

Free Press

Rockwood and District



ENJOYING THE strawberry shortcake at St. John's strawberry festival last Saturday night are from l. to r. Mrs. Tapson, Mrs. Saunders senior, Mrs. Alice Doby, Mrs. Marjorie Saunders and with back to camera Herb Saunders. Despite the rain enthusiastic local and district people gathered.

Rockwood roundup

By Kerry Chalmers
School is out for another year! This is the time to keep our eyes open while driving through the village. Youngsters on bikes forget to look for traffic in their excitement and often race across the road. Many young pedestrians also forget to look both ways and with the confusion of construction can be in front of car wheels before they know it.

A birthday party in honor of Mrs. Grace Perry will be held at St. John's Parish Hall this Friday night July 2 from 7-9 p.m. All neighbours and friends in the village are invited to come and enjoy this special evening.

Remember the Weed Control Act - as of July 10 all residents must cut weeds on all urban and rural private property.

Rockwood is once again looking for a Dog Control Officer. Wayne Doby has resigned leaving this position

open. Anyone who is interested can contact Village Secretary Len Hockey at the Village Office.

All contributions to this column are welcome. Feel free to call me and discuss news items at 856-4890. If I don't know about it I can't print it! We are renovating our home so the phone ring a number of times so I can hear it above the din. Also you can send news items to me c/o P.O. Box 134, Rockwood.

Rain, rain go away. Last week's Strawberry Festival at St. John's Church was a real success despite spitting rain throughout the night. A group of about 200 district people turned out. The crowd thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment organized by Lorraine Root and the food by Mrs. Grace Britney. The Ladies of the Church assisted in serving and Ivy Ritchie and Jack Britney, wardens of the Church, were on hand making sure things ran smoothly. Lorraine Moss won the beautiful autographed quilt.

Eramosa library notes

by Georgina Kelso
Eramosa Community Library will be closed July 1. From July 3 until August 31, summer hours will be in effect as follows: Tuesday and Thursdays - 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

A selection of recent books in the library includes: Russia by Robert Kaiser. Cutting up in the Kitchen by M. Ellis. Hand Weaving in Cape Breton by M. Mackley. Canoe Design and Construction by Alan Byde. The Prairie West to 1905 by L. Thomas, ed. and Unitt's Canadian Price Guide to Ant-

iques and Collectables, vol.6. Newly-arrived fiction is available in The Swiss Account by L. Waller. The R Document by Wallace Irving. The Intruders by Hugh Garner. Trinity by Leon Uris and The Viking Process by Norman Hartley in the adult section.

For younger members we have L. Alexander's The Wizard in the Kitchen by The Little Donkey and Thirteen O'Clock, both by Enid Blyton. Richard Scarry's Great Big Air Book and The Best Book of Indoor Games by Linda Yeatman.

Graduation banquet, dance at Centennial

by Kerry Chalmers
School is out! This is not just a happy time for students but also one of change and nostalgia.
Last Thursday evening Rockwood Centennial Public School held its Graduate Banquet and Dance. Valdelectorian Janet Burnett reflected such a feeling in summing up her farewell speech. "Although it is a nice thought to say to yourself, I'm going to High School in September, it is also sad to say good-bye to our school which now seems like home." Janet spoke of amusing details of

the past few years and of the teachers that had made the year for her and other graduating students.
One of her comments was directed at Principal Grant McRae who Janet feels is the reason Rockwood Centennial Public School is the way it is. "I feel that this school has one of the best systems of discipline in the county and if it weren't for Mr. McRae we wouldn't have this."
The evening was a tremendous success. Parents of all graduating classes were invited and enjoyed not only the presentation of awards

but also the speech given by guest speaker Wilson McCarthy. Mr. McCarthy, an author of two books, is currently working on his third novel. Prior to settling in Rockwood Mr. McCarthy was in charge of security for John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and L. B. Johnson. In his address to the graduates he gave them a 'recipe for life' and indicated where he felt the parents had a responsibility.
A dance put on by the Students Council followed the main ceremony featuring a disc jockey from Kitchener.

This put the finishing touch on an enjoyable evening for the 1976 graduating class. A picture of the graduates will be available sometime in August. The student body, staff and parents would like to thank Mrs. Audrey Hudson who was responsible on behalf of the Home and School for planning this whole event.

Awards were presented to students on Thursday evening as well as at two assemblies on Friday.

