

Free Press

rockwood and district

Rockwood Digest

Residents of Rockwood and area were shocked to hear of the sudden passing of two long-time Rockwood residents this weekend. Sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of Eula Tomlinson and Fred Meadows.

Mrs. Tomlinson, wife of Don and mother of Brad, Kyle, and Tracey, was well-known for her activities with Rockwood Ball Club and the Ringettes. Her home was a foster home and always populated with young people. She will be sorely missed.

Fred Meadows and his wife Laura ran the store at the corner of Pasmore and Guelph Streets for 50 years. Up until four years ago the triangle shaped parking lot was also a gas station.

The store was long a meeting place for older residents who enjoyed a game of cards and a visit.

Mr. Meadows was an active sportsman enjoying ball games, hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Rockwood Fish and Game Club and helped stock Eramosa streams.

He died only a month after his brother, another Rockwood resident, Ozzie Meadows.

"The corner" won't be the same without him.



St. John's Anglican Church sports a new hat as it gets re-roofed.

St. John's Anglican Church is having its roof refurbished. More accurately, the roof is being pulled off in bits and tossed to the ground. The new roof looks very smart and should last a generation or two.

It certainly enhances a charming building.

In case you are wondering what's being built in the Ball Park—no, it's not a swimming pool. Look carefully and you'll see a well-finished ditch running from the corner of Inkerman and Guelph Streets, along Inkerman from the front of the park clear to the bush along the Clara Street side.

The township is rerouting the natural water course which for the past 13 years has careened down Clara Street gardens. Spring runoff coupled with increased building in the area plus the hockey rink drainage has been creating a mini-waterfall in some hill-side gardens. At residents' request, the ditch was dug thereby saving both gardens and tempers. Residents said there were pleased with the job and feel it will do the trick in diverting runoff.

Eramosa Pee Wees have received their trophy for winning All Ontario Rural Softball Association championships this year and celebrated by posing for pictures recently in the ball park. Proud moms and dads used up rolls of film as the talented young lads lined up behind five of their six trophies.

In addition to the ORSA trophy, they won the Rockwood Pee Wee championship trophy at the Rockwood tournament; a trophy for the Baden tournament; the championship trophy for Acton tournament; and the Tri-county Pee Wee trophy.

An impressive list for the team who took time out to congratulate and thank coaches Aleck Lush and Vic Williams. Linda Lush, scorekeeper and team "mother" was presented with a bouquet of carnations.

The team played 40 games and lost only one. Must have been some kind of record.

Rural Rockwoodites who still have livestock out in the fields at night had better consider bringing them indoors to sleep (in the barn, that is). There are reports of wolves in Nassagaweya a mile south of Highway 7 between Fourth and Fifth Lines.

Bernie Metheral, R.R. 2 Rockwood on the Fourth Line, reports seeing a large timber wolf kill a deer 200 feet from his property line recently.

He says it was 8.30 a.m. when he noticed a young confused deer dashing out of the woods opposite the Metheral 10-acre property. The deer, which turned out to be a spring doe fawn of approximately 125 pounds, was unable to jump the fence next to Metheral's property. It became very excited. In the same instant a large wolf sprang out of the bush, according to Metheral and killed the young doe with one swipe. The wolf then carried it 300 feet to a small knoll. Metheral ran into the house to fetch his rifle but the wolf disappeared when he reached the knoll, leaving the carcass with its stomach mutilated.

The incident was reported to authorities.

Other area residents say they hear wolves howling frequently. Doug and Carla Wood, Fifth Line, report they have heard large packs of wolves howling. The Woods say they are told there's a den living on the bush property next to them.

Long time resident Vincent Synnot of Fourth Line, says he's seen evidence of wolves for years and feels they are worse than ever this year. He saw a large timber wolf "five or six" years ago in the Teske bush between his farm and the Wood's on the Fifth line. He is convinced wolves have been after his cattle this year even though he hasn't lost any yet.

Metheral comments he often sees wolves at night when he's travelling home from work late.

"They're good looking timber wolves," he adds.

Mo McGinnis, farmer in the area since 1964, says he's aware of wolves and coyotes in the area but "I never worry about them little things," he scoffs but goes on to say "I wouldn't want to argue with any of them."

