

## Varied topics for Centennial speakers

by Barb Wynneck  
Research from wide and varied sources provided the content for speeches presented by grade seven and eight students at the recent Rockwood Centennial School Oral Communications Festival.

Active imaginations brought the subjects of the Newfoundland Wubba, Cow Horses and the Planet Ork to the school's stage.

The hostile Newfoundland Wubba can be discovered under anyone's bed, according to David Hindley. His humorous presentation brought forth loud audience reaction.

Switching television

channels—a boring Saturday night's entertainment—provided Randy Waples with a speech topic—Commercials. His clever combination of interlocking commercials kept the students in stitches.

Every audience hand was turned for careful examination after Julian Mitchell, speaking on the subject "Superstitions", suggested that the number of X's on your palm will tell the number of children you will have.

"Speeches are a good idea, because if you become someone like the Prime Minister of Canada, you're not nervous talking in front of people," explained one competitor. The judge

had questioned her about the value of speech making.

History buff Bob Phillips will represent Rockwood with his knowledgeable presentation, "Fortis of Canada", at the district finals in Erin.

Glenn March, speaking authoritatively on "Marjuana—it's deadly", will be the other Rockwood contestant.

Each grade seven and eight class picked two festival entrants. Judges Jack Hooghiem, Ramona Storey, and John Morrison chose the winners.

The competition involved oral reading, a five minute prepared speech and then questions on the subject presented.



The Intermediate Division Oral Communications Festival was held Feb. 8 at Rockwood Centennial School. Grade seven and eight students competing in the event were back row, left to right: Joy Fidler, Wendy Galley, Ann Marie MacDonald, Glenn March, Natalie Merritt and Randy Waples. Front row, left to right, Kathy Lawton, Julian Mitchell, David Hindley, Bob Phillips and Wayne Martin. Winners Bob Phillips and Glenn March will represent Rockwood in the district finals.

## Girls earn badges at winter campout

by Doris Fines

It was cold, frosty weather for camping, but 20 girls of the First Ospringe Brownies, accompanied by three leaders, Doris Swackhamer, Bobby Cargill, and Helen DuBeau, and a mother Mrs. Robert Brown, spent three days at Camp Corwin, near Aberfoyle. They were snug and warm at night, though, bedded down in a one room school house, and the days were sunny and bright for hiking, snowshoeing and skiing.

Friday evening Rose Marie Melley of Fergus arrived and taught the girls some new songs. Jim Swackhamer also appeared on the scene and taught them wood-working, how to take care of tools, and safety in their use, as, not using electric tools without supervision from their parents.

The girls all won their woodworking and snowshoeing badges, and Cheryl Brown, Shannon

Salter, Nancy DuBeau and Melanie Paterson earned their skiers badges.

**Knotty Needlers**  
The Knotty Needlers picked color schemes for their needlepoint at their second meeting at the home of the leader Mrs. Donna Sandy. Their reporter Karen McKinnon summed up the meeting thus: "The leaders began the huge task of teaching us stitches. We learned to do the gobelin and continental stitches. Learning to graph our initial on to the canvas rounded out the meeting's activities. During the week we will be busy finishing up these stitches."

**Annual meeting**  
Rev. Noble Dean was chairman for the annual meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon. The reports were quite favorable, promising a good year to come, in which they hope to make a few improvements. Ralph Sinclair, Tony VanManen and

Alex Morrison were re-elected managers. Max Schotsch is secretary treasurer, and Mrs. Schotsch is organist.

**Social Notes**  
Brenda Bruce was practice teaching for two weeks at Ridgeway School in Peel County, near Malton.

Bradley Bruce is continuing his studies at Guelph University for the winter semester.

Mrs. William Henderson of Belwood, Mrs. Bryan Redman and daughters Tara and Melanie of Mount Forest, visited on Sunday with Mrs. Thomas Fines and Doris.

Mrs. Wesley Bruce has returned to her home in Whitewood, Sask. after spending two months visiting with her sons and daughters and their families.

