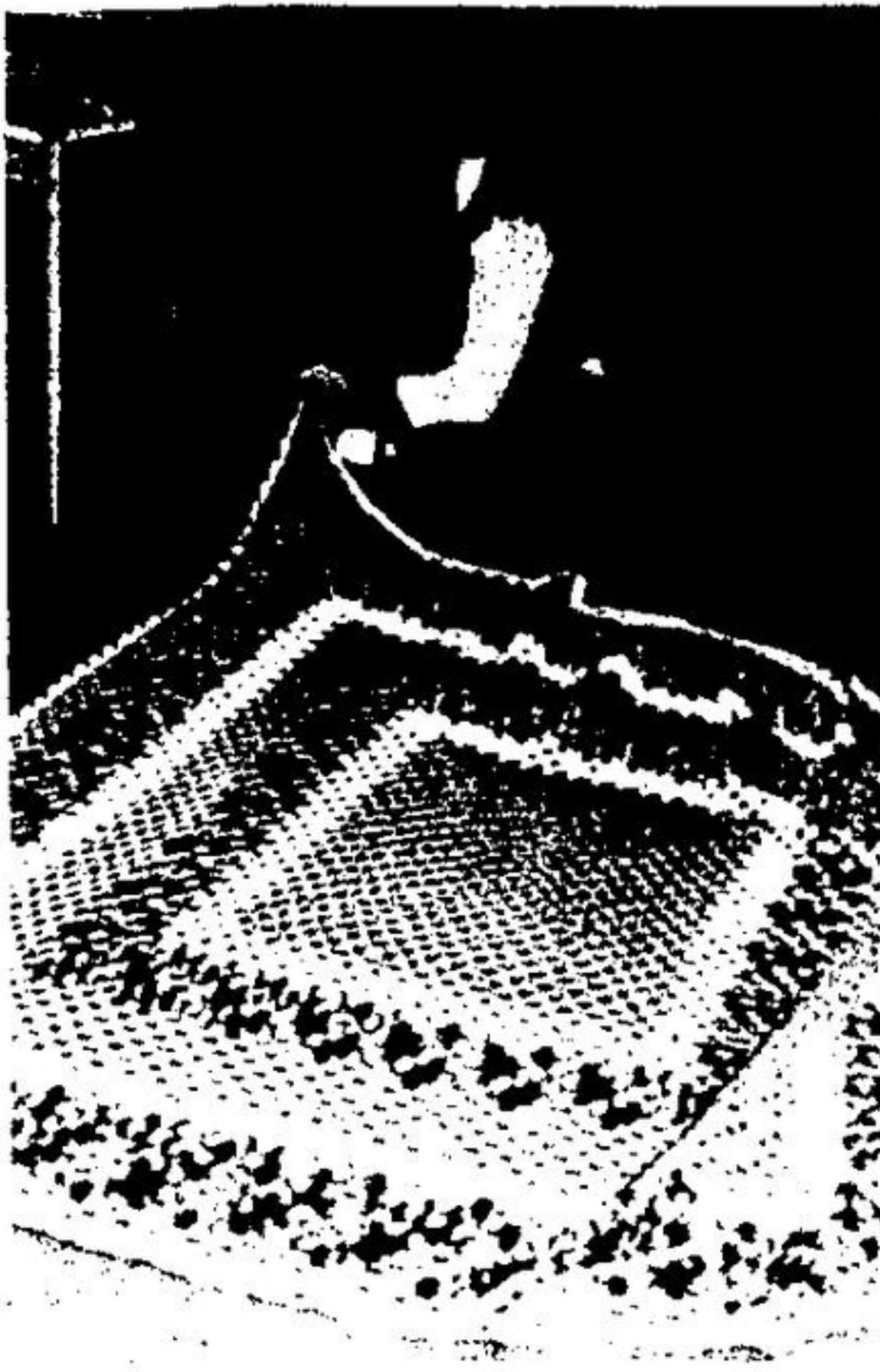




MACRAME lessons put to practical advantage. Here instructor Kay Chatterton, right, assists Barbara Osborne with her lampshade during the Rockwood night school program.



TWENTY-TWO ladies regularly attend the Monday night exercise class in the Rockwood night school program.



