

News and views

By LORRAINE

No matter how you look at it, what is happening in the village these days is one of the greatest cementing jobs that has ever been done and it's taken the Rockwood Centennial Public School students and staff to do it.

It all began around a teacher's lunchroom table when staff was discussing potential projects for the coming term. Previously, individual class endeavours had been the accomplishment of the year but this time the staff thought something different, which could get the kids all working together, would be even better.

And so it was. Someone came up with the bright idea of a Chronology of Rockwood on which all students from grades 5 to 8 could work. That was the seed which is now flowering into a village-wide campaign where young people, elders, ancients and middle-agers, are endeavouring to search, scrounge, and revamp, the village and district of which they are all a part.

Some surprises

History — the kids have come up with marvellous pictures from the most amazing sources; residents have come up with surprises all down the line and some of the vintage procurements will enlighten many people as to what Rockwood looked like in its early days.

The key word to the project has been "sharing" and everyone together has learned that the value of having knowledge of the past is to share it with those of the future and anyone who cares. How else to link the past to the future. But through the eyes of

those whose very ancestors pioneered the village settling here after choosing it as the one place where they would like to place their roots.

From the horse and buggy days when old Number 7 Highway, one called York Road, was an absolute mud hole, right through to the present, and, with the medians of pictures, records, old equipment and parchments, students have worked with villagers and in many cases, relationships which had never before existed are proving to be healthy, worthwhile and profitable ones. The young are taking a new look at the elders, seeing them not only as a link but a people just as interesting to talk to as they are interested in their project and in the future of both the village and their country.

Great combination

What a combination — the wisdom of those with a few extra years behind them and the curiosity and enthusiasm of the young with the diligence of both to understand each other. Generation gaps? Maybe this is one way of dissolving them, if, of course they ever really existed. A question of communication perhaps and, if this is so, we can thank the school staff and its students for finding a way of breaking it down. Only through such sharing can people really see each other and who's to say it wasn't God sitting in the staff room that day planting his seed of suggestion so that dozens of Rockwood young people would gain new knowledge and learn to love all generations not just their own.



TERESA MOSS and Sylvia DeVries gloat over cookies they have just concocted for their fun period during education week, as Karen Young heckles. (Photo by Lorraine)



EDUCATION WEEK in Rockwood has been a round of activities and creativity for the students of Centennial School. Eleven year old Edward Loucheur, of R.R. 1 Guelph, stands by a water-color which he completed for hanging on a favourite school wall. (Photo by Lorraine)



NORM CRAIGIE paints the back as Rick Kelly of Mary Street touches up the front of an old-time barn constructed by the Centennial Students during Education week as part of a three-week project on Eramosa to which the entire school is combining efforts on its history. (Photo by Lorraine)

Three fires on weekend

Early spring grass fires kept the Rockwood-Eramosa Fire Brigade on the run last weekend when the men were called out on three alerts.

Trash burning on the grounds of A. McPherson of R.R. 5, Rockwood, near Barrie Hill, was the Saturday call which required instant action when high gusts of wind caught the flames fanning them to heights of 20 feet. Fueled with rubble from last year's crops the fire had spread rapidly to the neighboring Zakutin farm but was quickly pulled under control by the local brigade.

Three fields Sunday's blaze was a three

field fire and several rail fences were destroyed on the farm formerly owned by Bill Oakes of R. R. 1 Rockwood. A change in wind had caught the flames shooting them out of control requiring the aid of the Brigade.

The third weekend call was on Sunday when straw, placed around the base of a cabin trailer as insulation, ignited and burst into flames. Rushing to the scene the Rockwood-Eramosa brigade quickly quelled the fire with little damage to the trailer resulting except smoke inside. The trailer had been stationed on Highway 7 in the area of the Mustang Drive-in theatre.

New officers named at C.W.L. meeting

Only one of the two delegates was chosen to attend the Hamilton Diocesan Convention at the last meeting of the Ouelic and Rockwood C.W.L. meeting held at the village rectory with Mrs. Holman acting as evening convener.

Mrs. Marjorie Saunders was appointed to attend the all-expense convention which will be held at the Valhalla Inn in Kitchener on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of June; the name of the second delegate to be decided later.


Mrs. Irene Hawkins, president, opened the meeting which was one of discussion and election of new officers. The chairman of the nominating committee, Joy Hildburton, presented the new

slate and, heading up her executive as president, is Mrs. Marjorie Saunders; first vice-president, Bernice Bacon; second Joy Hildburton; secretary Agnes Holman; and treasurer, Marg Selinger.

A formal installation of officers was conducted with Mather Elliott officiating after which the president called an executive meeting for date of April 3.

During business several matters were discussed including a letter from Sister St. Regis regarding the welfare of Isabel Cordona, the young orphan charge of the local parish who lives in Guatemala. Father Elliot reminded the ladies that the first Communion of the class of seven candidates presently under instruction would be held in Ouelic at St. Peter's Church on the First Sunday of June. Teaching the children is Miss Alma Marie Ellen Saunders, Alma Street, Rockwood, who is presently a student at Bishop MacDonnell High School in Guelph.

On adjournment a tasty lunch was served by Agnes Holman and Irene Hawkins was the lucky recipient of the evening's draw prize.



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Happenings at Rockwood School



by Judy Finley

There will be Easter Bunny draws this Thursday. The tickets are 3 for 25c or 1 for 10c. One draw is from kindergartens to grade five students and the other

is from grade five to eight students.

In the boys' floor hockey teams the Sharks beat the Trout in the playoffs.



DOWN, UP, AND INTO THE TRUCK, and already the ground is almost dug to completion for the base of the four room addition to the Rockwood Centennial School which should be completed by August 15.

