



(Photo by Lorraine)

"LOOK HERE, KIDS! If you promise to wash your hands every time you've petted me and every time before you eat, I promise to stick around for a while and not pass on any old Toxo Plosmosis germs on to you."

# Cats disease carriers cleanliness important

Alarm was triggered to cat lovers Sunday night when Dr. I. Tizard of the University of Guelph was televised on a Kitchener news station in which he declared that cats were the common carriers of a disease called toxo plosmosis which, when relayed to infants, could cause deformities and possible blindness.

Dr. Tizard allayed the fears of his viewers however, in an interview later where he said that, in actuality at least 50 percent of the adult population of Canada have the disease without being aware of its presence and that 99 percent of the time it is harmlessly dormant.

According to Dr. Tizard the disease is one contracted not only by cats but also by human consumption of raw or improperly cooked meats. About cats as carriers he stressed the importance of basic hygienic good health habits for people who had them in their homes as pets.

Discovered Toxo plosmosis was discovered as an organism in 1939 but the findings that it

was spread by cats was not made until approximately 1969 in Scotland, to be later confirmed in North America.

Kitty litter, sand boxes, and handling barnyard cats which have consumed mice were the main source of the veterinarian's concern and he placed great importance on the necessity of urging small children to wash hands immediately if involved in the housekeeping of their pets.

Dr. Tizard said that, at the present time, tests are being conducted to ascertain other causes of the disease. Although it has been shown that all small animals seem to have it and can contaminate other animals, only the cat seems to be the one to pass it on to humans. Humans themselves do not pass it on to each other.

Apparently tests show only 20 percent positive that kittens have the disease around the weaning stage "just about the time people like to give them to friends' children," as Dr. Tizard said. He suggested that it might also be a good time to put across to children the importance of

cleanliness after playing with pets.

Pregnancy One significant finding of toxo plosmosis is that, if contacted by mothers during pregnancy, babies born can be deformed or, in ten year's time, afflicted with blindness. So that the "Don't pet cats without applying immediate hygienic habits or don't eat uncooked meat" should be another rule of the mother-to-be. Having the disease prior to pregnancy however, does not, according to the learned doctor, present any problems.

At the present time students at the Guelph University are in the study that shows one quarter of those in the group to be affected. Dr. Tizard said that, with symptoms resembling those of the flu such as swelling glands and headaches, nothing specific is indicated without a blood test.

At one time the diagnostic serology lab at the University was the headquarters for several such studies, however, during the last few



## Investigate incorporation

In exploring the possibilities of incorporation for Rockwood village, the village trustees sent a letter to John Root, M.P. recently

requesting he investigate. Mr. Root informed the Trustee Board the request has been forwarded to the Hon. John White, Minister of Treasury and Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs. Mr. Root wrote: "I asked him to have his people advise of necessary steps to have Rockwood village incorporated."

Several years have elapsed since another trustee board raised the initial question of incorporation for Rockwood. At that time the ruling was that evidence was feasible but incomplete. After the hearings the judges had said that Rockwood would be well advised to consider re-applying the following year for incorporation.

The first application was made approximately 11 years ago.

## More street lights

Rockwood fronts should be brighter once the proposed decisions of a recent Trustee Board meeting are completed.

Additional street lights will be placed on certain village streets with a count of two for Bridge and Queen Streets, one at Carroll, and another at Brady Street.

As discussed from the October agenda was the damaged sidewalks resulting from the recent installation of new hydro poles extending down the Main Street of Rockwood from the railway track to the sub station on Valley Road.

The secretary was instructed to contact Ontario Hydro to expedite repairs.

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## Regular ministry for Anglicans

Members present at the St. John's Anglican service in Rockwood last Sunday went home satisfied that they had heard the most heartening sermon presented in their church for some time. Archdeacon Clarence Mitchell explained that their affiliation with St. James the Apostle Church in Guelph had

been terminated and that St. John's in Rockwood would now be attached to St. George's Anglican Church, also in Guelph, but with regular services being conducted by an associate minister.

Rev. Ritchie McMurray, attached to the University of Guelph as the Anglican

pastor, will be responsible for the regular Sunday and special services at St. John's with the staff at St. George prepared to act as the pastoral overseer making hospital visits, officiating at weddings, and other calls.

Communication was the key word in Mr. Mitchell's Sunday talk at the Rockwood

church as he urged those present to be in touch with him at all times, keeping him and his staff well informed on parish matters.

