come and hear the Eramosa construction? If so John Slat-Youth Choir in concert sponsored by the Guelph United bro Const., and Roy Scherm-Churches. The choir will sing erhorn of Woodstock Enginunder the leadership of Roberta Hoy on Sunday night. March 7 at Dublin St. United Stater at 856-9581, and Roy Church at 7.30 p.m.

A reminder-Eramosa place on Sunday March 7 at through 19. Anyone wishing + + +

Having any problems be-The public is invited to cause of water and sewer er, superintendent for Armeering would be glad to hear from you. You can call John Schermerhorn at 856-9592.

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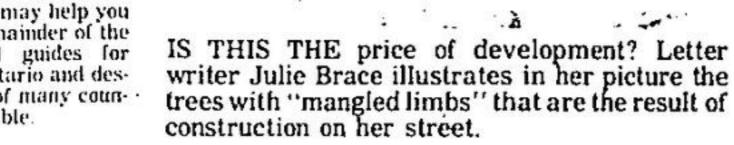
by Georgina Kelsb Eramosa Community Library hours are Tuesday and Thursday 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Saturdays 9-12 noon.

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Eden Mills Guides and **Brownies**

by Diana Wallace We held our Monday meeting at the Stone Road Mall in front of all the shoppers and every brownie could not wait to start. There were no shy ones just a perfect group of 30. brownies ready to do their best. (Last week at rehearsal we had our doubts that anyone would remember any-

We started with our opening songs and sixer songs then followed with some action songs—lie "The Muffin Man" and "The Captain Had A Spying Glass", etc.

We did this for 34 of an hour and then had our fly-up ceremony of the following nine girls to Guides-Lianne Allsop, Shelly Godding, Carol Harpham, Elizabeth Moore. Wendy Funk, Janet Barnes. Vicki Curtis, Pamela Bill-

ings, and Rina Blaakman. The idea of all this was to show the public what guiding is all about and a fly-up ceremony is a very important part in our brownie's life when she takes the magic road to Guides. Each girl in her way enjoyed doing this for the shoppers and the brownies not in the fly-up held posters of their tests which they themsleves had drawn and painted a week prevjously. The brownies received a "well done" note from their District Commissioner Mrs. Betty Petrie which was well

deserved. Demonstration The fly-up was followed by

a craft demonstration by the Guides. The public were invited to make crafts along with the guides and went away elutching tiny owls, necklaces made out of turkey neck bones and burlap flowers etc. Twelve plates of goodies were provided by the brownies to help raise money for the World Friendship Fund and Kortright. These were made by themselves

Standings

Unpredictables 89, Countrymen

80, Carneys 88, Jr. Farmers 86,

Nortons 85, Four Corners 82, Pin Pals 80, Raggedy Pants 78, Opt-imists 77, Kays Feeds 73, Guelph-ites 70, Mustangs 67.

Men over 600—Dunc Kingsbury 696, Ted Justin 683, Clarence Hil-

ton 646, Glen Gray 643, Don

Women over 500-Nellle Stok-

man 688, Marg McKersle 588, Nancy Gordon 573, Viv Nighting-

ale 568, Diana Carney 544, Cylvia Brain 539, Gwen Gordon 530, Lor-

raine Renaud 520, Grace Britney

518, Nancy Ferguson 512, Flora Bruce 509, Gerda Bakker 502,

Four Corners 5—Nellie Stokman 257, 202, 229 (688), Don McKersle 197, 217, 208 (622); Optimists 2—

Ted Jestin 218, 199, 265 (683), Jerry Birkholz 144, 204, 231 (579).

Corneys 5-Bob Lilley 183, 234,

180 (597), Danny Renaud 182, 155,

227 (584); Kays Feeds 2—Ken Lush 163, 107, 218 (578), Ruth Kingsbury 150, 156, 195 (501).

Countrymen 4; John Gooyers 187, 171, 140 (498); Ted Klaver 237, 161, 165 (563). Nortons 3, Nancy

Gordon 170, 172, 231 (573); Viv Nightingale 181, 178, 209 (568).

