen of the household with the salutation on the letters the only identification of the receivees. Wow, no wonder poor women had to resort to the devious measures of opening their husband's mail — how else could they hold onto any of their own feminine secrets. (??) How's your charge account holding up lately?

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Know what? Rockwood folks are really showing themselves this week and are playing host and hostess beautifully to the throngs of grade 5's to eighthers

who are canvassing the district for village history. Sure, it's Education week and, along with reading, writing, and arithmetic, the kids are learning about people and what they're all about. "Everyone's terrific" is the general feeling of the students and, as far as the Rockwood Centennial school staff is concerned, Rockwood villagers have been tremendous. Visit your favorite school and see first hand what constitutes education today — you'll be welcomed!

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Too bad this area doesn't have Channel 8 on their TV screens. Eramosa choir members of the St. Patrick's School Choir in Guelph recently made a live broadcast and according to listeners, they were great. Sorry, kids, visit Rockwood live on stage sometime, your local friends and relatives would also like to hear your performance.

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Did you know that — the draw ticket you hold for the Eramosa (Continued on Page B5)

Ice Review best yet

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Steven Parker, Tara Branigan, Debbie Kearley, Jonathan Silcock, Janet McLeod, Kenneth McKee, Melanie Bray, Gregory Leatherland, Stacey Perry, Tina Kuuter, Laura Ann Leslie, Bradley Heatherington, Lorie Anne Heatherington, Barry Manes, Heather McCoomber, Heidi Marttala, Michelle McLean, Leslie Henderson, Scott Hibberd, Patty Nickel, Michelle Himeshazl, Lisa Johnston, Lisa Morell, Teresa Hofstede, Leanne Doberthein, Christine Parker, Craig and Chris Bottomley, Paul Porty, Shari Thatcher.

Other skaters: Dianne Baginski, Marilyn DeBruyn, Jennifer McAdam, Debbie Andras, Colleen DeBruyn, Julie Townsley, Kathy Toth, Kim McCristall, Susan McPhall, Carol McKenzie, Kim Jackson, JoAnne Hearn, Donna Cameron, Colleen DeBruyn, Debbie Turkosz, Kathy Jank, Dawnne Streets, Lori DeBruyn, Susan Kinal, Kim Ottaway, Tracy Clark, Cheryl Greenley, Lisa Mulder, Lisa Krzyak, Leah Marks, Lisa Kuuter, Lisa Doberthein, Sherri Dawson, Sherry Evans, Sandra Bendicks, Greg Silcock, Tracey Parker, Simon Guest.

Donald McDonald, Paul Cargill, Tom Shannon, Bruce Shannon, Paul Hudson, Mark Bray, Pierre Himeshazl, Heather Michie, Tom Rosenbursky, Carrie McCristall, Sharon Turkosz, Cathy Bomans, Linda Osso, Susan Rosenbursky, Christine Baginski, Christine Humenick, Lisa Mason, Vera Longstreet, Susan Gillies, Chris

Mitchell, Gordon McArthur, Paul Bray, David McGiloway, Bruce McPhail, Charlie Kinal, Peter Hurdle, Bert Post, Simon Ager, Elliott Newman, Karen Jackson, Rita Bottero, Colleen Petty, Sharon Dalton, Charlene Couture, Sandy Smith, Karen McEchern, Brenda Porty, Lisa Gillis, Mandy Silcock, Donna Evans, Karen Trotter, Debbie Lambers, Sarah Homer, Lisa Petty.

Denise Kunz, Sandy Edmondson, Beth Grein, Janet Agar, Karen McKnight, Christine Allen, Linda Henderson, Connie McCristall, Charlene Wren, Tobby Bowman, Linda Sodden, Lisa Thomas, Patricia Ensing, Lori Jamieson, Linda Knight, Ingrid Kaepfert, Cindy Brouillard, Anne Bomans, Lynne Kearloy, Sherri Trotter, Kelly Payne, Sharon Bendicks, Susan Milne, Joanne McArthur, Diana Hickey, Sharon Campbell, Rhona Silcock, Joanne DesHales.



APPEALING Brenda Porty was one of the building blocks.



ONE OF THE music box ballerinas, Susan Kinal, escorts monkey Heidi Marttala from the ice.



SPARKLING EYES belie the fact these are club appeared as monkeys and mice Saturday Three Blind Mice—Craig and Chris Bottomley and Paul Porty. The youngest skaters in the at the Ice Review. —H. Coles Photo

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