

Free Press

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Rockwood DIGEST

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Trousdale celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an afternoon tea at the Rockwood United Church Saturday.

Rockwood residents for the past 12 years, the Trousdales lived and farmed in Puslinch prior to moving to Rockwood.

Florence Trousdale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, lived in Nassagaweyn before her marriage, residing on two separate farms on the Guelph Line—at different times, of course.

An active historian and a faithful member of the Ebenezer United Church, Mrs. Trousdale wrote the history of that church.



Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Trousdale celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday with an open house at the Rockwood United Church.

Sheldon Trousdale was quite a beekeeper in his farming days. Since moving to Rockwood the Trousdales have been members of the Rockwood United Church.

An estimated 80 friends, neighbours, and relatives called at the open house party Saturday to congratulate the Trousdales. Guests included Mrs. Trousdale's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Marshall of Eden Mills and her sister, Mrs. Reg Rudd formerly of Rockwood. Mr. Trousdale's brother Russell and family came from Whitby for the event.

All attending reported having a very good time at the tea party catered by the Rockwood United Church ladies.

Mrs. Mary Milne recently celebrated with her husband Max their 60th wedding anniversary and wrote a poem remembering the depression days around Rockwood.

The Depression Days by Mary Milne
The Depression was great as we went along,
No victory calls, no happy songs
Many victorious years have since passed
But it's still on our minds
The hardship and poverty now far behind,
Yes, poverty stricken with nothing to lose,
A chance for the better to Rockwood we moved,
How happy the years, as onward we moved,
Each one of the family gladly approved.
Our friends at Eden Mills we left behind,
Our plans for the future were still on our minds.
So with Swedesaw in hands we worked it by twos
And the cards that we cut weren't only a few,
One dollar fifty a cord then sold,
But the money received was as good as gold
With overalls torn we had to go on
Until we could sell more wood in the town
From early to late we often went
But never a sleepless night we spent.
When meat supplies got low, we didn't fear
As long as we could shoot a jack or a deer,
Existence wasn't really too bad
As long as a few shells we had.
When we now look back to those wonderful days
The leader was God, he showed us the way."

Rockwood youngsters are strongly in evidence this week because of the winter break. I have noticed some rather harried-looking mothers hiding in backyards and looking frantically for keys to the car.

It'll be all over but the shouting by this time next week.

Rockwood Centennial Public School students received their report cards last Friday. Interviews will commence shortly after resumption of classes on Monday March 24 at parents' request.

A Home and School meeting will be held Tuesday April 1 at the school between 8.00 o'clock and 9.30 p.m.

Please call Jennifer Barr at 856-9096 or 853-2010 with Rockwood news.

Eramosa may house senior citizens

Senior citizens in Eramosa township may enjoy life under a new roof, following council's action last Tuesday (March 11).

Township council is asking the provincial ministry of housing for a grant that will cover the cost of a survey of housing.

Eramosa will use the money to hire a consultant; a step likely to be speedier than having the government perform the study.

Ontario Ministry of Housing representatives Wilf Knox and Lois Bain outlined some of the grants and types of housing arrangements available from Queen's Park and Ottawa.

The consultant will write a municipal housing statement which is to be attached to the township's official plan.

The survey, which is part of the statement, in-

cludes residents age 58 year and older, because by the time a project is opened about two years have passed, according to Miss Bain.

A draft survey is presented to council for discussion, then it is sent to the ministry for approval. After that, the municipality is ready to examine in detail some of

the programs offered by governments.

Knox indicated the municipality can save between three and six months time by having a consultant perform the survey, rather than have the ministry undertake it.

"May we end up with senior citizens housing without rent geared to income," said Reeve Bill Adsett.

"That's possible. Council will have to consider going with the municipal non-profit program. One main program has a minimum 15 per cent geared to income and a maximum 50

per cent." Knox said. There are many programs for building senior citizen housing. One even involves a private developer.

If all else fails, the municipality may ask the province to provide a non-profit or assisted program to build the project. Under these last resort measures, however, the province will own and operate the building.

Funding for a consultant can total \$5,000.

One effect of the senior citizen building project, as seen by Deputy Reeve Dave Masson, is a decrease in the number of retirement lot severances.

Tribute to Milnes' marriage

Editor's note: Following is a poem written by a Rockwood resident in tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne, who last week celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Wedded Bliss
It's sixty years ago today,
Since Mary changed her name,
Through all the years, of tears,
And the Scenery all around has changed

Her love has been the same.

