

Record of service

# Fifth anniversary for Lions

by Kerry Chalmers  
Rockwood and District Lions Club celebrated their anniversary last Wednesday night when they met for dinner and their meeting at Rockwood Centennial Public School. It has been five years since they received their charter from Lions International. District Governor of District A-15 Dougald Campbell was present to give 5-year perfect attendance pins to four members: Harry Bonner; Darryl Nichol; Walter Swanston and Tom Gellatly.

No taxes  
The Sports Centre will be completed for the people of the community in June and will have been entirely built and equipped by Rockwood and District Lions and Lionettes and the Ontario government grants from Culture and Recreation and from Wintario but with NO tax dollars.

The Lions Club is going into debt for \$50,000 on individual members, personal guarantees.  
The Sports Centre will be operated by a committee of Lions, Lionettes and township council and will also be under the jurisdiction of Eramosa Recreation Committee.

Lionettes  
The Lionettes work on joint projects with the Lions and communicate back and forth. Although they originally formed to cater to the Lions at their dinners, they have been an independent offshoot with their own source of income. They loaned the Lions \$4,500 for the basement section of the project. It wasn't until a year ago that Lionettes were recognized as an international organization. On June 18, Rockwood and District Lionettes will receive their charter.

Projects  
The Rockwood Sports Centre is not the only community project the Lions Club is responsible for. Each year they hold a fireworks display; they have canvassed for the Arthritis Society; hold an effective speaking contest in conjunction with the Guelph club; raise money for emotionally disturbed deaf children; hold a bike-a-thon on a 50-50 basis with Eramosa Baseball Association; provide skating for 800 school children free-of-charge; provide hampers for needy families in the area at Christmas (requests come from Salvation Army, hospitals or churches); provide beds, clothing, wheel chairs or whatever else is needed for local residents; provide a taxi service for children going to specialized schools; provide transportation for senior people to get to appointments such as therapy; provide ponchos for safety patrols on the buses and the Lions Club along with Wintario and Cultural and Recreation completed a \$24,000 tennis court, that will serve the more than 200 members of the new Tennis Club.

Problem  
Lions members find that a continuing problem is getting support from local residents who tend to see these projects as personal gain for the Lions alone and not for the community as a whole. Often tickets sold for draws etc., are sold out of the area. One example was 76 percent of the tickets sold on a car draw in 1974 were sold out of the township people.

Many, many local residents, however, have been generous and the gifts are too numerous to mention. Clubs as well as private citizens according to the Lions, have donated a great deal to community betterment. Most draws originate with donations being given to the club by members e.g. beef draws and milk steaks.

30 members  
To be a Lion, you must be sponsored by a Lion. There are approximately 30 members and any resident over 18 is welcome to enquire. One member is over 80 years of age.  
One would have to be willing to give a lot of his free time with no remuneration and not join for personal gain. All money made goes back into charitable work. Lions International is the largest, most active and fastest growing service club organization in the world. There are 29,000 clubs, nearly 1,200,000 members in 149 countries and regions throughout the world. The motto this year is, "Make your fellow man feel needed."

Executive  
The new executive for 1977-78 is: past-president Walter Swanston, president Vince Dunne; 1st vice-president Don Martin; 2nd vice-president Bob Noble; 3rd vice-president Ted Ford; secretary Jim Funk; treasurer Gary Ritchie; 1st year directors will be Roy Harding and Glen Gray; 2nd year directors will be Lou Hills and Tom Gellatly; lion tamer Paul May; tail twister Gordon Harding and bulletin editor Harry Bonner. Year ends June 30, new executive take over July 1.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR of District A-15 Dougald Campbell presents a new member kit to Murray Swanston who was inducted into the Rockwood and District Lions Club last Wednesday night. From left to right are Dougald Campbell, Murray Swanston and president Walter Swanston.



FIVE-YEAR perfect attendance pins were presented to these Lions members last Wednesday night as the club celebrated its 5-year charter night. From left to right are: Tom Gellatly, Harry Bonner, Darryl Nichol, Walter Swanston and Dougald Campbell. Darryl Nichol has also been appointed zone chairman elect and will be responsible for eight clubs in zone nine.