Proficiency
The following students received an award as well as \$15: Ineside Award for proficiency in gr. 8 history, David McPhedran; Home and School Award for greatest academic improvement, Cindy Roadknight and Bruce Delaportie; Lafontaine Award most valuable volleyball player, Angie Jackson; Root Award mathematics proficiency, Anne Leslie, Seims Memorial Award all-around student entering College Heights, Don Gibson and Kathy Swanson; Earl Osborne and Family Award for citizenship, Rick Gooyers; George Smith and Family Award leading male athlete, Reuben Salmon; The Tony Proulx Memorial Award for humanity, Paul O'Brien and Sandy Kingsbury; Meltae Family Award

English proficiency, Janice Gray and Corina Pries; Duncan McPhedran and Family Award overall improvement in an intermediate grade, Debbie Watson; Don Hiltz Award pedestrian and bus patrol, Ron Parkinson (bus) and Carina Pundick (pedestrian); Bert Kelly and Family Memorial Award all-around student in Gr. 5, Jody Wilson; Bicycle Rodeo Robbie Weirmeir and Corinne Gooyers; Student Council Award public speaking, primary—Valerie Galley, junior—Sue Parkinson, intermediate—Susan McLean; Student Council Award overall improvement, primary—Darrin Cahill, junior—Kathy Swanson; Robert Love Award female athlete of the year, Anne Leslie.

The house that came in highest was the red house. This house system is utilized at noon and combines junior and intermediate members of the school in various sports such as ping pong, volleyball, etc. The red house had the highest number of points at the end of this year.
It is impossible to list all awards presented for services, athletics and academics as they are too numerous to mention. As Mr. McRae described it, "the school could not run without the help of students!" An example of this is that over 60 students are involved in pedestrian and bus control alone and that helps in the library number more than 20. That is 80 people right there that received awards for their service.

Offer help to village

The Rockwood Horticultural Group would like a chance to help the village. Murray Haigh, president, attended the trustee meeting to discuss various ideas. The group felt that with the boulevards being planned in the village, trees could be planted at these points adding to the beauty of the street. This would be over a 5-10 year period as the group could afford it.

Mr. Haigh also spoke of the planters the society has already made up for the four entrance signs coming into the village. These will be placed in the near future by members and maintained by the same.
"There is enough asphalt all over the country," explained Mr. Haigh. "We would like to see structures like the transformer station and the proposed pumping

station blend with the landscape."
He stressed that these were merely ideas to start on a program and welcomed any suggestions by the village residents. Their plans include some sort of restoration of the bank near the Mill Pond that overlooks the mill. It is felt that seeding the bank and putting picnic tables there would attract people to relax by the water. They would like to do something with the railway crossing that at the present time looks rather bleak, and to plant some sort of flowerbed across from the bakery to live up the concrete triangle. The group will contact other clubs and industry in the hope that they too will get involved in the village.
The trustees welcomed these suggestions but pointed out the various people in-

involved in getting an okay on such a program. The sites they mentioned involve the township property, the railway and the highway people. They felt that if the horticultural group could get approval and know in detail what is involved that it would be a beneficial program for the village.
"We tend to think we are optimists at the present time," Mr. Haigh added "and these are merely ideas to begin our program". He thanked the trustees for their time and said that he would get back to them with definite ideas.



MRS. MAX MILNE recites to the large turnout at last week's Strawberry Festival at St. John's.

Swim lessons

Swimming lessons anyone? The Grand River Conservation Area is offering swimming lessons based on the Y program again this summer. Leslie Ross, Beach Supervisor, explained that there would be three sessions provided, July 5-16, July 19-30 and August 9-20. Swimming certificates are issued at the end of the 10 lessons for all who qualify and the fee is \$4.00. Programs are offered from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. and 11

for the pre-schooler right through to the adult. Five instructors provide instruction at Rockwood park a.m.-12 a.m. depending on what group you are in.
Anyone who is interested may obtain registration forms at the gatehouse or phone 856-9543 for further information

Van visits local groups

A Conservation Van has currently been acquired by the Community Relations Division of the Grand River Conservation Authority.
The purpose of this vehicle is to allow staff to visit various areas of the watershed, explaining the current aims and programs of the Conservation Authority to inter-

ested groups.
Organizations desiring a guest speaker are welcome to utilize the van on outdoor tours of G.R.C.A. Conservation Areas.
Cub, Scout, Guide and 4-H groups can make special use of the van if an outdoor ecology or wildlife study program is desired.

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