

# "Rockmosa 100" rally sees 66 participants

by Barb Wynneck

A very cold but sunny day greeted the 66 hearty participants of the "Rockmosa 100" Snowmobile Rally. This was the sixth annual rally, sponsored by the Rockwood and District Lions Club. It was held this year from the Rockmosa Community Centre on January 26.

At the presentations, Lions Club President Vince Dunn announced that a total of \$4030 had been raised.

Trophy winners were: Patti Winters, the girl under 16, who completed the trail with the most dollars pledged; Robbie Bonner, the boy under 16, who completed the trail with the most dollars pledged; Sandy Kingsbury, the girl under 16, who com-

pleted the trail with the second highest number of dollars pledged; Don Winters, the boy under 16, who completed the trail with the second highest number of dollars pledged; Bob Logan, the oldest driver who completed the most kilometres; Gary and Kevin Ritchie, the family, on one machine, who completed the trail with the least number of penalty points; Walter Swanston, the adult who completed the trail with the most sponsors; dollars. This is the third time that Walter has won this particular trophy; Darryl Nichol, The Rally Winner, who completed the trail with the least number of penalty points.

The Lionettes provided free steaming coffee for the

chilled drivers, throughout the stay, from the basement check-point in Rockmosa Centre. Hot dogs and chili were available for lunch. The Lionettes served 165 supper meals. The participants enjoyed a free meal and families joined at the dinner hour presentations.

Local merchants had donated prizes for a draw. The winners were: Tom Gellatly who won a snow shovel, donated by Country Mart; Walter Swanston who won the grease gun donated by his own Swanston Farm Equipment; Jim Funk won a voucher donated by the Rockwood Hotel; Gerald Hurbult won the R & M Shopette voucher; Ed Kingsbury, won the snowmobile jacket donated by Winters' Esso;

Kathy Holman, won the snowmobile mitts donated by Winters Esso; Roy Harding won the thermal socks donated by Mill End Store.

W.B. Logan won the Saunders Bakery voucher; Bill Verghagen won the ski sweater donated by Royal City Cycle; Tim Kingsbury won two hams donated by Food Town; Doug McLean won another Saunders Bakery voucher; Darryl Nichol won a case of Coca Cola donated by Fred Meadows; Don Hills won the gas tank donated by Petty's Garage; Gary Warcher won the two framed photographs donated by Don Hills; and Tim Kingsbury won the case of coke donated by Plaza Variety.

The St. John Ambulance, the Rockwood Snowmobile Club, and the Rockwood General Radio Service Club helped to keep the drivers on the trails. The Rally organizers Ted Ford, George Day, Gord Ostrander and Don Martin tallied up a profitable and fun day. They convey their thanks to the participants, to the sponsors and to all those who worked to make the event a roaring success.



ABOVE ARE THE trophy winners of the "Rockmosa 100" Snowmobile Rally. Front row, left to right; Robbie Bonner, Sandy Kingsbury, Patti Winters, Donald Winters, Kevin Ritchie. Back row, left to right, Darryl Nichol, Bob Logan, Walter Swanston and Gary Ritchie.

## Okay summer help for clerk

A student will be hired to work for the township of Eramosa this summer under the 1978 Involvement in Municipal Administration.

At Monday evening's council meeting, Reeve Bill Adsett asked the clerk-

treasurer Lloyd Hindley, whether a summer student was needed. He pointed out last year's student did a good job. Mr. Adsett explained that the provincial government pays 80 per cent of salaries up to \$125 a week.

Mr. Hindley suggested the

student could work on the assessment in Rockwood.

Applications for the grant have to be submitted before April 1. Council instructed Mr. Hindley to hire someone if a suitable applicant came up.

## Roads budget shows no mill rate increase

A \$236,000 roads budget has been submitted to Eramosa township council by roads superintendent Bob Hamilton.

At Monday evening's meeting, Mr. Hamilton presented council with an actual budget of \$272,000 for 1978, but admitted many expenditures could be shaved off the proposal. He said fixing up of streets in Eden Mills, upgrading Indian, and upgrading 20 Sideroad at

Barrie Hill as the year's top priorities.

