MILLIE DE VRIES and son John work side by side in the Speyside

DeVries family enjoys general store tradition

The tinkle of the door chimes and buzz of hikers, who leave the Bruce Trail not too the gas belt are constantly sounding to let — for from the store, even stop in. From 3:30 the De Vries family know they have cus- to 7 p.m., the gas pumps are constantly tomers at their newly acquired Speyside General Store.

John and Millie De Vries purchased the business from Betty and Roy Knapton in September. It had always been John's dream to have a small business in his retirement, but when the opportunity for the small general store came up long before he was due to retire, the family thought they should not pass up the oppor-

On September 8, the family, including children John, 17, Rosanne, 15, Dawna, 13 and Cary, 7, packed up their belongings in Clarkson and headed out to the country.

True to form of a country general store, the business has a little bit of everything. There are groceries, hardware, gifts, milk, ice cream, and two gas pumps outside. There is no full in business, according to Millie as customers are constantly stopping in. Many are regular trade, those who live in the area. Others are truck drivers or travellers. Some

by Ann Chesworth

Eden Mills Guides and

Brownies are saddened by the

death of Mrs. Kay Stevenson.

We have lost a good friend

and advisor. Kay only recent-

ly tested five of our senior

Guides for their Citizenship

badge, and is remembered

fondly by these girls because

she gave them each an inter-

esting test, turning a tough

subject into a pleasurable ex-

Twenty-three Guides are

taking a first aid course given

by Red Cross instructor.

Linda Thomson, of Guelph.

On Saturday we made a return trip to the CN Tower

(to make up for the long wait

The year seems to be-

quickly.

perience.

Guide and Brownie news

Rockwood Guides joined us

for a conservation day. Rod

Deacon, of the Grand River

Conservation Authority,

covered the theory of con-

servation and ecology badges

with the girls, and set various

projects for them to complete

before they can earn their

hadges. During the day, we

visited the Guelph Dam,

which is a very impressive

conservation measure, not

only helping to control

flooding and water supply.

but also providing a fine re-

creation area. The best part

of the day was wading in the

Eramosa River, discovering

the wild life living in the

We held an enjoyable disco

For as many people who are "in and out", there are just as many who stop and chat. "It's an easy atmosphere", Millie says. That is one big difference from Clarkson she said. "There, you cannot talk to someone you do not know. Here, people are always being friendly."

Another difference is the smaller schools. The two oldest children attend Acton high school, one is at Stewarttown and another at Speyside school.

"It took a while to adjust, but once they made friends everything was okay," Millie

The days of the general store with the old pot belly in the centre of the room and men sitting around talking may not have been lorgotten. Recently, John found an old pot belly stove in the garage and wishes there were more room in the store to have it installed, "to really revive the general store atmosphere."

UCW sponsors party at Eden House

The United Church Women held their regular meeting in the Sunday School room with Mrs. Gladys Marshall as hostess. The devotional was taken by Mrs. Ann Cann on

the 23rd Psalm. It was planned to continue having luncheons in the Community Hall the first Wednesday of each month from February to June. The nominating committee for the

new slate of officers for 1979 Tomlinson thanked the laclies is Mrs. Ruth Millson and Mrs. who took part in the meeting.

reported on her day as a monthly birthday party at delegate to Presbyterial. Eden House Nursing Horne. Good work is being done in Five ladies who celebrated the reformatories.

Snow, closed the meeting by All enjoyed a sing-song lect by asking the members to repeat the U.C.W. Ode. Mrs. Jean James and the hostess served refreshments and Mrs. Lorna

Milton dog hunt shelved

MILTON-Residents all set to go wild dog hunting will have to put the bullets back on the shelf, at least for a while. Gary Tupling, Fish and Wildlife supervisor from the Ministry of Natural Resources cast doubts on the legality of such a hunt to Milton council last week. "I know for a fact that you can't go out and indiscriminately shoot dogs," said Tupling. The hunt, proposed at council earlier, would be for roaming packs of dogs reportedly attacking livestock in Milton. Council is walting for more answers from lawyers, the ministry and other towns. Tupling said if coyotes are the predators, the province pays compensation to the farmer and a hunt may be started. However, if dogs are the culprits, the town pays and there is no hunt.

Fire agreement re-write

FERGUS-A delegation from the surrounding townships of Nichol, West Garafraxa and Pilkington will approach Fergus and Elora councils soon in a bld to revise the fire protection agreements. At the recent meeting, to which neither Fergus nor Elora attended, the townships agreed the formation of an

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on March 4), enjoying a train dance, with many helpful journey again, and also a parents attending. Tracy

shopping spree at the Eaton Clifford, once again, donated Centre. Mrs. Beryl Blaak- his services as DJ, and is

man, Mrs. Cleo Melzer, and greatly appreciated by the

Mrs. Ann Chesworth were the girl guides. Tracy feels these brave adults who managed to dances, which attract many

keep an eye on the girls children from surrounding among the subway crowds! rural areas, are a good

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The Eden Mills United Holly Saulnier Church Women sponsored the birthdays in November, The president, Mrs. Betty received corsages and gifts. Mrs. Florence Martin and birthday cake and ice cream was served to all the

residents The day wasn't too bright on Saturday but inside the community hall it was benutiful. It was attractively decorated in a Christmas theme for annual community bazaar. There was a good attendance and many buyers for the crafts, baking, plants, toys, etc. There were also draws and the lucky winners were Poinsettla plant, Mrs. Nora McLean, Santa Claus cake, Jean McLean of Rockwood, Barbie doll, won by Jody Brown, centre piece and

the pinata both went to

Fresh'

Debbie Marshall. The Girl Guides served lunch in the tea room and pouring tea for the afternoon were Betty Kirby, Betty Snow, Lorna Tomlinson and Ev Barden.

Fred Rinehart had a harrowing experience last week, when he became entangled in a power take-off at the Theaker farm. His winter coat was chewed off and all Thank goodness Fred wasn't badly hurt, just severely Saturday.

shaken by the ordeal. Sincere get well wishes are

extended to Mrs. John Turner who had an operation on her foot last week. Knowing Irene, she'll soon be up and Mr. and Mrs. Mansell

Lowrie spent the weekend in Toronto visiting mother and sister. Some of the townsfolk went that was left were the sleeves. over to Acton to enjoy their

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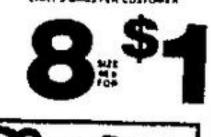
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