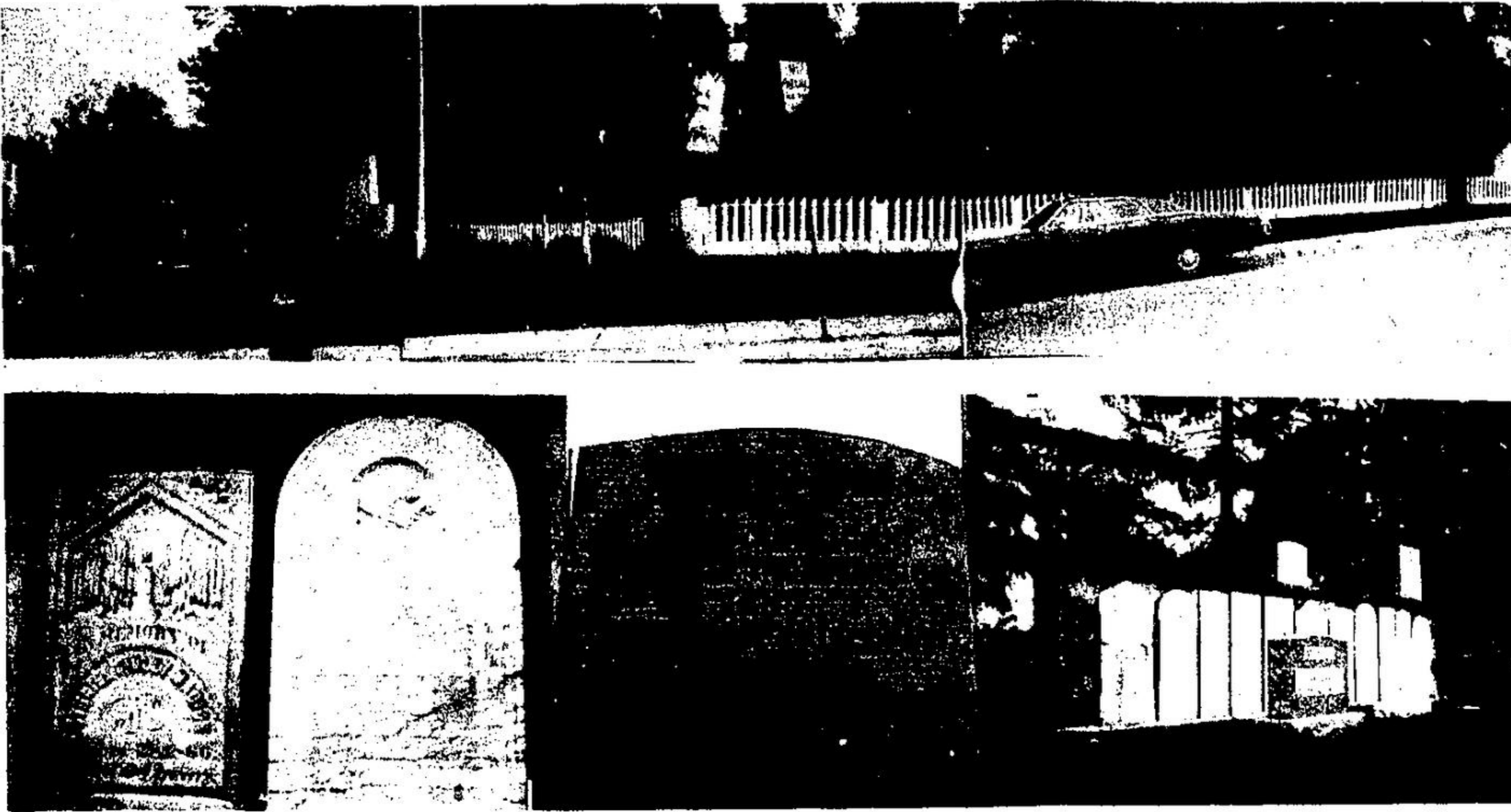


Churchill Bible School closing news

By Mrs. Fred MacArthur
Churchill community church Sunday service is withdrawn and all are invited to attend Acton Baptist church service on July 22 and July 29 at 11 a.m.
Rev. A.W. and Mrs. Fosbury are on their holidays. They enjoyed a trip to Arden and on to the Thousand Islands last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie visited last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell at Inglewood.
We are pleased to report Mrs. Harold Griffin who has been a patient in Guelph General hospital was able to return home a week ago and is gradually gaining.
Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton and family had their four grandchildren, with them for a number of days this week.
From Holland
Mr. and Mrs. William Kockx and daughter Helen have his sister and brother-in-law Mrs. Kearsberry of Holland visiting with them for a month.
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lindsay of Orangeville were visitors on Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Brown.
Mrs. Frank Thompson, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Mrs. Wm. Thompson, Mrs. Ray Thompson, and Miss Carol Thompson attended a miscellaneous shower for Miss Sandra Morden on Thursday evening at the home of Miss Linda Plouffe at Ballinacree. Her wedding will take place on Saturday, July 21.
Calgary stampede
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Penny, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gadd of Georgetown flew last week to attend the Calgary Stampede. This year was centennial of the R.C.M.P. and the theme was built around this honored force. There were the usual daring feats displayed by horsemen and cowboys, bronco riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and chuck wagon races. The highlight of the week was a pageant at the evening grandstand performance featuring the Young Canadians of the Calgary stampede in concert with the R.C.M.P. musical ride.
These tourists returned home by the big jumbo jet 747 on its first flight out of Calgary to the east. A band and a crowd were there to see the great jet make its first take-off.
Bible School
The Churchill vacation Bible school closing was held Wednesday evening, July 11. Parents and pupils enjoyed an evening of singing and skits presented by the children. The handicrafts of the children were on display and refreshments were served following the program.
The school which continued for six days had a total enrolment of 50 pupils.
Following the lessons the pupils enjoyed refreshments supplied by the church women and games period each morning concluded with a crafts period and then a sing song conducted by Janice and Debbie Swackhamer and Vera Stokov. The congregation of Churchill church wish to convey special thanks to the parents for their excellent financial support, to the teachers and helpers and Marie Anderson the organist.



THE ARROW ON THE TOP PICTURE indicates the dividing line of fencing on Rockwood's Main Street which separates the well kept cenotaph, a memorial to veterans whose bodies rest in some other burial grounds from the unused former bowling green property owned by St. John's Anglican Church. The greens were once an Anglican Church cemetery but as disrepair set in and the tombstones toppled, the stones were removed and combined into one cairn along with the closing of two other such cemeteries in the year 1945.