The annual rummage sale at Ospringe school was a big success. Excitement ran high, and sales ended at \$116. This will be used for school projects.

## Free Press

## Rockwood and district

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### Block Parents need volunteers

Rockwood-Eramosa Block Parent chairlady, Marg Townsend, reports that 21 homes in the communities of Everton, Rockwood, Eden Mills and Eramosa are now participating in the program.

Local school children have been taught to recognize the red and white window sign depicting a child holding an adult's hand. They know that homes displaying these signs are places of safe refuge in times of trouble.

More block parents are needed. The organization is holding another Open House Feb. 20, 8-10 p.m., in the Rockwood Centennial School Music Room.

The film "Where to Run" will be shown by Constable Kidd of the Guelph O.P.P. Discussion will follow and application forms will be available. All interested residents are urged to attend and find out more about this volunteer community support system.



Three members of the First Eden Mills Guide Company recently achieved Guiding's highest award—the Canada Cord. The girls are pictured here, front row; left to right: Margarita Bell, Paula

Hayward and Michelle Heard. Back row, left to right: Anna Maria Bell, guiding assistant, Ellen Thomson, District Commissioner and Ann Chesworth, company captain.

### Scouting is back in full swing again

by Mrs. Hannah  
Scouting in Limehouse was fairly quiet after New Year's but is again getting busy as far as outside activities are concerned.

The Beavers attended the District Winter Carnival held at St. John's United Church in Georgetown and had a good time. The misty rain that day didn't have any effect on the events. Last Saturday they took a trip to Blue Springs Scout Reserve to visit some Beaver Leaders who were taking a training course. The purpose is to let the leaders do some of their training with a real live Beaver Colony.

Only three Cubs plus Akela went to the Science Centre in Toronto for the District Cuboree but a good time was had by all. About 200 boys and leaders left from Norval by bus for the day's out-

ing. One meeting was cancelled because of the weather but last week they made up for it by having a hike through the Conservation area for their meeting.

Last Saturday they went tobogganing and skiing. We have one new cub—David Ruggle. Scout Tom Ruggle is now helping the Pack for a few weeks as part of one of his Scout badges.

Skiers badges have been earned by Ken Field, Roger Mullins, Stephen Widmont and Stephen Widmont have also earned their skaters badge.

The scouts decided not to go to the District Winter Camporee. To make up for it they went on a cross country ski trip. The report was that they went about nine miles and had a good time. They have had adult help the last three weeks by Dave Shrubsole. We welcome him to the group.

by Mrs. A. W. Benton

We are pleased to hear that Wilfred Harding is well enough to be home from hospital.

### Ballinafad

### Local girl gets married

by Mrs. W. Smith  
Mrs. Lloyd Marshall was hostess for the February meeting of the W.I. on Wednesday. Mrs. Jamieson, president opened the meeting with a few words about Robert Burns and a quote from one of his many wise sayings. There were 17 present, 12 members and five visitors. Each one answering the roll call had to tell one thing they understood about metric.

It was decided not to send a delegate to officers conference this spring. Another euchre was planned for later this month. Mrs. Don Brown offered her home for the party. Members were reminded that completions for the District Annual were to be brought to the March meeting.

Eleanor McLean had prepared a motto and it was read by Alma Sin-

clair. The motto was entitled "It's not the Hours you put in, but What You Put Into the Hours that Count."

Betty Koperdraad chose the "Jones Girl" as the outstanding woman to talk about. She was the great Canadian winner in the Edmonton Olympics of 1978. To close the program, Lille Given led in some lively discussions regarding topics of the understood about metric.

A wedding of local interest took place at Ballinafad United Church on Saturday when Bonnie Shortill and Gary Murr were married. Rev. Don Stiles was the officiating clergyman. Bonnie's sisters Donna was her attendant and the groomsmen were the groom's friend George McPhail. Mrs. Eileen McEnergy was the organist for the occasion. The reception and wed-

ding supper took place at the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Anna and Sid Spear. There were about 70 guests. The table where the bridal party sat was centred by the lovely cake made and decorated by Mrs. Dermott, of the village. Bob Pinkerton, also of Ballinafad was responsible for the bride's bouquet and the other beautiful floral arrangements.

