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Rockwood DIGEST

It's all over including the shouting now. The 1979-80 school year is past history and mothers are in for two months of fielding "What'll I do, Now?" queries.

Rockwood Centennial School had so many awards to give out they held two celebrations—an awards night and graduates' banquet, plus a school awards day for the remainder of the students.

Larry Shaw was the schools big winner after he carried home the Haeside trophy for history, the mathematics award, the Robert Leslie and family award for academic proficiency, the McRae award for English, the George Smith Family award, MVP; and the Larry Polo award MVP softball.

Tracey Tomlinson had trouble juggling her trophies after she won the Robert Love athletic award; the LaFontaine award for MVP volleyball; and the student council music award.

Other award winners included: Susan Hawkins and Ian Duffield who won the Tony Proulx Memorial for humanity; Heather Noble and Kristi Duncan who won the Osborne trophy for citizenship. Carole Buehler won the Seim award CHSS for all-round student. The Home and School award for academic improvement went to Brian Bonus and Betty Ann Pinder; James Junkkarinen and Tracey Tomlinson won the Saunders Family award for art; the Duncan McPhedran Family award for the student with the greatest over-all improvement was won by Drew Wheeler and Natalie Merritt; Todd Williams won the DeKevin Murdock award for MVP basketball.

Kristi Duncan was master of ceremonies for the graduates' banquet that preceded a commencement dance Tuesday. Mike Chapman said the grace and Betty Ann Pinder offered a toast to the Queen. Kristi gave the welcome and introduced the head table. Steven Lush introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Bob Hyde, and Kevin McRae thanked him.

Other speakers on the agenda included Betty Jones, Eramosa, Home and School president; Kelly Hughes, president of the Students' Council; Kathy Lawton, Students' Council treasurer and Larry Shaw, president of the Athletics Council.

School principal Grant McRae conducted the awards ceremony, also making his congratulatory speech at it's conclusion.

Valedictory speech was made by Sue Hawkins and Sara Matthews gave appreciative remarks to the Home and School.

Rockwood Sunshine Club held their last meeting of the season recently and will reconvene in the fall. Birthday wishes were the main attraction of the meeting with 18 members who celebrate birthdays in June, July and August being honored.

Entertainment was provided by the band consisting of Vera Black, Henry Leachman and Bert Davidson, who also stepped danced.

Donna Thompson of Hillsburgh, representing Denny's Bus Lines of Churchill spoke to the group suggesting travelling with the Erin based bus group for some summer trips.

Euchre winners were Sada Gilbertson and Mary Milne who tied for first place ladies. Henry Leachman won the mens' euchre.

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Eden Mills

50th anniversary memorable occasion

By Mrs. W. MacDougall
Sincere thanks to the Acton Free Press for the front page coverage of planned events for the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of Eden Mills as a Police Village.

The Old Tyme Dance on Friday evening was a sellout and folks loved the music of the Wellington Five and the older dances. Prizes for the best dressed couple went to Ted and Ev Barden.

Saturday's weather wasn't exactly ideal, but it was unbelievable the way the rain stopped just in time for the Calithumpian Parade.

Norman S. Marshall, an honored guest as he is the lone survivor of the first Board of Trustees, was called to the stage.

Steven Lowrie, with some well chosen words, thanked Norman for his 50 years of dedicated service to the village and presented him with a framed photograph.

At the hall, trustee Elwood Snow, who spearheaded this big birthday party, was the honorable chairman and he officially declared the opening of the weekend celebrations.

Elwood Snow and Miss Lydia Snow and

introduced the other dignitaries, village trustees, Harold Tomlinson and Rod Blair who extended their thanks to the guests who came and to those who took part. Secretary John Turner read the Act of Incorporation. Deputy Reeve Dave Masson and Councillor Ron Martin brought greetings from Eramosa Township and the Rockwood Trustees, Rick Lewis, Jean Osborne and Tony Reid extended warm greetings and led in the singing of Happy Birthday to Eden Mills.

Miss Edna Roberts were judges for the cake decorating contest and they were presented with a souvenir plate by Howard James. Winners of this contest were Evelyn Barden, Joan Chesworth, Scott England, and Della Chesworth.

Mrs. Alleda Martin was judge of the decorated bicycles and winners were Stephanie Turowski, Tracey Curtis, Iona Chesworth, Scott Turowski, Amanda Stamp, Mark Chesworth from England and Troy MacDougall.

Judges for the Miss Eden Mills contest were Rena Blaakman chosen Miss Eden Mills (ages 10-14), Princess was Laura Wachal (ages 6-9) and Flower Girl was Heather Blair (ages 3-5). The young boys who came in costume took a bow from the stage. Jean Rinehart sold the souvenir plates with a picture of the mill and these sold really well. A fun ball game with ladies and men on both teams

was declared a tie game. In the evening there was a talent hour under the direction of Mrs. Ann Chesworth, Guides, Brownies, some mothers and a singing group of Rockwood ballplayers. The Karate Club showed some techniques and Debbie Marshall broke a board with her hand. Betty Marshall led a lively singsong with Howard Lodge on the piano and then to the park for a fireworks display.

Sunday was warmer and there was an outdoor church service led by Rev. Finley, Rev. Doehring, Laurie Early, Howard James and the Guides and Brownies presented their flags. The afternoon was a real fun day with horse-shoe pitching, darts and games and races for the little ones. A bountiful pot-luck picnic supper followed and this was just about over when the thunder rolled and the rain came down, but nothing could put a damper on the spirits of the happy residents who

were proud to be Eden Mills.

This correspondent is afraid of leaving someone out, so here's a great

big thanks from the community to each and everyone who helped in any way to make this a memorable occasion.

Eden Mills grows pretty girls. Chosen to represent the village for the 50th anniversary celebrations this weekend was Rena Blaakman (left) Miss Eden Mills, flanked by her Princess Laura Wachal on the right and her Flower Girl, Heather Blair, in front.



Some of the major award winners at years end for Rockwood Centennial Public School were: back row left to right: Tracey Tomlinson winner of several senior athletics and music awards; Larry Shaw, all round winner of athletic and academic awards; Michelle Schaefer winner of the Don Hills award for safety patrol; Darryl McDougall, winner of the Don Hills award for bus patrol. Front row: Lauralyn Facey and Kenny Toomer, both junior achievement winners.





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