Birthday for Stewart Royce celebrated

Eighty-five years later, one Waller's residence on Main of Rockwood's best known St., Mr. Royce is one of the and respected citizens cele- few remaining citizens who brated his Sept. 17, 1889 birth- has extensive knowledge of day on Tuesday and, ac- village history stored in his cording to Stewart Royce, amazing memory bank. At 85 time of arrival was 6:15 a.m. he can remember places, Born in Rockwood in a people and occurrences frame house once located which happened years ago



EIGHTY-FIVE on Tuesday, Stewart Royce, happlly chats with one of the residents at his new home, the St. Joseph Home, in Guelph. Many of his and go along through the Rockwood neighbors and friends often drop in to hallways. visit and talk over old Rockwood times. Thurs- Talking with Mr. Royce is day's celebration was a visit to Rockwood and din- to hear an interesting account ner at the Colonial Hotel with his daughter and son- of his experience in the in-law.

constantly involved in village polities, holding several oflices, his understanding of Rockwood's background and former residents is of great value. Just to talk to Mr. Royce is a wealth of information. He enjoys people dropping in to visit him at his present residence which the former Dr. and, as someone who was many of his Rockwood friends and former neighbors

> According to the birthday celebrant, the home where he was born, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Royce, his parents, has been replaced for some years by a red brick house now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith. He was one of five boys and one girl born to the couple and, of the large, happy family of Royces; only two are still living. Dave Rovce, 88. Stewart's oldest brother lives at the Elliott Home in Guelph,

A pre-birthday visit with Mr. Hoyce was one of friendship and congeniality as he mingled with his buddies at the St. Joseph's Senior residence in Guelph. "It's just like a big friendly family," said the affable gentleman who left his Rockwood residence approximately four years ago when he found keeping up a house was too much for him. People would pass and say "Hi there," as they would come

Rockwood, worked for five shop was closed down. On his years after his entrance retirement he sold his equipgraduation at what was the ment to Al Jackson who startvillage, and then served a known to later residents as with Tom Morton, a barber in

"I spent some time in Hamilton and Toronto tearning more about the trade" he recollected and then explained how he then bought the barber shop tocated on one side of what was, until its recent sale, the Buchan's Feed store on Main

In 1912 he married Frances

Benson and, in 1920 he, his

wife and family of two daughters moved into his final Rockwood home which they had built on Guelph St. Mr. Royce talks about combining several positions in the police village of Rockwood along with his barbering trade. He was publicsecretary, secretary-treasurer of hydro, and secretarytreasurer for town hall, his position before retirement, was that of clerktreasurer and tax collector for the township of Eramosa. He also served as school trustee for ten years for No. 9

Long-haireds

school.

The village barber for 41 years, Mr. Royce says "there days," and makes no bones about not liking such haircuts. Filling in more of Rockwood's barbering history he explained that, after moving

stone S. S. No. 9 school in to his new location, the old Massey Harris factory in the ed up his trade in the building barbering apprenticeship Blue Star Garage and Body

> According to the mstorum, Al Jackson moved his business from the location to the stone hatel, then known as Lees hotel, on Main St. From there he set up business in the barber shop later purchased and operated by Lawrence Kingwell which he converted two years ago to the Horn O'Plenty food establishment.

Feeling well and almost hardy, Mr. Royce says his greatest problem is seeing. He can no longer read and his hearing is slightly impaired. Beyond these things, he will tell you he feels very well and is quite contented in his new

He manages to get around

with drives into the country and to Rackwood accasionally with his nephew, Harold Royce who lives in Guelph. Tuesday's celebration was one of a visit from his daughter and son-inlaw. Doug and Dorls Patterson from London, with a birthday dinner at the Colonial Hotel in Rockwood. He is a grandfather four times over and is greatgrandfather twice. Three years ago he was taken by were no long-halreds in those ambulance to the Guelph General Hospital and today he is only too happy to be well located and able to really enjoy a contented 85th birthday. He received many cards of congratulations from Triends

remember him well.

the fact that two Rockwood residents have relatives visiting from the same place in England with the same name at the same time, and neither knows the other.

Mrs. Lillian Doe is the month visitor who has come to the village to spend a month with her daughter Audrey Hudson and family. She has been in Rockwood before and made many friends who bid her a bello and welcome.

Mrs. Alice Duby in Guelph has a relative coming Thursday who is also from Surrey, England. His name is Bob Doe, a second cousin of the popular Guelph St. resident. Hi to you too, Bob.

Betty and Erle Illits just arrived home from an overseas trip and, for Eric it was his first one back home to his birthplace in 28 years. Welcome back to Canada, folks, hope you had a fine

Best looking dogs in town these days are three belonging to one lady on Main St. Her threesome sports beautiful collars from Root's hardware and one dog wears Where did beautiful purple, another shocking pink and raspberry is the shade of the other's collar. No biz like dog biz.

learn of Clayton McLaren turning color.

difficulties will be missed from his Rockwood business and many who found him efficient, consistent and always willing, are going to miss his services in the vil-

Comin's and Goin's

Mrs. Phil Drysdale is visiting in Eden Mills these days with her mother Mrs. Peg Abrams. Flying in from Victoria, B.C. the visitor will be returning soon with her sister Nancy Abram who will be working there. So long, girls, Eden Mills friends wish you both the best and have enjoyed having you back in the community.

Mrs. Ruby Barford and daughter Caroline have been special visitors this summer with Mrs. Lily Smith of Eden Mills. Hailing from London, England, it was an exciting three week stay at Peg Abram's home where her mother now resides.

Those who have been waiting to meet and hear Rev. Bernie Warren of the Bezek centre will enjoy the 118th anniversary service at the Eden Mills United church Sept. 22 at 11 a.m. when he will be guest minister. St.

the color go?

Some trees are losing Villagers will be sorry to leaves this year before even

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provide music. Anniversary hall.

beats closing shop. The man who Alban's Anglican Church fowl supper will be held Sept. everything and interesting is could solve many household choir will be on hand to 25 at the village community

Toyota Community Calendar

What's doing in the North Halton Areal

INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH

Of interest to both urban and rural people, the 61st annual International Plowing Match and Machinery Show is being held Tuesday to Saturday, September 24 to 28 at the Craig Reid and neighboring farms just south of Georgetown. It features a large tent city of exhibits, displays and catering establishments, in addition to the classes for plowmen from all over Ontario.

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C.W.L. holds Sept. meeting

parish house on Gzowski St. conveners of the standing

attendance. Correspondence was read including a letter from Brother Bob in Darjeeling, India in which he thanked the C.W.L. for the \$50 donation sent to aid him in his work with the poor and sick.

Sixteen members were in committees should try to

money-raising event of the

Cabaret successful

Eighty-five to 100 people dressing casually but all ranging in age from 18 to 80 entering into the fun." enjoyed the party-fun provid- Mostly local villagers ated at the second Eden Mills tended and, assisting Mrs. Community Club cabaret Tomlinson with arrangedance held at the centre last ments were Fran Tolton and Saturday evening.

estivities.

The unique Montgomerys is planned for Oct. 26. evening with Vince playing his violin and banje and Mrs. Corn Crops Montgomery playing the piano and singing. "Everybody always seems to get go- gradually being pulled in. ing when they're around," said Lorna Tomlinson, one of smaller crops and smaller the organizers, who described cobs due to lack of summer the dance as, "More like a big rains. But sweet garden corn village party, with everyone was just as delicious as ever.

Donna Clifford. Door prizes Vince and Jeanette Mont- were won by Bill Lowrie, gomery were key figures at George Campbell and Mr. Le the village dance and Satur- Fevre. Proceeds will be inday's program was one of cluded in the Community cards, singing, dancing or Club treasury and go towards just sitting and enjoying continuation of hall renovations. The next cabaret dance

Corn for sale signs are Growers tell a story of

Under discussion was the Mrs. Evelyn Dales was Sept. meeting of the Rock- Development day to be held appointed to look after getwood and Oustic Catholic in Waterloo at St. Agnes ting reseries for grade eight Women's League held at the Church. It was decided the graduates. They will be presented at a later date.

Father Elliott spoke briefly. He expressed his Tickets will soon be gratitude to league members available for the dance for their loyalty and support sponsored by league to be while he has been parish held in the town hall on Nov. priest. He said he regrets at 9. The Wheels orchestra has having to resign but finds been engaged for the first keeping up two parishes too much for him. Father Elliott announced that, beginning Sept. 22, Rockwood and Oustle parishes will have as their parish priest, Father A.J. Olinski who has been Riversdale, Ont.

Following adjournment of the meeting Mrs. Bernice Bacon introduced Father Michael Myronicuk, guest speaker for the evening. The visitor showed slides of Guatemala where he has spent the last five years doing missionary work. During the commentary, Father Myronicuk explained that he found his work there very interesting and rewarding. He also brought news of the foster child sponsored by the

league. Mrs. Margaret Sennhauser thanked the speaker and, while lunch was being served, pastor at St. Anne's, he answered questions about his work.

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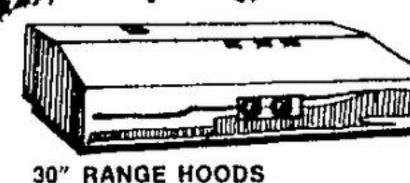
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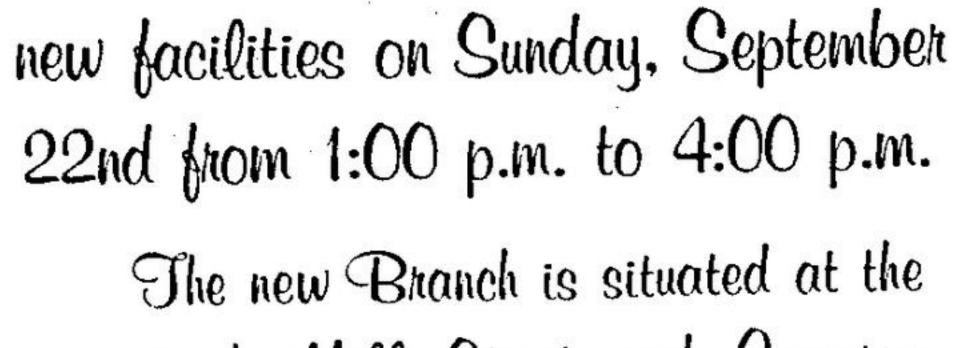
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