



**JODY WILSON**, centre, is not so sure about school being over. She says her family will be taking a trip in the next few days to Welland but she has no plans for summer holidays. Melanie Sherwood likes school and is disappointed to see it close for the summer. Linda Veldhouse is really happy this week marks closing time as she'll be able to go swimming and enjoying the outdoors rather than being in school all day.



**GLAD THAT SCHOOL'S** out? "Well, I'm sure glad it's over 'cause now I'll be able to go camping and find a job looking after Rockwood gardens," says 10-year-old Randy Schoonfeld. Michael Cleary feels the question is a pretty silly one. "Naturally I'm glad it's over." Michael likes to fish and he's looking forward to three weeks of camping up north.



**DAVID LEVY** is 10-years-old and he's anxious to play soccer and lawn darts. No question for David, he's glad that summer's here. Keith Hamilton, 11, is all ready to take off and go camping. "Glad school's out? You bet," says Keith. Laurie North is also glad to see the end of school for awhile. "We want to go camping and have fun," she says.

## Comin's and Goin's

Friends of Donna (Illit) and Bruce Hately will be sorry to know they have left Rockwood heading for wide open spaces. The couple started off Monday morning via car heading for Red Deer, Alberta to live. Sorry you're going, folks, and in Rockwood village you'll be missed.

Lloyd Mittson, Down to the big city with the Baum family will go Barbara McLaren for a two-week stay. Have fun, Harb!

Rose Oakes spent time this week visiting her sister Daisy in Toronto.

It's a welcome back for a visit this week from Jane Baum and children Carmen and Billy who came in from Etobicoke (their new hometown) to visit with the Murray McLarens, Don Illit and

Tuesday and Wednesday were extra fun days for members of the Rockwood nursery school when they took off for the conservation park for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. outdoor picnics, with games, races and potluck lunching.

par for the course. A small item of local interest restoring faith in teenagers was reported by postmistress Marg Cox. Marg tells about a day last week when, during the pouring rain two young Rockwoodites, Ed DeVries and Peter Bolton, came to her rescue and assisted in changing a flat tire. Nice going kids, it's help like this that makes life worth living.

News of one other Rockwood girl in that Jean (Day) and Steve Lidster have rebuilt a vintage log cabin on their small acreage on Vancouver Island. Four and one-half acres is their proud possession on which the couple is raising hens, a goat, and garden vegetables. "Living off the land," is the way they put it on a location approximately 15 miles north of Courtney. Rockwood friends say hi!

## Centennial School Notes

By Judy Finley  
Well at last school's out and holidays are in, for about two months anyway. For most people the school year has gone quite fast but too fast for the ones who will be attending summer school

from July 2 to July 26. I've enjoyed doing the paper for the last two years and I wish all students and staff of Rockwood Centennial the best of luck in the years to come and a safe and enjoyable summer.

## Obituary

### Funeral service held for May Oakes Friday

Funeral service was held Friday for a well-known district lady who met her death last Wednesday in a tragic accident. Mrs. May Oakes, 70, of R.R. 3, Rockwood, was killed when the car in which she was a passenger collided with a tractor-trailer transporting a portable

school room on Hwy. 24, just north of Guelph in Eramosa township.

The classroom was being transported from Waterloo county to Woolwich township by a tractor-trailer driven by William Lackie of R. R. 3, Cambridge. The vehicle was being escorted by OPP and department of transportation and communication personnel at the time of the accident.

Mrs. Oakes was driving with her husband, Charles. He pulled over to the shoulder of the road to allow the tractor-trailer to go by, but the car went back onto the road where it collided with the tractor-trailer. They were both rushed to the Guelph General Hospital where Mrs. Oakes was pronounced dead by Wellington county coroner Dr. W. A. Scott. Her husband was hospitalized in serious and critical condition.

Well known in the vicinity of Rockwood and Acton, Mrs. Oakes, the former May White, once lived and was employed in the village of Rockwood where she established many lifelong friendships.

