



LISTENING ATTENTIVELY to the story presented by Pat Nightingale at last week's story-hour at the Eramosa Community Library are from L. to r. Erin Pollard, Scott and Lisa Verhagen (both with back to camera) Michelle Mathies and Melissa Mathies. These are just some of the many children who attend this new program.

Library story hour proves real success

The Eramosa Community Library has a new program on Saturday mornings a story-hour for children from 10 to 11 a.m. Last week was the second week for this hour and it is proving to be a real success. The attendance is climbing and Pat Nightingale, the girl who is heading this program, feels the children are not only enjoying this special time but also benefit from it.

Pat has a selection of 40 books to choose from and at the present time is picking books that deal with summer-time and adventures that the children may experience. She mentioned that as fall approaches she will pick books that deal with the first day of school, Halloween, etc.

Questions: The children seem very attentive and watch carefully as Pat points to pictures in

the book as she reads. When the story is over there is a question and answer period if the children seem interested. The hour is broken up to provide a break at 10:30 allowing the children to burn off excess energy.

All pre-school children must be accompanied by a parent who will stay and all other parents must be in attendance to receive other children when the story-hour is over at 11 a.m.

Pat is a part-time helper at the library and assists with processing books and fills in wherever needed. She has been involved as a helper since she attended Rockwood public school and enjoys the opportunity to work with the children this summer. If the story-hour continues to be popular the library will extend this program into the fall.

K. Chalmers

Rockwood roundup

By Kerry Chalmers. Betty Jones and son David of R. R. 3, Rockwood, recently returned from a three-week holiday in England. This was the first time Mrs. Jones had been home in 21 years and she thoroughly enjoyed her holiday with family and old friends. A highlight of the trip was when Mrs. Jones and an old friend returned to the hospital where they had worked 25 years ago and were recognized. In fact she said four staff members she had known then were still there. "We all looked exactly the same, but were all grey", she added with amusement.

Her 15-year-old nephew, David Campbell, arrived today from England to spend a month with the Jones.

Angela Chmielewski returned last week from a month's holiday in Poland. This was Angela's first time home in 15 years and she saw much change. While there she visited with relatives and experienced beautiful warm weather. Sunny skies and warm temperatures prevailed for the majority of the stay making sightseeing all the more enjoyable. Mrs. Chmielewski saw much change in the cities of Warsaw and Poznan and mentioned how they had been built up and modernized since the war. On returning to her busy routine, as proprietor of Al's Groceteria, Angela commented on how much she valued the freedom we in Canada enjoy without question. As a visitor in Poland she was very aware of the restrictions imposed on the people by the government.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Littlewood of R. R. 3, Rockwood had friends visit them recently from Aston, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Don Van Sickle and their children Don, Dora Lee and Eddie holidayed with the Littlewoods for a week.

The Village Trustees meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and see how village affairs are run.

Barley, oats virus here. A serious virus problem has been identified in spring grain crops in much of Southern Ontario in the past week. Severe damage has been noted in areas in Halton as well. The virus called Red Leaf of Oats and Yellow Dwarf of Barley is usually most severe in late-sown crops. The disease appears yellow near the leaf tips and progresses downward on the leaf. Young plants infected become stunted and do not head. Other plants may be stunted and produce small heads which are often sterile. The disease is spread by grass feeding aphids.

The AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP meets at The Acton "Y" on Mondays at 8 p.m. Information 853-3310 After Hours 853-2504

Gold medal for Alan

Rockwood may send a representative to the Olympics yet! Alan Swanston of R. R. 3, Rockwood, competed in Hamilton last weekend with the Guelph Aquatic Club and took the gold medal in the 100 metres free-style competition. Alan, 17, competed in the Ontario Age Group Long Course Championships at McMaster University against 60 of the fastest swimmers in Ontario. He is now acclaimed the fastest 100 metres free-style swimmer in Ontario in his division of 15-17 year olds.

The competition was in a 50 metre pool which is the same length as an Olympic pool. Alan began training under the direction of coach Anne Grape of Guelph only 10 months ago whereas most of his competitors have been swimming seriously for years. Mrs. Grape said in a telephone interview that she feels Alan is a natural and has adapted to the training and endurance easily. To keep in shape he must swim for four

hours every day, except Sunday, all year round. Alan has not only maintained his schedule but is also an honor student at Centennial High School in Guelph.