Clerk-treasurer Lloyd Hindley explained that the amount submitted would not raise the mill rate any more than from its present 18 mills. The roads budget is the largest expenditure of council.

In the other areas, there is no word yet on just how much money will be required. Mrs. Hindley said the overall

budget cannot be finalized until at least March as the township auditors have to go over the books.

Councillor Dave Masson pointed out that as of May 1, the taxes in Rockwood would double, at a minimum. At this point, he said, they will have reached the maximum a police village can be taxed. He continued to say that in the past, the largest portion of the taxes have come from the Board of Education and the county, and council did their best to keep costs at their level down.

## Rockwood Roundup

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Do you have any ideas for improving Pioneer Day to be held in Rockwood on June 24? Would you like to participate or help organize this fun event? If so, please call Henry Holman at 856-4148 or Barb Wynneck at 856-4854.

Ten Scouts from the Rockwood Troop were treated to a tour of MacDonald's Restaurant in Guelph, at their last meeting, on Sunday, February 19, as a celebration of Baden Powell Week, the Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts will hold an Inter-Denominational Service in the Rockwood Centennial School. The exact time will be announced next week.

All you sports enthusiasts don't forget about Badminton every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at Rockwood Centennial School. Please bring your own equipment if you have it.

The executive of the Rockwood Tennis Club met recently and acted as a nominating committee for the 1978 Executive. Come to the general meeting to be held Monday, March 9, 8 p.m. at the Rockwood Centennial School to elect your new executive. Nominations will also be made from the floor. Think spring!

The Rockwood Centennial grade eight students are again selling fresh Florida oranges and grapefruit to help finance their May trip to Washington. Orders may be placed through the school.

The all-star bands from Aberfoyle and Rockwood Centennial will perform February 13, at 10:45 a.m. in the Rockwood Centennial Auditorium. All Villagers welcome.

The January 26 meeting of the Sunshine Club was cancelled due to the arrival of winds and snow. January birthday greetings to A. K. Thomas and Ethel Craig. Get well wishes to all the members of the club who are ill, and to R. Fletcher who is still in hospital. May there be fair weather for the next meeting. February 9!

**Erin trio in NDP**

Erin village has placed three people on the Wellington-Dufferin-Peel New Democratic Party riding association annual meeting at Elora.

Former provincial riding candidate Marion Chambers, Maxine Handley and Walter Keeler were elected to the riding association.

## Industry for Norval

Production is expected to start next fall at a new factory being built on the Peel side of Norval. About 50 jobs, some for local residents will be created.

Lawton Hindley, president and general manager of Moore Instrument Company Limited, said in an interview this week, construction is expected to start this spring.

The firm hopes to get a building permit this month for the 25,000 square foot plant. Cost of the factory, land and site preparation will be about \$1.2 million.

The firm received approval from Peel and Brampton to build on its land on the south side of Highway 7, east of Pine Valley Farms, last May but had to wait until November for approval from the Ontario Municipal Board.

Moore Instruments has been in rented facilities in Rexdale for over 25 years and some employees will be moving to Norval with the company while some hiring will be done locally.

