

## Former residents at Sunshine club meeting

By Mrs. Robina Peacock  
Mrs. Vera Black the president of the Rockwood Sunshine Club was in the chair and welcomed 55 friends to the meeting and gave a special welcome to the Grahams of Hespeler who once lived in this area.

With Mrs. Black at the piano and Joseph Graham playing his fiddle the meeting opened as usual.

Business discussion followed with Mrs. Isobel Nellis giving a very full report from the Recreation Committee about Pioneer Day which is to be held in July and in which the club is going to take some part.

Henry Leachman introduced a new member, Ken Miles, who has just come to live in the village and also gave out that the Choralliers are putting on a variety concert in the Rockwood Town-Hall April 24, at 7:30 p.m. A silver collection will be taken towards a bus trip for the Sunshine Club. Everyone is welcome.

Baskets of coloured Easter eggs were in evidence, these having been done by Mrs. Nellis, Mrs. Dunk and Mrs. Peacock and Mrs. Black asked Mrs. Peacock to read a

small article about the origin of Easter Eggs. The eggs were later distributed to all members.

Mrs. J. C. Dennis of Acton then gave a humorous reading called "Repairs" and then with Mrs. Black at the piano and Joseph Graham playing his fiddle a sing-song followed after which the musicians played some lovely ballads and finished up with two very well known hymns.

A really very funny reading came next by Mrs. Alex Near of Acton "Mrs. McVittors takes to the Air". This was enjoyed by all and then everyone was ready to play Euchre or Crokinole.

High score in Euchre going to Mrs. Sadie Baptie and Mrs. Alva Milne.

Birthday greetings were sung to Mrs. Vera Patterson, Mrs. Isobel Nellis, Mrs. Phyllis Robertson, Ken Miles, Wesley Leitch and Wilk Wilson.

After a very nice lunch among friends once again a very happy afternoon came to an end. The next meeting April 28 in the Rockwood Town-hall at 2 p.m. Don't forget to tell all your friends and relatives about the variety concert April 24 at the town hall at 7:30 p.m.



ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL choir practice a selection under the direction of Margaret Raeside. The choir will participate in the Band and Choir Spectacular at Guelph Memorial Gardens tonight to honor Guelph's Sesquicentennial. The Rockwood Home and School are providing a lunch at the Ponderosa for the choir members.

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### Easter rabbits from pack visit Rockwood

by Mrs. Ellen Thomson  
Easter is always an exciting time in the life of a child. For our Brownies, it is the discovery of new plants that sprout from the seeds we planted a few days ago; the violets and crocuses that suddenly burst into bloom overnight in spite of the continuing snowfall; the return of the blackbirds and the robins, a sure sign of spring, we think! The squirrels and other animals that have been quiet during the recent winter are

out searching for green grass and tender tree shoots of new growth on trees and shrubs; and last but not least, the Easter Rabbit story is revived.

Some people probably have been visited by Easter Rabbits from First Rockwood Brownie Pack. Weaving is not so easy for some of us to accomplish, but it is our hope that those of you who received an Easter basket with a marshmallow bunny, enjoyed your Easter surprise. It is, also, difficult for some of us to give away something we would really like to keep for ourselves.

### Barn ruined lintel saved

Special from the ERIN ADVOCATE:  
When your barn is well filled with snags and secure be thankful to God and remember the poor. These lines were engraved over the main entrance to an Erin Township barn when it was erected in 1863. Recently a runaway grass fire left the barn a crumbling ruin. The lintel however was not destroyed. It is preserved for posterity and may be seen at the historic Rockwood Academy. It caught the attention of the academy's present owner sculptor Joseph Drenters, a few years ago, and he "wouldn't take no for an answer" when he tried to buy it from John Jackson who owned the farm at that time. It took three days to remove it.

A special ceremony for Barbara Hawkins and Kristen English was held recently to honor their fly-up to Guides. Brown Owl, Ellen Thomson reviewed their accomplishments and presented each with a small token. Mrs. Betty Petrie pinned their wings onto their uniform and wished each good luck in their future endeavors as Girl Guides.

Recent badges earned include: artist, Lisa Logan, Leslie Rockola; friend to birds, Beth Haworth, Margaret Thomson; toymaker, Janice Patterson; weaver Barb Hawkins; Beth Haworth, Elizabeth Noble, Reni-Sue Smith, Kylie Tomlinson, Margaret Thomson, Michelle Massey, Cathy Hawkins, Cheryl Baldwin, Lisa Logan, Carol Meadows, Janice Patterson, Kim Petty and Kelly Hamilton.

### Sixth meeting on April 16

The Rock-a-long Leisure Ladies had their sixth meeting on April 16 at McDuff's. The meeting opened with the 4-H motto followed by the reading and approval of the minutes.

The roll call was discussed and it was decided to do a demonstration instead of a skit. It will be in the form of a fashion show with Elaine as the commentator. We discussed Pioneer Day briefly and Elaine told us what ideas were brought up at the meeting. Some of the girls worked on their garments and samples for their books. The meeting closed with the 4-H Pledge.