The mother of Vera (Mrs. Lloyd McDougall), of Guelph and Ronald Oakes of R.R. 3, Rockwood, she was also the grandmother of seven grandchildren Doug, Shirley and Donna McDougall, Linda, Dan, Susan and Paul Oakes. She was the sister of Mrs. Edith Houston of England and was predeceased by one brother, Lionel White. She was the aunt of Mrs. Vera Korman and Mrs. May Webb, both of Pickering, Ont.

Interment was at Stone United Church cemetery. At the present time Mr. Oakes is, reportedly, recuperating from physical injuries. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year and had only recently moved into a new home.

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### Funeral service

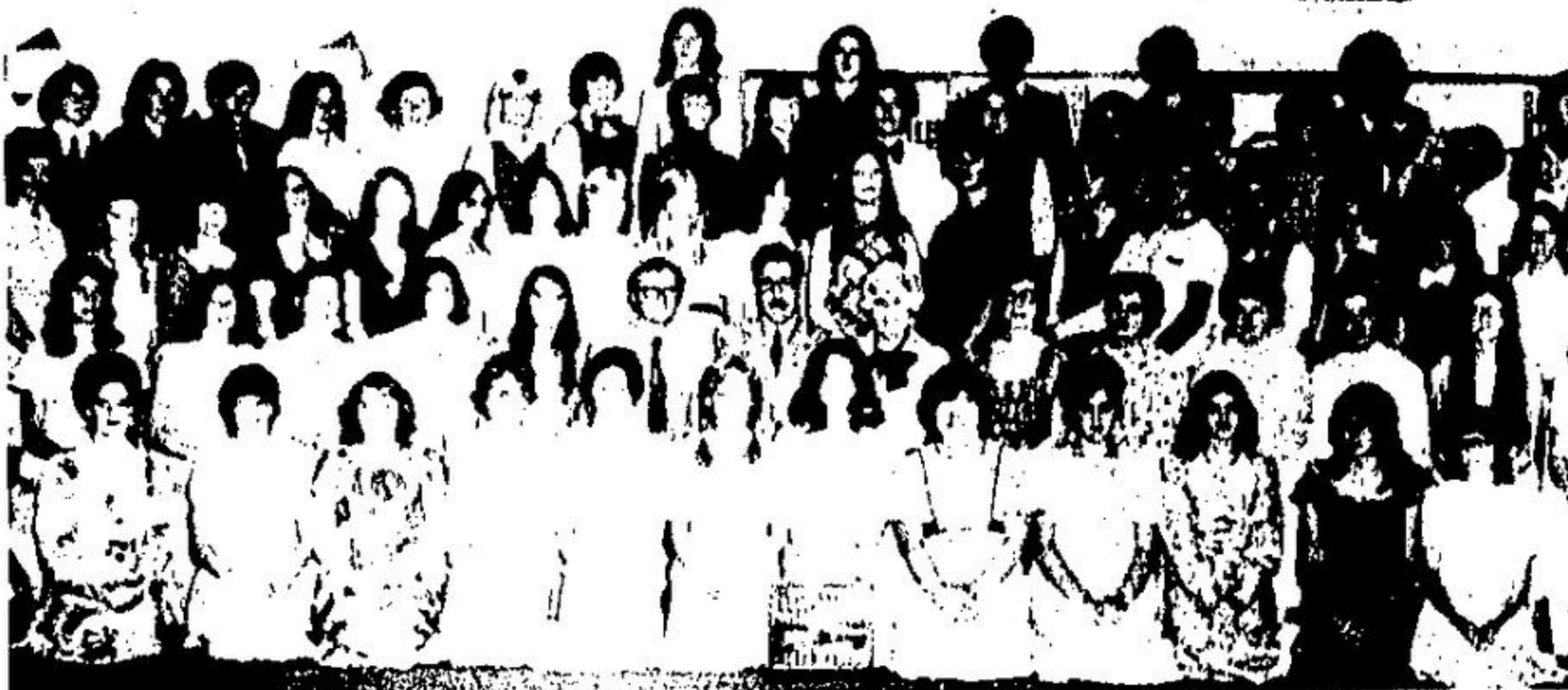
Funeral service was held June 11 for George R. Sherwood, R.R. 1, Guelph, who died at Guelph after a short illness.

