



MARY FUNK has been hand dipping chocolate confections at the Schneider's Candy Factory, Rockwood for the last 25 years.



JEAN GIVEN is a 30 year employee of the Schneider's Candy Factory, Rockwood. Here she weighs some jelly beans—one of her year round duties.

## Candy factory busy with Easter orders

by B. Wynneck  
Easter is less than two weeks away.  
Nobody knows this better than the six employees of the Schneider's Candy Factory, Rockwood, who are now in their busiest season. Grandchildren and even great grandchildren of J. H. Schneider, who founded the company over 50 years ago, plan in and give the family business a hand getting the chocolate rabbits, hens, ducks and clovers to market.  
On the factory's upper floor, where the ladies are wearing blue buttons saying "Apprentice Easter Bunny", work begins in January to have the products ready for spring.  
These Easter confections are unique because they are hand made, from pure chocolate, in the tin molds remembered for 50 years. The molds each have their special names including Mr. and

Mrs. Chic, Grandma and Grandpa, Dutch and Girl and Boy. There are bunnies of all sizes, with baskets, in pairs, hopping, driving cars or riding scooters.  
The chocolate is melted over hot water and the molds are hand filled by the long experienced workers.  
The chocolate sticks to the side of the mold and the shape is formed. The form then hardens, taking anywhere from 10-20 minutes, depending on the weather. The chocolate sets faster on colder days. The molds are unclipped and then the delightful animals are decorated, again by experienced hands. Weighing, pricing and wrapping, finish the process.  
The family business operates year round. Frank Schneider is the candymaker, the trade he learned from his father. Brother Clarence is the company's salesman and

purchasing agent and sister Shirley Foltz is the book-keeper and "girl Friday". Lately she has been busy decorating the Easter products. Shirley says that her Dad was the real candy decorating artist. He begins making his tiny flowers immediately following Easter for the next year's trade.  
Receiving old price lists, you can see that inflation has really hit the candy market. In the 1930's, chocolate was ten cents a pound—now it is two dollars a pound!  
"You can let people know that we are still here," says Shirley. The business was reported as sold a few years ago and is currently for sale.  
The factory is located on Main St. Rockwood, next to the town hall. It is open to the public for Easter sales every afternoon 1-4 p.m. Saturdays from 10-4 p.m. and Good Friday 10-4 p.m.



THESE EASTER bunnies from the Schneider's Candy Factory, Rockwood, are ready to hop into homes as Easter sweets. They are hand filled in the old time molds by local Easter bunny apprentices.

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OLDEST AND YOUNGEST students who cross country ski to school each day are Brad Billings and Don Godding. The two, along with five others, live near Eden Mills and ski to Rockwood Centennial School.

## Students ski to school earn Canadian medals

Six Rockwood Centennial School students and a teacher have skied their way towards medals from the Canadian Ski Association.  
Teacher Bob Love explained that he and 14-year-old Brad Billings started cross country skiing to school back in early December. Both lived on the Second Line of Eramosa. After Christmas, five other students from the same area put their Christmas presents to good use and joined the pair. Ages range from nine to 14, not including the teacher.  
Mr. Love is first on the route and is joined by the others. They cover part of the

Rockwood Conservation area, walk along the ice on the Eramosa River for a piece, through the bush, and across two farmers' fields (they have permission).  
Brad Billings has earned his gold medal, as he has skied a total of 500 kilometers. For his age group, he only had to ski 400 kms to receive the award. The rest of the group are working on their bronze, which for some is 60 kms, and for others is 100 kms. Their daily route is six miles one way.  
Sarah Brown, 12, Mark Godding, 11, Don Godding, 10, David Levi, 13 and Dave Van

Rhijn, 11, are the other skiers. They leave home at 7.30 a.m., and arrive at school by 8.30. They leave when their teacher is ready, sometimes not until 4 o'clock.  
Mr. Love said this time of year the hike is beautiful. They have watched the sun come up, and the light played tricks on the colorful branches. Unfortunately, he said, this time of year presents icy trails, and because of temperature changes during the day, a different wax must be used in the morning and late afternoon.  
Altogether, Mr. Love pointed out, only eight skis have been broken.



ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL school teacher Bob Love clowns around with Sarah Brown and Mark Godding while they set out for home on cross country skis. The three are joined by four others and ski to school daily from their homes on the Second Line of Eramosa township near Eden Mills daily.

## Hydro keeps building towers

Ontario Hydro is going ahead with construction of the Bruce to Milton hydro corridor in spite of energy minister Reuben Baetz's indecision about the possibility of an independent study of the corridor. Baetz promised a decision this week.

In an information release this week, Hydro outlined the steps they are taking to complete the line, which will march through the centre of Halton Hills with 160 foot high towers.

Hydro calls the section which passes through Halton Hills the "Limehouse to Milton" although it includes part of Erin township and the town of Milton. Appraisals are now underway on this section and owners being contacted by the Property Department staff, the first

step leading to an offer of compensation as required under The Expropriations Act. Forestry staff are continuing to carry out woodlot evaluations on this section.