Apologies are in order for those coming out to Church on Sunday. It was a cool reception for all including the minister. Blame can be put on Old Man Winter, the furnace had used up all the fuel some time Saturday night and the serviceman could not be located in time to get things warmed up in time for Sunday School and Church.

### Eden Mills

### Activities planned for young and old

by Mrs. W. McDougall

Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell and baby son, Cort, of Sundridge were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bould.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Filck, Trevor and Suzanne of Mississauga were Sunday guests of

Mrs. J. and Mrs. W. Gilbertson.

Mrs. Betty Marshall was hostess for a reunion of the old 1958 Cardette euchre club. Lucky prize winners were Marg Peeling, Fran Tolton and Donna Clifford.

There will be a "Drop-in" evening at the

Community Hall on February 16 at 7:30 p.m. so pop in for some conversation and coffee. This is for adults only.

The United Church Women served a hot luncheon at the Community Hall on Wednesday. The craft club had their wares for sale and they also had two draws with lucky winners Ted Barden - a plant and Debbie Marshall - a miniature rocking chair made from clothes pegs. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Turner who celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary last week.

The Youth Group is going strong. They hold their meetings on Monday nights and are planning their first dance on February 24.

The Community Club had a good meeting on Monday evening. If anyone has any suggestions for the annual Fun Fair would they please plan to attend the next meeting on March 5.

The Cub Group have made plans for a Parent and Son Potluck supper at the hall on February 21.

On February 25, the Cubs, Brownies and Guides are holding a Winter Carnival at the park.

There was a good attendance at the Friendly Seniors Meeting presided over by president, Mrs. Anna Wilson. The ladies have been doing some quilting and plan to sell tickets on a quilt in the near future. They still have more quilting to keep them busy.

Several friendly games of euchre were enjoyed followed by refresh-

### Sunshiners meet for business, games

A cold sunny day brought out the Sunshine Club to a meeting in the

Rockwood Town Hall.

Community singing was enjoyed thanks to Mrs. Lena Mann assistant pianist.

Happy birthday was extended to John Naismith, Hugh Paterson and Jack Milne for February.

It was stated Meals on Wheels are available for those who wish them by applying to those in charge at \$1.50.

For program, Mrs. Irene Davidson gave a reading (humorous) Old Age. Alf Couling gave two harmonica selections and Mrs. Elsie Leitch gave an historical reading by a friend, and a poem, "Grandpa" which were much enjoyed. Membership is 48.

A social afternoon was held playing euchre and crokinole.

Winners were Mrs. Isabel Nellis and Wesley Leitch for euchre, for crokinole, A. K. Thomas and Mrs. Elsie Leitch.

The next meeting will be held February 22, weather permitting at 2 o'clock.

### Firefighters are busy with fires

A furnace flash back fire at Bill Wingate's Dennis St. home, brought out the Rockwood Fire Department in Saturday evening's sub-zero temperatures.

Firefighters were back on duty the next evening, Sun., Feb. 11, containing a chimney fire at Elwood Snow's home, Eden Mills.

Monday morning the department again rushed to Eden Mills—this time to control a fire in the insulation at Norm Thomas'. Mr. Thomas was using a torch to thaw frozen pipes when the blaze broke out.



With the Valentine rush at the local Post Office Mrs. Shier's kindergarten class at Speyside School decided they would set up their own office. Looking after the

mail delivery are from l. to r. Steven Clark, Michelle Harrington, Jeffery Nipper, and Jodi MacDonald.



Three Eden Mills Guides were recently awarded their All Round Cords. The girls are pictured here. Front row, left to right, Iona Chesworth, Rena Blakman and Sarah Brown. Back row, left to right:

Anna Maria Bell, guiding assistant, Ellen Thomson, District Commissioner and Ann Chesworth, Guide Captain.