## Has the curtain come down on Drijber search?

By Lorraine Root

There's a quiet on the results of the Canadian involvement regarding the story of Marjan Drijber and Christine Sinciair these days and, despite letters to editors, to the Minister of External Affairs, and great numbers written by concerned citizens to the families of the two girls it looks as if a national incident has once again wafted to the wayside, to be forgotten and ignored.

From a student just returned from a tour into the area in which the two girls were killed excerpts of his letter written to a newspaper say: I have returned this month from a six-month tour of some of these "less progressive" countries, I see this incident as a manifestation of a group of situations which the Canadian government looks very obvious indeed in its disgusting apathy and ignorance."

P.B. Phillips of Peterborough asks the question "How much has the Canadian government done to teach these Zambians about murdering our nationals. "it seems," he said, "that our government has a plan to punish them by giving them a million dollars-do they intend to kill the Zambians with kindness?

Mr. Phillips sald that, during his tour of many rather uncivilized lands, most of which Canada aids, he was constantly being insulted, hassled and endangered. He pointed out that it was ludicrous sending great amounts of monles into lands where thanks are returned with murder when there are so many people in Canada who are suffering and barely getting by.

Mr. Phillips further suggested that External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp should be sent on a student's tour so that he can learn what the world is really like and come back and instruct the government accordingly."

Interesting are the facts according to Mrs. Drijber who accompanied her husband on his recent meeting with Mr. Sharp. She said that when they requested that the Canadian government consider paying the cost of rescue operations conducted in Rhodesia for recovery of their daughter's body he informed them that it would be impossible as Canada did not have any political relations with that country. He did, instead, strongly advise them to accept the payment Zambia was offering.

To date the Rhodesian government has not requested any compensation for tremendous costs incurred during the search operations carried on under extremely dangerous and volatile conditions for the two Canadian nationalists. The Canadian government has taken the tack of without even written acknowledgment, their attempts to recover the body of the Canadian girl, according to Mrs. Drijber who asked Mr. Sharp what had been done.

The Dribjers, a family who have admittedly always despised debts of any kind, feel that the one incurred in Rhodesia is hanging heavy over their heads and any reimbursements received by them will be applied immediately to those costs.

Mr. Sharp asked them, according to Mrs. Drifber, what the Sinclair family thought of their effort to get at the truth; he wondered if they were in accord. Mrs. Drijber said that she found out later that, previous to their meeting in Ottawa, a letter had been sent to Mr. Sharp from Rev. Sinclair and his wife saying that they were solidly behind them and would back them in any way.

Included with a memoriam brochure for

the two girls is a thesis prepared earlier by Marjan herself together with three other schoolmates at Centennial Collegiate, in Guelph which was given full marks by her teacher and, written on the side, "A fantastic effort".

The theme of the thesis was based on the title "Who will answer" and, in reading it through one is able to pick up the deep vein of questioning thinking which correlates with the columntous attitudes of today's young people and, somehow manages to relate to its readers how closely the question "who will answer" resembles the one which today's people are asking

regarding Marjan's own terrible murder. "Today, says the thesis," our world hovers under the constant threat of destruction from atom bombs, but no one seems to care. The universal watchword has become "Don't get involved."

involvement is asking for trouble. Become insensible and live happily unaware on your little island. Ignore the constant experiments of the nations to improve the strength of the weapons of destruction. Drown it out and be peacefully ignorant while you dance and play in our mini-world. But if one man at the top has been outguessed in our cold war of wits and another player in the game can press his secret button, who will be left to tell the population of the bad move? When their protective shell of insensibility is shattered who then will explain the politics? Who will

In the thesis an insight is shown of the conviction of the writers that people must stand up for the things that are right and, besides giving credence to her trip to Africa with Chris to learn and attempt to understand, somewhere there is a spark of recognition that, in writing the thesis, they have also presented a testimony that is a pre-written memorial to Marjan herself.

In Rhodesia a soft rock folk song was written by Smith Marshall in commemmoration of the two girls and somehow the poignant sadness of the uselessness of it all was picked up and carried into the music world of young people in that country:

Foaming, creaming, In Nature's beauty They were dreaming. They sang for joy In their beautiful youth As on they went In their search for truth. They walked, they whistled,

"The river is rushing,

It was like being given A brand new toy. The sun was still high And hot in the sky Then the rifle it spat And then came their cry.