ROUND and round she goes! Linda Osbourne crochets her bedspread at the Rockwood night school program.

## Red tape snarls home construction

Eramosa township sympathizes with the predicament of an Acton resident, but their hands are tied and councillors are unable to help him.

Bob Lazenby, of Acton, attended the council's meeting Monday evening and explained that he had purchased a lot in Rockwood and a pre-fabricated home, now in storage. He had a contract with builders to erect the home, but it expires on August 1. He also said he had money in registered home ownership and had to know one month in advance when to

take that out. His problem, he explained, was that he could not get a building permit to build the home until the sewers and water project was completely operational.

Building Inspector Glen Creba told council the waiting game was costing Mr. Lazenby "an arm and a leg". He needed to know when the project would be completed so he could either cancel or extend contracts. Mr. Creba explained he applied for a permit last year and was refused for the same reason. He suggested that maybe due to hardship, the by-law could be

waived in this case. Visiting Rockwood village trustee Betty Eastwood pointed out the minute the contractors start putting his house up, he must pay interest on his mortgage. She pointed out if there was a strike by the sewer and water contractors, he would be losing a lot more money than he is now. He is more protected now, she explained.

Council decided they could not grant Mr. Lazenby a building permit at this time, nor could they give him an approximate date on when the project will be completed.

## Hortop Mill to be picnic area?

The future of the Hortop Mill in Everton was discussed at the Eramosa township council meeting Monday evening. Joseph Benham, who keeps an eye on the place, attended council's meeting and explained a lot of work has to be done to maintain the structure, which was just recently restored. He explained fishermen drop by and light fires to keep warm, or vandals get in and destroy parts of it. Mr. Benham said he would like to see some action

taken on the responsibility for the building. Deputy reeve Henry Holman Jr. pointed out a lot of money had already been spent to restore the site, and for the township to stop maintaining it now would be like kissing the money previously spent goodbye. "Are we going to let the conservation authority (Grand River) take it over or are we?"

Councillor Dave Masson said the site was an ideal family picnic area, but would have to be fenced in.

Reeve Bill Adsett pointed out if it had not been for the local interest, the building would long ago been dismantled by the conservation authority.

Mr. Benham said, at the present time, the picnic tables need painting and the weeds need spraying. He was instructed by the reeve to go ahead with the work, and the clerk will be instructed to notify the conservation authority to discuss any plans they might have.

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# Erin Township council meeting Mon.

by Doris Fines

Erin Township reeve Donald Matheson, and deputy reeve Bert Wheeler, met with county engineer Allan Holmes to get advice regarding Telephone City gravel. They brought back an agreement to be signed with TC. The truck haulage route joins highway 24, north of Erin, and follows 17 Sideroad to highway 25. The agreement states, 17 sideroad shall be primed and surface treated

by TC, on an appropriate aggregate base, so as to create a hard surface. This includes intersection improvement on No. 17 and highway 25 if necessary. They will maintain these roads to a reasonable standard, as determined by the municipality, as long as they continue to be used for the extraction of gravel.

Five tenders were received for grass cutting in cemeteries and other municipal properties. Councillors

George Root and John Reid were nominated to interview them, and get recommendations, beginning with the lowest bidder.

These tenders were received for caretaking of library and municipal building. Council accepted the tender of Glen Neal of Hillsburgh, at \$3.50 per hour.

A letter of congratulations will be sent to Acton Chief Nick Holmes and the Firefighters, on receiving the

Citizen of the Year award.

Council received a delegation from the Hillsburgh Blue Grass Festival committee. Whereas in previous years there has been a problem with traffic control on Mill Street, council approved the closing of Mill Street from Ann Street to the Medical Centre, for 12 hours, to accommodate the Blue Grass Festival, July 8, under the supervision of the road superintendent. Traffic will

be re-routed, and the firemen will supervise parking.

At a previous meeting, council had refused to pay an invoice of \$1520 to the Erin Village library, as the same services can be obtained from the township library. However, they agreed to donate \$750 to help defray costs of those township citizens using the Erin library. A letter of acknowledgement was received from Mrs. De Nance, in which she hoped the County Library Board will accept it as a donation, and not on an annual basis.

