



WAITING FOR their snack are from left to right: Kristina Ingleson, Mary Bertelsen and Stephanie Robson. The children enjoy a nutritious snack, learn songs and listen to stories at circle and snack time.



GIRLS WORK with clay and chat happily as they do. From left to right Karina Woodburn, teacher Ann Vos, Trina Taur, Heather Wingate and Ellisa Werry.



GILLIAN GORING, left, and Sasha Skoropad play in their own kitchen area at Rockwood Co-operative Nursery School. During free play the children choose from a variety of activities.



ASSISTING MOTHER Judy Woodburn shows two of the nursery school children Patrick and Mary how to put biscuit dough on a cookie sheet. Imaginative play is encouraged.

—First long weekend of the summery season coming up this weekend, as Monday is the Victoria Day holiday. Drive carefully.

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Nursery school proves to be rich experience

by Kerry Chalmers
Giggles, chatter and the smell of cooking biscuits are all part of nursery school if you attend the Rockwood Co-operative Nursery School. The school is a non-profit organization made up of approximately 40 families who are working together with the help of a qualified teacher, Ann Vos, to provide a rich pre-school experience for their children.

The school schedule is divided into two classes: Group A who meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and Group B who meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Each class has approximately 20 children, with one teacher and three assisting mothers. The school is held in Rockwood Town Hall and is rented for a nominal sum from the Board of Trustees.

Participation Because of parent participation, fees can be minimal. A non-helping mother pays a higher monthly fee but still takes part in committees, laundry and meetings etc. The school is solely dependent on fees as they do not operate on a government grant and

receive no other subsidies. A monthly newsletter of activities, teacher's and committee meeting reports ensures good communication and parents are urged to bring suggestions, comments, criticisms and problems to the teachers.

Objectives Some basic objectives for the children have been established: for each child to gain a sense of self-worth and a good feeling about himself; for each child to learn to trust teachers and other adults and children; to develop skills like cutting, pasting, climbing, talking etc., to learn to be independent and to do things for himself in dressing, using materials, using the wash-room, and choosing his or her own activity; co-operation with others, sharing, being part of a group; learning colors, concepts (not a main objective); to observe and learn about things around him, love of nature and consideration of others.

Well balanced A well balanced program of individual and group activities is provided to follow through on these objectives. Free play period allows the child to choose from activities like sand and water play,

housekeeping, blocks, climbing or woodworking. Creative time offers painting, pasting, cutting, playdough and shell toys. Teacher-directed activities include fingerplays, songs, stories and special games. There are also special trips to points of interest like the bakery, caves, school etc.

Much thought has gone into the school and emphasis on a calm, happy atmosphere is stressed by teacher Ann Vos.

Enjoy It She advises assistants to keep the following points in mind: get down to the children's level to talk to them or play with them; always speak and move quietly, do work outlined only, try to show a genuine interest in the children and what they are doing; be patient and friendly in helping them to solve their own problems, to foster independence, and she suggests above all that children are at Nursery School to enjoy it so parents should enjoy it and have fun with the kids.

An Open House will be held on Tuesday May 24 and Wednesday May 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Registration will be held on Wednesday May 25 from 7-9 p.m.

Rockwood Roundup

by Kerry Chalmers
Rockwood Nursery School will be holding an Open House at the Rockwood Town Hall on Tuesday May 24 and Wednesday, May 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Registration will be held on Wednesday May 25 from 7-9 p.m.

Do you have concerns or proposals regarding special education in Wellington County? The Advisory Committee for Special Education for the Wellington County Board of Education invite the public to submit these thoughts to them.

Many of Rockwood Centennial Public School grade eight students left for a trip to Ottawa Wednesday morning by Highway Liner buses. They will tour the parliament buildings and see many other points of interest while there. Trip will last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with the group returning Saturday. The students will work on Science, Geography and History assignments while on the trip.

Fireworks display at Rockwood Park, sponsored by the Rockwood and District Lions Club will be held on Sunday, May 22 at dusk in Rockwood Park. People are invited to come early and see the new Sports Centre and tennis courts. If rainy weather, will be held Monday, May 23.

Any boy around the age of eleven to fourteen is welcome to join the Scouts. Also any interested man over the age of 21 who is interested in assisting with the troop is asked to contact Gary Lawton at 856-4644. No previous scouting experience is necessary.

Saturday is the day for the garage and community bake sale put on by the Lionettes at

W.M.S. May meeting

The Rockwood Presbyterian W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Roy Young, Speedvale Ave., Guelph for the May meeting. The president Mrs. Donald Sinclair opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. D. Gray took the devotions and read the 12th chapter of Acts followed by prayer.

