

Free Press

Rockwood and District

Christmas program held at United church Sun.

Following the regular Sunday morning service the United Church congregation met in the Sunday School room for a lovely pot-luck luncheon, provided by the ladies.

After lunch the children of the Sunday School presented their annual Christmas program.

Junior class—Philip Braze, Colin Braze, Scott Sargent, Barbara Griffenham, Cheryl Cunningham, Elizabeth

Noble, and Dianne Petty gave Christmas recitations. They were joined by the kindergarten class to sing Jingle Bells.

Pantomime
Master of ceremonies George Day called on the kindergarten class to act out a Christmas pantomime followed by the Intermediate Class's Christ is the Heart of Christmas.

Susan Tash played two lovely piano solos.

Mrs. G. Ostrander's class presented a play titled the Inn Keeper's Children.

Gifts
Miss Pearl Hamilton gave each of the children a gift from the U.C.W.

A film titled The Fir Tree was enjoyed by all, presented by Miss Helen Bayne.

Rev. Reese was called on to thank everyone.

Benediction was by Anita and Sherril Braze.



NATIVITY SCENE was part of the program at the United church on Sunday. The concert was given after the church service.



DELICIOUS MEAL is enjoyed by church members on Sunday before the Christmas program.

Rockwood bowling

- Thursday 10:00-11:00
 45. Guelphites 45, Pin Pals 40, Men over 50—Clarence Hilton 696, Danny Renaud 643, Glen Gray 630.
- Women over 50—Eva Bosch 590, Nellie Stockman 598, Ruth Kingsbury 563, Ivy Ritchie 560, Gerda Bakker 555, Viv Nightingale 547.
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JASON McDONALD, who will be five on Boxing Day, and his friend Shawne Toomer, five, were watching the Rockwood program when Jason's two-year-old sister toddled through a sea of sprawling children to be with them.

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PROFIT TOTALLED \$200. toward the Ability Fund when the night's dancing was over. The dance in the town hall was organized by fund chairman Julie Braze.

Dance held to benefit March of Dimes fund

December 12 proved to be a successful evening at the Rockwood Town Hall when friends turned out for a fun-filled evening of dancing to Rocking Horse, with all proceeds being sent to the March of Dimes Ability Fund. Despite the fact that many Christmas parties and other festive activities were going on the same evening, the dance provided a great time for all who attended, and profits came to a beautiful total

of \$200. Lucky winners of spot dances and the door prize will sit tight until the next lottery draw.

District Chairman J. Braze thanked the Lions Club who so generously gave their time to lend bar and sell tickets, and gave a special thank you going to Tom Gellatly, Roy Harding and Harry Bonner. The Lions Club got a big thank you for their donation to the March of Dimes at the dance. The Rockwood Fire

Department donated the salads that were served during the lunch following the festivities.

To the band, the Lions Club, The Rockwood Fire Department and all those who came out and supported the Ability Fund, a sincere thank you on behalf of the handicapped adults who, without your support could not achieve the many successes they are now experiencing through the generosity of others," said Mrs. Braze.

Hello to high taxes, costs

Dear Fellow Rockwood Citizens:
 By moving to Rockwood this autumn, we, as a family, hoped to be able to leave behind the disadvantages of subdivision living and experience the quality of life found only in a small community such as Rockwood. Before commencing construction I made a point of attending a special, open meeting of the Township of Eramosa Council regarding Rockwood's sanitation problems. The council promised to consider all the solutions and their cost before making any decision.

Because the number of homes and businesses with really serious sewage problems was so few (about 20), and because the village trustees had offered an effective and relatively economical solution to the situation, I felt confident in com-

mencing building.
 As ordered by the Wellington County Health Authority, I installed the necessary septic system, well and pump at a cost of over \$3,000.00. In the process I was forced to remove all the beautiful mature cedar and pine trees from our front yard — and all for nothing!

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Say hello to the wealthy land developer and his political partners.

Yours in disgust,
 Gary Lawton
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Where is "land of the free?"

It is regrettable that the people of Rockwood could not have had an opportunity to vote on the question of Water and Sewers. An estimated cost now is \$253.00 per year plus the installation costs per home.

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Mrs. Sheldon Trousdale

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May all the joys of the Christmas Season be yours

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