

Pupils honor Emily Wallace

On April 16, 1928 Miss Emily Young, who is now Mrs. George Wallace, began her teaching career at Dublin School, S.S. No. 8, Esquesing, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McRae.

To celebrate this beginning 50 years ago, a reunion of the pupils whom Mrs. Wallace taught was held in the lounge at the Acton Curling Club on Saturday afternoon.

A buffet luncheon served by the Dublin Women's Institute started off the informal gathering when 78 former pupils with spouses and honoured guests enjoyed reminiscing.

Among the honored guests were the parents of pupils: Mrs. Harold Burkholder, Mrs. John Frank, Mrs. John

Ruddick, Mrs. Lorne Mullin, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Britton, Mrs. Roy Lindsay and Mrs. Allan McIsaac. Mr. William McLaughlin was unable to attend because of failing health. Members of Mr. Wallace's family present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Young; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ramsden, Mrs. Max Storey, Murray and Gail and husband George. Elmer Reddick travelled the greatest distance having come from Nakina, Ont. 800 miles north of here. Former school mates had not seen him in 45 years.

Mrs. Lloyd Blacklock (Wilda McLaughlin) spoke a few words on behalf of the former pupils and Mrs. Burkholder expressed her appreciation of the invitation to attend the important event.

A letter from Jim Robertson, Kitchener, who was out of the country on vacation, was read and class pictures which he had specially made were distributed to all pupils present who were in the picture. Dr. Donald Ross, Burnaby B.C., called by telephone to relate his disappointment in not being able to attend and a wish for a pleasant gathering.

Mrs. Cyril Engleby presented Mrs. Wallace with an engraved tray from her Dublin pupils April 1928-June 1939 in appreciation of her years of teaching and Mrs. Cal McIntyre presented a sheaf of red roses.

A cake made and suitably decorated with a replica of Dublin School by Mrs.

Murchison, was cut by Mrs. Wallace and served with coffee later on in the afternoon, was a fitting conclusion to a most enjoyable event.

School pictures, class lists and school books were on display. Mrs. Herb Dodds, curator for the Dublin Women's Institute, had the Tweedsmuir Book on display

which includes the history of Dublin School and the story of the Royal Oak which grew from an acorn planted on May 12, 1937 at Dublin School to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth and has been transplanted to the Speyside School.

Alex Waldie, who acted as chairman, called on Calvin McIntyre to say Grace. At the conclusion of the meal, Mrs. Wallace recalled her experiences when applying for

the school—a time similar to those today when there were many more teachers than school vacancies. With a starting salary of \$30 per month, Mrs. Wallace remained as teacher for 11 years and 2½ months—a longer period than any other teacher at Dublin.

The committee in charge of the reunion was: Mrs. Cyril Engleby, Mrs. Bus Chisholm, Mrs. A. Murchison, Mrs. Charles Kingsmill, Mrs. Cal McIntyre with Mrs. George Wallace.



ORGANIZERS OF THE Emily Young Reunion at the curling club Saturday chatted amongst themselves about the success of the occasion.

Left to right, Mrs. Betty McIntyre, Lorraine Kingsmill, Emily Young Wallace, Isabel Engleby, Lorna Chisholm and Verna Murchison.



OLD DUBLIN SCHOOL saw hundreds of students pass through its doors over the years. Emily Young (now Wallace) taught there the longest — 11 years and 2 months.



NOW A MODERN home, old Dublin school has gone through many changes in past years. In the conversion, a side window was bricked up, the belfry removed and a second story added. It is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McRae.

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Old-fashioned service at bike repair shop

by B. Wynneck
Murray McLaren is known throughout the area for his unique Rockwood Bicycle Shop.

This is the spot where kids and adults can have their current set of wheels repaired. Used or new bicycles and tricycles are for

sale. Trade-ins can be negotiated at a fair price. All accessories like training wheels, carriers or lights are available here too.

There are not many outlets where used bicycles of all sizes and types can be found for growing children—here there is a wide selection. As

Murray says, "There's no sense buying a new bike when a good used one will do the trick".

