

# Rockwood trustees discuss debt

Provincial government advice is likely to figure in any method to be used by Rockwood trustees in handling the village's approximately \$7,000 deficit.

Provincial Inter-Governmental Affairs manager Vince Bozzer, of Guelph, presented some ideas to village trustees and Eramosa Township councillors Monday.

Village trustees Rick Lewis, Jan Osborne and Jim Funk invited Bozzer to one of their meetings so they can learn details of methods they can use.

Trustees are meeting tonight to discuss one way of releasing \$8,000 from the village budget. Township clerk Lloyd Hindley outlined a suggestion that would put roads under the township's rate.

The main disadvantage to villagers with that is they would receive a hefty tax hike this year. It would amount to a \$60 tax increase on a home assessed at \$3,000. On top of that would come the regular tax levy increase of about \$60.

Sixty dollars in one year is "too high of an in-

crease", according to trustee chairman Lewis.

Bozzer suggested trustees go through the budget "with a fine tooth comb" to see if they are "living beyond their means".

Garbage collection is something Rockwood and other police villages undertake though they do not have the authority under the Municipal Act, according to Bozzer.

He suggested trustees check to determine if they are paying for garbage collection directly.

Police villages have to operate within a 15 mill increase limit. If trustees discover they need more mills that they can get, there was the suggestion that the municipal organization change in order to get around the limit.

Under the Municipal Act, Rockwood could in time exist as a ward within the township rather than as a police village. According to township reeve Bill Adsett there could be an advantage in that, especially when it includes the sharing of personnel.

"We will check with the solicitor about arranging the money," trustee Jim Funk told township council. "Maybe we won't lose the identity."

"As far as your deficit is concerned, it's not something you should be carrying from year to year," said Bozzer. Rockwood's had a deficit for at least four years.

The main causes of the \$7,000 deficit, according to Lewis, are the frontage costs on property the village owns and the sewer and water services to the village office.

Rockwood trustees will soon have to make decisions because the village's budget affects the township's budget. And the township has to have its budget set in May so the bills can be mailed in June.

Eden Mills, the other police village in Eramosa, also had a problem with its budget last year. There was a surplus of about \$2,000. And a surplus, like a deficit, should not be carried from year to year.



Eden Mills Presbyterian Women's president Ev Barden helps serve during the church's Good Friday breakfast. In the background is cook Jim Henry, Joan Chamberlain, in stripes, and Donna Henry hand full plates to Mrs. Barden. Many people enjoyed the breakfast.

# Free Press rockwood and district



Rockwood Bible Club members have strung coins on ribbons for the missionary they help sponsor in Argentina. The club meets at the home of Sijtske Drijber on Wednesdays. In the photo, rear row from left to right, are Jennifer McLean and Cynthia Dupe. In the middle row 1. to r. are Christina Ingleson, Stacey Duby, Heather Reid, Tanya Depee and Leanne Brace. In the front row are Sherri de Vrtes, Kara Fry, Neil Crawford, Leah Belcourt and Darryl Crawford.

## Rockwood Snowmobile club dance this Friday

by Barbara Funk

Rockwood Eramosa Snowmobile Club is having their annual dance and landowner appreciation night on Friday April 24 at the Rockwood Community Centre.

The doors will be open at 8:30 p.m. and dancing to Marion's orchestra will begin at 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 a couple and are available from any club member or at the door. There will be door prizes and a hot buffet will be served during the evening.

The children of the Rockwood Bible Club have been saving their pennies to build a ribbon of money for the missionary they help sponsor in Argentina.

The project was finished this week and Mrs. Sijtske Drijber will be sending their donation to Miss Tyson in Buenos Aires. The club meets at Mrs. Drijber's after school on Wednesdays.

Rockwood and District Lions Club President Ted Ford and Darryl Nichol played belated Santa Claus this week. The club received toys from Rockwood Hardware and these were distributed to the pediatric unit at the Guelph General Hospital and the Developmental Centre for preschool handicapped children in Guelph.

Early risers in the village were treated to an excellent view of the hot air balloons on Easter morning. One area farmer wasn't particularly impressed with the close proximity of the machines after his herd of dairy cattle broke through a fence to escape the strange apparitions.

