

Free Press

Rockwood and District

Kindergarten registration with tests and toys

Kids, kids, everywhere... Kindergarten registration took place at Rockwood Centennial Public School yesterday and believe it or not things did run smoothly! The enrolment day is a carefully organized system made possible only by team effort.

The joint program involves staff from the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit, Wellington County Board of Education and parent volunteers and members of the teaching staff. A Kindergarten Inventory has been devised to check possible areas in which a child may need special help. It is felt that often children fail academically because of the lack of some ability or basic

skill needed to handle the school system. If this difficulty is caught early enough then the child can be helped and his needs met enabling him to be successful in school and cope adequately.

Fifth year This is the fifth year that the inventory system has been operating and the concerted effort of these professionals, paraprofessionals and volunteers seems to be paying off. The Health Unit detects any problems of vision or hearing and also become acquainted with the children and their parents.

The children will see a lot of the nurse who is at the school once a week and is responsible for various shots and other health problems that can arise. The members of the Board of Education team check the academic side. If there appears to be a problem there is a summer school in July in various centres throughout the county.

The children are picked up and bussed to the morning program. This gives the children a head start on kindergarten socializing.

Mrs. Mary Caldwell who co-ordinated the registration at Rockwood Centennial Public School is the consultant of special education with the Wellington County Board of Education. She explained it this way, "Some of the children have had little exposure to outside influences and find it difficult to adjust to the school system."

Summer program Mrs. Caldwell feels the summer program is very beneficial for such a child. The children appeared to find the experience exciting and after their interview drifted into the centre of the room where tables were set up with toys and they began to play, getting to know one another in a matter of moments.



PAM OSBORNE thinks seriously before answering evaluator **Anne Pennock**. All the children were interviewed by the volunteers as part of the enrolment program. Most of the volunteers are former teachers and have therefore had much experience in this field.

The enrolment for fall at Rockwood centennial school is 40 and for Eramosa public school 18. The children attend all day every other day. The village children attend classes on the even-numbered days and the rural children on the uneven numbered days.

There are two sets of twins registered in Eramosa public school.

One important part of the team was the Home and School Association contribution to the day. The group served coffee to the parents and milk and cookies to the children. This helped everybody feel welcome.



THE CHILDREN gathered in the centre of the room where tables of toys and books had been set up. This gave the parents a chance to meet teachers and nurses and discuss the up and coming school year. Sitting at the table from l. to r. are **Kevin Zuccala**, **Tommy Farr**, and standing over a puzzle, **Carl Boarder**.



FLOPSY THE goat did not register for Kindergarten! He isn't old enough yet. This eight month old pet belongs to the **Farr Farm** on Hwy. 24 and the 7th Line but student **Herb Farr** asked permission to bring his pet to school. **Betty Coulson's** Grade 3 class was delighted. Sitting around their "guest" are from l. to r. **Tommy Farr** (there to register for Kindergarten), **Trevor Massey**, **Herb Farr** with **Flopsy**, and **Carrie Hodge**.

Rockwood bowling

March 2 STANDING

Unpredictables 99, Jr. Farmers 98, Countrymen 95, Carneys 93, Norton's 91, Pin Pals 89, Raggedy Pants 85, Four Corners 84, Optimists 82, Kays Feeds 80, Guelphites 78, Mustangs 74.

Men over 600—**Hill Elliot** 699, **Dunc Kingsbury** 724, **Ted Jestin** 655, **Glen Gray** 651, women over 500—**Helen Elliot** 685, **Gwen Gordon** 616, **Gerda Bakkeo** 568, **Nellie Stokman** 551, **Nancy Gordon** 526, **Fara Bruce** 509, **Brenda Ferguson** 509, **Ivy Ritchie** 506.

Pin Pals 7—**Paul Holman** 144, 290, 135 (539); **Karen Nightingale** 181, 124, 184 (489); **Four Corners** 0—**Nellie Stokman** 177, 185, 179 (531); **Tony Stokman** 166, 185, 162 (513).

Jr. Farmers 7—**Glen Gray** 182, 255, 210 (647); **Larry Fines** 172, 164, 240 (582); **Optimists** 0—**Ted Jestin** 186, 225, 214 (655); **Jerry Birkholz** 172, 170, 181 (523).

Mustangs 7—**Dunc Kingsbury** 208, 279, 237 (724); **Doug Carney** 188, 193, 175 (556); **Carneys** 0—**Ken Martin** 228, 150, 167 (545); **Danny Renaud** 174, 139, 172 (485).

Kays Feeds 4—**Elmer Allan** 164, 168, 189 (521); **Ken Lusk** 149, 177, 170 (606); **Unpredictables**—**Gerda Bakker** 161, 205, 202 (568); **Eugene Ferguson** 173, 201, 188 (542).

Raggedy Pants 5—**Hill Elliot** 225, 237, 227 (689); **Helen Elliot** 200, 259, 220 (683); **Countrymen** 2—**Ted Klaver** 168, 215, 187 (590); **Jan**

Loaf 249, 177, 150 (585); **Norton's** 4—**Gwen Gordon** 239, 137, 240 (616); **John Gordon** 151, 200, 180 (531); **Guelphites** 3—**Ross Gordon** 171, 267, 139 (577); **Sam Lawler** 202, 208, 140 (540).