Mr. McLaren has been in the bicycle repair business since 1965. During the winter months he gets 50-60 bikes ready for sale. When the first warm spring day arrives, business is on the move. Riders and bikes are lined up in front of the premises.

In his shop, where years ago eggs were graded, there is an interesting display of iron ware. An old stove top grill, airily designed with daffodils and a hummingbird, hangs on the wall. Murray collects "Anything that a blacksmith makes," as well as old bottles, not to mention antique bicycles!

One of his prize possessions is a bicycle with wooden wheel rims, once owned by Billy Gordon who lived in the Rockwood Academy during the early 1900's. Murray bought the bicycle in parts and has beautifully restored it. The original identification disc points out that it is a C.C.M. Rambler, manufactured in Toronto. Mrs. Brown, Mr. Gordon's daughter, is sure that her dad had the bicycle when he came to Rockwood in 1906. Murray remembers Mr. Gordon riding this bike up Main St.

It doesn't matter to Murray where a bike has been made. In his pleasant affable manner he says, "I can repair anything with wheels on—if I can't fix it, it can't be fixed." Many a kid and parent can attest to that statement as a fact! There are bikes from Poland, Japan, Canada and England lined up in the shop. The trend towards 10 speed bikes is relatively new in Canada, but old English bikes have much the same design as current models.

According to Mr. McLaren part of bicycle safety is

keeping the machine in good repair. In one corner of the shop he keeps a supply of old tires. "If a kid comes out from Guelph and gets stuck with a flat tire and no money, I can fix him up." With that

generous kind of attitude, no wonder Murray is known for miles around!

The Rockwood Bicycle Shop at 100 Gowan St. is open Monday through Saturdays 9-12 and 1-4.



MURRAY McLaren of Rockwood Bicycle Shop shows his early 1900 C.C.M. bike with wooden wheel rims, once owned by Billy Gordon, a one-time resident of the Academy. This bicycle is not for sale!

Rockwood Roundup

by Barb Wynneck

First practice for Rockwood and Eramosa Soccer teams will be held on Saturday, April 29. The Squirts and Atoms from Eramosa will meet at Eramosa School at 10 a.m. All other players will meet at Rockwood Centennial School, the Squirts and Atoms at 10 a.m., Pee Wee's and Mosquitos at 11 a.m.

Players are requested to turn in any equipment from last year. For additional information telephone Chris Bertelson at 856-4428 or Chris Haworth at 856-4968.

Registration Day for the Rockwood Co-Operative Nursery School is May 17, 7:30-9 p.m. at the Town Hall. The school is open to children three and four years of age. For further information contact Ann McGeragle at 853-0469.

Rockwood and Eramosa Home and School Association will again hold a general meeting for elections at Eramosa Public School, May 4, 8 p.m.

First Eramosa and First Eden Mills Guide Companies joined together to represent Spirit Valley in the South Wellington Division Volley Ball Tournament at Centennial Collegiate recently. The local girls placed fourth in the competition and really enjoyed the fun of the evening, including the swim

in the Centennial Pool.

Dates to remember—Local Wildlife artist Bob Bateman's slide presentation "Rockwood to Antartica" April 29, 7:30 p.m. Rockwood Centennial School.

Rockwood Co-Operative Nursery School Bazaar, Rockwood Centennial School, May 13.

The survey for your ideas about secondary planning for Rockwood has arrived in local mail boxes. Fill in your thoughts on the subject and return it to the Village Office, in person or by mail. Spare copies are available from Mr. Hockey in the Village Office. If you have any questions he will assist you. The deadline is May 2. Returns have been slow. Don't miss your opportunity to participate in local government.

There was enthusiastic response to the recent Tennis Club Registration. The club will be limited to 350 members, with Eramosa Township residents being given first choice. If you have forgotten to sign up, there is still time, call Sandi McLean at 856-4996. Windscreens are hung in place, the courts are swept, conditions are A-1. It is the season for everyone to play tennis! Monday, May 8 has been set aside for a fun competition day for ladies. Grab your rackets, ladies, and be on the courts at 9 p.m. Tennis experience not important, enthusiasm necessary!

