

Rockwood DIGEST

Schneider's candy factory has been sold but will remain a maker of fine hand-made sweets. As of Friday December 14, Pat Herne of Kitchener becomes the owner of Schneider's Reliable Sweets. Original owners, Frank and Clarence Schneider, will be free to retire although they plan on being very much a part of the new operation.

First started in 1923 by the Schneider brothers' father, the factory moved to its present location on Main Street, Rockwood, in 1945.

Mr. Herne, president and owner of Park-Lane Jewellery, a manufacturing company, first approached the Schneiders about leasing the top floor of the candy factory. One thing led to another and now Pat Herne is in the candy business. Park-Lane Jewellery will still operate from the top floor of the building.

Paul Ruttan of Cambridge will become general manager of the candy making division. After many months apprenticing under veteran candy maker, Frank Schneider, Paul will take over next week. He's 23, single, and eligible, girls!

One of the most recent innovations is the opening of a factory outlet store at the front of the factory where customers will be able to buy candy in bulk or by the piece.

Business is growing, Mr. Herne said, as more and more retail outlets place orders. Schneider's Reliable Sweets can be found from London to Toronto and Hamilton to Mount Forest.

"Our biggest asset is that we still make everything by hand," said Mr. Herne.

In a world of mass production, people are seeking handmade products and the finest candy in Ontario can be found in Rockwood.

Students had a chance to try their hand at all crafts during the course. Much of their handwork found its way to the recent Lions Christmas bazaar. Another course will be held in the New Year.



Esther Callen adjusts her quilting while Irene Millson examines a macramé owl held by Marg Curtis. Lois McRae works on her pine wreath.

Eramosa Council has been asked to look at another proposal to develop the hill behind Wetherald Street. Always a controversial issue, adult residents are concerned about possible ecological changes when the hill is removed for infilling new houses on top of the hill.

However, youngsters in the area are much more alarmed and are up in arms about the possible loss of their favourite toboggan hill.

The following is part of a letter from Sue Bilton, a resident of Wetherald Street. "Dear Parents of Rockwood:

"There are parents in Rockwood who are planning to tear out our hill, nicknamed Billy Gordon's hill. Every child in Rockwood has had fun on this hill, either tobogganing, snowmobiling, downhill or cross country skiing. It is also used for walks, recreation, football, soccer, frisbee, motor biking and by animals (dogs).

"Parents who have children of their own plan to destroy our hill. Where do they expect to send children to get them off their backs and out of their hair?"

"I cannot understand what those parents are after.

"Don't they understand Billy Gordon's Hill is the pride and joy of the children living here. People from all over have come to Rockwood to use the hill. If we can prevent it that hill is going to stay where it stands.

"I have lived in Rockwood for 15 years (all my life). I have grown up with this hill and have had pleasurable times which I will not forget so I am talking for my age group and the children younger than myself.

"I wish parents would listen and give the children in this world a chance to speak for themselves. We are humans too.

Sue Bilton."

This hill is privately owned property and the children are playing there with surferance from the owners. However, may I suggest the town consider purchasing this hill as recreation land and requiring planned houses to build away from the lee of the hill.

Georgeina Kelso from Eramosa Public Library held in Rockwood Centennial School, informs Rockwood of the library's Christmas hours.

Regular hours will be in effect during the whole of December with the exception of Christmas and New Year's Day when the library will be closed.

New arrivals at the library include Brian Moore's "The Mangan Inheritance"; Margaret Atwood's "Life Before Man" and "The Dead Zone" by Stephen King.

Junior books include Eoid Blytons "The Big Noddy Book" and "Amelia Bedelia helps out" by Peggy Parish.

Two of the non-fiction books are "Death Trap" by Ira Levin and C. Normans "Freezer to Microwave Cookery".



Schneider's Reliable Sweets in Rockwood changes hands this week. New owner Pat Hearse checks out the candy canes with Frank Schneider and new candy manager Paul Ruttan.

Eden Mills

Second advent candle lit

by Mrs. W. McDougall

The Friendly Seniors met in their room at the hall on Wednesday. Plans were finalized for a bus trip to Simcoe and their Christmas dinner.

The Community Club sponsored a fun-time Christmas Dance at the hall on Saturday night.

After some 25 years of living in this village, Mrs. Marg Peeling and son Scott have taken up residence in Guelph. We wish them happiness and good fortune in their new surroundings.

The second candle of the Advent wreath was lit by Steven Neeb with readings by brother Tim Neeb. There was a nice assortment of White Gifts left on the front pew of

the church. After the service, the congregation sat down to a pot-luck luncheon, complete with turkey, ham and sweets.

Mrs. James and Mrs. William Gilbertson joined the Stevenson family at a Christmas dinner held at the home of Martha and Jamie Douglas, Oakville, on Sunday afternoon.

The Community Club held their December meeting on Monday night. Don't forget the New Year's Eve dance—your tickets are available from Irene Cole at 856-9777 at \$20. per couple which includes buffet lunch. Plans were made for Christmas tree burning at the ball park on January 12.