THE BOTTOM LEFT PICTURE shows 2 of the ancient ravaged stones contained in the cairn and the centre picture is one of the stone placed in commemoration from the St. John's Church as it now sits in the centre atop the cairn. Pictured far right is the cairn as it stands in the Rockwood cemetery. Some bodies and coffins are still under the ground on the bowling green lawn which, at the time of the closing, were beyond stage of removal.

—Photos by Lorraine

Parking over graves suggested

By Lorraine Root
"The ruins of himself, now worn away with age, yet still majestic in decay"—Homer; —and our trusted Rockwood town fathers should consider well what honorable remains of hewers of Rockwood's past are respectfully buried beneath the very grounds they would consider for an asphalted parking lot.
Alexander Moore, died 1851, his wife Martha, 1855; Thomas Abbot, died April 11, 1856; Robert Day, 1879; Othniel Makick, Elizabeth Turner, George H. Prior, James Clark, Charles Knowles, Susanah Bolton, Robert Nickle, only a few names representatives of entire district families who, ranging in ages from three month 17 day infants to oldsters of 83, were buried and recorded sometime during the mid to late 1800's.
Declared closed
In the book written by the late Frank Day "Here and There in Eramosa" he refers to the local cemetery which, because of its state of disrepair was, along with two other district burial grounds, declared officially closed in 1945 and the headstones removed to be re-erected in a combined cairn now standing in the present cemetery.
Villagers who remember can tell of toppled tombstones and high grass with residents cows and horses grazing idly at the roadside; the outcry of citizens when it was converted into a bowling green.
Stories and stories, the hallowed ground echoes reports of dismay and controversy as villagers debated whether the deceased would prefer having cattle feeding overhead or people happily engaging in a game of outdoor bowling. More yards, and residents relate how, when lights were being installed for nighttime bowling sessions, diggers hit beautiful mahogany floorings which were actually the tops of unremoved coffins.
Request meeting
Sacred, historic, and aesthetically beautiful, the greens stand as a natural sepulchre to a village past, especially for those Anglicans who at one time constituted the congregation of St. John's church.
Rockwood Trustee chairman Bert Smith said that he thought it was premature to make an issue or become alarmed over the trustees' recent letter sent to the

wardens of St. John's requesting a meeting for reasons of discussing the consideration of a parking lot on the now unused church bowling greens.
Lou Hills of Lou's Used Cars had made the suggestion to the trustees at their last village meeting and they saw fit to have secretary Len Hockey send the letter. Mr. Smith admits that he didn't think anything would come of it because of the ground's history and that, after all, it was only a letter of request for consideration.
Some maybes
Mr. Smith could be right, nothing may ever come of such a request, but maybe if more people in Rockwood had been pre-informed about a similar "only a request" of some seven years ago they wouldn't be

