

# Rockwood DIGEST

Rockwood has some very talented residents, be they craftspeople, artists, writers or experts in other related areas.

Whenever possible, Rockwood Digest will feature one of these villagers and we start today with Elisabeth Gathof.

Elisabeth has been burning her way through candle holders, boxes, stools and plaques for 10 years and she hasn't set a house on fire yet.

During the Lionettes Christmas Bazaar I found myself at a table of beautiful wood articles decorated by burned designs. I carried home a bag-full and was delighted to find the artist a close neighbour of mine.

Originally from Acton and still an active member of Acton Arts and Crafts, she has created many different craft items, all related to the nature she loves. When she and her husband, Karl, came to live in Rockwood three years ago, she says she was pleased to find so much nature at her doorstep.

Many of the ferns, flowers and grasses she collects and grows find their way into dried flower arrangements for wall plaques. Elisabeth goes to a great deal of trouble to tint the dried flowers in order to keep their natural colours. The finished article is varnished so it becomes washable.

However, most of her natural finds are translated into designs for her woodburning and there's no two alike.

Any wooden article, as long as it is made of truly kiln dried seasoned wood, is suitable for burning, although Elisabeth says it's easier to work with soft than hard wood. Her woodburning tool is a unique Gathof design, made for her by her husband. Unlike the commercial wood burning stylus purchased with kits, Elisabeth's has variable heat control.

It's time consuming and a very small picture takes many hours but Elisabeth puts in a great deal of detail.

"I've been up at seven on a Sunday morning working in my nightie."

Most of Elisabeth's creations find their way into hands of friends and relatives as gifts although she does decorate articles for neighbours if she has time. The only sales she attends are the Rockwood Lionettes Bazaar and the Acton Arts and Crafts show in the fall.

Some of the largest items to have been woodburned by Elisabeth are lamp tables, stools and large candle holders. A young relative turns many of the pieces for her on his wood lathe but some small items, such as egg cups, boxes and napkin rings, she finds in stores plain. By the time she has finished with them, they aren't plain any more.

Elisabeth loves to work in her garden and go for walks through the woods. She comes back loaded down with bark, fungus, and seed pods—"I go a little haywire sometimes."

They all go in her little cluttered spare bedroom workshop until they live again on an Elisabeth Gathof original.



Elisabeth Gathof works on a woodburned plaque featuring mushrooms.

Four years ago Ivy Ritchie was the first woman to be elected as the People's Warden of St. John's Anglican Church, Rockwood. Two years ago, Betty-Lou Clark was the first woman to become Rector's Warden of the same church.

Both of these ladies have been chosen to occupy the same positions for another year.

During the church's annual meeting recently, members of the executive and parish council were selected.

Lay delegate is Audrey Hudson, with her husband Sandy acting as her assistant. Treasurer is Gladys Slip, parish hall convenor is Flossie McMinn and Len Hockey is auditor.

Members of the Parish Council are Catherine Meredith, Hazel Hamilton, Joyce Hill, John Hambly, Grace Britney, Roy Nightingale, Calvin Kelly and John Smiley.

It looks like International Women's Year at St. John's Anglican Church.

Night School registrations will be held on January 30, next Wednesday, at Rockwood Centennial School between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m.

Courses offered are upholstery, macrame, quilting, leaded glass making, cake decorating, fitness and rug hooking.

Sandy Hudson also asks me to remind residents about badminton on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the school, commencing at 7.30 p.m. The badminton club need players.

Young Rockwood residents were shocked and saddened by the recent death of a good friend. Twenty-year-old Gary Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fletcher, R.R. 5, Guelph, died following a car accident.

Tune in to Guelph FM radio—CKLA, 106 on your dial—on Wednesdays to hear tidbits of Rockwood news. Show host Fred Forster and I will be chatting briefly about Rockwood happenings at 12.17 p.m. and 8.47 p.m.

Please keep those news items coming—Jennifer Barr, 856-9096 or Box 27 Rockwood.

## Silver Wood W.I.

by Mrs. L. Giffen  
Ten members of Silver Wood W.I. met at Georgetown Animal Clinic for a conducted tour. This was very interesting.

We then went to the home of Mrs. E. Miller for our meeting. Mrs. A. Lindauer opened with a

word of welcome. Summary Day is to be held at Hillcrest United Church on January 28.

Mrs. Mary Giffen gave Current Events and the convenors gave a two minute report each on their topic of interest.

# Eramosa Twp. waits for Dunbar Bros. next volley

The ball is in the Dunbar Brothers' court regarding some estate homes in Rockwood, as far as Eramosa Township council is concerned. Township councillors took no action Monday night during their regular meeting after

learning the views of the project of engineering consultant Bob Pearson. Councilors' views of how to treat Dunbar proposal differ. Township Reeve Bill Adsett said after the meeting the Dunbar's advisors can read the planning documents

as well as other papers. "The only real reason to accommodate that kind of development is on need. Knowing the agreement; and knowing there's \$5-million in the ground there and the proper zoning of the northeast

section; there'd have to be a defined need for that development," Adsett told council.

"If we adopt that attitude, I say we've led the developer down the garden path," countered councillor John McLeod.

