by Kerry Chaimers

Are you worried about the

progress of your child? Do

other kids make fun of him

and have you and his teacher

begun to believe he really is

stupid? If so, he may be one of

the more than 100,000 child-

ren in Ontario with a learning

disability, often referred to as

a "perceptual handicap". He

may have been mislabelled

as a slow learner or even

retarded and unfortunately

crisis level.

group, now about 50 persons

from the village and the sur-

rounding district, have set a

three phase objective for

making the most of the vil-

lage's superb location for the

delight and pleasure of resi-

dents and those passing

The cedar rail planter

boxes at each entrance to the

village are showing the tulips

which were planted last fall,

and these will be followed by

flowers, to be donated and

cared for by the members.

The flower beds at the ceme-

tery and at the cenotaph will

also be cared for by the club.

by special arrangement with

the village trustees and the

plans to install litter bins at

strategic places in the village

and to try actively to educate

people to use these consist-

ently. Approaches are plan-

ned to local merchants to en-

list their cooperation by pro-

viding trash baskets where

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### the spring gardens should be New pumper

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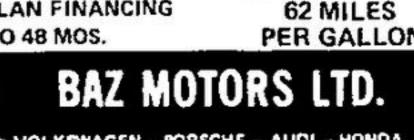
morning service at Rock-

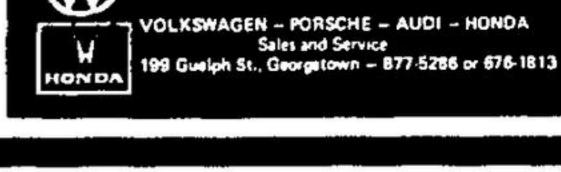
The truck will be used mainly to combat grass fires and calls in the rural area. The truck will be stationed at Campbellville.



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### at their best. This is a repeat of a most successful first ven-As a long range objective, a ture last year. The general public will be welcomed at a major planting scheme for modest fee, but the event will strategic places in the village was considered. One idea was be free of charge for members. New memberships will to focus on the development be available. Refreshments of rock gardens which could and a social time will add to be a unique and singularly appropriate way of creating the pleasure of the afternoon. some town beauty spots. There are some handsome outeroppings of rock which

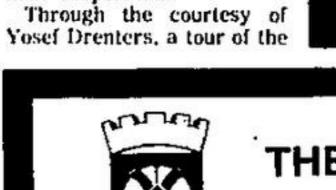
for Sunday, May 15 from 2 to 4

o'clock, when it is expected

V. W. RABBITS would lend themselves to this **ALMOST EVERYONE** course, this would imply an ongoing commitment by Ways of involving residents, merchants, youth and

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surfacing of the roads,

repairs to the boulevards and

the widening of Highway 7

Long range

sort of gardening, and of

school children were dis-

cussed, amongst them one

that was put into operation at

the meeting, namely dividing

the membership into teams,

each of whom would have a

specific assignment. These

duties were accepted by the

members present, and ap-

proaches will be made to

others in the community for

interested people.

their cooperation.

have been completed.

## Horticultural club has list of plantings

provision for children with special needs. "The ministry is a rather tight, inefficient system and the teacher-train-"We want to involve everying program is for the birds!" one in our immediate and he commented. "Policies and long range plans to 'Make Rockwood More Beautiful" approach must change," he That was the theme and the consensus of the meeting of "Beating the drum about back to the basics is not the the Rockwood Horticultural point. Some schools never left Club held on Wednesday the traditional system and evening, April 20 at the Town they are not necessarily Hall. Because of the great better, they only look safer." natural beauty of its setting, the members of the year-old

