



WINNING bed race entry at Rockwood Pioneer Day was pushed to victory by the G.R.S. The time was 59 seconds.

# Pioneer Day is huge success

by Barbara Wynneck  
Pioneer Day in Rockwood was a great success with hundreds of people attending the day's events.  
Winners of the parade were as follows: best horse entry, Bert Robertson of Robertson's Flower Shop with his Shetland hackney pony

Spunky; best animal, Laura Davey's basset hound Muffin; best tricycle pedaled by three year old A. J. Dunne; best bicycle with its red and white Canada Day theme ridden by Robbie Carney; best float with its pioneer log cabin theme decorated by Rockwood Teen Town; best

decorated bed, Rockwood G.R.S.  
The bed race saw Rockwood G.R.S. pushed to first place with a time of 59 seconds, second place tied at 1.02 minutes by Three Wheel 4-II and the Rockwood Leos. Barry Hill Country Meats placed third with a time of

1.17 minutes.  
Children's division of the costume contest saw Larry Zions and Christina Ingleson place first, Lisa Logan second, and Patti McLean third.  
Audrey Bilton and Tony Reid took first place in the Adult division. Best hats were

worn by Lisa Logan and Mrs. Milne.  
The Rockwood firemen were victorious in the tug-of-war contest.  
In the ball park the Eramosa Squirrels and the Eramosa 13 and under girls were both winners over

Guelph and Brookville teams.  
The Rockwood Old Timers proved that age doesn't matter when they defeated the Seniors.  
Organizers wish to thank all individuals and groups who worked to make Pioneer Day a fun-filled Canada Day celebration in Rockwood.

## New speed signs requested in village

by Barbara Wynneck  
Rockwood Village Trustees Audrey Bilton, Betty Eastwood, Tony Reid and Secretary Len Hockey met June 28. The Ministry of Transportation and Communication will be requested to post new speed limit signs throughout the village. A number of complaints regarding speeding vehicles have been registered.  
Trustee Audrey Bilton suggested that a letter be sent to "eye sore" property owners in the village requesting that items such as derelict cars be removed. Other communities' by-laws in this area will be researched before action is taken.

The Holman property adjacent to the Town Hall has been sold and newly surveyed. A lawyer's letter points out that the garage is an on-lot property. The new owners request use of this land. Trustees refused. The garage is in poor repair and trustee Reid advises that now is the time for its removal.  
A letter will be sent to the township advising council to hire a building inspector. The former inspector resigned and has not yet been replaced. Trustees are also advising council to compute future water and sewer charges on the Rockwood Hydro billings. The system is already set up and tax dollars

could be saved by further use of this facility, according to trustees. Next meeting is July 24, 7:30 p.m. in the Village office.  
**Drowned in lake**  
Anderson May, 26, of Rockwood drowned Thursday, June 29 in Guelph Lake. It was reported to police that Mr. May and a friend Doug Reid, had been swimming in deep water. Mr. May had become too tired to swim back to shore. He struggled and attempts to save him were unsuccessful.  
Divers discovered his body in the Watson Road portion of the lake on Friday morning. Divers were hampered in their search as the lake bottom was littered with tree stumps and old fences.

## \$25,000 damage Jessop house

A fire which started in the summer kitchen of Victor Jessop's stone house on lot 22 concession one, Eramosa Township, caused approximately \$25,000 damages on Friday evening June 30. According to Rockwood Fire Chief Carl Meadows, the kitchen was completely destroyed and the roof of the main house burned through.

Three firefighters were injured in the blaze, none of them seriously.  
Rockwood firefighters were called to the home of Ron Lamb, lot 29, Concession 4, Eramosa Township on Monday, July 3. Bales of burning straw behind the house were put out before further damage could be done.

