

# Free Press

# rockwood and district

## Rockwood Digest

Christmas is a time for school concerts and Rockwood Centennial had three last week!

Tuesday was the day for primary grades to entertain classmates, friends, and parents with a program of Christmas stuff. The primary choir sang several seasonal songs after which the grade ones enjoyed "The Alphabet's Christmas."

Grade two's rhythm banded enthusiastically followed by the Kindergarten offerings featuring Christmas elves. Grade one and two's combined to produce "The Fir Tree". The program concluded with "Hansel and Gretel", a playlet by the grade three's.

Wednesday's junior Christmas concert featured a full program including piano solos, choral readings, carols, and skits.

Thursday saw the older grades singing and laughing their way through the intermediate program. Among carols and musical presentations were skits such as "Blondie and the Eleven Dwarfs" (?), "How Mrs. Claus Saved Christmas," "Somersaults for Christmas" and "Commercial Hyperbole."

Carols on the Green were enjoyed by close to 70 singers Sunday evening as Rockwood residents were recipients of the hospitality of St. John's Anglican Church congregation at a community caroling.

Sandy Root arranged to have words to popular carols projected on a screen. Father McMurray led the choral singing for over an hour after which singers were warmed by hot chocolate and cookies.

Sitting on straw bales singing around a lighted creche certainly is a charming way to start the Christmas season.

Rockwood churches have several special Christmas services planned.

St. John's Anglican will have a Christmas Eucharist on Christmas Eve at 8 p.m., all candlelight and carols.

Rockwood Presbyterian holds a candlelight service Christmas Eve at 8:30 p.m., and one at 7:15 at Eden Mills Presbyterian Church. A special service will be held Sunday at the usual time at Rockwood Presbyterian featuring guest minister Rev. Gordon Timbers and the choir from St. John's.

Sacred Heart in Rockwood holds their Christmas Mass at 10 p.m. Christmas Eve followed by regular 9 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day and the same for Sunday, December 28.

Oustic Catholic Church holds their Christmas Eve Mass at 8 p.m. and midnight with regular 11 a.m. mass Christmas Day and Sunday.

Christmas Eve, Rockwood United Church members are invited to attend a candlelight carol service at Stone United Church at 7:30 p.m. Regular hours are in service for Sunday 10 a.m. for Stone United and 11.15 p.m. for Rockwood United.

Rockwood Sunshine Club report their recent Christmas dinner was a "sumptuous" success. Ladies of St. John's Anglican Church served the dinner at the parish hall.

Featured in the musical program that followed were Miss Gladys Hannah singing accompanied by Mrs. Vera Black; Leslie Graham singing; Mrs. Mary Milne giving readings; Victor Smith playing the violin and Henry Leachman on the mouth organ playing square dance numbers. Bert Davidson was sorely missed on the drum, washtub and two-step.

Participants were thanked by club president Mrs. C. Robertson.

Euchre winners were Mrs. Jessie Dunk, Mrs. Wilma Gilbertson, Mrs. Ethel Graig, and Mrs. Annie Black; the lucky chair Mrs. Vera Black and Wes Leitch who won a prize.

A pleasant time was enjoyed singing carols.

My Christmas wishes for 1980—please Santa, bring me a bag of time, world peace and Bruno Gerussi.

Merry Christmas, Jennifer Barr.



Christmas isn't Christmas without a Nativity. Rockwood Co-operative Nursery school invited parents and friends to their Christmas pageant last week. The four-year-olds created the traditional nativity scene.

## Ospringle Concert excellent

by Doris Fines

A large crowd came out Wednesday night to see the Christmas concert at Ospringle School. The children performed exceptionally well, beginning with the address of welcome by Bonnie Campbell.

The school choir rendered several selections under the direction of Mrs. Anne Smith and Mrs. Bonnie Schotsch, accompanied by Mrs. Alberta Hoy.

A play - The Christmas Carol, directed by Mrs. Arlene Hipkins, was well portrayed. The leading roles were: Scrooge by Ricky Cripps, Bob Cratchitt - James Gibson, Tiny Tim - Melanie Patterson, Fred - Doug

Root, Mrs. Fred - Kim VanManen, Ghost of Morley - Heidi Schotsch, ghosts of Christmas past, present and future - Alette Nekler, Shannon Salter, and Sean Strelec.

An accordion duet by Kim VanManen and Glenda Sinclair, a piano solo by Doug Root, and recitations by Michelle Plech and Heidi Schotsch were enjoyed.

**Merry Christmas**  
May joy and gladness  
decorate your holidays  
...every little one!

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### Ebenezer

by Mrs. R. McLean  
Sarah Beaton and Kim Clegg lit the last Advent candle.