Depend on teacher Dr. Morgan feels schools should be made more efficient and that teachers need to know more about kidshow to group them and select them for programs. A successful classroom depends almost solely on the teacher and if children are selected and grouped properly they will know how to make use of resources and aids, according

that it would have to make

to the doctor. He feels that we have had a producer society and are now approaching a consumer socicty where parents will look at the system and question it. The centre is not only for people with disabilities or behaviour problems but a re-

source centre. Dr. Morgan suggests that if township council. There are a parent would like direction in any area of child development to contact the centre. The staff is open to suggestion and parents are welcome to form any discussion or resource group they might find

appropriate. Children and Association adults will be asked to share There is a group of parents in Ontario who have joined in a major clean up early in together to better the conditions for the learning disabled A start will be made shortly child; the Association for with plans for tree and shrub Children with Learning Displanting perhaps this fall, or abilities. Parents share ex-

periences and find strength knowing they are not alone and that there are thousands of children suffering from the same problem as their child. This group is attempting to ensure that "not only their child but all children have the opportunity to receive an education appropriate to their individual needs." The Wellington County Chapter have a community resource centre, sponsored by the A.C.L.D., Royal City and Guelph Kiwanis Clubs, that is available at Guelph C.V.I. every Tuesday evening from

7-9.30 p.m. Dr. Morgan and his staff at the Centre for Education Disabilities are working with children every day who are individuals with individual needs in their schooling program. Many have been able to catch up and successfully complete their year with intensive tutoring.

If you feel your child has a learning disability and should be assessed, the centre is there for you and the staff urge you to contact them

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a problem that can be helped advise their parents, plan

PROGRAM IDEAS are shared by Dr. Griffith

Morgan, Director of the Centre for Education

Disabilities at the University of Guelph and

mathematics tutor Marlene McKendry. Mrs.

McKendry has been involved with centre for six

cope with the problem with- McKendry has been with the

out proper guidance. They

don't like the child but won't

professionals a chance if

there are concerns. He sug-

gests a family doctor could

for the school age child, but

says not to hesitate in getting

another opinion if things still

at sheool can work but it may

be necessary to find special

intensive shoooling by ex-

Problems with reading and

writing are just some of the

signs of a learning disability.

A few other indications can

logical sequences and ex-

treme activity and short

attention span. A learning

disabled person is one whose

intelligence is average or

above average but whose

learning is impaired because

his method of learning some

things is different from the

Decision

seem unsatisfactory.

perts in the field.

The doctor stressed that by the time you decide to seek assistance things may be at a early understanding of the problem is important and explained that usually by the Dr. Griffith Morgan is the time a child reaches the Director of the Centre for centre he is 10 or 11 years old Education Disabilities at the and has had significant school University of Guelph. He is a failure. Sometimes a learning teacher, a psychologist and a disability is misread by a professor in family studies teacher who sees it as a and has some serious conbehavior problem. cerns about our present sys-

Learning disability:

ren as well as research.

"We assess children that

have been referred to us;

programs with and for

them." Dr. Morgan outlined,

"and this can involve making

"This process is important

because we find out what the

difficulty is and then stand by

the family and help them," he

Understanding

liasons with schools."

added.

The situation becomes tem of education. The centre consists of offices, class- worse as the year progresses rooms and assessment areas and parents are shocked to and is responsible for find that Johnny may have to

research and development repeat a year because he work under the head of learn- can't keep up in reading or ing disabilities. Practical mathematics. He feels that it community work is con- can become an "ego thing" stantly being done with child- with a teacher who will try to

JOSEPH DRENTERS spoke to students at Rockwood Centennial Public School last week as part of Education Week. He discussed the history of the academy and described his research. The students were fascinated by the talk and the many pieces of history he brought with him. including letters written home from former students, slates and alleys as well as many pictures.

## Rockwood Roundup

by Kerry Chalmers

Communication is a concern for the Board of Trustees. They ask village residents to let them know of concerns so they can act on them. The next meeting is May 30 and all residents are welcome to join in.