Council can either support the Dunbar development or reject it. If council goes along with it, then an amendment will be needed for the official plan—the Rockwood Secondary Plan—which is waiting for approval by the province. Put another way, if council supports Dunbar, then it goes against its own plan drawn up after public

meetings. The Dunbar proposal calls for 40 estate lots on the north side of Harris St. Access would be to Main St. The consultant, Pearson, reminded council the population limit in the secondary plan for the village is 1,770 and that the plan calls for growth in the northeast part of the village, not in the

area under development by Dunbar. Township clerk Lloyd Hindley informed council there is no objection to the Rockwood Secondary Plan filed from the developer. During a previous meeting, Dunbar's representative asked council to consider letting the homes use septic tanks rather than the village

sewage system. That change would trim some of the cost of the homes. "I think planning board and council have acted favorably to their (Dunbar) original proposal. At the outset it was severs and water service to 100 per cent. We may have erred in our ways. We're in a bit of a dilemma here," deputy-reveve Dave Masson said.

## Churchill

# Church annual held Thurs.

by Mrs. J. Turner

The Churchill Community Church Annual Meeting was held at the church Thursday evening. The Rev. E.M. Jenkins led in prayer and then chaired the meeting that followed.

Treasurer Geoff Denny presented the church's financial statement, which showed a healthy balance.

The meeting approved donations to the Bible Society, and to our missionary projects in Africa and India. The Women's Group, Sunday School, and Choir also presented reports and financial statements for approval. Financial assistance was indicated for the Sunday School, where attendance is presently outrunning collections.

The election of officers resulted in the same trustees remaining on the Board of Directors. The Session moved to honour Mr. Archie Kerr for his many years of faithful and dedicated service by promoting him to honorary member of

Session. Mrs. Eleanor Thompson and Mrs. Irene Swackhamer were added to the list of active elders. The Board of Managers and their chairman, Bill Thompson, have had a busy year, and should be commended on the number of improvements and repairs carried out. Howard Donnell, who has been assisting in the work, was officially added to the Board of Managers. Church treasurer Geoff Denny asked to be relieved of the job, and Vera Denny was named as replacement. That left the position of church secretary vacant, and Joanne Turner will fill in on an interim basis. Eleanor Thompson was commended for finding a buyer for the unused piano in the church basement.

Church policy has never permitted card playing in the church auditorium, but it was decided that if a game of cards were part of a social occasion (as opposed to an organized card party) there would

be no objection. Smoking could 486, John Van Milligan 449. in the building can not be permitted due to insurance regulations.

Churchill's representative on the Acton Committee for Ten Days for World Development reports that plans are shaping up for the celebration of this event early in February. The topic this year is "Making a Living" the right to work and make a decent living, and points out the need, especially in Third World countries, for a change in the trend towards industrialization and modern technology. These are changes which deprive the rural inhabitants of their traditional methods of making a living on the land, and drive them into industrial environments that provide inadequate housing and wages. Are we and our society partly responsible? What can we do to help? To answer these and other questions several events have been planned. One of these, to be held Friday February 8 at 8:00 p.m. in Knox Presbyterian Church, is a panel discussion on the topic "Earning a livelihood".

Panelists representing labour, management, and humanitarian viewpoints have been chosen from the Acton community. The Churchill CCW held their January meeting last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Marie Anderson, with Mrs. Edith Storey presiding. Devotions were led by Mrs. Lydia Kerr, Secretary Mrs. Olga Thompson and Treasurer Mrs. Eleanor Thompson read their

year-end reports. The ladies set new prices for catering to dinners in 1980 (there are two or three dinners scheduled) also discussed plans for a visit to Mapleview Lodge Nursing Home in February, and the World's Day of Prayer in March. Eleanor Thompson introduced an idea to add interest to the collection of the Least Coin, dividing the members into teams. Mrs. Mary Walsma and Mrs. Olga Thompson are to be team leaders, and 1975 pennies are the target coin. Marie served a delicious lunch.

## Rockwood bowling

Team standings at the end of the second week of the third series are: Unpredictables 12, The Lost Causes 12, The Slaves 12, Henpecked 12, Guelphits 10, Ivy Leaguers 7, Latecomers 7, Lady Luck 4, Carney's 2, Rovers 2, Countrymen 2, Up & Downers 2.

Ladies over 500 for January 15 are: Erke Van Driel 642, Jay Halliburton 586, Sue Nightingale 583, Ivy Ritchie 560, Marjorie O'Krafa 549, Marg McKersie 533, Ellen Gainer 529, Grace Ke 528, Nellie Stokman 521, Mary Nightingale 510, Ann Parkinson 500.

Men over 600 for January 15 are: Ted Jestin 791, Howard Dunk 675, Don Bultenham 639, Gary Parks 633, Fred VanderValk 619. Results of games bowled January 15 are: Henpecked 7—highest bowlers Don McKersie 592, Dick Halliburton 574. The Slaves 5—Erke Van Driel 642, Joy Halliburton 586. Ivy Leaguers 0—Sue Nightingale 583, Ivy Ritchie 560. Up & Downers 2—Duncan Kingsbury 585.

Ken Lush 473. Latecomers 5—Don Bultenham 639, Marjorie O'Krafa 549. Carney's 2—Ted Jestin 791, Howard Dunk 675. Guelphits 5—Gary Parks 633, G. Tarzwell 595. Unpredictables 7—Fred Vandervalk 619, John Dales 581. Lady Luck 2—Dennis Death 594, Rick Seim 548. The Lost Causes 5—Walker McLaren 590, Grace Ke 528. Rovers 0—John Roche 553, George Smith 486. Countrymen 2—Bert

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