Building inspector Glen Creba wants some policy and guidelines in his work of enforcing by-laws. He looks into infractions of housing animals when they are brought to his attention, but he dislikes going around snooping for them. What should he do when complaints come in about one place, and he enforces the law, while down the road someone else is infringing, but no one complains?

Ed Barden, road superintendent, asked direction from council on how to use the money for the best interests of the people. They agreed the best way was to spread the road improvements on different areas of the township, and not all on one particular piece of road.

At special meetings held earlier, \$1,000 was donated to Erin Township Recreation Board, and contracts were let to Cox Construction for crushed gravel, Miller Paving for calcium chloride at \$94.60 per ton, and Thos. Hope for snowplowing in Hillsburgh. Due praise was given to Mr. Hope for the terrific job he does in always keeping the streets open. If a township plow had to be brought in, they would lose valuable time in getting the roads open, and they are also too large for manoeuvrability in village areas.

Council adjourned to meet again June 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Ermosa Township canvassed for the Cancer Society collected a total of \$2,930.76.

Northern township chairman Trudi Adsett thanks her generous canvassers and residents who added \$1,114 to the fund.

Marjorie Saunders, southern Eramosa township chairman, is very pleased with the results in her

### Trustee says

## Misleading survey could be confusing

The questionnaire on Rockwood secondary planning put out by planning consultants Marshall, Maklin and Monaghan was misleading

and did not cover enough homes, claim village trustee Audrey Bilton and planning board member Alan Osbourne. Both attended the

regular meeting of Eramosa township council Monday evening to air their grievances. Mr. Osbourne said he was disappointed the survey was circulated only to homes in Rockwood. He said rural residents are just as or even more interested in the village than the residents themselves and should have a way to express their opinion and be kept up to date on what the consultants are doing.

Council decided to ask the planning consultants to extend the survey to the rural residents of Eramosa, at no extra cost, rather than concentrating on another door to door survey in the village.

Mrs. Bilton pointed out to council that two questions on the survey contradicted each other. She explained she did a quick survey of the questionnaires herself.

She noted that the results of one question show most of the villagers want the village to grow to 2000 within a few years. Another question's results show just the opposite. She feels this is misleading to the villagers and could cause a lot of problems in the future.

Council also could see future problems because of the confusion.



Squabs are the wierdest, ugliest, most engaging creatures ever born on this farm—or any farm for that matter!

In case you're not sure what a squab is—it's a baby pigeon. Now these little fellows aren't your average every day barn pigeons. These are prize fantails—very elaborate little birds with puffed out chest, helicopter tail and a ridiculous way of prancing around on tiptoe.

Fanny came to live with us two or three years ago, a black fantail hen without a mate. We tried in vain to find her a companion but pigeon raisers keep their birds in pairs and don't usually have extras lying around in the closet.

Our little fantail became a friendly endearing pet—what else is there to do when you can't raise a family? Pat, her owner, was very fond of her and loved to have her perch on his head, particularly if he had his pig helmet on.

Only one egg

Well, our search finally paid off and a handsome red saddle male came to live with Fanny and make her life complete. Fan thought she'd died and gone to heaven. She couldn't get over her luck after so many years of unfulfillment. For the first couple of days, Fan spent her time cuddled up to Big Red cooing and chortling, squashing him in a corner in her eagerness. Big Red began to look a little harassed.

Well, they must have settled down, because in a couple of weeks Fanny laid an egg—one, mind you—and started to set. I had to have a little talk with her about that one egg.

"Really, Fanny," I says, "did you wait all these years for Big Red just to bear him one child? Are you going to set for three weeks on only one egg?"

She got the point and laid another egg.

Gemini Aocs

For three weeks, she and Red took turns covering the eggs and on the twenty-first day the inevitable happened. Out of tiny eggs no bigger than a rogin's, oozed two of the oddest birds imaginable—if you don't count puffins and pelicans. The squabs were certainly small but not small enough to fit in those shells. It must be hellishly uncomfortable spending twenty-one days crammed into such quarters.

The little squabs are white where they're not bald. They have fullized beaks which take up most of their heads. In fact, they have trouble keeping their heads afloat. They are blind with blue-veined eyes still covered by birth membrane. And they're charming.

Red and Fanny are immensely proud of their children and practically pop their vests puffing up their chests.