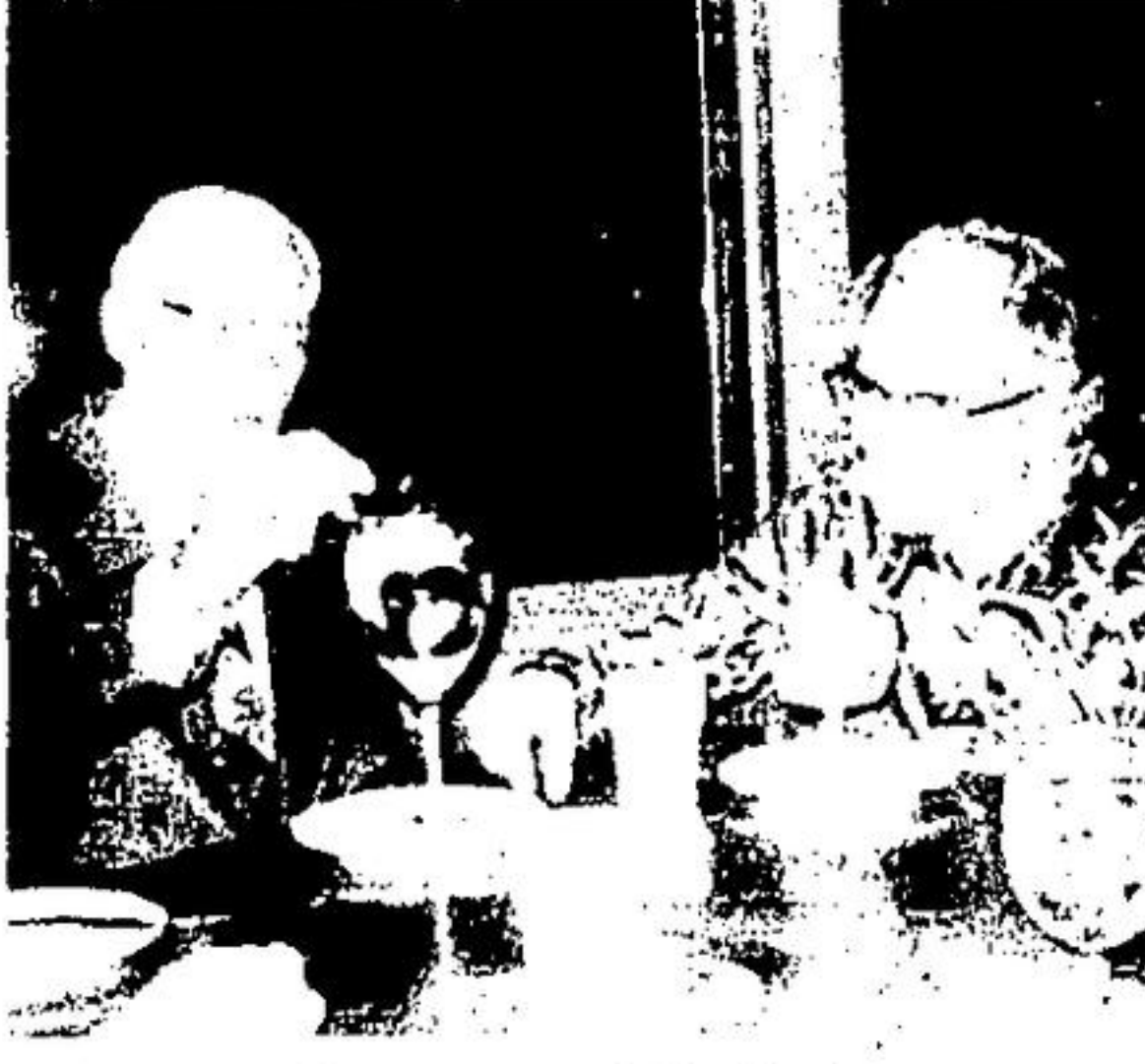
ROCKMOSA 100 RALLY was a huge success Saturday as 66 entrants roared over a scenic course. The rally, sponsored by

the Lions Club, raised \$4,030. These three drivers are heading in for a break, complete with hot coffee.

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**Century Birthday**

ONE-TIME Nassagaweya resident Fred Fletcher, now of Seattle, celebrated his 100th birthday Jan. 7. Mrs. Fletcher is the former Alice Kingsbury, also of Nassagaweya.

## One-time local resident celebrates 100th birthday

Brothers Jack Richardson of Milton and Ivan Richardson of Guelph and their wives flew to Seattle recently to attend the 100th birthday celebration of their uncle Fred Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher was born and raised in Nassagaweya.

Until he was 21 Mr. Fletcher lived on the family farm on Lot 20 Conc. 4, Nassagaweya. In 1900 he moved to North Dakota where he farmed until 1936. It was a time of severe droughts and the family moved to Seattle where Mr. Fletcher worked as a security guard until his retirement at the age of 82.

In 1913 he married a childhood friend, Alice Kingsbury, who was raised on Lot 24

Conc. 3 in Nassagaweya. In an interview with a Seattle reporter Mr. Fletcher called it "a kind of a long distance romance."

