

## New correspondent for Rockwood district



Hi—I'm Kerry Chalmers. I am your new Rockwood district correspondent for the Acton Free Press.

My husband Arvid and I have lived in Rockwood for the past two years and are busy renovating an historic home at 134 Harris St.

I am a graduate in journalism from Sheridan College in Oakville but it wasn't until earlier this year that I made use of this training. I helped out at the Erin Advocate which is published by my father W. E. "Bill" Doole.

After graduating in 1970 I returned to an earlier interest, social service work, which I pursued in Toronto for three years.

We moved here from Toronto when my husband started his own construction business. After dabbling in real estate and retail work I am now ready to try my hand at reporting once again.

Please call me at 856-4890 if you wish to publicize any social, institutional or other community news or would like to discuss any news tips with me.



THREE-YEAR-OLD Marie Adsett doesn't seem to mind the fact that the firefighter's boots are almost as tall as she is. Marie and her brothers Kirk, five, left, and David, seven, enjoyed their tour of the Rockwood Eramosa firehall on Sunday during its open house for Fire Prevention Week. Fire Chief Carl Meadows, behind, and Deputy Chief, Frank Allsop, foreground, showed the youngsters around.

## Local firefighters busy with one fire a week

Rockwood, Eramosa volunteer firefighters go to an average of one fire a week, according to Chief Carl Meadows during a special interview with this newspaper on the weekend.

These fires can take place anywhere within their 120-square mile range, involving more than 4200 people. They cover all of Eramosa township, part of northern Milton and to within three miles of Fergus.

Twenty-eight volunteers risk their lives each time the familiar siren blows. They must run to the firehall and leave on the truck, not knowing where they are going or what lies in store for them.

The area is protected by five shiny red trucks ready to go at a moment's notice. There are also five fire phones for people to call to.

Three phones in local businesses, one phone in the firehall and one at the chief's house assure the people that when they place an emergency call there will always be an answer.

**Qualifications**  
All the men have their St. John Ambulance first aid certificates and four attended a one-week training course in Fergus last week.

Mr. Meadows explained that the majority of fires in their area are grass fires. He went on to say that the majority of fires of any kind are caused by human carelessness.

About 75 per cent of all fires are between 6 p.m. and 3 a.m. according to the fire chief. There have always been enough men around the village during the day to answer a call, even though a few times they have been close to not having enough. Mr. Meadows figured there are around eight to ten men around during the day, including shift workers.

It may be surprising to know that Rockwood is pretty close to having a high rise. Mr. Meadows says that the fire marsh-hall of Ontario calls any building taller than two feet over the top of the department's ladder a high rise.

**Film, tours**  
This year's fire prevention week campaign was directed mainly to the public school youngsters. The special week began on October 6 with a film shown to the Rockwood kindergarten class. Tuesday, Eramosa school children had a chance to see films and tour the hall.

The children enjoyed looking at all the shiny equipment, special clothing and talking to the chief and deputy chief Frank Allsop.

More films were shown to the general public and school children until October 9. The Eramosa kindergarten children were also given the grand tour of the building while the Rockwood children saw a film.

On Saturday and Sunday, open house was held for everyone. The weekend saw many people going through the hall, including Reeve of Eramosa township Bill Adsett. The Reeve was pleased with the fire department's efforts during the past week and he felt the open house was a success.

No one is exempt from the dangers of fire. Nothing is flame resistant. No amount of money can buy back a life wasted in the throes of fire.

Think about it! And then why not make every week Fire Prevention Week?

### Defective school bus

ERIN Four school buses, all operated by private firms, were ordered off the roads in the Erin area last week when it was discovered they are defective. Two of the buses were found to be in need of major repairs while two others had defective signal or brake lights.

### Road salt costing \$17,572

Canadian Salt, Mississauga, will be supplying the road salt used on Halton Hills roads this winter. Last week council accepted a tender from the Mississauga firm worth \$17,572 for winter supplies of salt. It will cost the town \$14.66 a ton for road salt.

### Signs for crosswalks

Halton Hills council passed a by-law last week which will prohibit the dumping of litter on land and roads in the town. The new law also covers regulations requiring the cleaning up of grounds, yards and vacant lots in the town.

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## Rockwood bowling

Rockwood Bowling Results, October 7, 1975.  
STANDINGS, Country Men 26 points, Nortons 25, Four Corners 22, Jr. Farmers 22.

Optimists 21, Unpredictables 20, Mustangs 16, Pin Pals 13, Carneys 11, Raggedy Pants 10, Guelphites 10, Kay's Feeds 7.

Country Men over Four Corners 5-2. For Country Men Peter Bosch 182, 146, 212 (540), Helen Klaver 146, 200, 190 (536). For Four Corners Marg McKersie 257, 140, 176 (573), Nellie Stokman 208, 179, 183 (570).

Optimists over Kay's Feeds 7-0. For Optimists Ted Jestin 297, 307, 242 (846), Sam Nyholt 188, 218, 181 (587). For Kay's Feeds Marion Allan 131, 183, 181 (495), Ruth Kingsbury 149, 151, 181 (481).

Nortons over Carneys 7-0. For Nortons Viv Nightingale 266, 191, 290 (747), John Gordon 207, 210, 213 (630). For Carneys Bob Lilley 259, 193, 207 (659), Danny Renaud 153, 218, 205 (576).

Mustangs over Guelphites 7-0. For Mustangs Dave Cleland 184, 249, 184 (617), Doug Carney 184, 128, 171 (483). For Guelphites Ross Gordon 189, 155, 185 (529), Sam Lawler 177, 165, 183 (525).

Jr. Farmers over Unpredictables 5-2. For Jr. Farmers Glen Gray 147, 163, 235 (545), Peter Parkinson 199, 183, 137 (529). For Unpredictables Eugene Ferguson 218, 150, 191, (559), Tony Bakker 151, 173, 155 (479).

Raggedy Pants over Pin Pals 7-0. For Raggedy Pants Bill Elliot 221, 202, 188 (611), Helen Elliot 180, 151, 183 (514). For Pin Pals Wayne Nightingale 169, 168, 129 (466), Karen Nightingale 143, 174, 124 (441).

Men over 600. Ted Jestin 846, Bob Lilley 659, John Gordon 630, Dave Cleland 617, Bill Elliot 611.

Women over 500. Viv Nightingale 747, Marg McKersie 573, Nellie Stokman 570, Nancy Gordon 545, Rika Loof 541, Helen Klaver 536, Eva Bosch 532, Helen Elliot 514, Ann Parkinson 505.



SHARON AND CHRISTINE Jestin, six and four, had a chance to sit in the fire truck at the Rockwood Eramosa fire department open house on the weekend.

### No help for Mrs. Barrack

Halton Hills council agreed last week with works committee recommendation that the problems of Hilda Barrack and her uncompleted home "are of a civil nature to be resolved between herself and her contractor."

Mrs. Barrack and two friends, prominent Halton NDP officials Bill Johnson and Archie Brown, have appeared before councillors twice to plead their case that the town should get involved in the widow's fight to force two builders to complete her Five Sideroad home properly. Mrs. Barrack wants the town to back her in her case which she plans to take to the Ontario Ombudsman.

It would appear that after two lengthy presentations and debates the town refuses

## Pre-Hallowe'en fun with pumpkin contest

The village of Rockwood will see an advanced preview of Hallowe'en on Saturday, October 25 for the annual Mr. Pumpkin Dressup.

St. John's bowling green will be the scene of many decorated pumpkins as the young and young at heart compete to design the best pumpkin.

Four age groups will be formed to make sure abilities are matched together. Four year olds to five will make up one group, with six to eights the second, nine to 12 years old will be the second oldest group and 13 year olds and upwards will make up the fourth group. This also includes adults.

Three entry groups will also be available. Cartoon

characters, nursery rhymes and miscellaneous will be the themes. A limit of two entries per child has been set.

Judging The Rockwood and area Lionettes are sponsoring the event. Entries must be at the church by 11 o'clock. Judging will be from 11 to 12. Spectators are welcome after the judging.

Hallowe'en games for the children will start around two o'clock. In case of rain, the pumpkins will be judged in the Parish Hall and the games will be cancelled, according to Mrs. Harry Bonner.

Everyone in the Rockwood and district community is welcome to attend the seasonal fun.

## Heritage award for Yosef Drenters

Yosef Drenters' Rockwood Academy and his work in restoration have been granted a special award by Heritage Canada's Jury for 1975.

The latest issue of "Heritage-Canada" magazine states:

Yosef Drenters R.C.A. "A special award honours Yosef Drenters for his precise and single-handed restoration of the old stone Academy at Rockwood, Ontario. The stone structure, opened by the Quaker, William Wetherald, in 1853, served for many years as a boarding school for boys. The academy became noted for its high academic standards and counted many prominent Upper Canada and early Ontario scholars among its alumni. Drenters purchased

the Academy in 1960 and has spent the past fifteen years restoring it to its former glory. Restoration to parts of the roof, the dormitory area, the kitchen, and the windows, have now been completed. The project—until now entirely financed by Drenters through sale of his much-respected sculpture—should be finished in the next two or three years. The Academy serves as a residence and studio for Drenters and as a museum."

Recipients of this special award receive \$500 each. The Academy and its ambitious owner are sources of pride in the village.

Following a search, police charged an Acton man with possession of narcotics last week.

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