

Free Press

Rockwood and district



Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hemsworth of Rockwood regularly receive Christmas cards from the Royal Family. This year's card is a formal picture signed by His Royal Highness Prince Philip. Mr. Hemsworth was Executive Director for the Commonwealth Conference this past summer and has been involved in planning the conference and the Prince's schedule for 18 years.

Rockwood Digest

Rockwood residents are urged to keep their dogs confined and make sure rabies shots are up to date after a rabies scare last week in which a rabid dog bit three Rockwood school children.

The youngsters, now undergoing treatment, were bitten a week ago Thursday by a small dog belonging to the Stiles family. The dog had broken loose from its chain and travelled to the school coming in contact with several people.

Sonya Petty, Dean Billings, and Brent Wooley have been undergoing treatment shots since last weekend in addition to the Stiles family and several area people who touched the dog. Rockwood Centennial School Principal Grant McTae believes roughly a dozen people are presently undergoing treatment.

Wellington-Dufferin Health Unit confirmed last Wednesday the dog, which died Saturday, was definitely rabid.

Letters to residents of the village from both the school and Rockwood Trustees urge all pet owners to keep animals confined and make sure rabies shots are up to date.

It is against the law to let pets run at large, but it is particularly important at this time with the possibility of more rabies cases.

McTae is very concerned about dogs running loose on school grounds.

Please, Rockwood, let's have a good Christmas. Keep dogs under control and inoculated.

Christmas cards are a welcome addition to the holiday season but often get thrown out in the New Year. One Rockwood resident who makes sure he keeps his Christmas cards from year to year is Lloyd Hemsworth. But then, I'd keep my Christmas cards if they were signed by the Royal family, wouldn't you?

As Executive Director of the Commonwealth Conference this past year, Lloyd Hemsworth has had a great deal to do with the Royal Family, particularly His Royal Highness Prince Philip, who is patron and major force behind the conference.

Mr. Hemsworth, a former management consultant with de Havilland Aircraft, has been involved with the conference since 1962. He has had occasion to visit Balmoral in Scotland to confer with the Prince and tells amusing stories of lunching with the Prince, the Queen and all the corgies.

The Acton Free Press will be featuring Mr. Hemsworth in our Profile column the week of December 30.

Rockwood resident and well-known musician James Gordon has a record out for Christmas. He and his group Sutherland, Gordon, and Bird have just received delivery of their new single featuring two of their popular traditional songs.

"Ferryland Sealer" is an old maritime fishing song performed with considerable feeling, sung by Jim backed up by the group on various instruments.

"A Blast of Wind" is a charming Irish jig with a rollicking beat played on penny whistles and brightens up the social comment of "Ferryland Sealer".

To obtain copies of this record, a perfect stocking stuffer, or small gift for extras, send \$1.25 to SGB Productions, Box 152, Rockwood.

The group's first album will be released by the end of January, once again featuring traditional Canadiana. A second album of original songs is scheduled to appear in the near future. When you write for your copy of the singles, put your name down for the album and the group will make sure you are on the top of the list. Act now, this is one popular group, and their records will be hard to get very soon.

Carol singing time again. Be sure to be on the Village Green this coming Sunday at 7.30 p.m. for carol singing around the creche courtesy of the St. John's Anglican congregation. Hot chocolate and donuts will be served.

Lloyd Dyer informs Rockwood skaters the ball park rink is now in use and invites all youngsters (even those who have lived a considerable time) to strap on their skates and help get the air pockets out of the ice.

The current cold snap is likely to continue for a week or so, and Lloyd says, if many skaters get on the ice to pound it down while he keeps watering it every night, within a week the surface will be good and smooth.

Hockey nets are up and ready for errant pucks. Come on kids, get skating.



Mia Anderson reads "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas to delighted audiences at Rockwood Centennial School. The Guelph Chamber Choir entertained recently with an evening of song, instrumental music and readings, "In Honor of Christmas."

With best wishes for
Christmas
and
the New Year

Philipp

Village trustees warn about parking on the street in their recent newsletter. Now that snowplows are in operation cars parked on the street present a hazard to snowplow operators trying to make a continuous run.

Trustees ask residents' co-operation in keeping cars off the road to avoid these problems.

They also remind villagers of the tree planting program for spring '81. For a mere \$10 you can order a sugar maple or Schwedler maple for the front of your property. The tree will be delivered in late April. Place your order at the village office.

Please call Jennifer Barr at the Free Press, 853-2010 or 856-9098, evenings with Rockwood news, personals and community coming events.

Ospridge

Honor visiting 90 year old

by Doris Fines
Mrs. Wesley Bruce, visiting here from White-wood, Sask., was pleasantly surprised on Saturday, when relatives honored her on her 90th birthday, at the home of her son Byron and Blanche Bruce. Byron's family were all there, another son Ward and Flora and family, daughter Phyllis and husband Jack Kerrigan and their two boys from Camlachie.

Mrs. Bruce was born at Whitewood, Sask. in a sod house. Her parents later built a log house. Her father was a baker, and also at his bake shop made candy to sell. Mrs. Bruce learned the secret from her father, and can still make good candy, but says she is sorry some of the recipes have been lost.

She has a family of six boys and two girls—Ward and Byron of Ospridge, Harold of Mesa, Arizona, Alf of Palm Springs, California, Andrew of Langbank Sask., Wallace of Kindersley, Sask., Phyllis Kerrigan of

Camlachie and Edna Scherle of Regina. Mrs. Bruce, who came down by herself on the plane from Regina is a young looking woman who could easily pass for 20 years younger. She says she sews a lot and likes to make quilts.