It's reported that he started the tractor to drown out the strange hissing noise from the balloons and hopefully prevent a stampede, but the cattle weren't fooled and didn't settle down until the balloons landed or disappeared.

The Pioneer Day Committee held their first meeting on April 14 with various groups from the area attending. At the end of the meeting it was apparent that his year's Pioneer Day should be a successful and busy day for everyone.

The day will start off with a parade at noon followed by ball games, log sawing contest, bingo, tug of war, frog jumping contest, flat course soap box derby, pet show, chicken barbecue, dance and many, many more events.

One event no one has volunteered to sponsor yet is a home made boat race on the river. If anyone is interested, please call Marla Reid at 658-9819.

Remember June 20 is Pioneer Day. Get well wishes to John

## Ospringe Clarkes in the old country

by Doris Fines

Three weeks of solid sunshine prevailed for Mr. and Mrs. Barry Clarke's vacation in Ireland and England.

They visited Mrs. Clarke's cousins in County Antrim and County Derry, in Northern Ireland, and travelled a thousand miles by car to see the country.

Their most interesting part of the trip, they said, was in Kent, England, where they visited the church in Rooten where Barry's ancestors were buried beneath the

The headstone was lying flat in the floor.

They also went to see the old family home which was built in the twelfth century, and has since been renovated. The occupants invited them in and showed them through the house.

They arrived home Saturday night, and were thankful there was no violence until after they left.

Mrs. Lloyd Boyd was in Frankfurt, Germany, last week attending the International Fur Fair. Mink coats were modeled, and prizes were given for the best

designs. Mrs. Boyd said the country was beautiful with the tulips and other spring flowers in bloom, and the trees out in blossom.

Mrs. Martha Wragg has returned from spending the winter in her favorite haunt, Brownsville, Texas. She also spent a month with her daughter Dorothy and Mike Reim in San Diego, California. She went to see the citrus parades in Michen, which she enjoyed very much.

It was communion service at Knox Presbyterian church on Easter Sunday. The three

Graham sisters of Hillsburgh, Beth, Elaine and Colleen sang "Beneath the Cross of Jesus", after which Elaine sang a solo.

Beverly and Jim Wilkins of Woodstock, Robert and Susan Bruce, David and Nell of Burlington, and Brenda Bruce of Oshawa, visited on Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce and Bradley.

Mrs. Thomas Fines and Doris spent Sunday at Belwood with Mrs. William Henderson and her grandchildren Tara and Melanie Redman of Mount Forest.

Milton of Clara Street. John is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph. His friends hope he will be well and home again soon.

Rockwood Scouts are seeking sponsors on Thursday and Friday for the trees they will plant Saturday as part of the Trees for Canada Program.

The Young People's Club of Sacred Heart Church is holding a bingo Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in St. John's parish hall in Rockwood. Everyone is welcome.

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<p>ALL PURPOSE BRAND</p> <h2>Chase &amp; Sanborn Coffee</h2> <p>2.49</p>	<p>PRIMO, PLAIN</p> <h2>Spaghetti Sauce</h2> <p>89¢</p>	<p>ALL PURPOSE</p> <h2>Monarch Flour</h2> <p>1.89</p>	<p>SHRIMP, SALMON, CHICKEN, SAUSAGE ROLLS</p> <p>3.79</p>	<p>SWISS STYLE</p> <h2>Yogurt</h2> <p>3.19</p>
<p>ALL PURPOSE</p> <h2>Beefaroni, Mini Ravioli or Spaghetti &amp; Meat Balls</h2> <p>69¢</p>	<p>POWDERED</p> <h2>Sunlight Detergent</h2> <p>3.19</p>	<p>PRODUCT OF U.S.A. CANADA NO. 1 GRADE</p> <h2>Head Lettuce</h2> <p>39¢</p>	<p>SHRIMP, SALMON, CHICKEN, SAUSAGE ROLLS</p> <p>1.99</p>	<p>PARAMOUNT</p> <h2>Coho Salmon</h2> <p>1.69</p>
<p>PRODUCT OF U.S.A. CANADA NO. 1 GRADE</p> <h2>Cabbage</h2> <p>59¢</p>	<p>PRODUCT OF U.S.A.</p> <h2>Sunkist Navel Oranges</h2> <p>1.99</p>	<p>PRODUCT OF U.S.A.</p> <p>2.19</p>	<p>DELMONTE, SEASONED</p> <h2>Green or Wax Beans</h2> <p>39¢</p>	<p>DAY LEA, PLAIN OR ASSORTED VARIETIES</p> <h2>Swiss Style Yogurt</h2> <p>3.19</p>