Born in Nelson township, Mr. Sherwood was a veteran of the First World War. He had farmed all his life, retiring in 1963 was a member of Stone United Church.

Predeceased by his wife, the former Owina Small, Mr. Sherwood is survived by daughters, Mrs. Marlan Forsythe of Rockwood, Mrs. Grace Crawford of Clearwater, Fla., and Mrs. Margaret Osborne of Hanover; sons, Thompson and Edgar, both of Guelph; brother, Ralph of Arkell and Morley and David, both of Guelph. He is also survived by sisters, Mrs. Maude Walker of Burlington, Mrs. Gertrude of Kilmbridge and 20 grandchildren.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Orme and Edgar and a sister, Edna Sherwood. The service was conducted at the Wall Chapel of the Lee and Custance Funeral Home in Guelph with Rev. Ralph Williams officiating. Burial was at Rockwood Cemetery with pallbearers, Albert Hunter, Laverne Hartung, Harvey McDougall, Bob Sherwood, Don Sherwood and Bill Harrison.

## Free Press Rockwood and District



**SIXTY-SEVEN** Graduates of Rockwood Centennial public school received booklets and special graduation medallions last Monday night at the annual grade eight graduation banquet. In an auditorium gaily decorated with hand made mobiles and cut-outs the graduates sat with their

parents to enjoy a delicious dinner sponsored by the District Home and School Association. Awards were presented, after which a short program and dance culminated the final year of another graduating class.

## OERHA will hold special day

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the building and operation of the Halton County Radial Railway, the directors of the Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association (OERHA) are holding a special day.

They are joining forces with the Antique Car Club on Saturday, June 29. The car club plans on making the museum a rally point and from 30 to 60 vintage automobiles from local auto clubs will be available for viewing.

Eleven antique streetcars dating from 1883 to 1938 will be operating and those attending will have the opportunity of riding over one mile of trackage through the club's bushland.



**SING SONGS, COOKOUTS,** and fun for four hours straight was the report back to mothers and fathers of Ospringe Brownies attending last Thursday's South Wellington Brownie revel at Camp Corwin. Fifteen members of the Ospringe pack included, front, Kathy Bradford, Debby Wynne; second row, Linda Pankratz, Bonnie Lang, Cindy McCausland, Janice Nuttall. On the roof are Karen Pankratz and Colleen McCausland. With the girls are Tawny Owl Ali Van der Heide, Brown Owl Joyce McCausland and Kathy Wynne, an assistant for the afternoon's venture. Missing from the First Ospringe Brownie Pack was Snowy Owl.

## District Annual report

A decorated birthday cake was exhibited by each of the 12 branches of Wellington Centre W.I. at the district annual meeting held at Barrie Hill United Church, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the district.

Metric system  
The curator of the Tweedsmuir History books, Mrs. Irvine Black, stated there have been eight books from the district microfilmed. Mrs. Arthur Leslie of Ennottville provided entertainment with a couple of readings.

Scholarships  
Mrs. John Bird of Georgetown provincial board director for subdivision 12, stated there were 20 FWIO scholarships available to MacDonald Institute this year. FWIO is assisting in Botswana, Africa, through the international scholarship, and is sending \$2,000 to ACWW Lady Aberdeen scholarship to be used "for people". The Erland Lee Home is our own provincial on-going project, and needs the support of the branches.

Mrs. Bird suggested W.I. members learn more about the alcohol problem, and tackle the issues of the day. Mrs. Bird will be retiring this fall, and the new board director, elected at the area convention, will be from Wellington Centre.

Displays, exhibits  
At the noon hour, time was given to view the displays. More About Knits, from Belwood, Coningsby and Mimosa branches, and exhibits from the Elective Program of Grades 6, 7 and 8 of Brisbane school.