A good crowd enjoyed the choir's presentation of Ouchterlony's Carol Cantata. Both junior and senior choirs took part and solo parts were taken by Eleanor Ferguson, Audrey Weldeman and John Kitching. In the social hour that followed, Marion Diamond made presentations to the Kitchings, Beryl Clegg and Lois Beaton, for their faithful service.

Mr. Wm. Frank is home from hospital, after a lengthy sojourn.

**A Christmas Wish**

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### Everton

by June Jansen  
The congregation of the Everton Community Church would like to invite all village residents to join them in a candlelight Christmas Eve service. The service will start at 7 p.m.

After the candlelight service, you are also invited to go carolling in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jestin, recently moved from their home in Everton to their new home in Rockwood. The Jestins have been residents of the village for some time and they will be missed.

We hope that they will enjoy their new home in Rockwood, and we are glad that they have not moved too far away, so we will be able to visit often.

The Rev. and Mrs. Gerry Slack and daughters moved into the former Jestin home on Saturday. Welcome back to the village.

On behalf of the Jansen family, I wish all village residents a very Merry Christmas.

### Christmas Blessings



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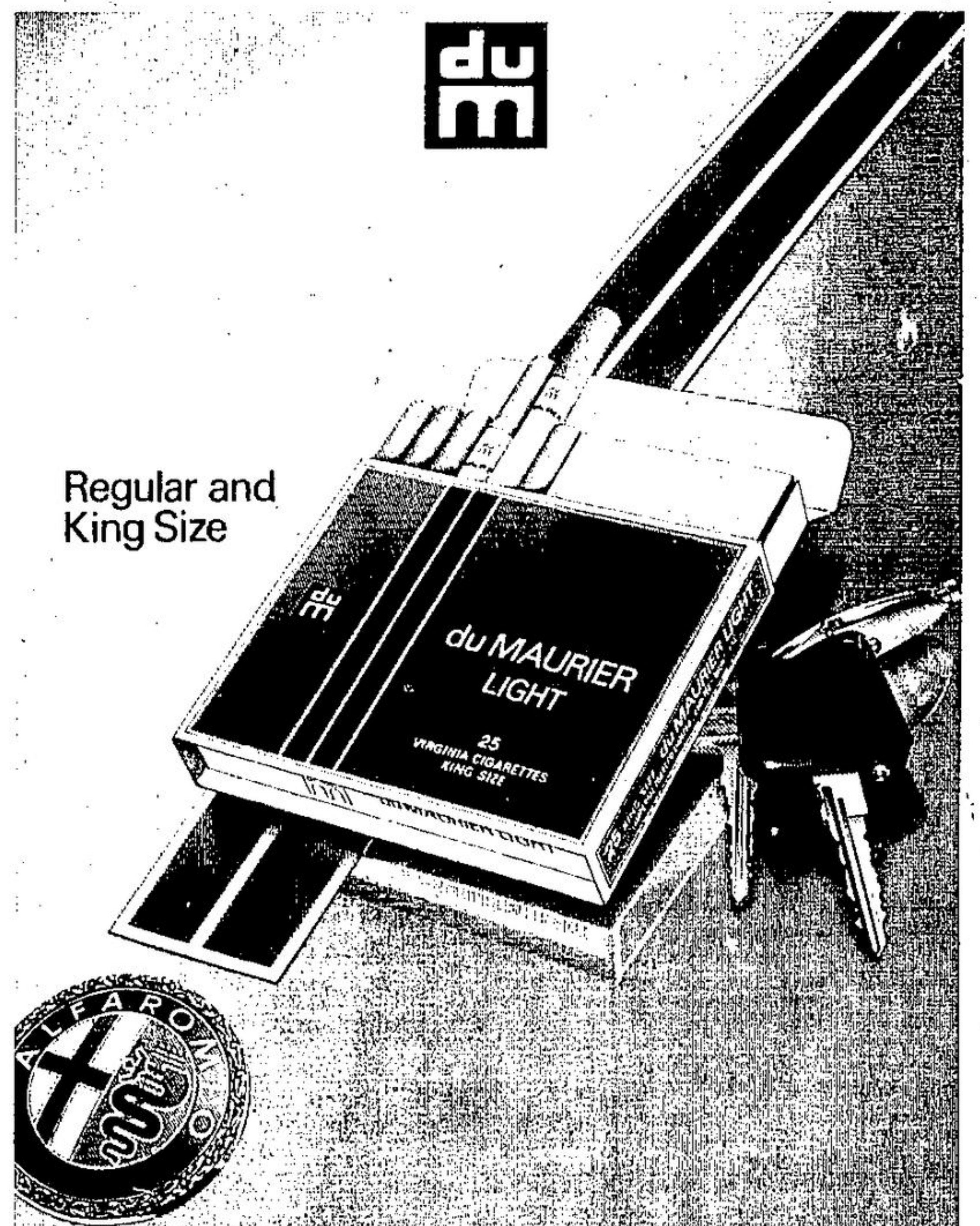
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