



CARRIE DOEHRING is the new minister at the Rockwood Presbyterian Church. A special service of Recognition, will be held next Sunday evening, September 10, in her honor.

## Erin twp. council

# Still confusion over Erin township library

by Doris Fines  
Some residents of Erin Township are still at sea concerning the township library. Councillor Jo Schneider said at council meeting Friday afternoon that people have been questioning her about books and fees. She suggested they visit the library which is situated in the basement of the municipal building in Hillsburgh, and get their questions answered. The use of the library and any books available is free except for a 10 cent registration fee. This library is in the Mid Western area, and they borrow and loan books to other libraries. The county library also borrows books from them. The librarian has knowledge available of all books, and if one is requested that is not on the shelves, it has in the past been picked up and brought to Hillsburgh. A new approach is now being used for a trial period.

When someone wants a book that isn't there, the librarian finds out where it is, phones that library, and has

them send it in the mail. They are now purchasing books from Toronto and sometimes paying just half the price as formerly. It is more economical to buy a book at \$10 than to pay \$8 to borrow it, they say. Another question raised was about French books, and it was confirmed there is a French section in the library. Also the schools carry French books, especially Brisbane school. Reeve Matheson remarked, "There is as good a library in Erin Township as any place, and there is no charge on any book taken out. The Minister of Environment informed council they have licensed two farms to spread sewage waste from Acton. This is provincial legislation, and the township can do nothing to overcome it. The 14 year old by-law was opposed to it, but now it is permissible under certain provisions. These farms are on lots three and four on the third line, and this sewage is treated and finished, and said

to make good fertilizer. A study was made in the University of Guelph on high metal build-up, and they have the information necessary to control it, and determine the amount usable without throwing the soil off balance. It is indicated to be a boon to the farmers in dry weather, and preferable to liquid manure pits. The Wellington County Historical Society has been updating their map this summer, and asked for information on historical markers in the township. The clerk has indicated five: The Centennial marker at the corner of the Seventy Line and 24 Highway, a cairn at Greenock on Five Sideroad, at Ospringe school Second Line, and at Hillsburgh Pioneer cemetery, and Providence cemetery Ninth Line. If there are any others it should be brought to the attention of the clerk or the Historical Society. A cheque for \$17,672.06 sent to the township from Waterloo, and deposited in the

recreation account in error, was granted a motion authorizing the treasurer of transfer it to the Arena Fund account. A resolution sent to all municipalities in the province from the town of Clinton, regarding vandalism, was given due consideration. It requested a discussion among MP's, police officials and attorneys, for a change in the law regarding heavier penalties, and that all citizens should report acts of vandalism, and be willing to appear as witnesses. This resolution was endorsed by council, who agreed to hold a meeting to talk about it. Concern was voiced over removal of topsoil, as there should be some restrictions on its removal, council felt. Rebecca Mills was instructed to get more help with delivering dog tags. The job is behind schedule, and every dwelling not already contacted should be done so as soon as possible. Building official, John Salmon commended Reeve

Matheson for his splendid talk and advice given at the Planning Board meeting. Banks on the Belfountain Road, as it is approached from the 10th Line, was considered a hazard by Ed Barden. He suggested a meeting with the Minister of Resources to review the situation. Wolves were the vandals in killing and injuring 11 lambs and ewes of Mac Bros. worth \$500, and six ewes and a ram of B.C. Heslop at a cost of \$550. A by-law was drawn up subject to approval by the department, to designate the weight of vehicles passing over Jessop's bridge, Lot 30, on the First Line, vehicles not to be in excess of 16,000 pounds. Councillor Schneider gave the report for the Ballinacree recreation centre. Among other things the fuel bill has tripled, and they decided they have to do something about it. Council adjourned to meet Monday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m.



JULIE BRACE accepts a donation of \$40.30 for the March of Dimes Ability Fund from Kira Wynneck. Kira organized a carnival last week, complete with horse rides, a fish pond, food booth and games. Kylie Tomlinson donated her horses' services to the worthy cause. The March of Dimes Fund raising campaign is now in full swing in the township.

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## Enrolment down in area schools

by Barb Wynneck  
Enrolment is down by ten, to 484 students, and the staff down by two members at Rockwood Centennial School this September. Two new teachers started classes yesterday. Bill Couture is the half-time grade six French teacher. His time is shared with Eramosa and Ospringe schools. Linda Somerville has taken up her duties as special education

resource teacher. At Eramosa Public School the number of students has increased by two. There are 145 pupils. The staff number remains the same as last year. Lynda Foster comes from the Cambridge Galt school system to be the new remedial and principal supply teacher. She has her special education certificate and will be working with students on a one to one basis.