Jr. Farmers 5, Glen Gray 247, 206, 190 (643); Larry Fines 243,

McKerale 622.

Ruth Kingsbury 501.

Free Press

Rockwood and District



SMILING with satisfaction after their Guide enrolment last week are members of the 1st Rockwood Guide Company. To be enrolled the girls must pass their tenderfoot test which consists of knowing their law, promise and motto. They also have to know their hand signals and whistle signals. Front row L. to r. Shari Thatcher, Michelle Drexler, Debbie Finley and Dianne Clark, second row L. to r. Sue Hawkins, Susan Johnson, Lori Jamieson, Michelle Patterson and Lisa Petty and back row Spirit Valley District Commissioner Betty Petrie, Lieut. June Jansen, Shelley Spencer and Capt. Georgena Petty.

and were sold at the Stone Road Mall on Saturday. A few mishaps and cakes with burnt bottoms were readily sampled at the time of bak ing. The guides also baked 15 plates of cakes, tarts, muffins

and cookies. Six guides took part in the Friday training session to learn new songs with Kim MacMillan a Provincial Music Trainer at Stone Road

Rockwood

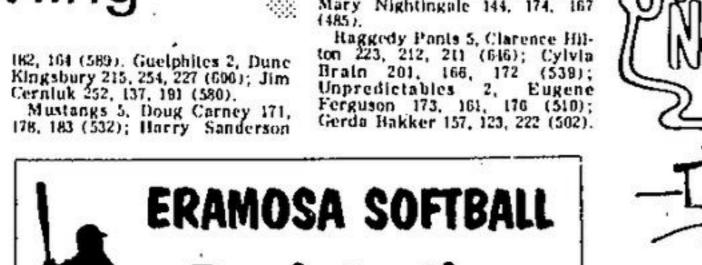
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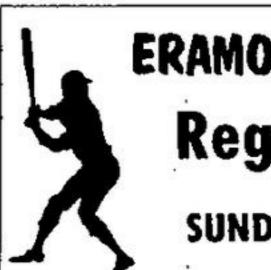
Valentine party for Good News Club

"Ob, I love Bible Club!" exclaimed one tiny member after the Valentine day meeting of Rockwood Good News Club.

"Love" was the theme of the entire meeting. Aunt Helen McDonald sang joyful songs of love for Jesus and of God's love toward us. The memory verse spoke of the love He has for us even before

157, 224, 144 (525). Pin Pals 2, Kathy Holman 115, 233, 140 (488); Mary Nightingale 144, 174, 167





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we love Him. A beautiful cross made up of heart shapes was the centre of attention for the Bible study period, and love was a word in each portion of the gospel told by Mrs. S. Drijber. Later a party with games

and treats completed the day.



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If you are new in OF know someone who is

PHONE

Letter to the editor We can no longer look back

like the lull of a spinning wheel in her basement, says an old-time resident of the village. I went out last evening to feed my dog and as I stroked her head, I touched her ears - she cried.

I often looked down our street lined with graceful old maples and decided it positively had to be the prettiest street in the village. Last week I stood on the mound of raised asphalt and rock in front of my home and viewed limbs mangled and broken away from these trees, particularly one in front of the new Post Office, this tree having formed a part of the landscaping of the

structure. On another occasion a worker sat in his pick-up truck all night watching over two properties set up with detonators. The crane had broken down so rubber mats could not be laid over the danger areas. Twenty feet from my front door - I slept

The Eramosa River, now filled with rubble and sludge runs meekly on over the dam

like a small rivulet. It's sad-very-sad-this whole affair. Prosperity, you will be welcome, for there who bought the 40-room will be nothing left of our peaceful little village in two years. I suppose what prompted me to write this article was the nostalgia aroused when I came across a copy of the Toronto Telegram dated May 1, 1954, the following write up from which I have quoted:

"On the Map", Academy of Great in 1860's. Quiet Dignity.

