

# Rockwood Digest

Rockmosa 100 wasn't. Scheduled to be run Sunday, the Rockwood Lions snowmobile rally was postponed due to bad trail conditions.

Raindate (snow date?) is now February 22, same time, same station. All contestants have been asked to keep pledge sheets and keep gathering sponsors. Registration will be taken between 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday morning February 22 at Rockmosa Community Centre.

It was ironic that snow started to fall two hours after snowmobiles would have been commencing their run. One thing we still have no control of is

the weather.

Rockwood was on television again! If you were watching Channel 5 at 4 p.m. Sunday, "The Garden and The Cage", you were treated to some excellent shots of Rockwood Conservation Area.

The program was described as a portrait of two French Canadian writers Gabrielle Roy and Marie-Claire Blais.

Fire in a shed at the 7th Line residence of Howard Donnell had Rockwood Volunteer firefighters on the job last Wednesday.

Fortunately there was only minor damage sustained according to Fire Chief Carl Meadows who also added the cause was unknown. Firefighters were on the scene approximately one hour.

A tractor fire at the residence of Roy Harding on the Fifth Line north of the village had firefighters running again. The tractor was running in the lane when flames broke out, probably because of a leak in the fuel line, according to Meadows. Approximately \$500 damage was incurred.

Fire sirens for Firefighters' Monday night practice were a half hour late and somewhat weak due to all that blowing snow—one of the sirens froze up! The fire chief describes the sirens as "funny looking fans" that quit running when snow gets in them.

Cari Meadows and Acton Fire chief Mick Holmes were honored at Saturday's Sabres hockey game in Acton. They threw out the first puck and went home with a trophy puck to put on their mantelpieces.

Rockwood Horticultural Club meets again Wednesday, February 11 at the town hall. Meeting starts at 8 p.m. and features speaker Walter Hayward discussing on starting young plants and growing under lights. Everyone welcome.

Rockwood Trustees remind residents it's time to place orders for maple trees.

All residents who would like a 10 to 12 foot maple tree on their front lawn may order one for the meager sum of \$10.

Orders have to be in by March 10 and must be accompanied by money.

More than 50 trees were delivered last year for spring planting and is part of trustees Rockwood beautification project.

Get your mouth ready for Pancakes. Pancake Tuesday doesn't occur till March this year. Easter is 27 days late. However, the Parents Committee of Rockwood Guides, Pathfinders, and Brownies are planning a repeat of last year's very successful Pancake Supper.

The event will take place at the town hall Tuesday March 3. Pancakes, sausage and fruit cocktail will be served continuously from 5 to 7 p.m.

Price is the same as last year—\$3 for adult, \$1.50 for children under 14, pre-schoolers free.