## Eden Mills

# Sunny weather draws families to camp sites

by Wilda MacDougall  
Several families took advantage of the nice weather and went camping for the long weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bell of Scarborough were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rinehart. The Gilbertson ladies Sara, Katie and Wilma were delighted to have a visit from Mrs. Jim Blacklock. Mrs. Blacklock is a resident of Cambridge Country Manor at Preston and her son Lloyd

took her out for a lovely drive and visit with some old friends. Mrs. Murray Dyer of St. Catharines was a welcome visitor to the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. MacDougall. Murray is now confined to Linhaven Nursing Home in St. Catharines. Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Herb Gilbertson and Shirley were Mrs. J. E. Doughty, Mrs. F. Stillman and Mrs. E. Barber of Guelph.

Mrs. W. and J. Gilbertson were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Marie Davis, of Guelph. University of Guelph ball club nearly beat the parts of the Eden Mills senior team with a score of 9-0.

Congratulations to Mr. Hugh MacPherson for winning so many prizes with his fancy poultry at the Canadian National Exhibition.

If you are interested in antiques, be sure to attend the sale at the home of Lloyd and Sylvia Neville, coming up in the very near future. Auctioneer Harvey Tuffin will welcome you.

The annual Eden Mills Craft Club show will take place in the hall on September 23. If anyone is interested in demonstrating a craft, please contact Beryl Blackman at 856-4056. Proceeds from this event go towards maintenance of the community hall.

Girl Guide captain Ann Chesworth and Beryl Blackman spent a rewarding four days recently with eight guides and two brownies. The guides were there to earn camping skill badges. Paula Hayward was successful in earning a camp leader badge which is very difficult to earn. The Craft Club resumes its

activities on September 19th. If interested at 856-4211. Robert Wright has returned to Thunder Bay for further university studies.

Miss Leslee Chamberlain has commenced her studies at Conestoga College. Leslee is taking a medical secretary course.

Girl guide leader Ann Chesworth and brownie leader Diane Wallau announce that registration for guides and brownies will be on Tuesday evening from 7-9 p.m. at the hall. Urownie meeting will start on September 14 and guides will commence meetings on September 19. Both leaders will welcome any new children who may have recently moved to this district.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macdonald, Joyce and Jim have moved into their new quarters at the home of their daughter, Peggy and Rhijn.



BRENT STYLES goes fishing in Julie McEwen's silver fishpond during an M.D. carnival in the village last week. The children had a great time and collected over \$40 for a worthy cause.

## Eramosa library notes

by Georgina Kelso  
Following is the monthly bulletin from Eramosa Community Library. Regular hours will be in effect beginning Tuesday, Sept. 5, Tuesday and Thursday, 4 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

New arrivals in the library include: Adult fiction: The Prince of Eden, by Marilyn Harris; Death after Breakfast, by Hugh Pentecost; Trocadero, by Leslie Walter; Afternoon of an Autocrat, by Norah Loftis; Rebel Doctor, by Elizabeth Seifert. Juvenile Primary fiction:

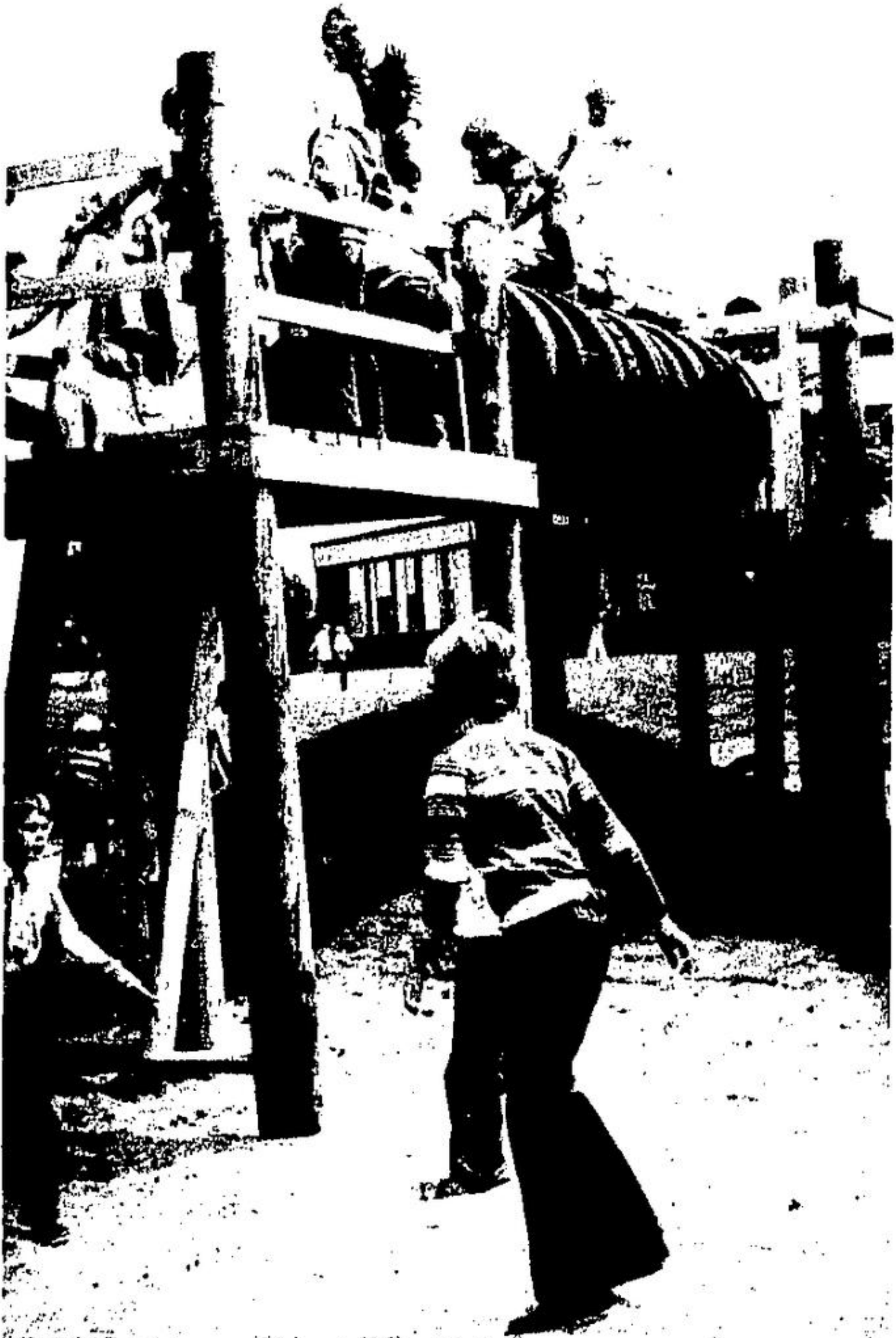
Secret Seven Adventure by Enid Blyton; Five Little Monkeys by Juliet Kepes; Beautiful Joe, by Marshall Saunders; Mouse Soup, by Arnold Label; Paddington at the Seaside, by Michael Bond. Non fiction: The Battered

Child Syndrome, by Selwyn Smith; How To Skateboard, by Adrian Ball; Animal Tracks and Hunter Signs, by E. T. Seton; Ghost towns of Ontario by Ron Brown; Women in Canadian Life; literature, by M. G. McLaugh.

## Rockwood Roundup

by Barb Wynneck  
Bible Club, with stories, songs and games has started again this fall at Mrs. Drijber's, 231 Mary St. Everyone is welcome to the

group which meets every Tuesday afternoon, directly after school until 5 p.m. Having fun learning about the Bible and supporting missions. (Continued on Page 11)



IS IT WORTH going back to school? Not to work, but it sure is to play on this! That is the reaction at Eramosa Public School where students found the creative playground they helped design, ready for action on the first day of school. The project was organized and funded by the Eramosa Rockwood Home and School Association.

## Carrie Doehring is new minister

by Barb Wynneck  
A special "Service of Recognition" will be held this Sunday evening, Sept. 10, at Rockwood Presbyterian Church. The service, arranged by the Waterloo-Wellington Presbytery honors Carrie Doehring, the new minister.

Iris Ford, another young lady minister in the presbytery will give the sermon. This is an unique occasion for the village and the presbytery.

The Rev. Doehring was appointed to her post in July, and has spent the summer visiting the families in her

Rockwood and Eden Mills parishes. She says that she sees Sunday morning worship, visiting, and children's Christian education, as the priorities in her ministry.

The Rev. Doehring says that she plans to assess the concerns of the people and that she will try to help them realize their own goals and needs, rather than push her own ideas.

Rev. Doehring was born in the U.S.A. Her father, a psychology professor at McGill University, moved his wife and five children to Montreal when she was eight years old. Raised as a Roman

Catholic, she graduated with her B.A. in choral music from McGill. Her interest in theology was sparked during her term as organist at a Presbyterian Church. She graduated in theology this spring and was ordained at First Presbyterian Church, Montreal.