### Legion posts \$100 reward

A \$100 reward is offered by the Royal Canadian Legion at Erin for information leading to arrest and conviction of thieves who've twice broken into Branch 412 within a month.

break-in April 10-11 which netted thieves \$1,500 in liquor, beer, cigarettes, a microwave oven and other items. Ontario Provincial Police from Guelph are investigating.

Legion officials posted the reward following a weekend

A set of doors, recently repaired from a previous break-in, were again broken.

### Rockwood bowling

Carneys 125, Kay's Feeds 115, Optimists 113, Guelphites 111, Dynamites 108, Mustangs 106, The Happy Gang 104, Nortons 100, Four Corners 96, Countrymen 96, Five Plus One 95, Popeye 94. These are the final league standings for the regular games. Three weeks of play-offs commence next week. Congratulations to the Carney team members who led the league all year long. Men over 600, Bob Lilley 702, Ted Jestin 677, Danny Renaud 659, Glen Gray 658, Joe Teres 599, Mustangs 2 pts. Barry Cleland 556, Dave Cleland 530. Five Plus One 5 pts. Wayne Nightingale 550, Denise Bolton 547, Countrymen 2 pts. Eva Bosch 553, Jan Loof 507. Nortons 5 pts. Sue Nightingale 778, Roy Nightingale 529. Kay's Feeds 2 pts. John Polo 611, Ruth Polo 528. Tues., Apr. 12: Four Corners 5 pts. Nellie Stokman 650, Tony Stokman 596. Dynamites 2 pts. Fred

Vandervalk 580, John Dales 535. Popeye 5 pts. Gordon Ostrander 584, George Smith 472, Guelphites 2 pts. Sam Lawler 647, Lloyd Marsden 572. Optimists 5 pts. Ted Jestin 677, Gregory Birkholz 613. Carneys 2 pts. Bob Lilley 702, Danny Renaud 659. The Happy Gang 5 pts. Glen Gray 658, Joe Teres 599, Mustangs 2 pts. Barry Cleland 556, Dave Cleland 530. Five Plus One 5 pts. Wayne Nightingale 550, Denise Bolton 547, Countrymen 2 pts. Eva Bosch 553, Jan Loof 507. Nortons 5 pts. Sue Nightingale 778, Roy Nightingale 529. Kay's Feeds 2 pts. John Polo 611, Ruth Polo 528. Tues., Apr. 12: Four Corners 5 pts. Nellie Stokman 650, Tony Stokman 596. Dynamites 2 pts. Fred

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## Rockwood Roundup

By Kerry Chalmers  
Mr. Tom Peacock and his grandson, six-year-old Christopher Wilson of Guelph are travelling through Britain visiting relatives as they go. The trip provides grandpa with a chance to show Christopher the historical sites. They travelled from Northern Ireland by boat to Stranraer, then to Newcastle in the north of England by train and then travelled by car to Yorkshire. They will spend the last week of their delightful trip seeing the sights of London.

A discussion on beautifying Rockwood led by the Planning Committee of the Rockwood Horticulture Club will take place tonight at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Rockwood Centennial choir will participate in the Band and Choir Spectacular at Guelph Memorial Gardens tonight at 7:30 p.m. Each choir will do a solo and then there will be a mass choral number. This is to honor Guelph's Sesquicentennial.

Eramosa Youth Choir sang at St. Joseph's Church in Guelph last Sunday as part of their mass, under the direction of Roberta Hoy.

The Village Trustees need support. In order to finish the Town Hall they are holding a fund raising dance on Saturday, April 23 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Chairman Tony Reid explains that the money is only to finish what has been started and that all the work is voluntary. Panelling is one of the materials needed. There will be a lunch, bar, door prizes and music by Harry Arbie. Village participation could make this a very successful venture, the trustees point out.

Fireman's Ladies night last Saturday night was a real success despite the fact the men were called to a grass fire in Puslinch postponing the dinner somewhat. Some men said they were half-showered or showering when the alarm went around five p.m. One fireman commented it was the only time he had showered twice for one function! A dance followed the dinner and guests included the Village Trustees, Eramosa Council, and the widows of four former firemen.

Additional acreage has been purchased in Everton by the Grand River Conservation area. This 10 acres will add to the valley lands already purchased along the Eramosa River.

## Needs to know now

Okay for plans for the Pioneer Day celebrations on July 1 in Rockwood park are

waiting for word from the Eramosa township council as to whether or not the land can be levelled.

Rockwood Nursery School is holding a Tea and Bazaar at Rockwood Centennial Public School on May 7 from 2-4 p.m. Home preserves, a plant table, crafts, odds and ends, a white elephant and penny table are among the many highlights. Mothers of the nursery school work together and all monies go back into the nursery school, a self-supported operation. There will be door prizes, and tickets are being sold for a raffle. To top it all off there will be a play area with painting and crafts for the kids so mom can browse!

Township councillor John McLeod demanded to know if the park would be ready for the proposed events in time. He pointed out time is running out and there are a lot of plans to be made. All this, he said, could not even be started until the Pioneer Day committee knows if they have a site.

Mr. McLeod said he needed to know as soon as possible and before the next council meeting. Council plans to look into the possibility of leveling the land.

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