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Rockwood Digest



The Elusive Rock.

Rockwood is a very interesting village, specially for rocks. I've been a rock all my life and love my hometown. I wish my captors would allow me freedom to enjoy more of it.

I'm known as the "elusive rock" because of my penchant for freedom. I keep bribing residents to kidnap me from my spot outside Rockwood TV and set me down behind the Plaza building. Unfortunately, the proprietors seem unusually bright for humans and keep recapturing me before I have a chance to effect a complete get-away.

No I have to suffer this abomination of a label painted on my person, "Property of Rockwood TV." Why, that's an outrage—I'm virtually a slave!

Oh, to be a pet rock instead of a working rock. Pet rocks have it easy, cosy and warm inside someone's hall adorning plants or decorating a doorway. I have to catch pneumonia here on the sidewalk waiting until Rob or Art needs me to hold the shop door open. Art has promised me a set of underwear for Christmas but I'll believe it when I see it.

I do a good job. I never fall over. I support that heavy glass door with a panache. And I've been on the job longer than any of my predecessors. If only I could get away from it all once in a while. I've only been inside the store once in my life and that was Halloween night. I can't even go on strike—there's no rock union—not even in Rockwood.

Please help me fight for Rock's Rights. I promise I won't try to run away again. A holiday is all I ask. I'll take a quiet roll to the edge of the parking lot, sit and contemplate life for a while, then, when no-one's looking—I'll run like heck!

Christmas Day is not a day to suffer a house fire, but the Brian Given family did. Their Gzowski Street residence went up in smoke at approximately 4.30 p.m. Rockwood Volunteer Firemen were called out at 4.40 p.m.

The family was away at the time of the fire which was believed to have started close to a furnace smoke pipe. Fire Chief Carl Meadows says he isn't sure yet whether the cause of fire was an electrical wire, the furnace pipe or the proximity of the two.

An estimated \$25,000 damage was caused from heat and smoke damage to the interior of the house. Firemen were on the scene for three hours.

Mrs. Drijber of Mary Street reports activities in the Rockwood Bible Club and the Friendship Coffee Bible Study group are in full swing.

The Bible Club is designed for youngsters and meets at the Drijber household (corner Mary and Pasmore across from the school) every Wednesday after school.

The interdenominational group compete for badges and achievement certificates while increasing their knowledge of the Bible with games. There are no dues and all are welcome.

The Christmas meeting featured the making of a tape for the club's missionary in Argentina.

The Friendship Coffee Bible Study group meets Wednesday mornings from 9.30 to 11 a.m. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Doris Biehm, 222 Alma Street.

The aims of this group are bible study, discussion, and fellowship.

For more information on both of these groups phone Mrs. Drijber at 856-9506.

Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas. Rockwood seemed alive with visitors and youngsters sporting new sleds, skates and skis. The park has been getting more than its share of use these bright, crisp, snowy days.

Thank you, Rockwood, for your support and assistance during the past year of producing Rockwood Digest. The village is such a busy and active place it's not always possible to cover everything or to find room in the paper for it. However, your patience and understanding is welcomed.

Kind words and enthusiastic response are still outweighing criticism, thank goodness.

We are looking forward to a successful New Year and wish you all the best from the Family Barr.



Rockwood churches were delightfully decorated over the holidays. Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Main Street North, was bright with color, lights, poinsettias, a beautiful angel-dusted tree and an old-style crèche.

Eden Mills

Christmas visitors

by Mrs. G. MacDougall Farewell to Allan and Pat Young who have sold their home and taken up residence in the United States. Good luck to them in their new surroundings.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. N. Tolton and Mr. and Mrs. R. Tarrant on the arrival of a new grandson. Happy parents are Jim and Renee Tolton of Mississauga.

The lighting of the fourth Advent candle in the United Church was done by Sacha and Mischa Skoropad. At the Presbyterian Church it was lit by Dianne Blacklock with readings by Susan Blacklock.

Holiday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, Hillsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shortill, Ballinacree and Mr. and Mrs. Tim MacArthur and family from Cambridge.

Adding to the Christmas music at the Candlelight service were instrumentalists, Steven and Susie Blacklock, Susan Hawkins and Tracey Tomlinson from Rockwood. Mrs. William McLean spent Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Francis, London. Rev. Carrie Doehring and Mark spent Christmas with parents in Montreal. Rev. Gordon Timbers from Milton was guest minister in her absence on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Mansell Lowrie were Christmas visitors with Joan's mother and sister, Toronto.

Mrs. Anna Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. Dianne Chamberlain, Miss Leslee Chamberlain and Brandy enjoyed Christmas dinner at the Orchard restaurant, Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. G. MacDougall, Mr. and Mrs. Roger MacDougall, Tara and Troy; Mr. and Mrs. Dean MacDougall and Dustin, Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Yvon Lachance, Dean and Heather and Mrs. William and James Glibertson enjoyed Christmas at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hamilton, Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Blacklock hosted Christmas dinner for the Mrs. Clara Blacklock family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger MacDougall were host for a Jordan family dinner on Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Wilk Wilson enjoyed Christmas with her nephew and his wife in Burlington, Mr. and Mrs. K. Spinks.



Rockwood 1st Pathfinders enrolled new girls recently. Front row, left to right, Margaret Thomson, Lesley Rockola, Susan Nemet, Lauralyn Facey. Back row, Tracey Bedford, Karen Johnston, Sherry May, Julie Driver.

Doodles

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Everton

by June Jansen

Congratulations are extended to Tim McKendry and David Jansen, both of Everton. Tim who plays hockey for the Acton Major Bantams came home with a silver medal from their tournament in Windsor. David plays for the Acton Major Pee Wees who were the tournament champions in Flam-borough this week.

Jim and Barbara Ware entertained 23 members of the Gates family on Christmas Day.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stevens were Elizabeth's parents and her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Jansen and family spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Given, R.R. 2, Acton and the rest of the Given family.

Happy New Year to all the residents in Everton.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Good luck and much happiness to all our wonderful friends in the coming year!

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CANADIAN ODEON THEATRES GEORGETOWN 3

HELD OVER 3rd GREAT WEEK
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3 HELD OVER 3rd EXCITING WEEK
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...Or you might not live to regret it. The facts speak for themselves. Drinking and driving are a deadly combination...one that can turn any holiday into a disaster. Saying no to that New Year's drink can mean the difference between life and death. Plan your holiday celebrating the smart way. Don't drink and then drive...and see that others are in shape to get behind the wheel. Make this a safe and happy New Year.

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