Ebenezer

Elders elected for two year term

by Mrs. R. McLean

Valerie and Julie Taylor lit the second Advent candle at Ebenezer Church Sunday. Two elders elected for a two year term are Earl Ward and Earnest Davison.

The Sunday-School Christmas concert is this

New bylaw

A new building bylaw is in preparation for Eramosa Township.

Township building inspector John Salmon served notice to Eramosa twp. council that revision to the bylaw are being drafted in response to changes in legislation which make the Present bylaw out of date.

The new bylaw will encompass such subjects as permits, applications coming with plans, fees and times for posting notices.

Friday, Dec. 14, at 8 o'clock. The children have been busy practising a cantata.

The choir candlelight service is Dec. 23, at 8. Sympathy is extended to the many relatives and friends of the late Willard Britton.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Reid Frank, a recent bride and groom! Mrs. Beryl Clegg is recuperating at home, following surgery at Oakville hospital.

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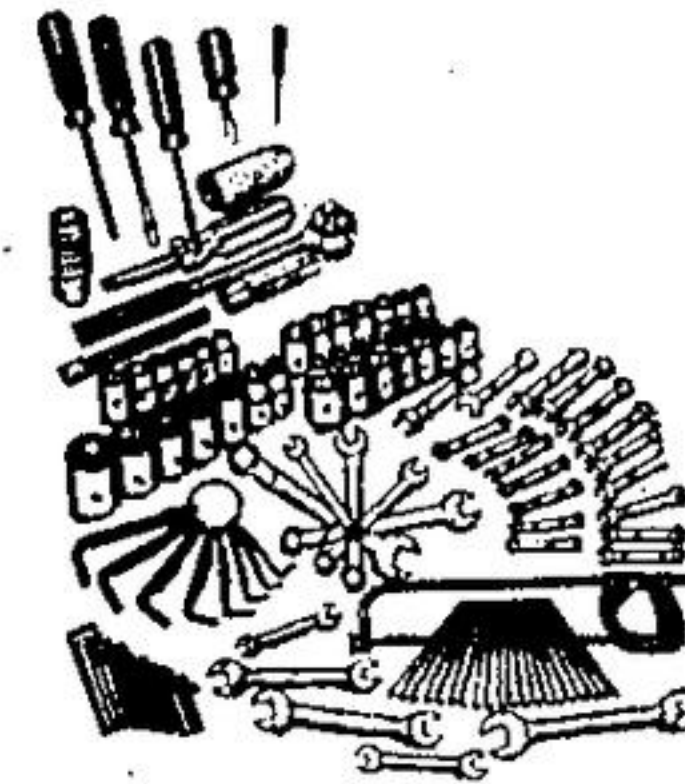
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Rockwood Bowling

Team standings at the end of the 13th week of bowling are: Lady Luck, 23 pts., Henpecked, 28. Carneys, 25, Latecomers, 25, Ivy Leaguers, 22, The Lost Causes, 21, Up and Downers, 20, Guelphits, 20, Unpredictables, 18, The Slaves, 16, Countrymen, 15, Rovers, 14.

Women over 500 for Tuesday Dec. 4. Erke Van Driel, 640, Sue Nightingale, 564, Marg McKersie, 561, Jane Murison, 550, Leila Kingston, 538, Nellie Stokman, 536, Marjorie O'Krafska, 530, Ann Van Milligan, 510, Bev. Dahmer, 509.

Men over 600 for Tuesday Dec. 4. Don McKersie, 714, John Roche, 707, Ross Gordon, 692, Bob Lilley, 653, John Dales, 651, Howard Dunk, 621, Hank Van Driel, 612, John Murison, 608, Dick Stokman, 607, Garfield Tarzwell, 603, Walker McLaren, 602.

Results of games bowled Tues. Dec. 4.

Rovers 5 pts, two highest bowlers, John Roche 707, Gordon Ostrander, 545.

Henpecked, 7 pts., Don McKersie, 714, Hank Van Driel, 618.

The Slaves, 2 pts, Erke Van Driel, 640, Marg

McKersie, 501. Ivy Leaguers, 7 pts. John Murison, 608, Sue Nightingale, 564. Up and Downers, 5 pts. Elmer Allan, 612, Leila Kingston, 538. Latecomers, 2 pts. Marjorie O'Krafska, 530, Don Buttenham, 484. Carney's, 5 pts., Garfield Tarzwell, 603, Bob Lilley, 653. Guelphits, 0 pts, Ross Gordon, 692, Dunc Kingsbury, 545. Unpredictables, 5 pts., John Roche, 651, Fred Vandervalk 576. Lady Luck, 2 pts. Dick Stokman, 607, Rick Sein, 592.

The Lost Causes, 2 pts. Walker McLaren, 602, Tina Norton, 492. Countrymen, 0 pts., Bert Gould, 540, Ann Van Milligan, 510.

Funding

Charitable agencies and organizations can apply to Halton Region for 1980 funding, but they won't know what they are applying for.

Regional Council voted last Wednesday to allowing applications to be made effective Jan. 1, 1980, but the criteria was considered too vague.

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