Monday was the day of the first shovel and Don Lockhart of Guelph on his bright new bulldozer is working for the Len Ariss Construction Company. (Photo by Gerry Root)

Comin's and Goin's

By Lorraine

Looking for a great place to get your breakfast this Good Friday morning? Well, the Rockwood Presbyterian Sunday School members will be back at their annual stand with crisp golden bacon, delicious fresh eggs done to a turn, orange juice, cereal, and steaming hot coffee with a max charge of only \$2.50 per family or 75c per person. Make a date and meet your local friends at the Presbyterian Church hall and watch a favorite Sunday School in action.

Many, many people in Rockwood will be pleased to know that Mrs. R.O. Jolliffe, formerly of this village, is well and happy even though running close to her 94th birthday. She sent her greetings to her many friends through her daughter Mrs. Douglas Findlay who, along with Mrs. W. Guild, went to visit her at Albright Manor in Beamsville, recently.

Come on now! Don't forget the Fashion, Travel and Fun night to be held on April 19th (Thursday) at Rockwood Centennial School with ancient model cars the background, for glamorous models and exciting fashions with the Rockwood and district Lionettes the sponsors for the evening. Time? 8 p.m. with refreshments also on the agenda.

Another show

Dirty pool is when Christian organizations from nearby cities begin reaching into villages and snaffling their children to go to other Sunday Schools. Missionary work, yes; but not at the expense of other Sunday Schools collapsing because of lack of children who have been enticed with promises of bus rides, crests, and other goodies. Jesus Christ should be always the teaching but surely not with Pled Piper ethics to children already learning. At least there's nothing in the St. James version of this writer's bible to say that Christ required enticements to bring people to Him and so why is it required today?

The shop "bettlanne of Georgetown" presented a fashion show at the School for the Deaf last week, similar to their program at Ballinacraigh hall the week before.

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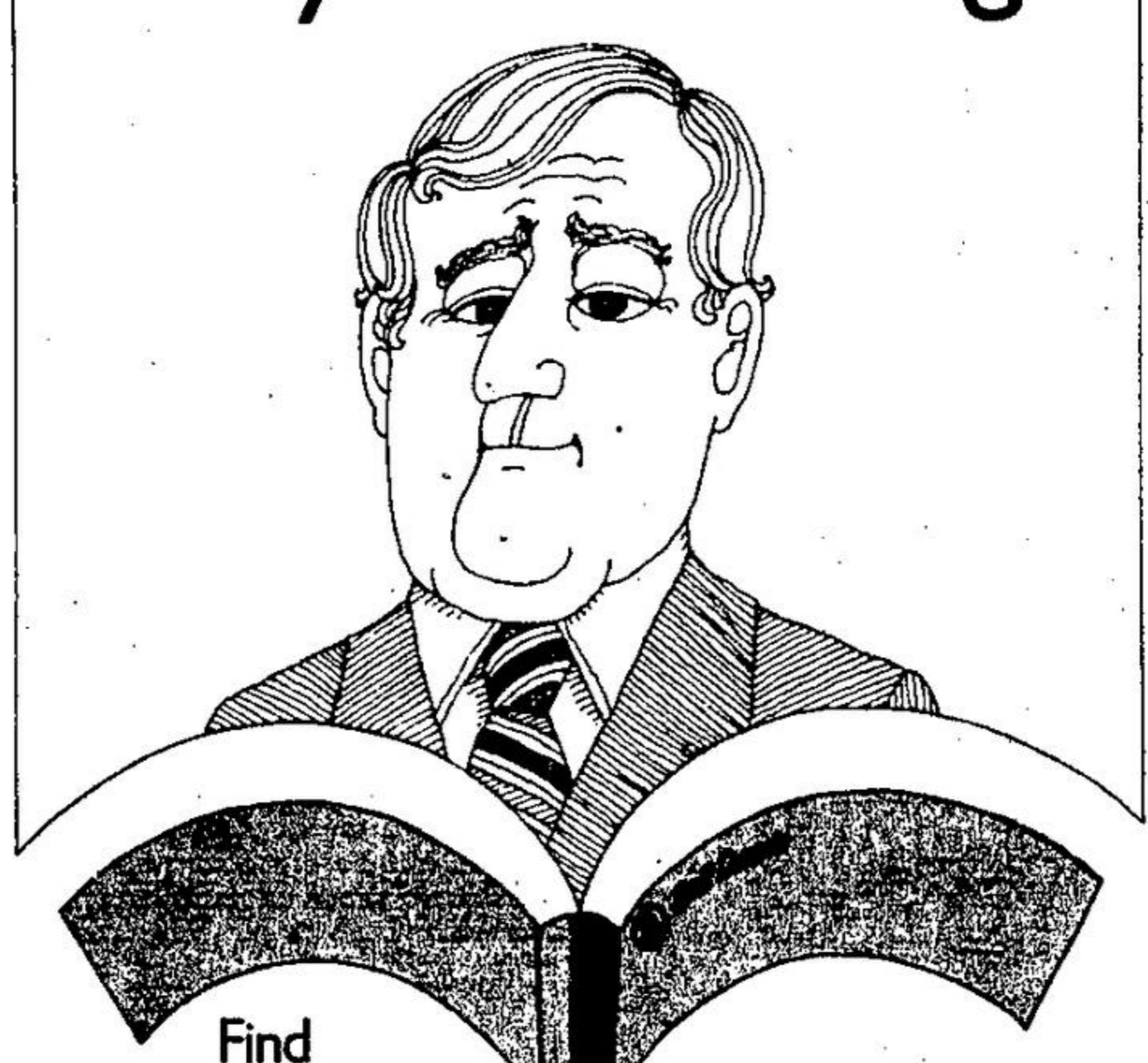
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