And shouted for joy,

Students happy In the prime of life, Looking neither for problem Looking neither for strife. To shoot till you see

The whites of their eyes At sixty meters There can be no disguise. CHORUS: There were stars on the rock

And blood in the sand But why they died We don't understand. Why they died

We don't understand. The record copyrited but not yet in Canada was entitled Christine and Marjan we don't understand.

Free Press Rockwood



Brace family say goodbye to squirrel

Bolts cage

#### No thanks from black squirrel Braces nurse back to health

Sherri Brace who, with their it did. mother Julie see the last of their three month house visitor-a black "thanks for a happy time" the squirrel who had fallen from a precocious creature literally flew tree at the Rockwood Cemetery out of the cage. Since its release and injured a leg.

By Lorraine hospital in Guelph and then It's a farewell from Philip and opened the cage to say "fly". And

Without a backward glance or a both Philip and Sherri are sure The Braces took the small they've seen it hanging about the animal home nursed it to full size, community. After all what other gave it medical attention com- squirrel is solid black, has a furry plete with X-Rays at the vet tail and darts about as easily as

### Arrest men in Guelph

men on warrants from the Acton

The men were taken to the Halton County jail where they will appear in court today

(Wednesday).

According to Ontario govern-

the one they looked after. Other residents in the community however, are just as certain that it resembles one they took such pains to eatch and deposit in the woods somewhere so that it could choose some other place in which to live than in the roof on their house. Animal lore Acton O.P.P. also laid a charge versus humanity-meantime, of being drunk in a public place—two Rockwood kids have had the against a man from out of town fun of learning about small and carried out one liquor seizure creatures and how to care for during the week of July 31-Aug.7. them in their own home and for any youngster that's just great.

## Rockwood romps over Alvinston

Rockwood Red Sox have udvanced to the second round of the ORSA Intermediate "C" playoffs by sweeping their first round series from Alvinston in two straight games.

Hob Shaw hurled a two hit shutout and struck out 14, as Hockwood wrapped up the series with a 2-0 win in Alvinston Saturday night.

Fred Buchanan and Jim Thatcher paced a seven hit Red Sox attack with two safeties apiece. Vic Willms, Dan Arbic and Chick Milne each picked up one bit. Rockwood scored both runs in the fourth inning.

Shaw tossed a three hitter and fanned 13 in the first game, won easily by Rockwood 16-1. Harry Phillips and Chick Milne slugged home runs, as Red Sox nailed Alvinston pitching for a

total of 15 hits. Vic Willms had three hits, Phillips, Phil Shrive and Fred Buchanan two each and Mike Martin, Dan Arbic, Walt Jeffries. George Uznrowski and Bob Shaw

one apiece. Rockwood will play either Shedden or Avon in the next round, but no dates have been set

# Belwood downs Red Sox in Int. league finale

First baseman Bob McCulloch banged out four hits in five at bats including a home run to power Belwood to a 5-2 win over Rockwood Red Sox at Rockwood park Thursday night. It was the final game of the regular Intercounty schedule for the Rockwood senior club.

Belwood tagged Rockwood starter Bill Robinson for six hits and four runs in the first 5.2 - 3 innings. Reliever John Salmon also gave up six hits.

Rockwood managed just 7 safeties off winnning pitcher Jim Weatherald. Jim Thatcher clouted a single and a triple, Norm Beattie doubled and

singled and Fred Buchanan and Harry Phillips both singled.

Right fielder Randy Clark lined out four singles in as many trips to the plate for Belwood.

Rockwood

Rockwood: Vie Willins, Mike Martin, Norm Beattie, Jim Thatcher, Dan Arbic, Chick Milne, Fred Buchanan, Harry Phillips, Mike Kelly, Bill Robinson, John Salmon

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Umpires: Plate - Don Currie, Bases - Sade Widmeyer and George Wheeler

#### Comin's and Goin's

Well now! Latest word from Eden Mills' travellers, the Chesworths, is that they have left France to spend a few weeks with their families in England. "We were terribly sad to leave France after six months having made some wonderful friends. The children went to school and soon spoke French and our own French really improved" was the word from Anne in a homebound postcard. Everyone is looking forward to more word and knowledge that they will be home fairly soon, was you wanted

Visitors and visitors and Mr. and Mr. S. Trousdale of Harris Street enjoyed the visit of Mr. and Mrs. John Laing of Kingston recently and also of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Trousdale of Flesherton.