Though there's been a lot of changes,
Since she started down the road,
Upon the arm of her Price of Charm
To share their Human load.

The Sun still shines above,
Through the darkest days, of Human ways,
Still shines the Human love.

So each would get enough.

There must be a Super Power,
That protects the Human race,
And keeps together every feather,
and in their proper place.

Sincerely,
Victor Smith,
R.R. 2, Rockwood

Churchill Village saddened by elder's death

Churchill CCW held their March meeting at the home of Mrs. Olga Thompson on Wednesday evening. Olga had the evening's "Something Beautiful and Gemlike" based on Is. 53:1-6.

Mrs. Edith Storey presided over the business meeting. Projects requiring discussion were: a Golden Wedding reception March 29th at the church, a Wedding reception April 5th, a Congregational Breakfast Easter Sunday morning, and the Spring paper drive planned for early in May.

Friends in the community were saddened to hear of the death last week of Mr. Fred MacArthur in St. Joseph's Chronic Care Wing, Guelph. He would have been 87 in May. Born and raised in the Speyside area, Mr. MacArthur married Irene Snyder of Churchill and the couple lived out their lives on their farm just south of Churchill Church. Mr. MacArthur was church caretaker for many years, in the days when wood had to be split and the fire lit early on a Sunday morning. This was an unpaid service for the church which he and his family attended regularly, and of which he was an elder for years.

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Eden Mills

Guides sponsor film night

by Mrs. W. MacDougall
The Eden Mills Guides are sponsoring a Film Show Night in the Community Hall on Saturday, March 22 from 7-10 p.m. Admission will be \$1 and all proceeds will go to the

Community Club. Keep in mind, the Giant Garage Sale and Flea Market at the Community Hall on Saturday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You are invited to come and browse around or you may rent a table for \$5 a day and sell your wares. For rental, phone 856-4056 or 856-4217. Refreshments will be available all day.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kirby who sold her home a few months ago, has now taken up residence in Collingwood. Best wishes for a happy future go with Betty. Folks will miss her friendly chats.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Flaherty have purchased the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Markell and a welcome to the village is extended to them.

Dave and Sharyn Banks are busy renovating their newly purchased general store. Drop in and pay them a visit, they'll be happy to help you.

Osprings

Home decor tips given to residents

by Doris Fines
The top of the morning to ye. It's a grand day we're havin' isn't it now? If you look closely now you might be seein' some o' the little folk a sittin' under a bush. But don't ye worry yerself if you don't sight them, 'cause if ye're not Irish ye'll never see them.

The maximum was sixty laps, but a few skated three or four times that just for the fun of it.

The service was cancelled last week at the local church. The furnace took it upon itself to go on strike, leaving the church a little too chilly for comfortable sitting.

On Tuesday Mr. Lorne Brown joined other area school principals in touring the Trillium School in Milton, a school for the deaf and handicapped.

A ten-episode-series of color film on "How should we then live," will be shown on Sunday evenings in Knox Presbyterian Church, Osprings, beginning on March 23, at 7.30 p.m. The documentary was written by Dr. Francis Schaeffer, and the film was shot in twelve countries, featuring the rise and decline of western thought and culture.

Did you hear whoops of delight rending the air last Friday as school was let out? The children have been enjoying the creative playground. Ordinarily it would be buried under three feet of snow. Mrs. Reinder has been helping with noon supervision at Osprings school.

The Osprings students skated for the Acton Rotary and their own school, in the Skatathon.

Rockwood bowling

Results of games bowled March 4

Henpecked 0-2 highest bowlers Hank Van Driel 519, Tony Stokman 496. The Slaves 2-Marg McKersie 573, Joy Halliburton 546, Ivy Leaguers 5-Roy Nightingale 567, Sue Nightingale 513. Up & Downers 4-David Allan 552, Elmer Allan 552. Latecomers 2-Ellen Garner 567, Dick Garner 532. Carney's 4-Howard Dunk 770, Bob Lilley 584. Guelphites 3-Dunc McPheeran 632, Gary Parks 572. Unpredictables 5 Jim Dales 603, John Dales 556, Lady Luck 2-

Rick Slim 545, Paul Holman 565. The Lost Causes 7-Glen Roadknight 512, Walker McLaren 450. Rovers 3-Gordon Ostrander 560, Marian Ostrander 532. Countrymen 5-Bert Gould 502, Jean Smith 464.

Women over 500 Marg McKersie 575, Ellen Garner 567, Vera Donnell 534, Marian Ostrander 532, Nellie Stokman 521, Erke Van Driel 517, Sue Nightingale 513.

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