Rockwood man dies in crash

A Rockwood man is dead and another in hospital following a two car crash on Highway 401 just east of Brock Rd. (Highway 6) Monday, at 2 p.m.

Guelph detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police report Ian Galt Ferguson, 60, of R.R. 2, Rockwood, was fatally injured when a car driven by Clyde Burton 28, of Kitchener, jumped the median, and the cars collided. Mr. Burton is in Guelph General Hospital with a broken leg, police say.

Both vehicles were totaled, according to OPP, and it is not known if there were any passengers in either vehicle.

OPP locates area woman

Henrietta Donaldson, age 90 years, of R.R. 3, Rockwood, was found by Ontario Provincial Police constables about a mile and a half from her daughter's home Monday morning.

Mrs. Donaldson was taken to Guelph General Hospital for observation. Mrs. Donaldson, according to Guelph OPP, left her daughter's home during the night and was found in a wooded area by the OPP canine team.

Conference is planned

The Ontario Heritage Foundation is planning a conference in Peterborough during August which will examine the relationship between economic potential of a town and architectural conservation. The Chamber of Commerce is expected to receive more information on this program.



IT IS SPRINGTIME in Rockwood! Liz Moss rode her horse, Fury, into town for a visit with neighbourhood children.

Propose Leo Club for Eramosa youth

by Barb Wynneck
Vince Dunn, president of Rockwood and District Lions Club, will hold a meeting for those teenagers, wishing to form a Leo's Club, Friday, April 27, 8 p.m. at Rockwood Centennial School.

A Leo's Club is an organization for teenagers,

male and female, 13-18 years, similar in principle to the Lions' and Lionettes' Clubs. It is a service organization, which raises money for the community benefit of young people. For example—if the Leos felt that a basketball court was necessary in the village, the group would raise

the funds and have the court built.

Twenty teenagers are needed to form a Club. Parents of participating teenagers do not have to be Lions or Lionette members. The organization is open to the young people of Eramosa Township. The group is self-directing, with its own executive. One Lion member will act in an advisory capacity.

Tower draws Milton's fire

Citizens have fallen in line with Milton council's opposition to a proposed 200-foot tall CN-CP microwave tower.

The telecommunications company wants to build the tower on Court Street.

Three petitions bearing about 185 names and a large number of people from St. Paul's United Church attended council's meeting last week.

Citizens said they objected to the height of the tower.

"The visual impact will be with us for years to come" Rev. Lorne Brown said.

The present microwave tower will not be able to work once the east-west 50 kV Ontario Hydro corridor is in place.

Town officials fear CN-CP will go ahead with building the tower because Milton has no legal means to stop it.

Other sites are under consideration.

Replace hall

A study on repairing the 112-year-old community hall at Aberfoyle recommend replacing it. It would cost at least \$81,000 to rebuild parts of the frame structure to meet building code specifications. Council is considering the report fully.

Trustees get hike in pay

Trustees Audrey Bilton, Betty Eastwood and Tony Reid, along with Village Secretary Len Hockey were present at the April 24, Rockwood Village Trustees' Meeting.

It was decided that Trustees honorariums would be increased \$5 per meeting. The rates have been static for five years. It was felt that this raise was necessary to keep fees in line with other officials' pay schedules.

Again the trustees appeal to community members to keep their dogs tied. There have been numerous complaints of damage to local property. Delinquent owners face a fine of \$50 to retrieve their dog

from the pound. Dog licenses are available in the Village Office. The fees are \$5 spayed female, male, unspayed female \$16; additional dogs, \$15 each.

Audrey Bilton will be attending the Eramosa Planning Board meetings as a liaison member for the Village of Rockwood.

Clean up day for the Village has been set for May 13. Trustees toured the Village recently and were disappointed to see derelict cars and piles of debris on certain properties. They feel that Clean Up Day is an opportunity for villagers to improve the sights in the community.

Authority hires new Super

Alan Leach of Brantford has accepted the position of General Superintendent with the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. He will be responsible for operation and maintenance of all conservation areas in the watershed, including development plans, budgets, personnel and equipment.

Mr. Leach replaces Harold Cruikshank of Orangeville, who, following illness in 1977 has taken a leave of absence