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### Eden Mills

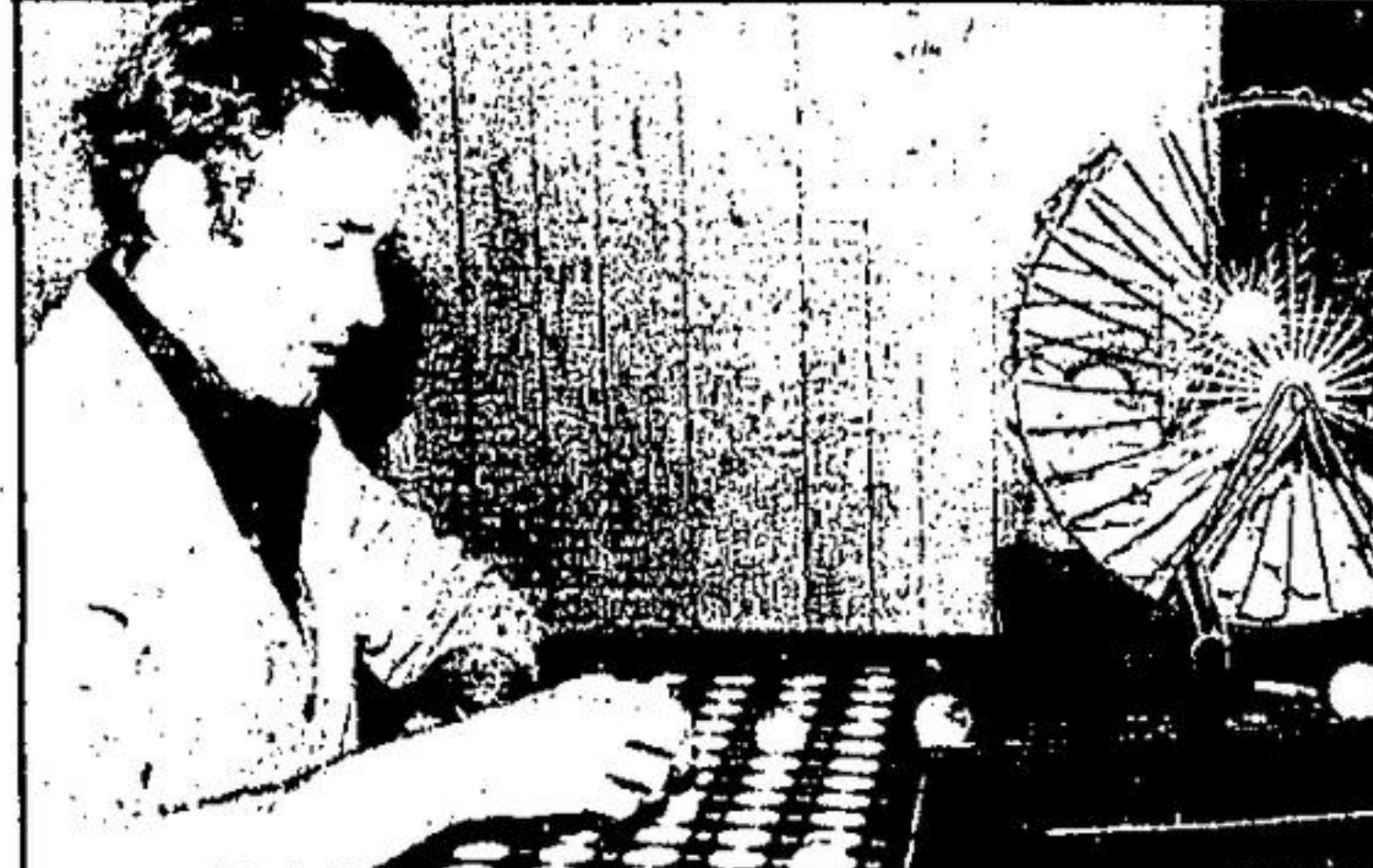
## W.M.S. annual Monday

by Mrs. G. MacDougall  
Mrs. V. Montgomery was the hostess for the January meeting of the Presbyterian Women. The president, Mrs. E. Barden opened with a poem "Why Me?" Reports were given and the communications were thank-you notes.  
The annual meeting of the Waterloo-Wellington W.M.S. Presbyterian is to be held on Monday, Feb. 9 at Westminister-St. Paul's in Guelph.  
There was a motion to have an In Memoriam Book started and a motion to have the ministers chair and the two side chairs up-

holstered.  
A thank-you note is to be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Blacklock who kindly donated 12 new Hymn Books on Christmas Eve. A study book for the year is to be purchased.  
Pennies for the Fellowship of the Least Coin were dedicated by Mrs. Barden. As program convener, Mrs. Montgomery asked for a moment of silence to honor one of the faithful members and life member of the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Anna Wilson and for this Rev. Doehring offered prayer.

As this is the Year of the Disabled Mrs. Montgomery read from the Glad Tidings on this subject.  
Jeanette then played Amazing Grace on her piano and concluded her program with prayer from the Record.  
The roll call was answered by 10 members with suggestions for the year's work. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. Henry on February 24. Donations are to be given to The Distress Centre in Guelph and the Community Club. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and refreshments

were served by Mrs. McLean and the hostess. Mrs. G.W. Lasby gave the courtesies for an enjoyable meeting.  
Mr. Albert Robson from Balzac, Alberta, has been a recent visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barden.  
Mr. Vince Montgomery has returned to his home from St. Joseph's Hospital.  
Mrs. W. and Mrs. J. Gilbertson enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mrs. Susie Kuhn, Guelph.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rinehart were Sunday guests of Mrs. and Mrs. Jack Rinehart, Toronto.



Bill Hammond determines the financial future of Rockwood gamblers as he calls bingo numbers for Sunday's games. The event, held every second and fourth Sunday of the month in St. John's Parish Hall, is sponsored by the Sacred Heart Young People.