Clean up day for Rockwood will take place May 14. All garbage too big for regular pick-up can be left out on Saturday with the regular garbage. Stoves, chesterfields etc. will be removed. + + +

Attention village fellows-John Mickelson has offered to erect a 17 foot steel beam, donated by John McLeod, in the Town Hall on Friday night. This beam will support the upper storage area and Mr. Mickelson and some friends have donated their time. If anyone is free and in Metric goes the area he might use some help.

Pioneer Day is planned for July 2 and the trustees have extended a welcome to the scouts, cubs, guides and brownies to use the town hall for any event they would like to hold. The trustees will assist wherever possible. A coffee perk from the Scout and Cub Association was appreciated by the trustees for use at the fund raising dance.

Postmaster Marg Cox would like to remind postal ent ways. customers to include your post office box number, gen- man," explained Dr. Morgan, eral delivery or rural route your address as well as the able of extending thempostal code on your selves." correspondence. This is of special importance because the Board of Trustees are renumbering all buildings and vacant lots in the village

of Rockwood.

A bid to stonewall metrification of Milton roads falled in a near vote last week in council.

Councillor Gord Krantz's motion to slash \$5,000 from the budget just missed in a 6-5

The money is earmarked for changing road signs from the miles measurement to

The metric system is being "shoved down our throats", Krantz told council.

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# peting for the new village hall that is to be located in the fire centre and it is intensive and sisted of principals, vice-

child is done, a decision is Dance at the Town Hall was made. Many times tests do a real success with a profit of nothing more than reassure a \$190 being made as well as \$40 parent who finds out the in donations. This money school is on the right track, should buy panelling and pro- but other times a tutor must vide material to close in the be found and the school must szorage area, according to be contacted to try and work to set up and chair a committhe trustees. Any extra out a program that will work tee to assess special educamoney will go towards car- for that particular student.

majority.

"I believe in the common the board.

He looks for people who are humane and aware of children's needs and have the gift that works and are free to new methods.

city for hard work, he feels, and are very successful because of their life experience. A lot of programs have been developed on the initiative of a tutor like area resident

parents should give the about their program. Workshops Mrs. McKendry and Mrs. Pat Noakes set up workshops assist if the child is pre-school for teachers, sharing ideas the teacher, principal that have been successful and or school psychologist

centre for six years working

She feels the staff are very

fortupate to have Dr. Morgan

to work with and seek out

when they have concerns

with children.

with children. They recently flew to the Lakehead where a for district workshop teachers was held. Mrs. Special remedial programs McKendry feels these skills are useful for all teachers, not just special education staff. She also mentioned that often princiapls attend these workshops to update themselves and gather useful information. Mrs. Noakes works with be: problems with co-ordina- McKendry with mathe-

tion; inability to remember matics

Used here Centennial Rockwood Public School has used material from the Centre for Education Disabilities for their remedial program. Principal Grant McRae feels the ministry has made some steps in recent years in assisting special education but does see a need for con-After an assessment of the tinued change in this area. He feels it is most difficult for the student with average or above average intelligence who has a learning difficulty.

Mr. McRae was recently approached by the Principals Organization and was asked tion resources for Wellington Tuition is offered at the County. The committee constraight forward. Child is principals and teachers, matched to tutor. Some of the many involved in special tutors are teachers whereas education. The group looked others are qualified in differ- at the priorities of the county and a brief was submitted to

As of September there will "and have faith that if given be special education resource identification as applicable to an opportunity, they are cap-assistants on staff for every school, reports principal McRae.

> Mrs. McKendry has found dealing with Rockwood Centennial Public School staff a pleasant experience for hard and intensive work. and thinks any parent who The tutors use any program approached the school in a reasonable manner would be experiment with and develop met with co-operation. Unfortunately this is not the Many mothers have a capa- case in all schools.

Cuthacks The centre staff is con-

cerned with the recent cutbacks in some special education programs in Ontario. Dr. Morgan feels someone is not Marlene McKendry who uses doing their job and is troubled her own talent to produce that it took until a month ago these new materials. Mrs. for the government to admit

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