**230 jobs for Milton**  
Two-hundred and thirty jobs will result from the moving of Standard Industries Ltd. onto the Polysar property in Milton.  
The company will operate under the name Rockwall Insulation Products and make products from loose blowing wool to batts to highly dense bonded industrial insulation.  
The move represents and capital investment of more than \$8-million. Rockwall took possession yesterday, but production won't start until early next year. The company will buy equipment from Sweden. Fifty-six people will be hired immediately for preparation work.



Paddington Bear has a home!  
If you read this column last week you know we were trying to find a home for a lovable stray sheepdog who had decided to live with us.  
Paddington liked it here. The food was good, the tenants were friendly, and he didn't see any reason to move on. Unfortunately we had a couple of obnoxious dogs already and weren't about to open a kennel.  
The paper, complete with heart-rending story and front page picture of Paddington, hit the streets around four p.m. Wednesday. At four-thirty, Paddington jumped in the horse water trough then rolled in the donkey dust patch. He was no longer white, fluffy and adoptable.  
By five-thirty the phone calls started and I faced the task of making Paddy presentable for callers. Paddy didn't want to be presentable.  
I thumped him about the porch for an hour or so wrestling a brush through his tatty coat until he looked half decent—the top half only—the bottom half was still damp mud. Paddy observed his brushed self and bounced into the paddock to cover his wool with buttercups and twigs.  
Fortunately the first people out to see him overlooked his unkempt appearance and the dirty paws affectionately patting their cheeks. They became Paddy's new parents. He now lives in Acton with Mr. and Mrs. John George and their two boys.  
The minute Paddy got to his new home, he was popped in the bath!

**Survivor of crash**  
An Erin man, Paul Connolly, is one of the lucky survivors of the Air Canada crash at Malton. He has a broken back. He is a salesman with N.E.N. Canada, a firm which majors in radio chemicals, and his wife worked in Steen's Dairy in Erin.

## Largest crowd ever at grade 8 banquet

By Barbara Wynneck  
Rockwood Centennial School's Grade VIII Banquet saw the largest crowd to date, over 270 people, fill Rockwood Centre. Grade seven students and their mothers prepared and served the meal under the direction of Linda Duncan. The hall was decorated with the theme of keys opening doors to the future.  
Each of the 90 graduating students received a clay pendant, produced in their art classes. Principal Grant Mellae was presented with a jersey labelled "super principal."  
Rockwood's Wellington County School Board trustee, George Day, suggested in his address that it is not necessary to have an academic education to have a happy life. He said that Canada is looking for skilled workers in these times of economic strife, and that government training in these areas is available. He advised the graduating class not to take a welfare cheque and be a tax burden. "Only by hard work will you make a success of life in Canada today," were his parting remarks.  
Peter Gzowski, journalist, radio and T.V. personality and new Rockwood resident

was the guest speaker. He spoke of his great-grandfather Casimir Gzowski, his contributions to Rockwood, including the building of the now historic stone barn located on the original Strange riverside property. A newcomer to Canada, Casimir had a great many achievements on the North American Continent to his credit, among them the engineering of the first bridge across the Niagara River. Mr. Gzowski suggested that the graduating class, as they prepare themselves to leave home, consider the nation as a home, just as they now consider Rockwood as home.  
Mr. Gzowski said that he had remembered only one piece of advice, the net result of 15 banquets. That was from hockey player Syl Apps, "shoot low and shoot for the stick side." He therefore had no advice for this graduating class. Instead he chose to read a letter from an 84-year-old lady. Among the things she would change in her life if she had it to live over again were that she would relax, lumber up, be sillier, be crazier, be less hygienic and she would take more chances. She would have more moments instead

of living days at a time. She would ride more merry-go-rounds and pick more daisies. Mr. Gzowski wished the graduating class more merry-go-rounds and more daisies.  
The winners in the awards ceremonies were: Jane Hurland, Grammar award; Robert Leslie Family Award for academic proficiency, mathematics award; Marilyn Leslie, Robert Love Female Athlete award; La Fontaine most valuable volleyball player award; Marilyn Herwynen, Home and School Improvement award; John Porter, Duncan McPhedran Family award for greatest over-all improvement; Corinne Gooyers, Valdeiorian, Earl Osborne Family Citizenship award; John Sheehy, Tony Proulx Memorial Humanity award; Hester Groenevelt, Residence History award; Meltae Family award for history and English proficiency; Robert Love female athlete award; Kevin Dunlop, Home and School greatest academic improvement award; Brad Billings, Earl Osborne family citizenship award; George Smith family best male athlete award, most valuable basketball player award.



ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL School Award winners are pictured above. Front row left to right Wendy Galley, music award; Sarah Hurland, music award; Paul Milne, Kelly Memorial Award Grade V Proficiency; Laura Brown, Taylor Trophy; Valerie Galley, Junior Oral Communication Trophy. Back row left to right Wendy Waechter, music award; Janet Wietzke, music award; Russell Fralich, Don Hiltz award; John Sheehy, Don Hiltz award, Hester Groenevelt, House League award; Heather Cox, Intermediate Oral Communications Award; and Student Council Music Award; Dave Allan, Don Hiltz Award.



AWARD WINNERS at Rockwood Centennial School's Grade VIII banquet are pictured above. Front row left to right Jane Hurland, Marilyn Leslie, Marilyn Herwynen, John Porter, Corinne Gooyers. Back row left to right; John Sheehy, Hester Groenevelt, Kevin Dunlop, Brad Billings.



AWARD WINNERS at the K-4 Rockwood Centennial School Assembly are pictured here: front row, left to right; Paul Kee, Primary Achievement Trophy; Michelle Ciavarella, Oral Communication Trophy; William Hill, Primary Achievement Trophy; David Billings, Bicycle Rodeo Trophy. Back row, left to right; Robin Johnson, Bicycle Rodeo trophy; Kelly Ann Wiseman, Junior Achievement trophy; Cheryl Cunningham, Bicycle Rodeo trophy; Tara Waller, Bicycle Rodeo trophy.

**Not all good news**  
There were many calls for Paddington—kindhearted people wanting to take him in. One young girl was so disappointed that she had missed him, I found myself promising to find her a pup. Other callers were offered kittens and sheep but they graciously declined.  
All that good response makes up a little for the other kind of calls I receive, the kind complaining about someone mistreating an animal. These are far too frequent and usually concern horses.  
It always amazes me why anyone would pay a good buck for a horse and undertake an obviously large maintenance job when they know nothing about horse care and don't plan to learn.  
I've met several arrogant souls who declare they are horse experts and aren't about to pamper their own horse into the obese conditions of their neighbours' beasts. They usually keep their horses trim on a few daisies, some straw, and one flake of dry two-year-old hay.  
Yearling colts are ridden by speed happy kids; hooves are neglected; vet care is non-existent; and basic nutritional requirements aren't even considered. I've met people who were unaware that a horse, pony or donkey requires its hooves trimmed every couple of months—yet they had a pasture full of hobbling ponies. I knew one guy who bought two three-week old colts at a stockyard as riding ponies for his tiny children. There are small backyard stables in this area where horses are boarded in when the snow flies and not let out until May.  
I do wish people would ask a few questions and read a book before acquiring any animal. They all require medical care, immunizations, proper nutrition and exercise as well as love—just as we all do. This area is full of friendly residents, farmers, and vets who would gladly advise.  
If everyone thought a bit we could eliminate the starving horses, the mistreated livestock, the kittens thrust in mailboxes and the dogs dumped out on country roads.



THE ROCKWOOD firemen dug in their heels, raised clouds of dust and were the tug-of-war victors.



ROCKWOOD'S Trustee Tony Reid and Audrey Bilton (displaying a hint of pantaloon) were the Pioneer Day costume winners.



TRUCKLOAD OF happy participants joined the parade.



YOUNGSTERS hop-to-it during Rockwood's Pioneer Days.

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