Both Fletchers are alert and active. Mrs. Fletcher is 92. Mr. Fletcher explained to the reporter, "I guess we're still alive because we both worked so hard all our lives."

The couple have one son and two daughters. Longevity seems to run in the family — Mr. Fletcher's brother George of Seattle is 87 and an older brother and sister lived past 90. Mrs. Fletcher's sister, Mrs. Thenia Lamb of Guelph, will soon be 90. Her brother William Kingsbury

and family live in Oxbow, Sask., and a niece, Mrs. Harry Fatt recently moved back to Guelph from Chilliwack, B. C.

The Fletcher farm was the home of Ivan Richardson until 1961. The Richardsons' four children were born and raised there. They are: Aubrey of Milton, Bruce of Tillsonburg, Lorraine (Mrs. Douglas Black) of Guelph and Helen (Mrs. W. Davies) of Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher live in a semi-independent apartment in one of Seattle's senior citizen communities. Mr. Fletcher marked his 100th birthday Jan. 7.

## Council opposes lot severances

A recommendation for a severance of eight lots in Rockwood has been received thumbs down from Eramosa township council.

At the council's Monday evening meeting, Reeve Bill Adsett read a recommendation from the Rockwood Village Trustees stating council recommendation should be made for the severance approval. Eight

lots, 66 feet by 118 feet would be created on Queen Street, owned by Bert Searf.

Deputy Reeve Henry Holman Jr. did not feel the matter was up to council, but should be sent to the committee of adjustment.

Councillor Dave Masson queried the fact the group held a special meeting on a Friday night, "to accommodate something they

violently opposed in the past." He continued to say the trustees have given no reason for their change of minds. He also pointed a minimum size lot in Rockwood is 66 by 132.

A resolution was passed, and will be sent on to the village trustees and the Committee of Adjustment, stating they are opposed to the severance. The reasons given are: a regular village

lot is 66 by 132, not 118; recommendation will lead way to severance being granted before sewer and water service are operational; recommendation to applicant in view of lot size applied for gives way to applicant's proposed subdivision; and the recommendation is premature in view of secondary planning to take place in the Village of Rockwood.



Way back in December, I seem to remember extolling the beauties of snow. Would somebody please give me a kick in the pants?

We're right in the middle of the BLIZZARD OF '78—January 26—Thursday. Wow!

Night is closing in, the chores have been done, the doors have been shoveled out (they'll be deep again tomorrow - the wind is gusting to 85 m.p.h. - how many kilopascals is that?) and it's time to settle down by the fire.

Fortunately, Mack was unable to get to work. He got as far as Osprey in twenty minutes, nearly hit an ambulance and decided he was crazy. I'm glad he's home, the roof may blow off.

## Wellington essay project

Have you looked at an old map of Wellington County and wondered about all the names of places that are just names now? Have you ever wondered about the people who worked at the carding mill at Stirton on the border between Peel and Maryborough or who named Damascus or what people did for excitement in Metz on a Saturday night? Do you remember your Mother or Great Aunt Hattie telling stories of garden parties at Simpson's Corners or maybe you remember going with Uncle George to the chopping mill that was two lines over west, where the river ran fast?

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Historical Research Society is announcing a Research Project to find out about these small places before they disappear from memory altogether. The Society is interested in preserving the history of those who lived in these small settlements; how they made their living; and why farmers and settlers visited there. The Society wants to know the popular names of the mills, churches, stores, blacksmith shops and inns in these small crossroads communities—so dust off your memories and share them with all your neighbours.

Write your memories or stories in the form of an essay, typewritten and at

least one page long and help us preserve all this important history. There are awards of \$5 each for the 25 best entries. The essays will be evaluated on their historical accuracy and content. Send your entry to Mrs. Harry Burr, 460 Wagarafra St. E., Fergus, not later than April 30, 1978.

These essays will be entered into the Archives of Wellington County and added to those already available from previous projects. Essays on "Abandoned and Neglected Cemeteries", "Post Offices", "Railway Stations Tollgates and Toll Roads" are available from Mrs. Harry Burr for a nominal fee.

