

New Year meeting theme

Unit One of the Rockwood UCW met for the first meeting of the new year at the home of Mrs. Jessie Dunk. The president, Mrs. Florence Trossdale opened with a prayer for the New Year.

The devotional period was in charge of Mrs. Margaret McPhedran, who commented, "When the New Year arrived, I noticed that the candle which had been burning at midnight 1977 still lit the way for the new year's arrival. In its wick was a hope, a hope that there would be more peace and less strife for mankind."

"As I take a journey into the new year, what shall I take along? I'll leave behind all the doubts and grudges; but all the love and joy will come with me, as I seek to serve Him who gave them to me."

Matthew 5 (11-16) followed, stressing our need to "show our light before men" in the year ahead. She continued with a question "What will the new year hold for us as Christian women? Perhaps a trip, a new carpet, a baby, a wedding, or even a home in Heaven with a heart full of peace."

"Women have always had special work in God's plan;

they healed the sick, cared for the children and the wayward, or taught the next generation the gospel of love. Even the elder members have a satisfying task, for they can offer prayers for the sick, the aged, and for the outreach of the Lord's work."

"They remember that life's little day is short, and night is coming soon."

"As they follow in their daily routines, the road which leads ahead to the gateway where He stands to welcome them home; they remember that He has said, "my strength is made perfect in your weakness, so they can boast in their weakness, for in Him they can do all things."

The Lord's prayer was repeated in unison, to close this meditation.

But the theme of new year thoughts returned, as the members shared their own favorite readings and poems. Some used information on the missionary work of the church in Canada to show their appreciation for the past, and hope for the future. A lively discussion followed until tea was served by the hostess.

The following meeting in February will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Ostrander.

Grandmothers W.I.'s theme

The Rock-a-long Women's Institute's January meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. Ramsey with 13 members and one guest present. In the absence of the president, Mrs. G. Mitchell, the first vice president, Mrs. K. Spence, chaired the meeting.

As the theme was "Grandmothers" Mrs. Spence read a poem about grandmothers. The minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. J. Glendenning and the treasurer's report was given by Mrs. A. McDuffie. The decision about eucres was postponed until the next meeting. Quilling was discussed, some members preferring to go along on their own, at present. Another meeting before Summary Day will be decided at a later date.

The roll call was to bring a keepsake of Grandmother and tell its history. There were some very interesting items, among which were photographs, a very old knitted coverlet, an oil lamp from Holland and some stones and poems.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and Mrs. H. Bayne thanked her for having the meeting and for preparing the lunch.

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Rate increase for local hydro users

Rockwood Hydro consumers received a notice in the mail recently, indicating that their hydro rates would increase 8.7 per cent, effective February 1, due to the higher cost of providing the service.

In order to conform with the Anti Inflation Board guidelines, the increase has been postponed from February 1 to March 1. In effect, after March 1, consumers will be paying 3.2 cents for every kilowatt hour used. In 1977, the rate was 3 cents per kilowatt hour.

Rockwood Hydro Electric is a non-profit, public utility, owned by the hydro users of Rockwood. Rockwood Hydro buys power from Ontario Hydro, on a monthly basis, and the mark-up covers all maintenance and expenses within the local system.

Ontario Hydro adjusts its rates annually, and as its price for hydro increases, so does the cost to local hydro users. Ontario Hydro gave Rockwood Hydro a rebate of \$8,700 this year, keeping the rate increase down for 1978. It is expected that electrical rates for 1979 will be considerably higher.

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Bower Ave. collision

A two-car collision on the Bower Avenue curve ran up a total of \$700, damages Wednesday afternoon.

Damage to the car driven by Perry Steel of RR 2 Acton came to about \$200, according to Halton Regional Police.

The damage figure to the car driven by Eric Balkind of 20 Knox Ave. rose to \$500, police say.

The Balkind car was north bound on Bower Avenue, approaching the curve, and the Steel vehicle was coming the other way, Police say.

considerably lower because huge water dams are their natural power source. In other areas, more expensive methods of producing power have to be used. In Ontario, one power source is the Douglas Point Nuclear Station.