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## Free Press Rockwood and District

# Parade, games, dance for Pioneer celebration

By Kerry Chalmers  
Pioneer Day 1977 has been set for Saturday, July 2. This celebration is being organized by the Recreation Committee of Eramosa Township as part of National Canada Week that will be held June 25 to July 3. A day and evening of activities with local people participating using local resources as much as possible, has been planned.  
The Pioneer Day Committee was set up to pull things together and ensure the smooth running of events. They will see that special activities are spaced so that people will have ample time to cover all the happenings with ease.

This group is open to ideas and ask that any interested people contact them prior to the meeting on Monday, May 16. You are asked to call David Masson, John McLeod, Maria Reid or Barb Wynneck with your suggestions.  
Events  
Events that have been scheduled to date are: a parade at 1 p.m.; a bed race on the Main St. put on by the Junior Farmers; a display area at Eramosa Park featuring crafts, food booths and antiques; a beauty contest in period costume for any age; a ball tournament in the baseball park running all day; and that evening a

dance on the tennis courts, to wind things up. There will also be a tea room operating out of the Town Hall put on by the senior citizens.  
Many ideas  
Committee members report that many ideas have come in from clubs and groups but that not all are firm commitments at this time. Some of the definite plans have come from the Trail Riders, the Eramosa Junior Farmers, Eden Mills Craft Club, Guides, Brownies, Scouts and Cubs, Rock-a-long Women's Institute, the Horticulture Club, Lions, Lionettes, Tennis Club, Sunshine Club and the Mountsberg Total Immersion just to name some of the participants.  
This is the first year for Pioneer Day and the committee feel an excellent opportunity for all groups in the township to participate and earn some revenue.

## Charter night

By K. Chalmers  
Rockwood and District Lionettes have an important night coming up on June 18. Charter night, a night the local club will be recognized as an international organization, will be celebrated with a banquet and dance at the new Sports Centre.

The public are welcome and invited to attend and are asked to contact Dorothy Harding 856-4437 or Leona Kingsbury 856-4232 for tickets. Up until a year ago Lionettes were only an auxiliary group of the Lions but now are recognized as an international group. There are groups in all countries of the world.

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sident Leona Kingsbury; 3rd vice-president Judy Dunne; secretary Sandy McLean; treasurer Peg Dyer and Virena Swanston; 1st year director Jean Gray; 2nd year director Marlene Hawkins; 3rd year director Catherine Meredith; bulletin editor Betty Eason and hair puller Viv Noble. The year for the present executive ends June 30, new executive takes over July 1.

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The draw was made May 4. Each man wins a side of beef donated by Grant McRae of Rockwood.

Don't forget to contact Sandy Root as soon as possible about tennis instruction. In order that a program may be set up Sandy must know exactly how many people are interested. Phone Sandy at 856-4242.

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## Own canoe?

by K. Chalmers  
Rockwood Scout troop needs help! A 65-mile canoe trip is planned for this weekend on the Saugeen River from Walkerton to South Hampton.



PEOPLE PLACE tickets on the penny table at Rockwood Nursery School Tea and Bazaar held last Saturday.



BUSY MOTHERS helped with the Rockwood Nursery School Tea and Bazaar last Saturday. Taking a well-earned coffee break are from left to right: Terry Kinnon, Acton; Marg Swackhammer, Guelph; Ronnie Lampkin, Acton; Mary Waylen, Acton; and visitor Jean Jablonski, of Weston.

Last year the fellows did this route and took three days. This year their goal is to do it in two days. Leader Gary Lawton and father, David Cunningham will take scouts Ken Death, Chris and Andy Hughes, Mark Johnson, Tony Boarder and Andrew Cunningham on this weekend as part of their challenge badge requirements, to earn their canoeist badge.

There is one large problem—they need the use of two canoes and are asking for assistance. All boys except two have had extensive experience and Mr. Lawton will put an experienced boy with each.

If you have a canoe the boys could use leader Gary Lawton asks if you might call him as soon as possible at 856-4644.

Mr. Lawton has been scout leader without assistance, over the past year and finds it difficult not having an assistant he can rely on. There are 10 boys in the troop who enjoy many events.  
This past winter the troop went on winter hikes, snowshoed and experienced outdoor cookouts. Any interested man over the age of 21 is eligible and would be welcomed by Mr. Lawton. No previous scouting experience is necessary. Requirements are patience and one free evening a week reports leader Lawton.  
As he put it, "the only difference between a man and a boy is the price of his toys!"

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