Miss Elva Pearen gave an interesting report on the presbyterial annual W.M.S. that was held in St. Andrew's church, Guelph. She told the members of many different ways they could help with missionary work at home and abroad. She also gave a very interesting reading on grandmothers. Mrs. Wes Leitch read a short poem.

The meeting closed with a hymn and a social half hour was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Young served a dainty lunch. The June meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Henry Leachman.

the Parish Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stalls will be available for anyone wishing to sell crafts, merchandise, knick-knacks etc. Call Judy Dunne 856-4740 or Helen Hill 856-4656. Donations for the bake table would be greatly appreciated, report the Lionettes. Call Jean Gray regarding the baking at 856-9565. Proceeds will go towards the Sports Centre.

Anyone have an old cookstove they don't need? Rockwood Scout Group is fixing up their scout house, the small stone building adjacent to the conservation area, and should have it ready to go, with a proper sign, in the near future. Once renovations are complete it will be possible to have exchange visits with other troops. They need the cookstove as a source of heat as well as for cooking. If you have such a thing leader Gary Lawton would appreciate hearing from you at 856-4644.

Mrs. Violet Matthews of Cambridge St. in Guelph spent Sunday afternoon with old school chums Mary Milne and Ethel Craig. They had a grand chat.

Mrs. Rose Oakes entertained the Foursome club; Miss Florence Till of Guelph, Mrs. Milne and Mrs. Doby of Rockwood. The ladies all have birthdays in May so got together for a game of cards and cake.

Mrs. Barrett of Newfoundland has been visiting here with her daughter Jean and husband Jim Milne. On Monday they took her to Ishawa where she will spend the last two weeks of her trip with her daughter Susie. She has been here two weeks.

Wally and Irene Craig of Toronto called on their mother Mrs. Ethel Craig before leaving for their holiday in New Brunswick where they will stay with Mrs. Craig's father.

Mrs. Doby will return home shortly. She has been staying with her family while recovering from a broken wrist.

March of Dimes drive begins

March of Dimes District Chairman Julie Brace has begun the campaign for this area and reports that a door-to-door canvass will take place within the next couple of weeks. Her first contact with rural people will be by way of a rural mail canvass. Mrs. Brace asks these people to look for this envelope to think of the physically disabled adult and to give generously.

Microfilm old files?

Eramosa township council is going to look into the possibility of having some of their very old records microfilmed and place the originals in a museum for safe-keeping. The matter came up at the council's meeting Monday evening. Council felt the matter warranted looking into. Councillor Dave Masson said some of the records date as far back as 1853.

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Check poverty beliefs

We have become accustomed to asking "How can we help?" whenever we hear of a famine; and we want our government to send help, or

teach the hungry how to feed themselves. But according to the book Food First, from which the current Ten Days church

educational paper is taken, that is the wrong approach! Mrs. Lois Tosh dared her listeners to check their beliefs on the myths about poverty and hunger in the underdeveloped lands. Our solutions to the problem of feeding the hungry are based on the opinion that there is scarcity of land to feed the population, but closer investigation shows that some highly populated land-spaces can feed themselves on very little land.

Unfortunately the one changeless ingredient in all human suffering and history was forgotten. The Bible shows how Mankind's greed has ruined nations as well as individuals; but we forgot.

In spite of all the foreign aid, the poor did not get the assistance they needed; while the wealthy land owners accepted the help we sent, and seeing the rosy future raised the price of land, so that the small farmer could no longer afford to keep his land, or buy new land. Large farms took over large machinery and laid off workers; they also soon found which crops paid best and planted those, but these were not food crops (often cotton).

The poor became poorer, and the western multinational firms saw a bonanza ahead, thus using cheap labour and government aid.

Discussion flowed over into the teatime as the women puzzled over the problem.

Mrs. Verna Root chose as her devotional study the thought of stewardship. Mrs. Florence Trousdale was hostess for the meeting, and was able to welcome several newcomers.



ROCKWOOD RESIDENT and former racing car driver Bill McPhee sits in 1923 Model-T owned by Don Gordon. Mr. Gordon and wife Kathy hosted the spring meeting of the Upper Canada Region Rolls Royce Club at the Conservation Park on Sunday. They brought the model-T for fun. Mr. McPhee has been associated with the club for years.



LAST SUNDAY a variety of Bentleys and Rolls Royces lined the parking lot when the Rolls Royce Club met at the Conservation Park for their spring meeting. After a picnic the group toured the area taking in the Railway Museum. The front of a 1974 Rolls is on the left, a 1939 Rolls Royce belonging to Don Gordon is next and to the right is a 1946 Rolls.

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