Greetings were extended by Rev. W. A. Dempsey, minister of Barrie Hill Church, Mrs. W. A. Smith,

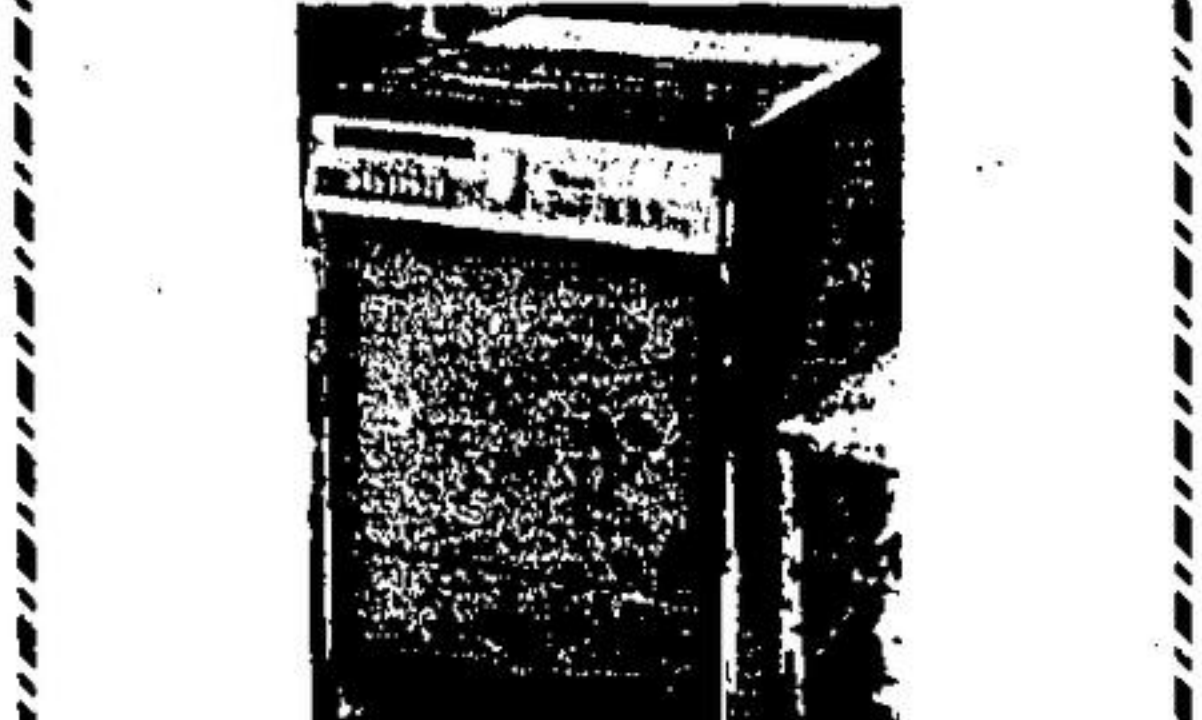
area president, Mrs. Allan Blyth and Mrs. Playle from Wellington South. Mrs. Mansell Nelles and Mrs. Leo Jamieson from Halton, and Mr. Grubbe from the Department of Agriculture, Arthur.

The past presidents and secretaries of the district were given special recognition. Mrs. Charles

Allan showed slides of historical buildings around Elora, and Mrs. Haines Root had slides of century farms of Mimosa.

Afternoon  
Mrs. Black told of the first meeting when Wellington Centre district was organized on June 1, 1904, in Erin. There were six persons in attendance.

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Les Duby  
Former Mayor of the former Town of Acton

## Brownie revel held

Approximately 68 Brownies and leaders attended the South Wellington Brownie revel last Thursday held at Camp Corwin near Guelph. Eramosa township was well represented with many groups including Brownies from Rockwood, Eden Mills, and Everton. Other local packs attending came in from Erin and Ospringe.

Arriving at the camp around 4 p.m., shortly after school hours, the girls had a session of sing-songs, races and fun with a cook-out serving their supper-time eating needs.

For many groups it was a wind-up of season meetings with Brownie activities closed down until the fall.

## Beaver damage

Beaver damage in the Rockwood conservation park near Valley Rd. has reached stage of non return. The trees killed by water flooding when the ambitious creatures dammed up a small stream, look sad and dead.

Green sprouts in well manicured lawn garden lots these days are harbingers of fresh green vegetables this summer.

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