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Digest.



John Morrison, the Chimney Swift, finds his chimney sweeping business growing rapidly as more and more fireplaces sputter into action. Wearing the traditional garb of the Victorian sweep. John can be seen crawling around Rockwood chimneys all year long.

There were smutty goings on in Minneapolis recently when the National Chimney Sweeps Gulld held its fourth annual convention. One of the 150 sweeps in attendance was our

own John Morrison, of R.R. 5, Rockwood. He was elected Canadian representative. John has been in business for two years and

calls himself "The Chimney Swift." Assisted by his wife Louise, John has develop-

ed the business from Kitchener to Guelph to Acton, and, of course, Rockwood.

He got started in the sweep business when he was looking around for something to balance the small gardening business he and Louise developed on their Rockwood area farm. Now the sweeping business has taken over and

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become a full time job.

Initially, the Morrisons took an intensive train-Ing course in the States to enable them to become experts in their field.

"Anyone can put a brush through a chimney," Louise comments "but you have to know how to do it properly and to be able to recognize a dangerous situation when you see one."

The Morrisons clean up to eight houses a day in the summer. John also uses the long summer hours for chimney repair.

With an increase in wood stove heating in both urban and country homes, John finds himself travelling most of the time. He guarantees to leave no mess, using high powered vacuums for the soot and drop cloths close to the fireplace. A chimney can take as little as an hour to clean

and cost as little as \$35. A member of the National Chimney Sweeps

Guild, John feels "gatherings such as this (the convention) are invaluable to sweeps; the information garnered and exchanged insures that consumers continue to receive the best service possible."

President of the National Guild, Robert De Montigny of New Hampshire notes, "Chimney sweeps have an almost quixotic tradition, but in real life terms they perform a vital fire prevention service, often at high risk to themselves. They work year round. Hundreds of thousands of chimneys already cleaned by guild members are testimony to the critical service they provide the wood-burning public."

With wood becoming a popular source of heating and fire departments called out to more and more chimney fires, John Morrison, Rockwood's Chimney Swift, should be busier than ever.

A house fire July 31 caused an estimated \$8,000 flames and water damage to the home of James Fiddler situated on the Fifth Line of Eramosa, two miles north of Highway 24.

Rockwood Volunteer Fire Department were called out at 11.45 p.m. Thursday evening and stayed on the scene until 3.15 a.m.

One injury was sustained when Deputy Fire Chief Tom Rockola received a nasty cut on the wrist from window glass and had to be taken to the hospital for several stitches. Chief Carl Meadows commented Tom was very lucky not to have a major vein cut.

Please call Jennifer Barr 853-2010 or 856-9096 with Rockwood news and many thanks to those who already have.

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Mrs. Thomas Fines, Northern Doris Fines, and Mrs. Ireland, visited for three Dave Stewart visited one weeks with her cousins day with Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Barry James Leitch in Acton.

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Questionnaire for seniors apartments by GibsonfoBahrynowski

Eramosa senior residents will take the next major step towards getting themselves new

day August 17. cerning the need for such accommodation will be at 8 p.m. available from churches Sunday. questionnaires can also be picked up at the called non-profit housing. seniors' clubs in Rock- Rents paid for such wood and Eden Mills. The municipal office will supposed to be mainly in also have some.

questionnaires are kept much as 50 per cent or as in confidence, according little as 15 per cent can be to Deirdre Gibson, 'the car marked for people based conrynowski and Associates.

Neither council or the vance a need must be township clerk sees the demonstrated. responses, assures Mrs. provincial ministry of

be held at which the consultants will answer rental housing after Sun- questions and make a

presentation. The place income. Questionnaires con- will be Rockwood's town hall on August 27 starting living in non-profit hous-The Eramosa project would come under a government program

> ment may be about \$210. accommodation line with the private the market. However, as needing the rent to be GibsonfbBah- geared to their income. of assets. For the project to ad-

housing uses the criteria modation is available, A public meeting will of 15 per cent of the and tenants receive rent McLeod got the township people who would be eligble to have their rent set in accordance with their of their income.

> Most of the residents ing pay rents which would be competative in the local market, according to the consultant. The range in Eramosa for a single bedroom apart-

Under non-profit housing the traditional roles between the landlord and tenant are in force, said Mrs. Gibson. The tenant pays rent out of his income. There is no seizing

Under the Ontario Housing Corporation only single bedroom accom-

subsidies to a point where onto the senior citizens the rent costs 25 per cent

regular apartment build-

housing track earlier this

meeting the consultants the provincial and will advise residents to federal governments to picture non-profit hous- ease the cost of the proing just as they would a ject to the municipality. If, after the questionnaires and the other work

There are grants from struction can start. The second stages concerns the ways and means and the who of bullding the apartments. The final stage is the construction.

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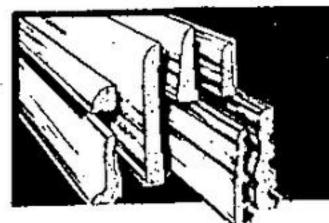
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