## Rockwood bowling

**TEAM STANDINGS**

Nortons 47, Optimists 43, Pelters 42, Kay's Feeds 41, Happy Gang 40, Countrymen 39, The Rovers 38, Guelphites 37, Dynamites 37, Four Corners 36, Pimpals 30, Carneys 30.

Results of games bowled Tues., Jan. 24:

Dynamites 7 points, Fred Vandervalk 642, Paul Holman 630, Four Corners 0 points, Don McKersie 620, Ann Parkinson 605.

Carneys 5 points, Howard Dunk 584, Doug Carney 524, Pelters 2 points, Erke Van Driel 554, Joy Halliburton 535.

Nortons 7 points, Roy Nightingale 621, Ivy Ritchie 570, Kay's Feeds 0 points, Dunc Kingsbury (spare) 613, Elmer Allan 594.

Optimists 4 points, Gerry Birkholz 491, Flora Bruce 464, Pimpals 3 points, Garfield Tarzwell (spare) 554, Denise Bolton 531.

Guelphites 5 points, Dunc McPhedran 710, Sam Lawler 710, Rovers 2 points, George Smith 607, Gordon Ostrander 508.

Countrymen 7 points, Peter Bosch 627, Bert Gould 616, Happy Gang 0 points, Dennis Death 614, Dick Stokman 523.

Men over 600—Dunc McPhedran 710, Sam Lawler 710, Harve Jestin (spare) 672, Fred Vandervalk 642, Paul Holman 630, Peter Bosch 627, Roy Nightingale 621, Don McKersie 620, Bert Gould 616, Dennis Death 614, Dunc Kingsbury (spare) 613, George

Women over 500—Ann Parkinson 605, Marg McKersie 579, Eva Bosch 574, Ivy Ritchie 570, Nellie Stokman 567, Erke Van Driel 554, Fran Dales 540, Alice Johnson 536, Joy Halliburton 535, Denise Bolton 531, Val Samuel 521, Sue Nightingale 519, Diane Carney 517, Ruth Kingsbury (spare) 510, Nina Coverdale 505, Jane Murlson 500.



**LOIS MCRAE PROVES** it isn't just a man's sport as she speeds toward the finish line in the annual Rockmosa 100 snowmobile rally.

**Floundering pheasants**

Feeding the stock was quite an adventure. Even getting to the barn was exciting. When I went to get out, there was as much snow in the chop as there was outside. The barn had its share of "snow fingers" blowing in through the cracks.

After shovelling the three feet of snow from the door, we fell into the barn to meet two donkeys and a horse come loose from their moorings. We'd kept them in for the day and they resented it.

The pheasants had to be dug out. They live outside in their pen with two uses. I panicked when I saw both shelters completely smothered in snow and struggled to get through the pen door. But Christopher Pheasant heard me and stuck his red and gold head up through the snow to say he was fine.

He was freed and fed but we couldn't find his mate Caroline until we located a bump in the snow where the second house should be. Sure enough, there was Caroline cowering inside with about a square foot of snowless area left. She shot out and shrieked for Chris to save her, flying around the pen swearing at the vagaries of the weather. Maybe she blamed us for the whole thing.

**Tall dog**

It is now Friday. The pheasants have once again had to be dug out. Now they are convinced we're responsible for their discomfort.

The house creaked and groaned all night and Mack's 60 foot antenna sounded as if it would come down any minute, but it didn't.

Reminded me of the Great Ice Storm of Montreal in the early 60's. We reminisced last night remembering all the nasty blizzards in the Valley. That ice storm was the second most frightening I've ever experienced and knocked out our power for five days.

Two tall cedar trees on either side of my parents' front door were bent double with the weight of inch thick ice coating every blade, and their tops trailed the ground. Our small dachshund pattered out in the morning, slid off the front steps and watered the top of a 15 foot cedar. My Father was very proud of him.

One comment on yesterday's storm that delighted me—Bill McVean of CFRB radio looked out his window at 2.30 p.m. and said, "This must be what it's like to live inside a pillow."

Do you realize it's only late January? We have two more months of this to go! Fortunately, I have it on good authority (two local farmers who have seen 60 to 70 winters right here) that it's going to be an early spring. Remember, you heard it here first.