

# Vintage snowmobile found by Don Gordon

If there's any question about the accuracy in the trite phraseology "there's nothing new under the sun" snowmobile creators who think their invention was the first snow vehicle should take a look at the 1926 Ford snowmobile recently procured by a Rockwood resident.

The machine was discovered by Don Gordon of R.R. Rockwood. According to the Ford Motor Company, the 1926 Model T is one of the originals of approximately 18 such snowmobiles made by Ford. In 1930 Bombardier of Quebec started producing snowmobiles built on Ford model T and A chassis.

As yet, the Gordons have not been able to determine if

this particular one was made by Ford or Bombardier but they have established that it was factory made. The skis on the front of the vehicle are removable and there are replacement wheels to be interchanged for road driving.

Used by doctor  
One old farmer recalls that a doctor in the Grand Valley district used a similar vehicle to make house calls in the days when road ploughing was minimal if at all. "Could be it's the same snowmobile," said Don Gordon, "as there were so few of them made and this was purchased in that area."

Humorously he added; "Of course, now that the roads are plowed and trans-

portation is not a problem it's even more difficult to get a doctor to make a house call."

What plans do the Gordons have for the vintage vehicle? Well, first they can't tell how many miles per gallon to expect as they haven't had it long enough to have driven it at all. Conservationists at heart who enjoy all the aesthetics of Rockwood's rustic bushland they hope to use their model T to travel around their bush property. "We think it will be more fun and less polluting than the modern snowmobile," said Don recently and, with 25 acres of their own on which to move, the only rules they'll be breaking will be their own.



1926 model T as snowmobile

# Committee formed, relieves choir load

Once a month practices will be meeting times for a new committee recently appointed which will act as a buffer group for the Eramosa Choral Society.

Advertising and planning future programs will be part of the function of the committee headed by Don McLean of Wellington County as president; Ken Graham, Erin, vice president; Betty Burnett, R.R. Rockwood, treasurer; and Betty Jones of R.R. Rockwood, secretary.

The Eramosa Choral Society is now moving into its fifth season and the group which started on a small scale with only the two schools of Eramosa and Rockwood participating now includes 100 students representing all public schools in the district of Wellington.

The annual armistice service were literally captivated by the ability of the choir as they sang songs of Canada, some of which will be heard abroad.

Overseas  
The big venture for next year will be an overseas trip in April where the choir will enter competitions in both Scotland and Ireland. In Ireland they will be competing in several classes of the music festival with Canadian songs their specialty. This land is Your Land, Emblem of Canada, the Green Cathedral, They All Call it Canada, primarily the choir sings songs of Canada.

On December 14 it will be a concert at John F. Ross Collegiate in Guelph and, on January 20 the Roman Catholic ladies have booked for a concert in St. Joseph's church. A dance on November 30 is scheduled in the Legion at Fergus for adults with an adult orchestra and recently they held a sock hop for the younger people.

playing band numbers with musical instruments, a new area of their talents gradually being augmented into the choir's performances.

Travel for the group is usually by car; if a bus is required for distances chaparrons are called upon and, fortunately, some of these are able to serve the dual role of accompanists on the travels and singers during engagements. Reportedly the choir is always anxious to fulfill requests and for those who wish to contact Mrs. Hoy her address is 29 Kimberley Drive in Guelph; gradually the Eramosa Choral Society's winter agenda is filling in.

Gain fame  
During those five years the choir has gained tremendous fame throughout the district diligently accepting engagements and participating in specially arranged programs, T.V., radio broadcasts, and concerts. The Eramosa Choir entered and placed high in the Quebec music festival recently and, this year, in the Kiwanis festival they were judged in the 90 percents.

Director of the choir, Mrs. Roberta Hoy manages to produce quality plus enthusiasm with deep sincerity with her young charges. Mostly they range, boys and girls, from 7 to 20, but recently a few adults have been incorporated into the group.

A concert in Hespeeler on November 4, an afternoon service in Guelph Memorial Gardens on the afternoon of November 11, and, in the Rockwood Centennial School, the congregation attending

The choir is continually moving into new phases of performance, in most cases attempting to fatten their savings for the spring trip. Not all of their effort is put into raising money however, and recently the group attended the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Burns Presbyterian church at Erin where they entertained a capacity crowd.

Wearing the colorfully simple uniforms in the color of the Canadian flag the choir looks elegant as they sing together. Last Sunday's Eramosa congregation at the Rockwood Centennial Public School were deeply moved and impressed at the youngsters' abilities as they moved out of the realm of vocal participation into

## Notes from Centennial school

By Judy Finley  
I've been missing around these pages for the past two weeks but here I am back on the job and hoping to bring all my readers up to date on school happenings.

The Erin football players were tough opponents and, in their game against Rockwood won six to zero.

Christmas is edging around the corner as everyone knows especially the students at Centennial with Christmas exams starting on November 22 not to end until November 28 for all grades from 5 to 8 only.

Everyone is warned to put on their best bib and tucker for the November 13 picture taking day and, back to sports, the Centennial boys will play against Eramosa at their school on Wednesday with scores to be published next week.

