Enrolment down at Centennial

by Barb Wynneck Changes have taken place at Rockwood Centennial School to get the 1979-1980 academic year underway. The portable classrooms, no longer required, are gone from the school yard, and

Separate School in Acton. Principal MacRae expects enrolment to be down about 20 pupils and he anticipates a total of about 450 Twenty teachers make up the

installed at St. Joseph's

The school lost one teacher-Mr. John Jackdepartment position will not be replaced.

Bill Couture left Rockwood to join the Aberfoyle teaching staff.

One new teacher, Mrs. Mary Love joins the staff at Rockwood United as special Education Re- Church Hall. source person. Students will be withdrawn from change in the Brownie the classroom on a one to and Guide age limits. An one or small group basis. additional group for older They will receive Mrs. girls, Pathfinders, will be Love's individual at- instituted. All changes tention for 20-30 minutes are part of the new each session. She will national gulding moverender special assistance ment program, says Disand math skills and help trict Cemmissioner Ellen them overcome the block Thomson. of "I can't do It," explained principal MacHae.

Special

changeable month of August.

Mrs. Diana Young returns after maternity leave to a Grade four staff position.

Mrs. Ellen Thomson will teach grade two until Christmas when Mrs. Judy Palmer returns from maternity leave.

This year sees two full kindergarten classes. Grades one through four each number one and one classes. necessitating split grades MacRae said.

Grades seven each number two classes. There are three grade eight classes.

Rockwood averages about 20 students per kindergarten classroom. About 25 students make up each grade two and three classroom. There are an average of 27 students in the grades five and six classrooms and about 30 students per class at the grade seven and eight level, Mr. McRae said.

Guides, Brownies worth. His intermediate ready for season

by Barb Wynneck Rockwood Girl Guide and Brownie registration is set for Tuesday. September 11, 7 to 8 p.m.

This season will see a

Brownies are now organized for six to nine year olds; Guides for education nine to 12 year olds and students are now bused to Pathfinders for 12 to 15

This week it's sandcastles, next week it's back to school and grade one studies for

Brown Owl Kathy Jestin is anticipating enough Brownies to form two packs this fall. Leadership assistance is urgently needed. Please call her if you are able to lend a hand.

Guide Captain Ellen Thomson expects the Guides and Pathfinders will hold their meetings on the same evening at different village lo-

Brownies unable to attend the Tuesday registration are asked to telephone Mrs. Jestin at 856-9066. Guides and Pathfinders may contact Mrs. Thomson at 856-



Teacher will do a double take when Kindergarten students Dougle (left) and David (right) Forbes arrive in the classroom. Neighbor Tammy Hurgett safely delivers her charges. Rockwood Centennial enrolment declined this year, but not at the Kindergarten level.

Rockwood and district

Campers avoid park in changeable August

by Barb Wynneck souls, the average of ten campers per night, braved August's changeable temperature to pitch their tents in the Rock-

wood Conservation Area. "It was a good year up to the last of July," said assistant Park Supervisor Don Mochrie, "but everything is dead this month."

The campground offers 55 family camp sites and operates an overflow area, accommodating 50-55 additional sites when necessary.

There are three group camping areas available to bona fide groups ap-

the usual number of cost structure involved their own trails through Only a few hearty campers with cuts and Mr. Mochrie said. In the beautiful, challenging bruises." There were a winters past, cross varied terrain. Access to couple of emergency country skiers have cut the park has been free. calls, Mr. Mochrie said . "But everyone is alive to tell the tale."

There was no swimming program on the park waterfront this summer-"Too costly for the number of participants," said the assistant supervisor.