### Osprige

## Guides learn nutrition

by Doris Flies  
A nutritionist from the Wellington-Dufferin Health Unit, was guest speaker at last week's meeting of the Osprige Girl Guides. Janet Sinclair came up from Brownies to be officially enrolled as a Guide, at a recent meeting.  
We are sorry that Keith Sinclair has been in the hospital, and is still under doctor's care. We hope for an improvement in his condition before long.  
Mrs. Wesley Bruce has

returned to her home in Whitewood, Sask., after spending some weeks with her sons Ward and Flora Bruce and Byron and Blanche Bruce, and their families.  
The Osprige Scouts enjoyed a toboggan party and cook-out lunch, last week, at the farm of one of the leaders Mr. Robert Brown. Everyone had a good time.  
Reeser Draper, of the board of education, came out to Osprige school and gave a demonstration of a VTR unit (video tape record). A VTR unit allows the teacher to play a tape from a large selection of tapes from Educational TV, when it best suits them, instead of when it is actually played on the TV.  
The Osprige school photography club has been busy taking and developing their own photos. The macrame club are nearly finished one planter and preparing to start their second. These are extra projects being studied in the noon hour.



Helen Burnham displays some of her favourite painted china pieces. The Rockwood artist is well-known for her china painting.

## Burnham cracks china market

Some people wash dishes but Helen Burnham paints them.  
A well-known Rockwood artist, Helen has had her hand in a variety of art mediums the latest of which is china painting.  
An ancient art, usually associated with upper class nineteenth century ladies, china painting is gathering momentum in Canada.  
An accomplished oil and watercolor artist, Helen nevertheless found painting on china was her forte.  
Her Balaclava Street residence is full of beautiful plates, vases, tea sets, and dishes decorated with delicate flowers, landscape scenes and portraits. She's even painted milk cans with scenes from the Rockwood Conservation Area.  
Helen teaches her art in classes from Guelph to Kitchener, specializing in senior citizens groups.

Mature people seem to have more time and patience for the exacting art, Helen remarks.  
Painting is done directly on white glazed china imported from California or Germany. Helen is very proud of some German Limoges china decorated with her work.  
The design is transferred to the plate with graphite. Beginners use pre-designed transfers but Helen designs her own. The colors are applied in three segments, firing in between each application to add depth. The special paint comes in dry form and is mixed with oil to a fairly stiff consistency. Colors are delicate enough for realistic volleys, rosebuds and baby birds.  
When she's not teaching, Helen is trying to keep up her inventory for the many orders she receives when she attends art shows.

At one memorable show she sold her entire stock in one morning.  
Helen has never managed to catch up and keep the same amount of

inventory—her best work is always sold before she has it finished or placed on back order. What nice problems for an artist to have.

### Churchill

## Stormy sleigh run

by Joanne Turner  
Churchill Community Church held their annual meeting a week ago Sunday following morning service.  
After an hour of food and fellowship, Rev. Ernyrs Jenkins called the meeting to order to hear the reports. These were all found to be in good order, and the election of officers followed.  
The Board of Directors remains unchanged.  
Clifford Storey was promoted to Honorary member of Session, while Wally Ella was added to the active list. Terry Soutiere and Jean McPhail were added to the Board of Managers. Shirley Swackhamer and Brenda Hillier will supervise the Sunday School.  
There was discussion concerning the value of the tape ministry, which culminated in a vote of encouragement and financial support for this project of Howard Donnell, who records tapes of the services for distribution to shut-ins.  
There was further discussion of the ministerial visitation program, which produced a visitation committee, headed by

Lydia Kerr, assisted by Joan Waddle.  
The Mission Allocation of \$400 remains the same for the time being. It is divided among Jim Kirkwood's work in Africa, Isabel Stevenson's mission in India, and the Bible Society.  
Churchill Anniversary Services will be May 31, the guest preacher Mr. Jim Taylor, managing editor for the United Church Observer.  
Lloyd McEnery has two teams and sleighs that are kept pretty busy taking various groups out for sleigh rides around the farm.  
On Sunday afternoon the Churchill Sunday School children enjoyed this old-fashioned treat. The team of big matching blacks, bells jingling, took us on a winding

route over rolling fields and through a maple bush, before turning back towards the barn buildings.  
It was just stormy enough to make the team and their merry cargo equally glad to return to shelter.  
The group returned to the Waddle home for hot chocolate and cookies in front of a blazing fire.

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