**People Come First at IGA**

## Eden Mills Seniors set June trip

by Mrs. G. MacDougall

The newly-elected president, Mrs. F. Rinehart presided over the Wednesday meeting of the Friendly Seniors.

There were 13 members present.

Plans were finalized for a bus trip on June 7, leaving the hall at 9 o'clock.

Sincere get well wishes are extended to Clara Boreham and the Seniors hope she will soon be back with them.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction and euchar was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tomlinson flew out to Alberta for the long weekend to visit their daughter and son-in-law and children, Mr. and Mrs. Len Cross.

Gerald Barden, Cornwall, was an Easter visitor with his parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barden and Gary.

The Easter weekend started with an impressive Maundy Thursday Service. There was a big turnout for the Good Friday Morning Breakfast.

Assisting Rev. Doehring on Sunday was Miss Kathy Ariss, a student minister from St. Andrew's church, Kitchener.

Kathy also assisted the choir in their very special music and played trumpet along with Steven Blacklock, and Susan Blacklock was on the trombone.

Dr. and Mrs. Jim Henry will be celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary this week, and Donna was presented with a gift from the congregation. Congratulations!!

Mrs. Bob Francis, London was a weekend visitor with her mother, Mrs. William McLean and her dad who is a patient at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Unit.

Easter Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Vince Montgomery were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ostrander, Orangeville, Mr. T.J. Reith, Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Klunkos, Guelph.

Some of the members of the United Church attended the Sunrise Church Service on the Starkey Hill in Arkel. They then returned for their own service with special Easter music from the choir.

The Community Club held an enjoyable Old Time dance with music by the Wellington Five.

A reminder of the Giant Garage Sale to be held in the hall on Saturday, April 25.

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## Churchill Ex-resident marks birthday 107

by J. Turner

The Easter morning breakfast at Churchill, with pancakes served by the men of the congregation was a great success.

The men, having proven their skill with the skillet, permitted the ladies to assist in the washing up.

Meanwhile members of the nursery and kindergarten classes, aided by primary pupils, enjoyed an Easter egg hunt.

The sanctuary was bright with Easter flowers for the worship service at 11.

Rev. Emrys Jenkins' sermon was based on the Emmaus experience: Jesus walks with us every day if we can but recognize His presence.

The choir sang two Easter anthems.

Next Sunday evening at Churchill, Mr. Mac Sprowl, Acton, is presenting slides, and an account of a recent trip to Australia. This is to be the program part of a fellowship evening sponsored by the C.C.W., and all friends and neighbours are invited. Lunch will be served afterwards.

Friends in the community are sorry to hear that Mrs. Walter Cole, Third Line, is back in St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton.

She has undergone surgery, and Walter reports that she is improving slowly. We wish her the best, and hope to see her home again soon.

The paper drive is now in full swing. Please get those papers in today.

Birthdays are in order for Mr. John Thomas, Vancouver B.C., who celebrates his 107th birthday on April 29.

Married to the former Minnie Russell, Johnnie Thomas farmed on the 4th Line, Erin, just north of Churchill sideroad.

He also lived on farms on the First Line, and their two daughters went to school at Greenock.

Mr. Thomas has lived for many years with his daughter, Rilla, in North Vancouver, but last year moved to a nursing home.

Though his hearing has failed, his general health is good; he still writes a clear hand, and enjoys working jigsaw puzzles.

Happy 107th Birthday, Johnnie!

## Limehouse

The reports presented to the annual meeting of Limehouse WI gave proof of a busy and useful year in community activity.

During 1980 the members made and sold a quilt, quilted others, catered to a banquet and the food booths at two auctions, and held a craft and bake sale. In all, the treasurer handled over \$2,200.