From Tely By Peter Dunlop Telegram Staff Reporter "Rockwood, May 1 - This

quiet village, with its towering spruce and curious rock formations and pleasant little shops where con-versation takes priority over commerce, has an atmosphere of early Canadiana coupled with scenery straight from the pages of a Muskoka travel brochure."

"Few, if any, communities have had such fame.

The consistent drilling is Prosperity was thrust upon it. only to be snatched away. Yet it maintains dignity in the eyes of its neighbors.

"Fame came to Rockwood in the heydays of the 1860s through one of Upper Canada's most famous seats of learning-Rockwood Academy-which attracted scholars from all parts of the

country. "Prosperity arrived in 1867. The Harris family were early settlers of Eramosa, for which Rockwood is the township seat. They erected a woolen mill beside a dam on the Speed River.

known throughout the country as a quality producer of yarn, blankets, and socks. It employed many Rockwood residents. The Academy produced such famous graduates as James J. Hill, who became president of the Canadian Northern Railway, Hon, Sir Adam Beck, and A. S. Hardy, who became

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1900, claim it operated as a semi-rural. "And in the picturesque

valley, only the decaying the mill was purchased by a man who's only intentions were to shut it down. Citizens then hoped it might be run successfully. But is has been shut now for almost three

"We're more interested in whats going to happen here in the next few years." says village trustee Charlie Heffernan. "Some one could make a million if they set up a summer resort. We're close enough to Toronto and a lot of other cities, yet far enough to escape them.

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Schneider, proprietor of Schneider's Reliable Sweets, one of the village's most

> budding industries. CANDY BUSINESS "Frank, who set up his candy business here in 1945, after operating in Guelph, believes the village will never amount to a barrel of jelly-

beans industrially. derneath," he says. "You just can't dig foundations in this "The mill quickly became kind. Most of the houses here during the war depended on haven't any basements."

"Many villagers, however, couldn't care less whether industries find it convenient to come here. One, the Rockwood Lime Co. is going building trade.

Rockwood) claims top prize started. in the Rockwood Fish and "Today, the rambling old Game Club for '53 with his wood can skate and swim, catch of a 6 lb. 14 oz. brown almost before school age, due trout almost in the heart of to the location of the village year, echoes no more to the the business section. It's and the Speed which winds laughter of schoolboys. Mr. mounted, displayed on the through in a series of dams and Mrs. William S. Gordon, wall of the shop and all who and roaring waterfalls. pass can see one reason why structure for \$2,300 back in Rockwood prefers to remain. Highway 7, which serves as

school for the last time in . "In earlier days the village fare, threatens to bring the 1883. They occupy only was known as Brotherstown bustle of city life, residents portions of the building. Many and later Strange's Mills prefer to ignore it and conof the rooms have pieces of after "Squire" Henry Strange tinue in their own quiet way. original blackboards still on who erected a number of the They love Rockwood and area's first mills.

"A new house, by far the world." most original in the comruins of the prosperous woolen munity, is slowly taking mills remain. One story has it shape through the painshape through the pain- have believed people would

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750) Rockwood. Others are Ontario College of Art, now Clifford Meadows, 1954 making their home in Rockchairman, and Frank wood. Three years, so far, in the building, their modern stone bungatow, overlooking almost the whole town, will be used also as a studio. The couple intends to go deeply

into ceramics. "Loren Guild, Ken's father, is president of the Rockwood Community Club formed in 1945. The organization sends out a monthly newspaper to

"It's solid rock un over 700 homes in the township. "Soldiers away from home the "Rockwood Bulletin," a mimeographed newstetter,

and when the war ended it

was suggested the club take

over its operation. "Sponsoring Boy Scouts, the stronger than ever after 50 annual jamboree, cleaning up years, and is rated high in the the swimming pool, were other activities undertaken "Village baker, Herb by the club. Several years ago Saunders, (best donuts in a Glee Club and band were

"Every youngster in Rock-

"Although heavy traffic on the village's main throughwouldn't change it for the

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look back.

congratulate you. You have And to those who fought so hard against it, I know you are feeling the same loss of individuality of being a part of a unique little village just as I am. We can no longer

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