wondering today "how it all happened" as they face tremendous costs of water and sewer installations. Maybe if residents had been forewarned about the demolition of the marvellous old S.S. No. 9 Eramosa stone school that too could have been saved.
Maybe, and maybe if our present Rockwood board of trustees are looking at the parking site as a hard core business investment they should remember that they were not elected to conduct our village affairs geared toward village businesses only but also as protectors of the village looking after its aesthetics, its needs, and its projected planning requirements.
Parking meters?
Aesthetically there is no other

one thing which attracts visitors to consider rural residential living like natural grass areas and parklands. Historically this village has had its share of vital background many important monuments of which have already been destroyed. From a standpoint of business, what other community is expected to pay support to a public parking lot for village businesses, especially when, as has been pointed out by many residents, Rockwood's daily business trade is either on foot or a constant coming and going of automobiles with ample space for parking at most times. If it's a matter of only a few hogging what area there is installation of parking meters could be the answer.
Rockwood's trustees would do well to further project their

thinking to shopping plazas and, instead of suggesting ways of spoiling present scenic areas recognize instead, the need now to plan where it or they should be established as certainly not centre village congestion will be the answer. With the long-range population growth set at some 1800 residents in a few years with it unfortunately the inevitable frills and so-called modern conveniences. It would then be more feasible to plan a parking lot of the future than to desecrate one of the past.
Perhaps the Recreation Committee should take a second look at the greens and consider its potential as a tennis court area; at least that way it would be preserved and retain its function as an ideal recreation area.
Uniquely beautiful
Villagers should, at the same time, recognize the short thinking of our present trustee board. They should see the need for surveillance. If not one man on that board objected to the mere suggestion of blocking out one of the few important centrally located scenic spots in the village then all persons on the same board are equally capable of committing the same violations in other areas of this community

which, in artists' circles, has been referred to as one of the most uniquely beautiful ones in Southern Ontario.
Residents and taxpayers must keep in touch with village politics. They must be aware that council decisions are applied to their village business and, to protect their own interest should attend meetings to find out what is going on.
If you have a minute check out the elegant new hydro poles which now grace our village streets; they started out as only a letter and were a promise of unique simplicity which would absolutely outclass the present ones then standing.
Ask report
At a recent meeting of the Halton County Council's Administration Committee:
—A resolution to restrict all hunting and snowmobiling in county forests was postponed until the August meeting, in order to hear a delegation from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.



AWAY THEY GO! After three weeks of fun, enjoyment, and entertainment for Rockwood youngsters and adults alike, the little theatre O.F.Y. group is moving off to Eden Mills where on Thursday afternoon at the Eden Mills ball park they will present on their outdoor wagon stage, "Goll-Gollie-Gee". After the show there will be registration for Eden Mills children from ages of eight and up and the hope is that teenagers will also get involved. Sitting atop their truck as they leave Rockwood's St. John's Parish Hall grounds are: Dennis Brown, Martin Madden, Paul Flemming, Marion Harrison, Cundie Maxwell, Lynne Hopper, Joe Honenadel, Gail Clark, Wes Kallil and driver, Jim Gordon of Rockwood.
—Photo by Lorraine

T.H.E.M. rated lively, creative

The third theatrical production of the season performed by THEM (Theatre Happening in Eden Mills) took place Friday, July 13, at St. John's parish hall, Rockwood.
The group of 11 is noted for its lively enthusiasm and creative talent. Friday's playlet, "Goll-Gollie-Gee" was yet another example of its originality.
The atmosphere was set with fairy tale readings by Marion Harrison, Cyndie Maxwell, Wes Kallil and Martin Madden. Then with much lively song and dance, "Goll-Gollie-Gee" began. Costumes were simple but effective and the scenery consisted of little more than a ladder, yet the story was vivid, thanks to the young actors.
Jim Gordon was most amusing as the narrator-orchestra-caller-

minstrel and Diane Clark played a creditable Old Woman with a beautiful hillbilly accent. Minke De Vos performed the demanding triple role of Lazy Lou, Rudey Rou and Sukeey Sue, displaying considerable dancing ability.
Paul Flemming as a horse, Gail Clark as a cow, and Joe Honenadel as a delightfully morose apple tree completed the cast. Lynne Hopper directed.
Moving to Eden Mills
The group has conducted most successful morning classes for two weeks in Rockwood and will be moving to Eden Mills this coming week to continue the program.
They are also involved with helping the fledgling adult little theatre group of Rockwood produce their first play, to be held on August 24.

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