

# Retirement party for courier Len Nightingale



REPRESENTING ALL the patrons on R.R.3, Alan Burnett read a poem entitled *The Rural Courier*. Listening, (foreground) Mrs. Alan Burnett, from l. to r., Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale, Ernie Benham (partly hidden), Mr. and Mrs. Swanson, Mrs. Frank Ostrander and Betty Quast.

"New cars and old men don't mix", exclaimed Len Nightingale at his retirement party last Friday at the Rockwood Post Office.

Friends from R.R. 3 and fellow employees gathered and reminisced about the last 30 years Len was courier.

Mr. Nightingale preferred a horse and buggy in poor weather feeling you had a better chance of getting through. He often picked up children and took them to and from school. One of the women on his route remembers those rides. Another woman thanks Len for pulling her out of a swollen stream near her parents' farm.

"That will be 30 years this spring," recalled Len. "I saw her fall through the ice, from my buggy, and ran and pulled her out. She was just two years old at the time."

Len liked the older models of cars. "If you got stuck you just threw a pair of chains on the car and with a little pushing had it out in no time," he explained. "You'd never be able to do that today with these big cars."

Rural Mail was introduced in Canada in 1901 and there has been steady expansion ever since.

Rural mail was inaugurated at the Rockwood Post Office about 1910 when George Oakes took over R.R. 1. Before this time, Mr. Oakes carried mail from Guelph to Ouse and Shilo.

Rockwood R.R.3 was started by John Richardson, followed by Frank Farries, Roy Young and Arthur Ewers.

Len Nightingale took over the route in 1937 and served R.R.3 faithfully for the last 38 years.

Ed Counts, the Supervisory Postmaster from Guelph, presented Mr. Nightingale with a pin for 25 years of public service and thanked Len on behalf of the post office.

Mrs. Ivy Ritchie presented a gift from the post office staff and rural couriers, a three-dimensional prism of plastic with a stamp and commemorative plaque set inside the plastic.

Alan Burnett represented all the people on R.R.3 and read a poem *The Rural Courier*, taken from the old *Community Bulletin*. The group collected quite a large sum of money and presented this to the Nightingales, in wallets. Mr. Burnett spoke for the group when he said they would miss him very much. Mrs. Nightingale was also presented with a dozen pink roses.

Cake and coffee was served, putting the finishing touches on a memorable day. Mr. Nightingale commented that he and his wife were very happy and were very thankful for the life they had had.

# First Mother, Daughter banquet held Thursday

Guide Leader Ena Petty welcomed the many brownies, guides and their delighted mothers to the first Mother and Daughter Banquet held last Thursday at the Presbyterian Church. District Commissioner Betty Petrie said grace and the dinner began with excited chatter. The women of the church catered and the meal of turkey, salad and a delicious selection of apple, pumpkin and lemon pie was enjoyed by all.

The leaders and executive were introduced and a discussion of business followed. The mothers and fathers were invited to attend a Flying Up ceremony Nov. 5 at the United Church. Some of the brownies will be "flying up" to guides and mothers were asked to assist with badges. Inflation has evened out "fairy gold" and Julie Thatcher, Brown Owl outlined what the money the girls bring each meeting is used for. The money helps buy juice and cookies as well as buy badges for the girls.

Uniforms

Audrey Bilton, a member of the fund raising committee for the group is selling uniforms. If you have a cub, scout, brownie or guide uniform you would like to turn in or if you are in need of a uniform Audrey would like to hear from you.

The mothers were also asked to help raise money by selling raffle tickets for a Christmas cake and a floral arrangement. Guide and brownie law prevents the girls from selling tickets unless something such as cookies is given in return, but nothing prevents the mothers from selling tickets for their daughters.

Dance

The banquet was made possible through the efforts of the executive who raised their money by holding cub, scout, brownie and guide dances at the Town Hall. The next dance is Jan. 29 and the executive would appreciate the support of the village.