He said he realized that St. John's members must have felt discouraged at being pushed from one parish to another but that Bishop John Bothwell was aware of the problems. Mr. Mitchell said that Rockwood's potential growth was recognized and that it was important to keep the doors of the Anglican Church open and, with the staff of clergy at St. George's, the relationship should prove to be a happy one for all.

Since its disassociation with the parent St. Alban's in Acton approximately 12 years ago the Rockwood church has been affiliated with All Saints in Erin and St. James the Apostle in Guelph.

For the past few months since Rev. Tom Appleton's move to Aldershot Rockwood Anglicans have been attended by ministers and laymen volunteers as organized by a ministerial committee within the church.

Sunday's news of a regular ministry with an organized church affiliation came as a pleasant surprise to the congregation at St. John's.

## Lonely

A Newcomers Club has been formed in Milton. Originators of the club were two Welcome Wagons hostesses who encountered many lonely women when they made their calls. All the members have recently moved to the area.

## Gzowski stamp is now collector's item

A stamp of interest to Rockwood villagers was received recently pertaining to one of Rockwood's most illustrious former associates. Dated 1813 to 1963 the stamp boasts a picture of a steam engine on its front with the name Sir Casimir Stanislaus Gzowski.

According to Harry Norton, 33 Armstrong Avenue, Guelph, a hobbyist stamp collector, the stamp is identified in the Scott's catalogue, volume one, 1974 as commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birthdate of Sir Casimir and was issued in 1963.

Scott's catalogue is, according to Mr. Norton, considered in collector circles, the Bible of stamp collecting.

Street, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Price.

The barn stands today as a glorious edifice to a man who held several important public offices in the province for which services he was knighted. He was reportedly also responsible for starting the Ontario Jockey club and the Toronto Stock Exchange and was a founder of Wycliffe college in Toronto. He was one of the originators of the Niagara development, now known as Niagara Park.

In Rockwood a street was

named Gzowski after him and, more recently, a monument was erected approximately five years ago at Toronto's Sunnyside, unveiled under the auspices of voluntary committees representing Canada, the province of Ontario, the city of Toronto, and voluntary donors.

According to Scott's Catalogue, Sir Casimir Stanislaus Gzowski died in 1898, and the stamp released commemorating him is now a collector's item.

## New vacuum cleaner decision of U.C.W.

The joint meeting of the U.C.W. of Units one and two were held in Stone United Church last Tuesday, October 30.

Mrs. Pinder, the president, was on hand to open the meeting with a poem followed by prayer.

After reading of the minutes a report was presented on the success of

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the recent fowl supper which had been well attended. The requirements of a new vacuum cleaner for the church was discussed and it was moved by Mrs. Barber and seconded by Mrs. Swanson that a chosen committee should be given authority to purchase a new cleaner.

Shows slides Business completed Mrs. G. Thomson then showed slides entitled Around and Over which everyone enjoyed.

Using the text from Psalm 2 Mrs. Ralph Williams explained Thanksgiving and her message was enjoyed by the ladies present. After a closing hymn and prayer the hostesses of unit one served a delicious lunch to all present.

## Mrs Guild long-time resident

Gone but never to be forgotten and Rockwood villagers were deeply saddened last Thursday at the passing of one of its very special senior residents.

With the death of Edna Belle Guild, formerly of Mary Street, Rockwood, went much of the knowledge of the district history. Her keen awareness of the backgrounds of places and events in the Eramosa and Rockwood area were of particular delight to both her own contemporaries who had shared lifelong friendships and to those who had moved into the community more recently.

Edna Belle Guild died suddenly on Thursday, November 1, in Guelph. She had been born in Eramosa Township with parents the late William and Jemima Torrance. She became the bride of the late Wilbert Jolliffe Guild by whom she was predeceased and she was the proud mother of four sons Norman of Brampton, Kenneth of Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, Torrance of Rockwood, and Graham of London.

Funeral Friends, neighbors, and acquaintances came from many parts of southern Ontario, including Acton and Milton.

She predeceased her brother George of Gilmore, Ontario and two sisters Jean Hewat of Simcoe and May Barrie of Toronto.

A resident of the Rockwood village for the greater part of her life, Edna Guild had attended the S.S. No. 8 Eramosa Public School and the Georgetown High School after which, on leaving, she went on to the Toronto Normal School.

Mrs. Guild was a quiet pillar in the Rockwood community, active in many organizations including the Rockwood Women's Institute, Unit One of the U.C.W. in the Rockwood United Church, the Rockwood Sunshine Club, and she was also a member of the Rockwood bi-weekly fellowship prayer group. A staunch member of the United Church of Canada, she was on hand at the time of the 1925 church union.

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