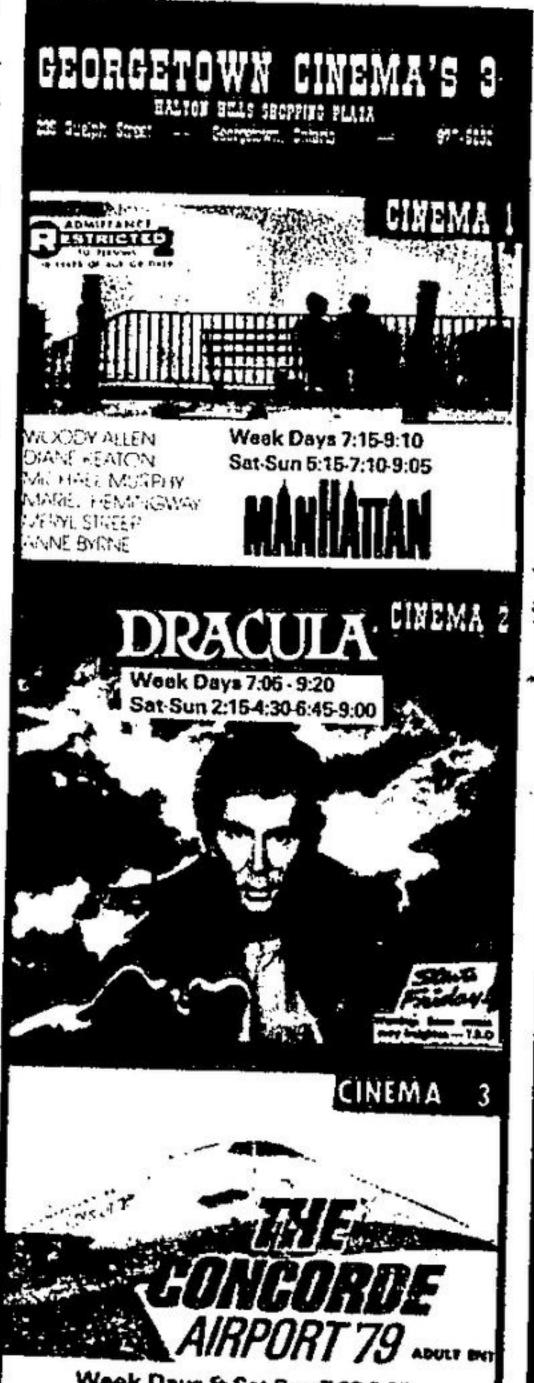
Park gates close for the Thanksgiving season weekend.

There is a possibility of park authorities opening marked cross country ski trails, with a

ennis

Season's Final Rock mosa Tennis Tournament gets un derway this weekend a: the Courts. Junior and Senior singles, doubles and mixed doubles events are scheduled to run through to Sept. 15 and 16. Register at the

Scott Cino (5) of Guelph, Scott enjoyed one of his final carefree summer days at Rockwood Conservation Area. Park attendance was down dramatically during the plying for space in ad-Twelve employees, ten working on a part time basis keep the park facilities running smoothly. Most campers hail from the Burlington, Hamilton, Kitchener, Cambridge area. "It's been a quiet year,





by Barb Wynneck Rockwood children have an opportunity to participate in a new music program this season.

The music group at Rockwood Presbyterian Church's vacation school was such a success, Rev. Carrie Doehring decided to carry on the program

Swan bid for geese

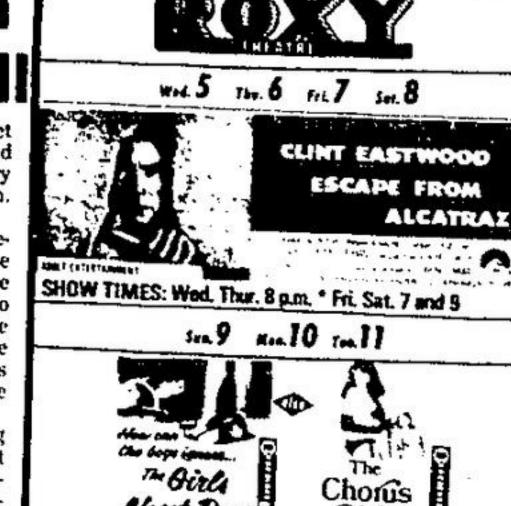
In the fowl market, it looks as if one swan is worth two snow geese. One of the male swans from Fairy Lake was taken to Kortright Waterfowl Park, Guelph, last week, permanently, for breeding purposes, says Acton Community Centre manager Harold Townsley.

In return, the lake may get a pair of snow geese,

this fall. The sessions get underway Sept. 16 and will be held every Thursday 3:45 to 5 p.m. at the church.

The program is designed for youngsters age ter, to 12 and will feature singing and rhythms. No formal instruments are used but you would be surprised what fine beats can be carried on a coffee tim!

Children participating in the program do not have to be church members. For more inform-Carrie Doehring at 856-9094.



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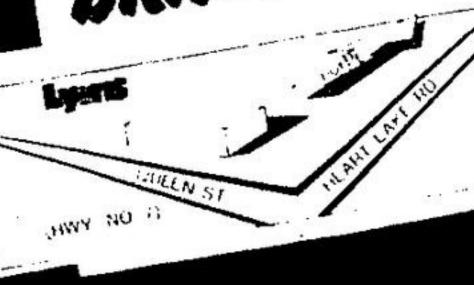
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cable month of August.

A little bit of country with all the trimmings will make the fall Ginger Snap activity being held in Rockwood a popular annual event for outdoor excursionists, children and adults alike. September 22. Alternative rain date is September

In a country fair setting on the Rockwood Village Greens there'll be erall displays with potters, artists, weavers and artisans of other skills on hand to give first-hand instruction. There'll be fun games; tantalizing home-made food; contests; music; Highland dancers: together with other touches of small town hospitality.

Groups wishing to sell their own wares may rent booth space at a minimal fee. Funds from the event are being set aside for St. John's church restoration.



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