From Colbeck to "Limehouse" which includes part of East Luther, East Garafraxa and Erin Townships, construction crews have been busy on environmentally sensitive areas where frozen ground has minimized damage. It is expected 95 tower foundations between Colbeck and Highway 24 will be completed soon.

Hydro has taken possession of all property on this section of the line. Property appraisals have been completed and negotiations continuing with owners.  
From Bradley Junction to Colbeck, Hydro expects to have 284 towers done soon.

## Runaway train kills three at site

A freak industrial accident killed three construction workers Tuesday morning when an unmanned train engine slipped into gear and plowed into four small trucks parked on the railroad ties. The 8 a.m. accident occurred at an Ontario Hydro job site between Eighth and Ninth Line, east of Trafalgar Rd. on Britannia Rd.  
Train engineer Victor R. Newcombe, 55 of 1380 Olgar

Dr., Burlington had stepped out of the locomotive to get a coffee, along with several other construction workers, police said.

Approximately 24 workers were gathered at the site, around a coffee vending truck parked with three other trucks on the tracks, when the engine rolled forward crashing into the trucks and men.

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### Local woman at convention

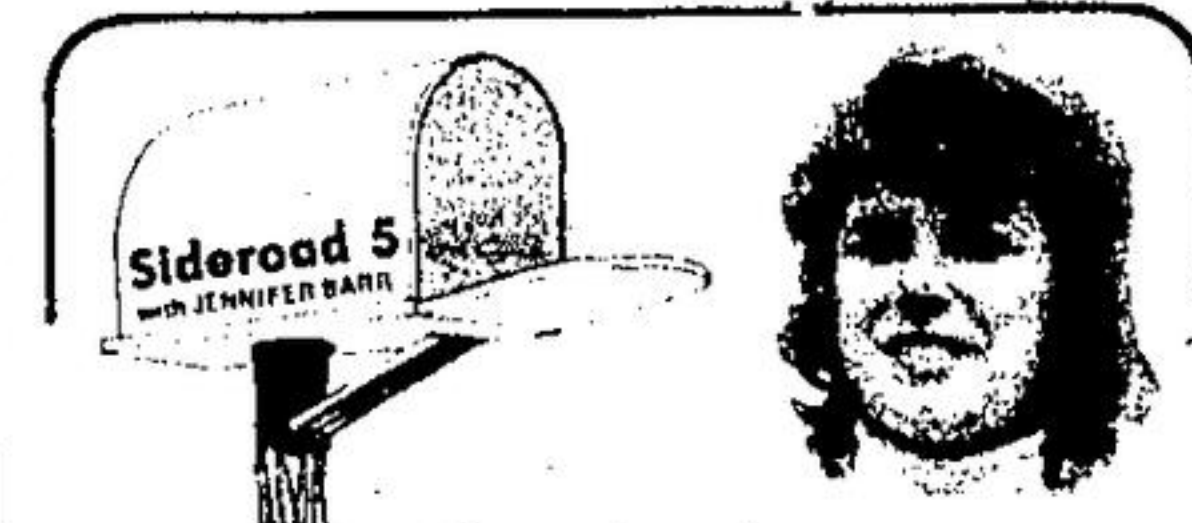
by Doris Fines  
Sure, my mother never came from Ireland, but there's something about me Irish, and faith, 'twould warm the cockles of yer heart to take a stroll thro' Tollymore Park, climb the hills of dear ol' Donegal, or walk the shore at Donaghadee. It just seems like yestudye that I was thurr. Sure ye should go thurr yersel' sometime. It's luffly.  
Mrs. George Lang attended the Hairdressers Convention on Sunday, at the Sheridan Hotel in Toronto. It was slightly crowded, there being around 12,000 people there.  
Gwen Hacke was hostess for the Busy Bees on Monday night. The roll call was answered by stating a leisure time activity or interest that I would like to develop. The president Linda Pankratz

took charge of the meeting. Vice president is Margy Johnston. Gwen's mother and grandmother taught the girls how to crochet, doing the slip stitch, single, double and treble crochet, and some started to do a granny square. Discussion was on a "night hike" they will be taking soon.  
Easter, was the theme of the Ladies' Aid meeting, at the home of Mrs. Ward Bruce, which began with tea and dessert.  
Mrs. Bruce, taking the devotional, spoke about the re-birth, the signs of spring and the upsurge of new life to the earth, Easter and the significance of the resurrection, the hope and the life. Scripture reading was from Matthew. Mrs. Bruce concluded the devotional by reading an article on "Will

## Birthday

Mary Rogers was the guest of honor at a birthday party at Eden Mills on Friday which took the form of a luncheon. Anne Chandler was hostess for the event which emphasized Spring.  
There was a special maple-flavored cake which featured a maple sugar ornament with the lighted candles. The cake was made by Linda Skoropad, one of the guests.  
Other guests included Liliane Ng, Acton; Joyce Hill, R.R. 1, Rockwood; Patricia McCarthy, Cormac; Hazel Mack, Guelph and Mischa Skoropad, R.R. 2 Rockwood.