A barn at **Choice Lea Farms** owned by **J. D. Pemberton**, was totally razed by fire Sunday night at 8.15, but the next building housing a valuable collection of carriages was saved.

Fire loss to the **Fourth Line** barn is estimated between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Sunday afternoon fire broke out in a wall beside the fireplace at 40 Market Street. Damage was estimated at more than \$500.

Georgetown firefighters answered two similar calls in a row March 4. In one case gasoline had leaked from a tractor in **Terra Colla** on to

Rockwood roundup

by **Kerry Chalmers**

"I'm going to blow it" replied **Rose Oakes** of **Guelph St. Rockwood**, when asked what she would do with her \$500 won in last week's **Wintario** draw. "I don't want to put it in the bank and save it like some people do, then I would feel I hadn't won anything at all," she added. "If I see something I like, I'll buy it and I'll definitely invest in some more tickets."

Mrs. Oakes had bought two tickets in **Guelph** but when in **Al's Groceria** said she felt lucky and invested in two more. It was one of those tickets that was the lucky winner! This is not the first win in the family. Her daughter **Ruth Musselle** of **Acton** won \$100 last year in the **Olympic Lottery**. Mrs. Musselle had gone in with ten other people where she works on the ticket. **Don McLaren**, son of Mrs. Oakes also has had several wins in the **Olympic Lottery** for small amounts of money.

All jobs have their fringe benefits but **Ireland** in February is some benefit! **Dennis Death** is a travel consultant for **Guelph Travel** and he was recently sent to **Ireland** in order that he might better acquaint himself with this lovely tourist attraction. Agents from all over **Ontario** enjoyed this sponsored trip and were bused together across the countryside seeing the many places of beauty, dining together and enjoying the weather that **Dennis** reports was like spring. Flowers were in bloom and most days were sunny and warm. This trip gave the group a real knowledge of **Ireland**, enabling them to discuss this as a vacation spot in the future with interested clients. On his return **Dennis** was a guest on **CJOY** on their Sunday morning program. Irish music was played and the highlights of the trip were discussed.

What have you done for the last 15 years on New Year's Eve? If you used to attend the parties held at the **Town Hall** you're in for a night of fun. There is a film night planned to see movies of the many parties held at the **Town Hall** over the years. If you attended come out and "walk down memory lane". **Ray Death**, who is planning this evening along with **Don and Winnie Hills**, says it is really

something to see how everybody has changed over the last 15 years and how the styles of dress look, not to mention the hair styles!

The film night will be held at **Rockwood Centennial Public School** on Friday night, **March 19**. Everyone will be contacted beforehand if possible but if you are missed and did attend sometime, you are asked to please drop in. **Don Hills** will also be showing some slides of local scenes and **Ray Death** has some other films of interest.

Money for blast?

Credit Valley Conservation Authority will try to get **Halton Region** to fork over \$2,000 of the cost of ice jam blasting last month on the **Credit River** in **Glen Williams**.

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Letter to editor

Highway No. 7 and Rockwood

The question of No. 7 highway and its relationship to Rockwood has come to the fore again. I suppose the basic question is, "to by-pass or not to by-pass the Village of Rockwood?" My basic concern lies in regard to people crossing a busy highway. My purpose in writing this letter is to state clearly my point of view and concern, and to dispel, hopefully, any misconceptions that were generated from recent communication that I put before the Council of the Township of Eramosa, regarding this matter.

May I reiterate that my concern lies solely in providing safe highway crossings for our children, and indeed, residents and patrons. It was my hope that I communicated the point that we currently have two crossings that are somewhat questionable—safety-wise; that if the new highway goes through Rockwood the volume of traffic would surely increase; thus making these crossings more vulnerable yet. Basically, I said that, in my letter, and to **Reeve Adsett**, that should the highway go through Rockwood, and it was my opinion it would, that proper crosswalks should be built into the plans during the planning stages. It is my belief that proper and safe crosswalks can be engineered and built into the new highway. Any reference to a by-pass was made from the student safety, and indeed, generally pedestrian point of view. Needless to say there were other considerations that I discussed with **Reeve Adsett**, and I am sure being properly put forth to those affected directly.

Specifically, I referred to consideration of our local businessmen. Surely some

would be affected adversely, to varying degrees by a highway by-pass. I am sure these people have individually and collectively made their concern known to the proper authorities.

Please note that I am not any ardent proponent or champion of the cause for highway No. 7 by-pass. But rather, I am a strong supporter of people safety as related to this highway.

Sincerely,
G. E. McRae

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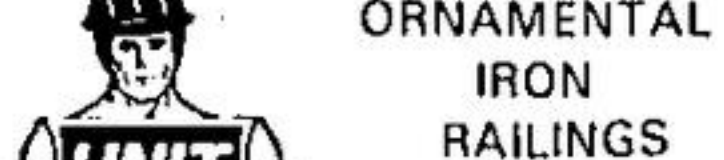
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