The evening ended with an unwelcome bonus. The Hollowe'en gremlins struck early, soaping the car windows of all the ladies who attended!

# Rockwood roundup

By Kerry Chalmers  
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There will be an annual Remembrance Day Service this Sunday, Nov. 9. The service will begin at the Cenotaph at 11 a.m. Following this everyone is invited to an inter-denominational service at Rockwood Centennial School at 11.15 a.m.

Rev. H. Garfield Rees of the United Church, Rev. Don Sinclair of the Presbyterian Church, and representatives from both the Anglican and Roman Catholic Church will attend.

All the veterans in Rockwood and Eramosa Twp. are especially invited to attend as well as the general public.

Mr. Fred Kinsholt recently returned from a three-week holiday in St. Augustine, Florida. Fred reports that weather was beautiful with daytime temperatures reaching 80 degrees. The crowds were small due to the time of year making the stay even more enjoyable.

Mr. Kinsholt is employed with Bowers and Coeks Real Estate in Guelph.

An Armbro truck struck a hydro pole last week resulting in some live wires being pulled from a Main St. home. The Ontario Hydro responded immediately to a call from Hydro Manager, Len Hockey and were on the scene in 20 minutes.

Hey, kids, get your skates ready! The Rockwood Lions and Lionettes are offering a free day of skating and will have the children into the Victoria Arena in Guelph. The information and consent forms were sent to the schools so by this time most families are aware of this opportunity. The Lions would like to thank parents for their response and would like to remind them to send the consent forms back to the schools by this Friday, Nov. 7. The Rockwood Lions and Lionettes are covered by the Lions International Liability Insurance.

# The Rural Mail Courier

The Rural Mail Courier was read especially for Len Nightingale on his retirement.

In the cold and blustery weather,  
When the frost is on the rail,  
Would you love to face a blizzard  
With half a ton of mail?

When the biting blizzard weather  
When the snow comes to your knees,  
Would you love to fish for coppers  
While your feet and fingers freeze?

When the gleaming snow is drifted  
Underneath a foot of sleet  
Would you love to have the chilblains  
In your elbows and your feet?

When outdoors the wind is whistling  
And the air is full of snow

Would you love to have a jitney  
And the blamed thing would not go?

Yes, I'd love the good old fireside  
Sipping coffee from a pail,  
But I have to face the snowdrifts  
'Cause the farmers want their mail!

I don't mind the frozen snowdrifts  
When my knees are stiff with cramps.  
If you would keep your blooming pennies,  
Buy a Quarter Book of Stamps!

I get snow mixed in my whiskers  
And I get it in my socks,  
But it never hurts my feelings  
Like the pennies in the box.

# Special meeting

The meeting that will answer all has been scheduled for Wednesday morning Nov. 5 at the Town Hall. This meeting with the Village Trustees, Eramosa Council, a member from the Ministry, a member of the engineering firm and the construction firm is closed to the public.

The reason behind this decision is to speed up the meeting in order to get some hard and fast answers to the taxpayers on exact costs and policies regarding the sewer and water project.

A press release will follow the meeting to inform everyone of the results.



HEAD TABLE at the mother and daughter banquet for brownies and guides included l. to r., Marlene McKendry (back to camera), Ena Petty, Lisa Petty, June Jansen, Laura Jansen, Betty Petrie, Leanne Thatcher, Julie Thatcher, Shari Thatcher, Ellen Thompson and Donna Thompson.

# Film on Eskimos shown to U.C.W.

Psalm 19 read by Ruth Bayne opened the meeting of Unit 2, Rockwood United Church held at the home of Fyfe Langille.

New church calendars were passed around and it was decided to put them on sale at Pearl's Variety Store now and the remainder can be sold at the Nov. 29 bazaar.

Jessie Gellety and Audrey McGillvary volunteered to take the balance of the rummage sale items to the Scott Mission in Toronto.