You", taken from the book "A Man Called Peter". Mrs. Gordon Aitken had charge of the study book. She asked the ladies to read accounts of Mary Slessor. The study book is on Local Churches in God's Mission, and it stressed on how local churches had helped Mary Slessor. Mrs. Aitken then read some items of past history of the local church.



THESE THREE Rockwood Centennial All Star Band members, received the top award for their year's musical endeavours. Heather Cox left, plays the trumpet; Susan Oakes centre, plays the trombone; and Wendy Weachter right, plays on the clarinet. The prizes were plaster busts of the composers Beethoven, Bach and Brahms.

Spring is coming—I'm sneezing again.  
It's most sensible of animals to grow their own winter coats in this climate but I wish they'd be more tidy about their removal.  
My vacuum cleaner repair man shakes his head and mutters "This machine wasn't meant to cope with shag rugs AND Persian cats!"  
Celia and Angela, the argumentative lady cats, have an interesting way of shedding their hair. They spend these early spring months fighting constantly, ripping great handfuls of hair out of each other with every tussle. We can always find Angela. We just follow the white trail like Hansel and Gretel and, sure enough, there's Angela under someone's bed.  
Mack wears a dark green suit to work and has to put it on in the kitchen, the only room with an uncarpeted floor. We brush him down and send him out relatively respectable, but if he stands around for a minute or two, the cat hair materializes from nowhere and zaps itself onto his pants like a magnet.  
Jane, the old dog, is into her semi-annual molt. Each molt lasts approximately six months. She loves lying on the rug in a patch of sun, getting up to leave a complete outline of Jane behind.  
One friend, who also has two dogs and three cats, says spiritedly, "My friends know better than to visit me in navy slacks."

Micatures in the corner  
Other signs of spring invade the house.  
Mikey, one of those huge grey cats who have fifteen pounds of muscle and ten pounds of hair, feels the need to prepare his claws—for what, I hesitate to ask.  
In a log house, the jutting log ends at every corner offer a made-to-order kitty scratching post. Mikey thinks it's marvelous to live here.  
However, he's been bashed so many times for sharpening his feet on the walls, that he has developed a rather furtive way of going about it. He crouches in a mouse hunting pose, looks rapidly left and right for any signs of a hand, has a rapid mini-scratch, and struts off aloofly as if that scratching cat weren't him at all but a total stranger.

The Eye strikes again  
Spring has brought out the Border collie pup's herding instinct to the full. He stalks everyone and everything, freezing to a crouch when he comes upon an unsuspecting cat.  
It was disconcerting at first, but now I'm used to being watched round the door as I cook, by one eye and a half a nose.  
When I use the bathroom and don't shut the door tightly, I try to ignore that eye glued to the crack as I sit there in regal splendor.  
The children close their bedroom doors and the pup lies full length outside, his eye squashed under the door peering in.  
Naturally, the cats are the most frequent recipients of his attentions. No matter where they lie themselves down for a little lick and a stretch, the pup is there, head poised, ears alert—waiting. The cats rarely get a good wash these days.  
Celia was most upset by these proceedings and took to oozing her body under drapes and cushions. Every once in a while, the pup would pass close to a curtain, only to have it leap out and attack him. Startled him a mile.  
Angela is very belligerent and won't stand for any of this nonsense. Yesterday, the pup heard old Jane bark and galvanized himself into action. He wasn't sure what he was ready for but whatever it was he was fighting fit.  
Racing into the kitchen he tripped over Angela having a quiet ladylike nibble at the dinner dishes. Instantly she turned into a spitting, snarling tiger and the pup made like an egg-beater trying to get moving on the waxed floor scattering cat chow, squishy smelly salmon food and water from one end to the other.  
Boy, he got called a lot of rude names.  
Roll on, spring, so we can open all the windows and kick these shedding, scratching, spitting, snarling animals outside.



TAMMY BRAIDEN of Erin rode her fine Quarter horse Rey 5 into the top 15 placings for Youth Activity English Pleasure and Western Pleasure during last weekend's Quarterama show in Toronto. Both classes had 84 and 98 entries respectively, so Tammy and Rey feel they achieved something special. Rey 5 is trained by Bobby Kerr Training Stables of Acton. Quarterama, Canada's largest Quarter horse show, attracted record breaking crowds this year. There were as many as 125 entries in some classes.



THANK YOU for a job well done, says Gerry Miller, co-owner of Whispering Pines Stable of Acton, to Bar Lela. Her Quarter horse mare surprised her by winning a fourth and ninth in Jackpot and Open Barrel races at Quarterama on Sunday. Bobby Kerr Training Stables, part of Whispering Pines, had several notable horses at Canada's largest Quarter Horse show including Leo Lita Van, fourth in Youth Activity Barrel Race and in the top twenty for Open Barrel Racing.