Rev. Doehring's husband, Mark Jones, has not yet settled in the village. He is still writing his thesis in computer science at McGill and hopes to have it completed this September. He will then seek employment in the area. Rev. Doehring decided to keep her maiden

name when she married her British husband two years ago. She explains that she had already established her own identity with her name when she met Mark, and so decided to keep using it.

Her musical ability and knowledge will be an added plus, along with the vitality and enthusiasm she brings to her new position. She hopes that a teenage music program, using instruments such as electric guitars and trombones will be established at the church.

Rev. Doehring "would like to see new faces at Rockwood, even if they come out of curiosity."

## Wicked Willie to run in election

William A. (Wicked Willie) Johnson will be a candidate in the November municipal election. The outspoken environmentalist and two-time NDP candidate will run for regional council in Milton Wards One and Three. That seat is now held by Jim Watson. Johnson, 56, had a shot at municipal politics in Nassagaweya some 15 or 16 years ago. He has run twice in provincial politics, both times unsuccessfully. In announcing his candidacy, Johnson said he was running on his own ticket and was not receiving any support from the NDP. He noted some people in Toronto are running

as NDP candidates but he said he chose to go it alone. Johnson has been involved in environmental groups, worked to improve phone service in the Campbellville area and he also headed a delegation to county council to preserve the nature of 15 Sideroad many years ago. He has appeared frequently at regional council meetings. "I think I have a strong personality and I have credibility at the region and Milton and Ballan Hills councils." He sees landfill, fluoridation of water, gravel pits and other environmental issues as being key parts of the 1978 campaign.



Have you ever wondered how to cook day bly bulbs or how many kilograms there are in a short ton? Perhaps you're aching to know what robins need to make a nest or what the scientific name for aqua regia is. Then you need the Mother Earth Almanac. This little paperback I dug up in a Guelph bookshop a couple of years ago and it hasn't left my desk since. Makes good bedtime reading, too. It's updated yearly and contains the answer to everything you wanted to ask but were afraid to. Like how to make a crystal garden, exotic cosmetics from kitchen ingredients; recipes for fried mush (yuk), denitrification for snow tracks; solar energy; wind energy; people energy; gardening, pig raising, kid raising, you name it.

Please pass the bullrush. The book opens with a section on spring and progresses through the seasons with advice. Early in the chapters is a recipe for eating cattails or bullrushes, as we call them. It is said that the inner portion of the stem, found when pulling it out of the leaves, can be eaten raw or cooked and tastes like asparagus. This is best when harvested young (the bullrush, not the harvester), but later in the year, the top spike can be roasted green like corn. The pollen, when dried and stored, can be mixed with flour for a new taste in pan-fakes. If that isn't enough, the roots can be dried and ground for flour and the new potato-like tubers on the roots may be cooked just like potatoes. And you've been fooling around with a garden when all this nutrition was right in your backyard swamp.

As a matter of fact, it's possible to eat most weeds, grasses and wild plants. All these things we pull out of our flower beds make excellent salads, so I'm told. Things such as plantain, dock, portulaca, dandelion, day lilies are better to eat than to throw on the compost heap.

Adobe huts, anyone? Some of the handy hints tucked away in the 350 pages include how to stop chickens roosting on their feed trough; how to stop a child's shoe tongue slipping down his foot; quick assembly of a temporary scaffold (for painting not hanging); directions for making a weed cutter, dripless paint can, garbage can lock and so on.

There's a whole section devoted to building a home from such charming ingredients as cans, bottles, mud, railroad ties and abode—everything but money. In fact, this little book assumes the reader hasn't any—money, that is. It tells how to farm or just live in this world without much cash and it still seems to be possible. There's hope yet! It assumes you aren't going to run to the store for every little thing but are willing to make it out of what you have.

It actually teaches us what our mothers and grandmothers have been saying for years. A cord is a cord, or is it? And when you know all about the gadgets you can make, the plants you can eat and the way to raise hogs, turn to the last few pages and you'll find a wealth of information crammed into a series of charts. I love poring over this section and learning the annual precipitation of south west Texas, or the date of planting for corn in the middle-west.

Did you know that a 100 rows planted on 36 inch centres will have to be 146 feet long to equal one acre? Bet you didn't. More goodies—the weight of a pint of blackberries is a pound; a barrel of cement contains 3.8 cubic feet; apple trees should be planted 40 feet apart; a standard handle of lath covers three square yards. I could go on and on but then I'd write a book and it's already been done—it's called the Mother Earth Almanac.