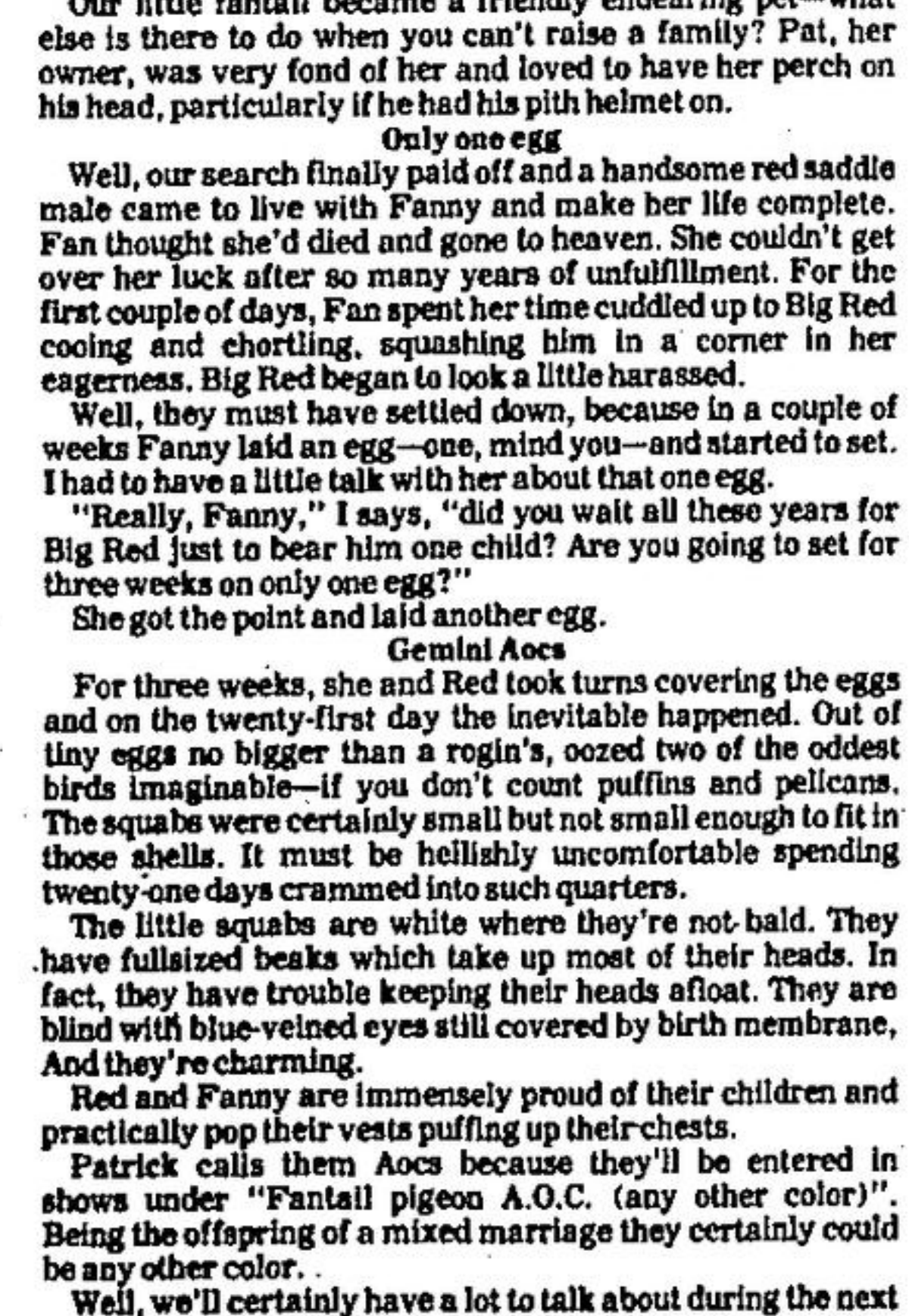
Patrick calls them Aocs because they'll be entered in shows under "Fantail pigeon A.O.C. (any other color)". Being the offspring of a mixed marriage they certainly could be any other color.

Well, we'll certainly have a lot to talk about during the next few weeks because we expect baby rabbits, lambs, baby golden pheasants, baby doves, possibly baby peacocks but no baby donkey. Jessica had all the fun without the consequences, naughty girl.

