

# Comin' and Goin's

Crispy, crunchy snow provided walking pleasure for approximately 36 members of the congregation of St. John's church Sunday when, after church service, they trekked through the conservation park and Valley Rd. After an hour's walk they arrived back at the parish hall where a delicious brunch of home-made chili and brown beans awaited them. Special guest was Josef Drenters and members agreed the idea of the parish get-together was worthwhile, one worthy of repeat in the near future.

Lion members remind district residents that paper collections will be made at Centennial public school on Saturday, April 12. "Just leave your newspapers at the roadway in front of the school as usual," say picker-uppers who tell villagers that leaving their collections in front of their homes is the regular place for 6.30 a.m. pick-up.

Lois and Arn Maw from Nova Scotia have been visitors of Georgina Kelo during the past few days. Sady, death of a relative brought the easterners to the village but it also prompted family gatherings at the Kelo household which were happy ones.

Very sad is the news that June (Lawrence) Oost of Grand Rapids, Michigan just lost her husband. June is a former school teacher who was popular with many district and local children during her short span of teaching in the village. Her many friends send their prayers during the bereavement for both June and her children.

Things are looking up for the senior citizen's quarters at the Eden Mills community centre. A New Horizons grant of \$5,800 has just been received which will be put towards cost of fix-ups, furnishings and furniture. Right now a new fireplace has been installed, walls will be plastered after which a rug and furniture will be added. Members of the recently established club are proud of their new room in which they will be able to meet regularly for social gatherings and meetings. Altogether, spokesmen say the entire hall has cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000 and members of the community are proud of their achievement.

Four weeks visit overseas has been the wonderful holiday for members of the Rodney Bell family. Three weeks in England and one in Rome comprised the trip for the six Bells with one event a highlight, when little Robert took his first communion in Rome, with his grandfather officiating.

Saturday visitors for the Jack Chamberlain family of Eden Mills were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Chamberlain of Burlington and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chamberlain of Guelph. A great time was had by all according to reports with some visiting spreading well into Sunday morning.

Winter-break Winter-break ended for Rockwood-Eramosa district students on Monday.



AN OFFICIAL PRESENTATION was made last Wednesday, April 9 to Ozzie Meadows in honor of serving the Canadian post office for 45 continuous years. Area manager of the southwestern Ontario postal region, Harold Elder made the presentation. He is seen shaking Mr. Meadows' hand accompanied by Guelph postmaster Ed Coultis and Rockwood postmaster Marg Cox. The popular mailman received a silver medallion with an engraved inscription.

## Rockwood mailman receives efficient service medal

Great honor was bestowed on a village man last Wednesday, April 9. It was the occasion of presentation of a silver medallion to Ozzie Meadows of Alma St. for his 45 consecutive years of serving the Rockwood branch of the Canadian post office on an Eramosa mail route.

Although Mr. Meadows' actual term was completed in September last year, official presentation could not be made at the Rockwood office until last week when Harold Elder, area manager of the southwestern Ontario postal region, came down from London to officiate. Ed Coultis, postmaster at Guelph and central area manager, was also on hand.

Official comments Mr. Elder commended the conscientious mail carrier for his achievement. He said that not too many people receive the award and, in most cases, its rural mailmen who have been in service for longer than usual spans of time. The medal reads, "Awarded by the government of Canada for long and efficient service." It indicates, in engraved letters, that the receiver has served the post office for the years from September, 1929 until the same month in 1974.

Mr. Meadows' post office days date back to those of the horse and buggy. He took the route over originally from his father who had, at one time, covered the same ground as a rural postman by horse-drawn cart. Cutters were used in those days for winter-time deliveries. When the Junior Meadows picked up the route, the day of the horse-cart was almost diminished. He used the cutter mode of travel only in the wintertime. For ordinary delivery he used a car and, in his early model would end up the Sixth and Fifth Lines of Eramosa delivering mail on the same

no. one route which he has completed for 45 years. It contains exactly the same roadways today, according to the popular mailman.

Mr. Meadows has seen many changes since his first days of delivering. He talks about building and home changes in the area, as well as people changes. He says there are only about 20 of the original old families left in the district with most people away from home when deliveries are made. At one time delivering mail to country people meant stopping off and having a friendly chat. "Today they're either all out working at jobs off the farm or just off some place else," he said.

Used to pick up Until 1964 Mr. Meadows used to pick up the mail twice daily at the C.N.R. railway station. He would then deliver it back to the post office for sorting. At another hour he would pick up the outgoing mail and take it to the station. "At one time there were as many as seven deliveries to the station," he recalled. He explained that deliveries were gradually cut back to only a few until finally, in 1964, it was discontinued completely and truck delivery from Toronto and Guelph was introduced.

Interesting is one fact pointed out by the visiting dignitary, Mr. Elder also re-

calls the days of train mail runs. He feels he must have seen Mr. Meadows at one time or another as he used to be on two of the dispatch trains which made regular stops at the Rockwood station.

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## Eramosa slated for spring stocking

Ticket sales are being pushed again and, as every year at this time, executive members of the Rockwood Fish and Game Association are planning on re-stocking the Eramosa River to bring up its level of game fish.

Providing outdoor fishing competition is also an important function of the enterprising group. With approximately 200 members comprised of enthusiasts from Acton, Guelph and Rockwood districts, the club endeavours to promote the sport of fishing by conducting an open-season contest. It's one for both juniors and seniors which draws in large numbers of competitors anxious to gain

recognition as top area fisherman.

Membership in the popular club is easy. Each year a new batch of cards are printed up and sold. Each sale represents not only club enrolment but also one rainbow trout. In early spring great quantities of the challenging game fish (dependent on sales), are poured into the local bray, ready for extraction by avid sportsmen sometime during the season. Lucky ones which don't get caught are left there to grow as a bigger catch in the future.

1974 winners At a recent meeting of the

executive of the Game and Fish Association winners of last year's competitions were established. They are:

Largest rainbow trout Seniors: 1st, Barry Simpson, Guelph, 11 pds. 14 1/2 ounces; 2nd, Mrs. Mary Pitton, Guelph, 10 pds. 13 ounces; 3rd, Armond Kingsbury, Guelph, 10 pds. 13 ounces. Juniors: 1st, Chris Hudson, Rockwood, 1 1/2 pds., 2nd, Steven Lasby, 13 ounces. Ladies special: 1st, Brenda Ingle, Rockwood, 1 1/2 pds., 2nd, Pamela Ingle, 1 pd.

Largest speckle trout Seniors: 1st, Joe McLennan, Acton, 4 pds. 6 ounces;

2nd, Howard Crawford, Guelph, 2 pds. 4 ounces; 3rd, Francis Lovell, Rockwood, 2 pds. Juniors: 1st, Steven Lasby, 13 ounces.

Club membership entitles fishermen to record their catches from anywhere in Ontario. This provides a greater scope as well as keeping the interest in fishing alive at all times. Prizes for winning are small cash awards.

Opening date This year's opening date for fishing is Saturday, April 26. Executive for the club includes: Len McDougall of Rockwood, president; George Ingle, Rockwood, secretary-treasurer; Frank Schneider, Rockwood, Al Jackson and Jack Peart, both Guelph, members.

Secretary George Ingle says tickets are going well. "This means a large stock will be placed in the Eramosa this year," he says. Dates as to when were not revealed by the wary fishing expert but he speculates that, by the time the season gets into full swing there should be enough game in local waters to keep district and visiting fishermen happy for hours.

## Lionettes hold evening success

Last Saturday's hazard and euchre, sponsored by the Rockwood and district Lionettes was a big success. A large number attended from Acton, Guelph and Rockwood districts to browse, purchase and stay on for games of card playing.

During the evening, after lunch, the ball was hushed as

euchre players listened for names of penny-table winners. Special ticket holders who won the hand-made afghan and crocheted dress were: afghan, Ivy Ritchie; dress, Gert Woelmer.

Euchre winners Winners of the euchre funds were: travellers, Bert Pulferman and Mary Nellis; long-hands went to Mrs. Ada Lambert and Gordon Swanston; high lady was Mrs. L. Woolley; high man was Fred Robertson; R. Meindersma took the low lady prize.

Proceeds of the evening will go into the Lionettes treasury slated for the Rockwood community complex. Making money was not the only accomplishment of the evening, however. It also provided Saturday night recreation and fun for district seniors. Euchre parties, according to members of the Lionettes, might be considered as a regular event.

## Rockwood bowling

Only two more weeks before play-off begin and tension grows with the Rockwood and district bowling buffs.

Nortons 5, Optimists 2 put the Trotters in the winning seat. Nancy Gordon bowled 683 for triple with singles 212, 300 and 181, Ivy Ritchie brought in a 523 triple with singles 118, 200 and 205. Jerry Birchholme made a 587 triple score with singles 137, 244 and 208. Mabel Wingrove bowled 491 for triple score.

Men over 600 Harv Jestin 682, Ted Jestin 667,

Sam Lawlor 652, Bruce Millar 652, Sandy McPhedran 648, Peter Rosch 647, Danny Renaud 618, Bob Lilley 603 and Art Hebert 601.

Women over 500 Nancy Gordon 683, Lois Jestin 637, Doris Jestin 627, Peggy Ellis 605, Nellie Stokman 604, Eva Bosch 569, Winnie Hiltz 564, Barbara Murray 560, Marg McKersie 554, Anne Parkinson 545, Jerry Hilton 530, Gerda Bakker 525, Ivy Ritchie 523, Evelyn Farr 522, Ellen Garner 513 and Ruth Kingsbury 510.

Unruffled 7, Alley Cats 0 was final tally for those teams. Art Hebert bowled a 601 triple with singles 185, 227 and 191; a 571 triple for Randy Pearl was made up of singles 174, 207 and 190. Alley Cat Elmer Allan bowled a 473 triple and Marion Allan a 458.

For the Rockets and Four Corners Rockets bowled for a 5 pt. score. Four Corners 2, Harv Jestin ruckled in 652 pts. for triple, singles were 242, 230 and 210. Lois Jestin bowled 637 for triple with singles 177, 182 and 268. Nellie Stokman bowled 604 for triple with singles 235, 166 and 203; Tom McCutcheon bowled 582 with singles 215, 200 and 167.

Hamblers took 5, Jr. Farmers 2 in games as Peggy Ellis bowled 158, 183 and 254 to triple in 905. Bruce Farr made a 525 triple with the 632 triple. He showed singles 213, 283 and 174; Harvey Allan bowled 490.

Guelphite 5, Al's 2, were final scores as Guelphite Sam Lawlor bowled in a 632 triple with singles 190, 227 and 235. Doug Chandler made a 540 triple with singles 176, 167 and 197. Ken Martin bowling for Al's made a 553 triple score with singles reading 141, 141, and 271. Hansa Club bowled 125, 138, and 178 to triple 441.

Country Men were victors with 5 points over Unpredictables 2. Peter Bosch bowled a 647 triple with singles 231, 255 and 161. Eva Bosch made a 589 triple with singles 178, 182 and 208. Gerda Bakker unpredictably bowled 525

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