Top notch "I feel Alan will be a top-notch world-class swimmer", added coach Grape. "He has the drive and mental attitude that is so important." Mrs. Grape has had Olympic training herself and competed in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico. She stressed the importance of a good attitude and described the affect fellow competitors can have on you if you are not ready mentally. "You have to psyche yourself up", she said. "If you feel tired then you must be able to think, 'If I'm tired then he is twice as tired'. She feels Alan is able to do this and therefore is well on his way. "I feel the way Alan is heading it is most probable he will be ready to compete in the Olympics in Moscow in 1980", she concluded. — K. Chalmers



Alan Swanston

Obituary

Gordon Swanston 71, of Rockwood

Funeral services were held Monday for Gordon Fielding Swanston, 71, of R.R. 3, Rockwood. Mr. Swanston died July 16 at Guelph General Hospital.

He was the son of Mrs. Isabella Swanston of Guelph and William Swanston, deceased.

Mr. Swanston is survived by his wife Margret Oakes and son Walter of R. R. 3, Rockwood, brother Clifford of Guelph and sisters Margaret (Mrs. R. MacKintosh) of Guelph and Jean (Mrs. C. Austin) of Elora.

Mr. Swanston was predeceased by sister Beatrice

(Mrs. W. Fisher) and brothers Milton, Leslie and Walter.

Farmed Born in Eramosa Township, Mr. Swanston farmed for most of his life and later operated a farm machinery business.

Rev. Donald Sinclair, of Rockwood Presbyterian Church, officiated. The funeral was held at the Walt-Custance Funeral Home at Guelph. Interment was at the Johnson Cemetery in Eramosa.

Palbearers were Murray Swanston, Robert Freure, Ross Austin, Alex Lush, Robert Croft and Art Parkinson.

Eden Mills

New bleachers, swings at park

Eden Mills Community Park is a busy spot these days with ball games and kite flying etc. New bleachers have been erected this week and new swings for the children. The young women of the Craft Club volunteered to do the painting.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvyn Vincent of Oakville were Sunday guests of Mrs. G. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schelle have entertained Mrs. Schelle's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Bannum from West Germany for the past three weeks. Special thanks to Mrs. Ann

Vos, Mrs. B. Kirby and Mrs. Schulte for taking them to some interesting places in Ontario.

In last week's news the name of Pastor Becker of the Lutheran Church, Guelph, was omitted. He conducted the funeral service in Eden Mills of Miss Pries.

Free Press Rockwood and District



Trucks to be covered

Relief is in sight for area motorists who fear for their windshields and paint jobs as they cruise along roads and highways amidst gravel trucks.

For the provincial government last week announced regulations which will require many dump trucks to be covered effective Jan. 1.

All dumptrucks weighing more than 10,000 pounds and using paved roads must be covered when carrying any particles less than 1 1/2 inches in size.

Also, all trucks weighing more than 10,000 pounds must be covered when carrying any kind of garbage.

LOOK FAMILIAR? This line-up at Saunders Bakery is a sure and welcome sign that things in the village are getting back to normal. The merchants have shown patience over the last months when all businesses suffered due to the blocking off of Hwy. 7. Residents complained because of inconvenience but few realized the affect on local commerce.

Grant for Grand land

A grant of \$22,000 has been awarded to the Grand River Conservation Authority for the acquisition of Haldimand-Norfolk valley lands in the Caledonia Conservation Area. Located along the Grand River, the property is prone to flooding. The policy of the Authority is to acquire flood-plain land when available.

Surrounded on three sides by the Caledonia Conservation Area, the half-acre of property includes a house and lot. Total estimated cost of the land is \$41,000.

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Another look

Halton and Peel Councils are taking another look at shared garbage dump sites in the Horby area.

Halton's Works Committee Chairman Jack Ruffis mentioned at Wednesday's regional council meeting that next week Peel Region officials are going to look at a site at Britannia Rd. on the Peel-Halton boundary line, to see if it is suitable for joint use by the two regions.

It lies south of one previously investigated by the regions. That site, known as Site G on the map, was found to be unsuitable and further investigation was halted.

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