Gladys Hanna gave an interesting report on the Presbyterian she had attended at Waterloo and Jean Brown thanked her for her report.

Poems

Ruth Bayne began her program with poems. Thanksgiving thoughts and a prayer poem, "To God We Lift Our Joyful Thoughts" and My Thoughts Come Easy."

Current and interesting events from United Church Observer were read by Janet Cunningham, Lillian Hill, Audrey McGillvary and Pearl Hamilton.

Helen Bayne showed an interesting and informative film on the North entitled *The Living Arctic*, showing how civilization had affected Eskimos in such places as Alaska and Greenland. They have lost their old ways and are unfitted for the new.

Refreshments and a social time was enjoyed by everyone.

# Stop sign

A four way stop sign will be erected on Hwy. 24 and the County Rd. 27 at the Stratton Dupuis service station.

Eramosa township council, who have had a campaign on for the past few months requesting a flashing red and amber light at the dangerous corner, received a letter from Wellington M.P.P. Jack Johnston. The M.P.P. said the sign should be there within two weeks, and if not, for the council to notify the Ministry of Transportation and Communications again.

like knots. World Flag, a pol-Bureau of the Girl Guides Association, who is in Canada for important discussions with our Chief Commissioner.

# Eden Mills Guide and Brownie news

By Diana Wallace

Brownies

Monday, Oct. 20 was a busy evening for us. One group made bat mobiles and pumpkin and witch decorations for the Hollowe'en Party the following week. Another group finished up their observation badge and another group continued with their Brownies Around The World. Afterwards Kathy Johns and Jennifer McLean displayed their results to the rest of the girls. Their efforts were very good.

Monday, Oct. 27 was our enrollment night. Two of our leaders, Mrs. Lillian Neave and Mrs. Cheryl Thornton, were enrolled with our four twentees, Renette Tarrant, Kelly Thornton, Kerri Gilbertson and Christine Mathews. Mrs. Betty Petrie, our District Commissioner enrolled them.

As it was our Hollowe'en Party Night also, we had all our other brownies come in costumes and put the lights down low and the hall was lit only by pumpkins all around the room.

Our twentees' mothers came also to watch their girls enrolled. The brownies formed an arch down the middle of the hall and magic stepping stones were laid for the twentees' walk down the archway. After the enrollment we had a game, then refreshments and after that more popular games. The grand finale of the evening was a ghost played by our leader Mrs. Lillian Neave and in the dark she handed around imaginary pieces of her skeleton. A grape was an eye, a

balloon her heart and so on. The screams were endless from the girls all feeling those things in the dark.

A fun evening was had by all.

While Captain Ann Chesworth and 18 of the Guides were involved in Rockwood School open house on October 21 Lieutenant Remy Heard was in charge of the meeting for the remaining nine Guides. They enjoyed an evening of baking apple and raisin squares, hot biscuits and carrot bread, interspersed with Kim's Game and the miming of camp situations for everyone to guess.

Mrs. Scheikle has tested another group of Guides for their Industrial badge and some of the projects are so good that they are being displayed in the offices of Plastoflex Industries.

Hollowe'en

Although our meeting on October 28 was mostly work

lution debate and a Guide Laws game, a Hollowe'en touch was added when all of a sudden the lights went out and amid screams a ghostly figure appeared at the top of the stairs clanking his chains and moaning. The ghost proceeded to describe his miserable life and let them feel the sad remains of his hair, moustache, brains, heart and kidneys with much screaming from all. Things never really calmed down after that and the Scarlet Tanager patrol received rather exaggerated applause for their skits on the dangers of alcohol and smoking. It was with some relief that the leaders returned to their more peaceful homes at the end of the evening.

Captain Ann Chesworth spent the weekend at the Provincial Girl Guide Camp Doe Lake near Huntsville at a training session and was honored to meet Miss Lyn Joynt, the Chairman of the World

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