One sees the oddest things flying through the air these days. I happened to glance up from my work one day last week, in time to see a flying machine go by the window. The man could be clearly seen sitting under the brightly colored wings, as he went put-putting along just above the trees. It looked like a plane of the Kitty Hawk variety.

Now is the time of year for Christmas concerts. On Saturday, members of Knox Church started off a pleasant evening performance with a pot luck supper. Following this, the Sunday School held their annual concert. The children performed their skits, recitations, songs, piano, guitar and accordion instrumentals, and

choruses very well. Santa Claus arrived in time to deliver the gifts and candies. The Rev. Noble Dean was chairman for the occasion.

The Devotional at the December meeting of Ospridge Ladies' Aid was in the form of a Christmas worship service, given by Mrs. Ralph Sinclair, Mrs. George Lang, and Mrs. Henry Pankratz. Bible readings, prayer, and Christmas carols were shared.

Mrs. William Rupka was in charge of the stu-

dy. Her topic was "We have only just begun", asking what can we do about human rights, summarizing that we should be aware, be involved, and be prepared to make sacrifices.

The meeting was at the home of Mrs. Byron Bruce, and the roll call was an exchange of Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Byron Bruce closed the meeting with prayer, and tea was served with Christmas goodies.

Doodles

How about an old-fashioned burger and beer in front of an old fashioned fire?

Rockwood Hwy. N. 7 Reservations LLBO 856-9130

Limehouse

W.I. Yule dinner

by Mrs. A. Benton
More than two dozen enjoyed the annual Christmas dinner in Limehouse Memorial Hall recently when WI members entertained their husbands and families. After a sumptuous meal Mrs. A.J. Benton was at the piano while WI president Mrs. T.N. Anderson conducted carol singing. Mr. B. Cannon, who spent a year accompanied by his wife and family as an exchange teacher in Wales, told of some customs there. He then ran a lengthy film about Christmas in Wales.

In a friendly discussion afterwards several told of memories they had of family Christmases. Mrs. A.J. Benton thanked Mr. Cannon for his interesting and informative entertainment.

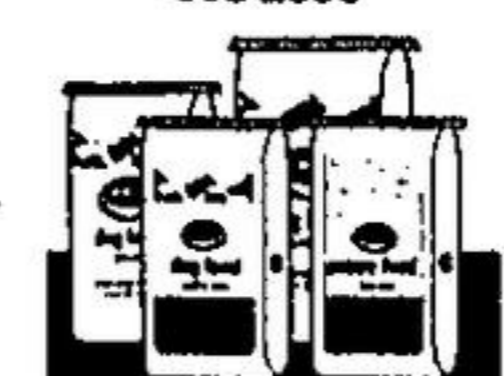
Mrs. Anderson asked that members bring donations for the shut-ins' Christmas boxes by December 11 and wished all a safe trip home.



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 MON., DEC. 22—TUES., DEC. 23, 9 A.M.—10 P.M. WED., DEC. 24, 9 A.M.—6 P.M.
 CLOSED THURS., FRI., DEC. 25, 26 SAT., DEC. 27 9 A.M.—6 P.M.
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DOWNTOWN ACTON — PLENTY OF FREE PARKING

Eden Mills

Former residents return

by Mrs. G. MacDougall
Correction to last week's correction. It was the Mission and Service Office who received the additional gift of money and the Rockwood Sunshine Band. They were sent a letter of appreciation for entertaining at Eden House Nursing Home.

A welcome back to Tom and Katie Atkinson who have returned to live in their former home here since Tom has been retired from his position in Sarnia.

Winners at the Eden House Nursing Home bazaar on Dec. 6 were Mrs. Ohls, a rug; Mrs. L. Romlinson, a ceramic tree; Mrs. F. McMinn, a candy house.

The roll call was answered with a Christmas verse. There were two guests present. The business period was closed with a poem "Peace on Earth" and the Lord's Prayer in unison. For the devotional Mrs. Lorna Tomlinson read the Scripture from Luke and a Christmas Story. The Happy Gang, Faye Milburn, Jean Middlemiss, Audrey Gungun and Marion Snyder with their piano accordions entertained and led in the carol singing. A delicious lunch was enjoyed and Mrs. Lorna Tomlinson thanked the Happy Gang for their entertainment and also the hostess.

The Friendly Seniors enjoyed a social afternoon of euchre on Wednesday. Prizes for the year were won by: Mrs. Nora McLean, for ladies high score; and Mrs. Clara Boreham with most lone hands for ladies. The men's high

was won by Ed Jennings and Gordon McKelvie had the most lone hands. At the supper hour, the group enjoyed a tasty Christmas Dinner catered by the Community Club ladies. The executive, Mrs. Anna Wilson, Mrs. Jean Rinehart and Mrs. Joan Lowrie received a gift. A lucky chair prize went to Mansell Lowrie and a lucky cup prize to Ed Jennings. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Day, Rockwood and Mrs. Holly Saulnier's slater. On Dec. 22 Eden House Nursing Home has invited the Seniors on a MacDonald Bus Trip to Toronto to see the Christmas lights. On Thursday evening, some of the members joined the Rockwood Sunshine Group for a lovely Christmas dinner at St. John's Anglican Church. Remember to pick up your New Year's Eve tickets from Irene Cole at 856-9777 for the Community Club Dance.

Council urges canine control

Eramosa Council is concerned with dogs running at large in the villages of Rockwood and Everton, particularly since the recent rabies scare in Rockwood.

At a recent meeting councillors decided to meet with township dog control officer Mary Keen to discuss reinforcing by-laws.