Who is staying at your house? If you do have a guest during the month of August call and tell the Acton Free Press about it. Let's not drop out on the newsy summer news so call anyway and keep the press hopping with activity.

On the Lake of Kagawaca by two Rockwood visitors recently when Don and Winnie Hilts visited and stayed at one of the campsites owned by Doug and Lois' Schwenker who recently purchased the 15 campsite

grounds Marvelious holiday, ideal fishing, and great hospitality all wrapped up in the neighborly week visit. But home again Finnegan, and the couple came home a week ago to prepare for daughter Donna's wedding last Saturday.

Friends of Mrs. C. Levels on Main Street send their deepest sympathy at the passing of her husband. Mr. Level's paintings have made him a well known personage about the village of Rockwood and, with his passing, it must be remembered that many of his local scenes will stand as tributes to the talents of a fine resident and his loss will be sadly recorded.

Ron and Marlene Short were tremendously pleased at the assistance and kindnesses afforded them by neighbors and friends at the time of their recent disaster. They could not name individually all those who offered help both with clothing, places of accommodation for themselves, their children and their animals; and in many other areas of assistance. They were unable to state any particular plans as to future arrangements but conthe Islands of Manitoulin went veyed to Rockwood villagers their genuine and sincere appreciation for everything. Rockwood residents also convey their attitudes of concern to the Short family and look forward to their re-establishment in the village.

# Severe electrical storm causes Rockwood damage

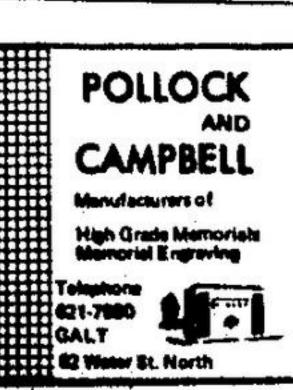
sday morning seemed to concentrate most of its energy on houses in the vicinity of Harris Street.

Although many villagers in Rockwood were awakened sharply by the tremendous blast as the storm hit, few could find any results other than some blown electric lamp bulbs and broken window panes.

On Harris Street however, blown television tubes, stoves cut off, and a car moved several feet from where it was parked, indicated that the area of the village had been in the direct line of the current.

Most badly hit was the home of Mrs. Dorothy Dean. The attle wiring were severely burned and the nails in her metal kitchen ceiling blackened with soot and dust from the attic blown about the kitchen and house. Clayton McLaren, local electrician, said

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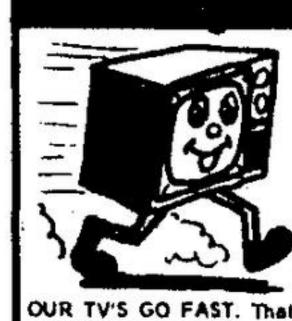
A 1:45 a.m. electrical storm it was a wonder a fire hadn't which hit Rockwood last Thur- resulted. He recommended complete new wiring. Car moves

A neighbor of Mrs. Dean's, Mr. Coulette, reported his car had been moved and also a front window of his home shattered along with burned out wirings and blown electric lights.

Talking with residents about the village later Thursday morning, revealed that several of them had been certain their homes had been hit with the loud cracking noise. However, early morning investigation had proved otherwise.

Mrs. Dean's outside telephone box had been blown off and found later in a ditch. Her next door neighbor, daughter Florence Lovell ale found that her telephone box had been blown off to land at the rear of her mother's

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Mrs. Dean has presently vacated her Harris Street home to stay with Mrs. Lovell until the attic rewiring and kitchen cleanup has been completed.

Guelph police arrested two face charges of causing a disturbance by fighting following O.P.P. office early yesterday an incident in the Dominion Hotel (Tuesday) morning. parking lot at 12:40 Sunday

Charges against one man are morning. petty trespass and failing to car in court, while the other is charged with impaired driving and having liquor in a place other than residence.

An Acton area man and a second man from Brampton will

ment statistics, only 52 per cent of the allowable cut of conifers and 11 per cent for hardwoods is appear in court, September 12 to being utilized in the province.



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