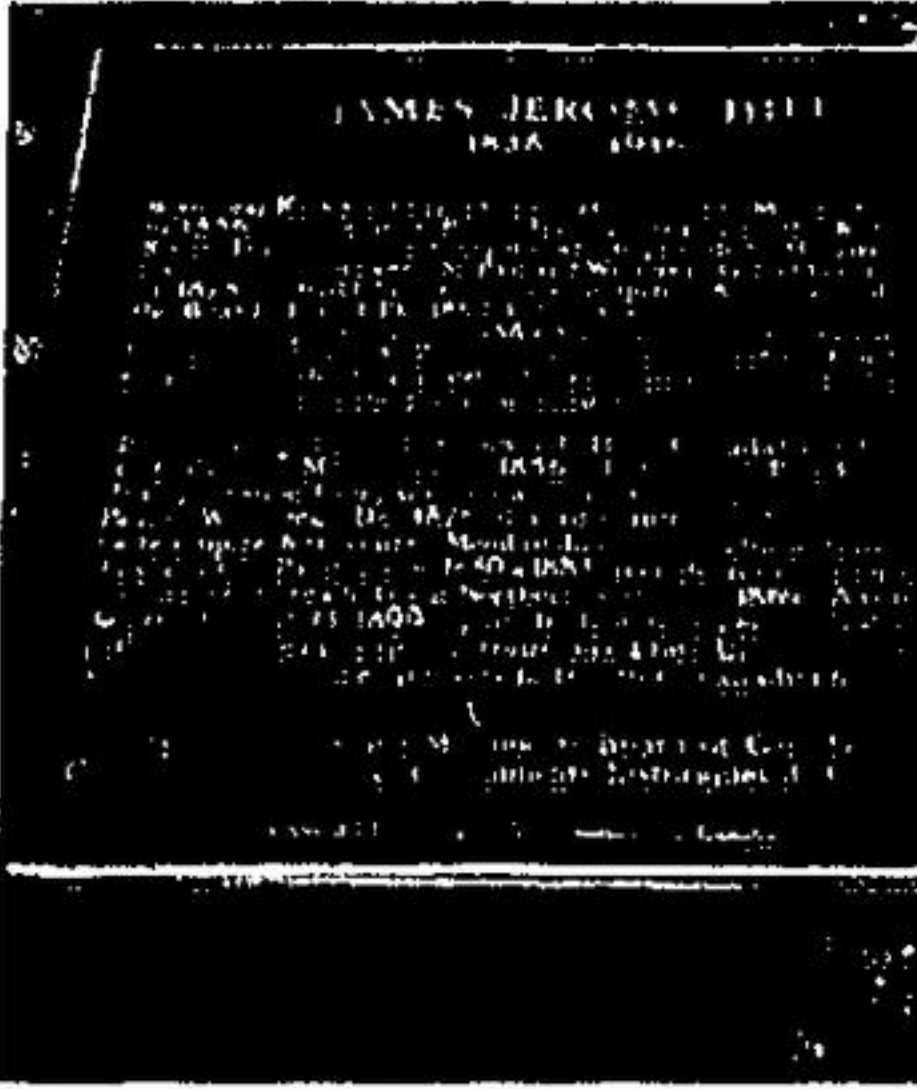
"He's come within three feet of big timber wolves when he's been out riding and says he knows there're wolves on the Teske property. He feels all wildlife is getting pushed closer to man as cover areas are civilized. He says the decrease of hunting rights has increased the amount of deer which in turn has attracted wolves.

He also feels seeding of nearby creeks with beaver several years ago by the Department of Lands and Forests has done damage.

Beavers have flooded land, creating swampy areas and promoting undergrowth which provide perfect wolf cover.

"The oldtimers had a reason to get rid of beavers," he comments.

Whatever the reason, keep your lambs and kids indoors at night. No sense encouraging wolves with easy dinners.



The plaque to J.J. Hill has been erected beside the Rockwood Post Office.

Guess what, folks, our plaque is up! Next time you pick up your mail at the post office look to your left and admire the historical plaque honoring J. J. Hill, railroad man, who was born in Rockwood.

The plaque is delicately placed on a single pedestal and only those who have been following its story know it's supported by enough footings and concrete to hold up a skyscraper. Slight confusion in government specifications, we are told!

Eramosa Public School reports an Open House will be held October 30 beginning at 7.30 p.m.

Rockwood Centennial Public School holds their's Thursday October 23 from 7 to 8 p.m. The Home and School Association will hold a meeting afterward from 8 to 9.30 p.m. featuring a talk by Bob Love on "What it takes to be fit".

Please call Jennifer Barr, 853-2010 or 856-9096 with Rockwood news, personals, or community coming events.

Churchill Hallowe'en party

by J. Turner

This Friday, October 24th, is the date of Churchill's Annual Hallowe'en party, and everyone is invited to put on a costume, come, and have some fun with the kids. Party will start at 7:30 in the basement of the church, with lots of games, prizes, and goodies for all. Mothers, please bring lunch.

The slide presentation by Jim Taylor last Saturday evening at Churchill Community Church proved a royal feast for the imagination. Mr. Taylor took the audience on a filmed trip through Europe to Oberammergau, in Bavarian Germany, where every tenth summer a play depicting the Passion of our Lord is re-enacted. The pictures were excellent, as was the commentary. At the close of the evening, everyone had the opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, and discuss their fascinating journey over lunch served by the ladies of the church.

Several from this area attended the McAdam-Lane wedding at Niagara-on-the-Lake Saturday, Sept. 18th. In a lovely afternoon ceremony at historic St. Mark's Anglican Church, John McAdam married Leigh Lane, with reception, dinner, and dance afterwards at the Pillar and Post Inn.

was discharged from hospital a week ago, and is now convalescing nicely at his Third Line home.



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Eden Mills

Many attend costume ball

by Mrs. G. MacDougall

Miss Kathy van Rhijn was a guest of her friend Miss Shelly Godding at Lindsay last weekend.

Mrs. Anna Wilson presided over the meeting of the Friendly Seniors on Wednesday. A bus trip to Sara Lee's was confirmed for November 12. There were 17 members out to enjoy a social afternoon of euchre and refreshments.

Mrs. Connie Wallace, Toronto spent a few days with her aunt, Mrs. William McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chamberlain were guests at a Silver Wedding anniversary reception for Mr. and Mrs. Vince Kurtz of Ariss. Jack was best man for his friend

Vince 25 years ago.

Mrs. Ann Funk has returned from a lovely five week vacation in the west, visiting friends and relatives.

There was a nice crowd out to the Community Club Hallowe'en Dance on Saturday night.

Almost everyone came dressed in costume to add to the fun. Winner of the best costume was Nick Gould as Donald Duck.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Koehn of Dundas visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. MacDougall.

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