

For years I've been threatening to have a farm sale and get rid of all the goodies Mack has collected at farm sales. Well, we finally had one. A good time was had by all, except

It wasn't a real farm sale with yodelling auctioneer and ladies serving ples-it was just an open house type thing (or open workshop). A lot of people dropped in, mostly neighbourhood men who turned out to be Mack's spiritual brothers. They all had a marvelous time poking round the treasures, talking, exchanging stories, trying to sell Mack something. Some of them came in for coffee and a visit kicking their way through the dogs and several hundred kids that were trailing mud through the house.

One long suffering wife was heard to sigh, "Do you really need that, dear?" as her husband was cheerfully bargaining for a nasty oily little motor.

"She sounded just like you, Jen," commented Mack. Subliminal advertising

The sale was not completely my idea although I have been dropping hints to Mack for years and murmuring subliminal suggestions into his ear when he's asleep. It finally worked because he thought of the idea all by himself when he discovered he didn't have room in his three car garage for even one of the vehicles.

"Gotta get rid of some of this stuff," he muttered, and I

flew to the phone to put an ad in the paper. At first Mack only agreed to advertise his pal tractor. It has been lovingly cared for, pures like a kitten, gets better care than I do, and doesn't do a lick of work. Something like that just had to go.

However, once he had made up his mind Mack got totally carried away making great lists of golden treasures he'd agree to sell if somebody wanted them. "Why sell them-give them away" I kept prodding, "Well, I gotta get what I paid for them," growled Mack. "Why?"

Mack got so deep into his new activity, he even decided to sell my car, my horse, the kids and me, if the right buyer came along. He got his shop cleaned up (sort of), and sat down to wait.

East is east, maybe

The first problem became apparent when several people went to the wrong address. It seems I have as much trouble with my 'easts and wests' as I do with my 'rights and lefts' and had put the wrong directions in the paper. Fortunately, a long suffering neighbour on the other side of the highway sent visitors over to us.

The weather did not oblige proving cold and unspring-like so we still had snow on the lumber and fencing. The driveway fell apart along about noon and the marker stakes for the snowplow were still frozen in the ground-several trucks ran over them.

I'm happy to say Mack and his friends had a companionable time, the kids had a ball, the dogs were ecstatic all day. I have only one complaint about our great farm sale, Hardly a single thing left this property! And Mack now has leads on quite a few other goodies he'd like to add to his

collection. HELPI

### Rockwood Roundup

6, at the Rockmosa Community Centre. Students are

welcome! Music by the Iva

Tones Charleston contest,

bar, buffet. \$7 per couple,

\$2.50 students. Proceeds will

be used towards the re-

painting of the exterior stone

on the church. Tickets

members and at the Medical

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Tonight is the Horticulture

Local talent can be seen

this Friday night at the

Junior Farmer's Annual

p.m. at Eramosa School.

Variety and Gong Show. 8

This is the Saturday to

register for membership in

the Rockwood Tennis Club! April 22, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the

Meeting at the Town Hall 8

available

Centre.

parish

by Barbara Wynneck This is Education Week and Rockwood Centennial School will hold a Primary Assembly April 21 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. All residents welcome! Students art work may be seen in both Stone Road and Willow West Malls, Guelph.

Pioneer Day Chairman Maria Reid reports that plans are well underway for the celebrations on July 1. If you, your group or business wish to place an entry in the parade call Maria at 856-9619. p.m. It is not too late for other suggestions regarding the day's events. Just let Marla know your thoughts on the subject.

Don't forget to get your -tickets for the St. John's Anglican Church Dance, May

#### Erin may hire convict

There is a chance Erin village will employ a person who has been convicted of a minor offence.

The job would be part of the person's sentence so that three months penal time would be replaced with 100 hours work in the community, provided the offender lives at



ST. JOHN'S Anglican Church Dance May 6. Rockmosa Community Centre. Advance ticket sale from parish members, \$7.00 per couple. \$2.50 student. Chariston contest, bar, buffet, fun.

The **AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP** meets at St. Joseph's

Church Hall 64 Church E. Mondays at 8 p.m.

Information 863-3310 After Hours 853-2504 decorated with aging signs

pointing the way to Meadows Camp Ground and Auction Barn, and which presently houses Brandco Insulators, is destined to be demolished this summer. It has been a part of the Main St. architecture for over 100 years and has seen Rockwood at its peak of commercial activity.

Originally it was the livery stable for the Station Hotel, owned until 1914 by George Hurst. The hotel was located just north of this building, adjacent to the railway tracks. Travellers coming into Rockwood by train, would stay at the hotel. They would rent a horse and buggy or horse and cutter, depending on the weather, to visit customers in

the area. In 1914 Fred Hamilton bought the Livery stable and Mrs. Pitcher purchased the Station Hotel. In 1916 Mr. Hamilton added a new dimension to the livery

#### School rooms to be built

The Wellington County School Board awarded a Kitchener firm the \$418,000

Construction is expected to start by the middle of the

At one time the school board contemplated adding a temporary steel structure to

demolished.

this village's downtown.

The study, to start later this

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Erin studies downtown

Erin Council gave the go- month, is to bring council's

ahead to an indepth study of and the community's thinking

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The old wooden building on business. He rented out a car, which was used like a taxi, in Rockwood, the Rockwood area.

In 1921 Roy Young bought out Mr. Hamilton and in the 1920's, the Station Hotel was destroyed by fire. However the livery business continued.

The 1940's saw the building change hands and become a turnp waxing plant, operated by M. P. Barry and Co. In this plant the turnips were placed on a conveyer belt, washed, dried and immersed in hot wax to seal in the flavor. This was then a new process in the turnly industry.

Rockwood was then the heart of the turnip shipping business. Because of the limestone formation in the soil, this area has a special facility for growing a sweet

turnip. Since the 1890's farmers had delivered their wagon or sleigh loads of turnips pulled by their teams, to the Rockwood Rail Yards. M.P. Barry was the first man in Ontario to ship turnips to the U.S. market. Local turnips were served on the tables as far away as Miami Florida, New Orleans, Madison Wisconsin and New Jersey-all the area east of the Mississippi.

up to 100 loads of turnips a day to the rail line. Up to 20 contract for construction of box cars, piled high with an addition to Brisbane turnips would chug away from the Rockwood station. In the 1950's the turnip

Area farmers would haul

growing industry moved west into Huron County, where larger tracts of land could be cultivated with machine precision planters and har-

A NEW landmark on Station St., Rockwood! Gary Brace of Brandco

Insulators reports that he hopes to be installed in their attractive building

by May. Erected by Dunbar Bros. Construction, this will be a combined

office and warehouse to replace their present building which will be

up-to-date on the subject of



THIS 100-year-old building on Main St. Rockwood, is destined to be demolished this summer. It was formerly a livery stable, then a turnip waxing plant and most recently a warehouse for Brandco Insulators.

In 1959 Howard Brace purchased the building from the Department of Highways, and it has since housed Brandco Insulators.

The Braces have found boxes of old cheques from the turnlip business days, in the building. When excavating for their new premises, the contractors discovered bins where turnips had been buried-they were now filled with what appeared to be rocks-or were they turnips?

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