Here are some examples of the approximate number of kilowatt hours per month, used by different household appliances. The water heater is the top consumer using 500 kilowatt hours, followed by the stove using 100, the clothes dryer using 80, the

color T.V. using 40, the kettle using 12, the clothes washer using 8, and the ceiling lighting fixtures using 2 kilowatt hours.

Mr. Hockey advises that adequate insulation is the key to reducing hydro rates. Each time the furnace cuts in, whether it be gas, oil or electric, there is a current surge, which consumes a great deal of power and the metre clicks round faster. If drafts are reduced, the furnace will not be switched on as frequently.

Rockwood Roundup

Interested in getting into, or maintaining your present physical shape? Bring your rackets and birds and join in

some casual badminton fun every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m., at the Rockwood Centennial School. There is no charge. This activity is sponsored by the recreation committee and begins tonight January 18.

Recover antiques

A 10 year nightmare of thefts and vandalism of a Norval widow's vacant home may be coming to an end.

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The Rockwood Horticulture Society will meet tonight, January 18, at 8 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Don't forget to set aside time for the 6th annual "Rockwood 100" Snowmobile Rally, Sunday, January 29, 1978. Starts between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at the Rockwood Community Centre, sponsored by the Lions Club.

Rockwood United Church will hold its annual meeting Sunday, January 22. The potluck luncheon will commence at 12:15 p.m., followed by the business meeting.

Stone United Church will hold its annual meeting, Sunday, January 29, immediately after the morning service.

ROCKWOOD HYDRO ELECTRIC

Notice

Introduction of the rate increase for 1978 has been postponed to March 1, 1978.

L.P. Hockey
Manager



SHARON GUYETTE shows some of the wools that are available in her new shop, Rockwood Wool and Crafts, located on Main St., Rockwood, beside the Eramosa River.

Winter blahs are all over

By B. Wynneck
Are you bored? Do you need something to occupy your hands on these cold winter afternoons and evenings? After visiting the Rockwood Wool and Crafts Shop on Main St., Rockwood, beside the Eramosa River, you may come home with a project!

Sharon Guyette has been knitting and crocheting since she was a child in Quebec. She is willing to help you choose craft materials, and teach you how to knit, crochet, or do needlepoint. She can lead you to others who teach macrame and weaving. If you have difficulty following a pattern she will happily assist you in solving the problem. If you are too busy to "do it yourself," Sharon will crochet or knit for you, for a set fee.

The shop features Paton's wools, patterns, needles and hooks. Shortly, macrame and

needlepoint supplies will be arriving. There are also inexpensive craft kits for children 8 years and up, who need something to keep them busy, or to give as birthday gifts.

Beautifully knitted baby sweaters and hats, adults hats and scarves may be purchased. A wide assortment of ceramic crafts are available, including ceramic macrame beads. Sharon's husband, Bob, provides antiques for sale - bells and lanterns are two examples of the type of antiques available. The shop is open every day, except Mondays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Jan. 26
Sunshine meeting
by Robina Peacock
The next meeting of the Rockwood Sunshine Club is slated for January 26 at 2 p.m. in Rockwood's Townhall. The first meeting of the year, on January 12, was postponed because of the bad weather conditions.

Get well wishes are sent to all our members who are sick, especially to Mrs. Margaret Capperault and Mr. Rupert Fletcher who are in Guelph General Hospital. Get well soon!

The club wishes to extend deepest sympathy to the Robertson family in the loss of their father, who was one of the club's dearest members. Mr. Robertson will be missed very much because he was always ready to do a good deed and because he was also so courteous and helpful to everyone.

Cindy Swanston
Miss Cindy Swanston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swanston, Rockwood, graduated recently as a registered nurse from Conestoga College, Doon Nursing Division, St. Mary's Hospital, Kitchener. She is presently employed at Slave Lake General Hospital, Slave Lake, Alberta.

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