## Comin's and Goin's

A two week vacation for the three R's of Rockwood was a breathtaking spectacle of beautiful Eastern scenery as Ron Geddes, Roy Robinson, and Robert Noble covered over 6,000 miles from Rockwood to Newfoundland via camper returning last week. Next time it will be B.C., said the enthusiastic Bob Noble who has taken movie pictures of all the sites and advocates the trip for everyone.

holiday of visiting old friends and relatives and revisiting all the places of importance to them over 'ome. Welcome back and have a great time, folks!

colossal tent" and it was terrific having her back from Penetang for a while.

It's home again after a month's visit in Eden Mills for Mrs. Toshi Morrison of Sudbury who stayed with her sister Anna Wilson.

Best news of Tuesday was that Rockwood's pal Babs Ellis was back in town for an overnight visit with daughter Suzie Stone and Ian and her brilliant comment had to do with the overpowering hydro powers marching down Rockwood's main street these days: "Wow, it's like a

Rockwood ladies never had it so good and the bus trip to see Liberae at the O'Keefe centre last Monday night was an amazing success. "What outfits, what a personality, what charm" and village mesdames are already considering piano playing for their children as their sideline. Musical geniuses at your house or has Liberae really got it all?

Eden Mills residents have lost a special friend this week in the passing of Mrs. William Early, the inspiration of numerous associations in the village. The Presbyterian Church, the Ebenezer church, the Senior Citizen groups in both Rockwood and Eden Mills, and in any group where music and fun were the key notes, Laura Early's fresh spontaneity was the ingredient. She will be sadly missed in the districts surrounding Eden Mills and her many friends extend their sympathy to her family.

It's hey ho to Helen Sinclair and have a good trip as she left to attend a seminar in Kansas last weekend.

Escape and get away from it all and two ladies from Eden Mills found the way to survive Canada's rugged winter. Just take off for England and Mrs. F. Smith and Mrs. Lynch won't be back home for six months after a

# Conservation park closed on weekends

The chain is up but word from officials at the Rockwood Conservation Park is that it's only for weekends. New winter hours have

been tentatively set for the local staff with the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. open park rules set only for weekdays. On Saturdays and Sundays the park is of-

ficially closed except for hikers or pre-arranged engagements. Outdoorists who favor freezing flurries to test their open-air skills are asked to check at the park gates for appointments but, with the water turned off they should take their own H2O or be prepared to dip into the drink and preboil before consumption.

## Snowmobilers elect slate

Two Eramosa area young people were given responsibility recently when over 30 4-H snowmobile club members were on hand to hear Wayne Hawke outline the educational meetings for the winter at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 7 in the Fergus Agricultural building.

Gordon Tosh of R.R. Rockwood was elected vice president, Betty Law, secretary, and, as press

representative Janice Osborne was elected reporter of the club. Robert Mitchell was voted in as president at which time he expressed the necessity for full participation of all members.

Preparation, first aid, trouble shooting, and a plant tour will be topics covered for the winter season with the next meeting set for Wednesday, November 21 at 8 p.m.

Campers here  
This weekend the Rockwood Park hosted a number of scouts and venturers from Drayton, Ontario, who, along with their leaders, survived the blistery cold. "Give up and go home? Not these boys" said Andy Stanner, venturer adviser and the Grand River superintendent at Conestoga. "They're all anxious to get back here and try outdoor-ing it again at Christmas time" he said and the boys cracked a grin and agreed that the exploring, hiking, and outdoor tenting at the local grounds had been a real experience.

## Contaminated wells

Acts of vandalism which contaminated two wells in the Eden Mills area last July has cost Halton County taxpayers \$2,250 so far. Vandals damaged a fuel tank and two wells were contaminated.

Several attempts to pump out the oil have failed to eliminate the taste and odor of the oil, even now. According to correspondence from the Ministry of the Environment an alternate supply of water has been found for the two families but a cost of \$350 is involved in

hooking the water supply to the homes.

At a meeting of the Halton County Administration Committee Tuesday the account was recommended for payment but the committee suggested any further expense incurred in the project would be the responsibility of the homeowners not the county. County treasurer Jim McQueen suggested there is a chance of having the county spending subsidized by the ministry.

## If you make your money installing furnaces, you soon learn what it costs to run them.



Henry Mulder and Hank Oosterveld have worked up a successful little business in Guelph. They're contractors for heating equipment. Hank and Henry met when they both worked for a local heating contractor. Then 7 years ago they struck out on their own.

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## Eden Mills Brownie News

Enrolment and a bonfire evening had been arranged at Grey Owls house and a wonderful "Guy Fawkes" had been made to sit on top and burn as is the custom in England, every November 5. However, "Guy" will have to wait a little longer as we had bad weather and held our meeting as usual in the church hall and after enrolling our two twentees, Monica Hamilton and Debbie Uldrika, we had a games night organized by the "sixers" themselves.

Cookies were made previously by three brownies who were working on their "cook" badge and hot chocolate was served at the end of the evening.

Craft night  
It was craft night for us last week and Mrs. Vos' armed with tooth picks, glue, paint

brushes, paper plates, wool, needles, paper trays and lots of paper, arrived on the scene to show and guide the brownies into making all the different ideas she had. Book marks, letter or paper holders, tooth-pick models, and paintings were produced during the entire evening. Many little hands were at work and the whole place resembled a "bee colony" with everyone busy and bustling from table to table to achieve as many things as possible, in what seemed to them a short time.

Then laden with all their hard earned efforts they were returned home to display their handiwork to their proud and enthusiastic parents who I am sure must think they have a budding genius in the family.

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