Councillor John McLeod said that even though he lives in the village, he did not receive the survey. He explained he knew it was in the mail to all householders and wondered how many other villagers did not receive it, yet did not know they should be getting one. Village clerk Len Hockey said no one else in the community had complained about not receiving a copy.

Mr. Boudrea, lot 6, concession 5, came in to complain about property tax and rising costs, saying his taxes have more than doubled in three

years, and he soon won't be able to afford it. On learning the school tax was the largest culprit, he said he deplored the abuse of pencils, erasers, and note books that the children were allowed to bring home, saying the tax payer was paying for them, and if parents were left to buy the supplies themselves, as they used to, there would be less waste, and it would cut down on costs. Mr. Boudrea was advised that was out of council's hands, and he should contact the Separate School Board member, and make his complaints known to them.



Helen Burnham of Helen's Art Nook on Main St. Rockwood, is an artist in the unique field of porcelain painting. She paints her own beautiful softly colored designs on china ware from Bavaria, France and Japan.

China painting or decorating is an old European craft. The paint used is a powder base, mixed with oil. In the kiln the glaze on the china plate opens, the paint permeates the glaze and the oil burns off, leaving the design. For color depth with the transparent paints, each plate requires a series of colour applications and at least three firings.

It is hard to imagine how a plain white china plate and four colors, red, yellow, black and tan could be transformed into soft floral effect in only dusty rose and avocado green—in Helen's hands this

### In Rockwood

## Porcelain painting is featured by artist

can happen. She has won prizes for her work.

China painting is only one of Helen's talents. She also paints on canvas with watercolors. On a commission from the Rockwood Home and School Association she recently did a painting of principal Grant MacCrae's home. It is most charming.

In her shop, Helen also frames "anything and everything". She has a wide choice of frames and mats from which she helps customers choose what is "right" for their photos, paintings or needlecraft projects.

Teaching is another of Helen's talents. She has been instructing students in porcelain painting at the Guelph Recreation Centre and offers classes in her Rockwood shop. She is presently

awaiting membership in the International Porcelain Art Teacher's Association. Helen loves her work, especially the fascinating art of china painting. Always ready to acquire new skills, she is about to take a course in glassware painting.

The shop, on Main St., across from the Eramosa River, carries Helen's china paintings, and water colors, as well as many other local artists' work. Decoupage, seed paintings, dried flower pictures, figurines, jewelry, and some crafts are also in her selection. There is a line of art supplies, including different types of brushes, canvasses and brushes. All supplies for china painting are on hand too.

The shop hours are Wednesday and Thursday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Other times by appointment, call 856-4787.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones

## Rockwood Roundup

by Barb Wynneck

Ladies, don't forget the fun tournament, this Monday 9 a.m. at the tennis courts!

The Eramosa and Rockwood Home and School Association will meet this Thursday, May 4, 8 p.m. at Eramosa Public School. Phil Bruckler, Chairman of Play Environment Advisory Committee and Recreation Director of Woolwich township, will be the guest speaker. He will show slides of the kind of playground the Home and School wishes to establish at Eramosa School. Executive elections will also take place. Come and support this worthwhile parent organization.

and their family of R.R. 3, Rockwood, have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. K.G. Young of Shropshire, England. The Youngs have journeyed to Canada to attend the May wedding of Elizabeth Waywell and Stephen Jones.

Don't forget the St. John's Parish Dance, this Saturday, May 6, at Rockwood Community Centre. Tickets available from Parish members.

Saturday May 13—set aside the hours from 2-4 to attend the Rockwood Nursery School Bazaar at Rockwood Centennial School! Admission is free.

A special attraction is a Mother's Day Table where little children can purchase an attractive inexpensive gift for Mom.

There will be a children's fun area, as well as a fish pond, penny table and home preserves and plant tables. Everyone can enjoy tea, after visiting the bake table, while elephant and children's tables. Fudge and popcorn will be available too.

The afternoon raffle includes a hand woven blanket, a hand-made doll and a macrame hanger. These items are on display at Pearl's Variety.

Another feature is the Rockwood Nursery School's cook book—full of the children's and their moms' favourite recipes.

This is the main fundraising event for the School. Come and enjoy!

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones