

# Free Press

# rockwood and district



Rockwood's scouting community turned out in force to honor one of its long time members and family plus invest a new chaplain Thursday. Vic Johnson received his ten-year pin while Father A.J. Olinak was invested. Mavis and Chris Johnson, who with Vic have worked with the scouts, flank the two. The father and son banquet was held in St. John's Parish Hall.

## Rockwood

### Canvassers raise \$2,756

by Barbara Funk  
Rockwood Conservation Area opened this past weekend.  
The park has a new campground with all-service sites, new washroom facilities, and hopefully, showers will be installed before the season is over.  
Park Superintendent Joe Randall reports a great deal of vandalism in the park this year. He is at a loss as to why visitors have to damage trees and spread garbage from one end of the park to the other when refuse containers are available.  
The most dangerous and distressing act of vandalism is the broken glass left lying about. The staff at the park found a great deal of broken glass buried in the sand at the bottom of the slide in the children's play area. They feel this was not left there in neglect but carefully buried there.  
Marjorie Saunders, captain of the Cancer Canvas 1981, wishes to thank everyone in the area who donated so generously when the canvassers called.  
She also sends a special thanks to canvassers Evelyn Gidden, Mary Kelly, Margaret Lister, Bernice Bacon, Johanna Gooyers, Sue Nightingale, Grace Day, Edie Ward, Gert Woellmer, Mary Logan, Helen Weirmer, Gail Baldwin, Kathy McIntyre, Jan Osborne, Evelyn Farr, Ann Parkinson, Beryl McDougall, Margaret Hammond, Ruth Bayne, Mary Storey, Mary Towgood, Jane Murison, Myra Benham, Jean Parkinson, Barbara Osborne, and Howard Donnell who collected \$2,756.71.  
The umpires clinic will be held at Rockwood Centennial School in the Music Room on May 6 at 7:30 p.m. not at the ball park as reported last week.  
Joyce Taylor of the Meals on Wheels program has informed me that the organization is in desperate

## Ospringle

### Mail box bash

by Doris Fines  
Last week I read a news item attributing moon madness as the cause of mail boxes being damaged at Forks of the Credit, during the full of the moon.  
Well, I hadn't really thought of casting the blame on the moon, but during the same period, several mail boxes around Ospringle had their flags snapped off.  
Call it moon madness or goon madness, but it caused some inconvenience aside from the fact they have to be replaced, for some boxes were crammed full of mail before the owners realized there was anything in them.  
Jean Jackson and Laura Stewart, accom-

panied by Brenda Dean, Jackie Glover and Shirley Doherty of Erin, attended a Women Alliance at Waterloo University, over the weekend.  
There were many seminars and lectures, the theme for the weekend being Be Still and Know That I am God.  
Dr. Helen Roseveare, a missionary in Africa who had been captured and tortured for three months, was one of the main speakers at the Christian Women's Conference.  
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Martin of Detroit, Michigan, visited last week with Mr. Russell's sister and niece Mrs. Thomas Fines and Doris.

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## Eden Mills

### Nursery prepares bazaar

by Mrs. G. MacDougall  
The April meeting of the Presbyterian Women was held at the home of Mrs. W. and J. Gilbertson.  
President Mrs. E. Barden opened with a reading "The Solitary Soul".  
The hymn In the Cross was sung followed by reports and communications.  
Plans were finalized for the lunch to be sold at the joint auction sale to be held by the Rockwood and Eden Mills Presbyterian churches at this church on May 27.  
Members were reminded of the church cleaning on May 9.  
The church anniversary is scheduled for May 31, with guest minister for

the deaf in the Toronto area.  
Mrs. W. Lasby gave a report of the meeting in Palmerston on "Growth in Country Churches."  
Mrs. Herb Gilbertson gave a report on the Pennies for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Pennies were received and dedicated by Mrs. R. Blacklock.  
A welcome was extended to a guest, Mrs. Fred Rinehart and nine members answered the roll call with a bible verse containing "faith."  
The devotions were taken from the Easter Service in the Glad Tidings and this was concluded with the singing of "The Old Rugged Cross" in unison.  
Mrs. Mabel Parker opened the meeting with

For the program, all were delighted with the home slides shown by Mrs. F. Rinehart.  
Refreshments were served by Sada Gilbertson and Wilda MacDougall, and courtesies were given by Mrs. R. Blacklock.  
Mrs. Ann Vos and the Nursery School moms are busy getting ready for their bazaar and tea on Saturday, May 9, from 2-4 at Rockwood Centennial School.  
For newcomers or old-timers please feel free to attend either of the churches. Eden Mills United Church meets at 9 o'clock with Rev. Russel Finley and the Presbyterian Church meets at 10 o'clock with Rev. Carrie Doehring.  
The Eden Mills United Church Women held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Wilma Fuller.  
Mrs. Mabel Parker opened the meeting with

a reading from Micah.  
Mrs. J. James took the devotional and all joined in singing the hymn "When I survey the Wondrous Cross." Scripture reading was taken from Phillippians, Chapter 2.  
The topic was Christian Humility.  
In the business period plans were made for catering at the Nordic Farms Limosine cattle sale.  
The meeting was closed with prayer. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. R. Millson and the hostess.  
Courtesies were extended by Mrs. M. Parker.  
Ralph Thompson attended Grand Orange Lodge, in Cambridge recently.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson and Mr. Alfred Thompson of Hillsburgh visited Mrs. Alfred Thompson at St. John's Convalescent Hospital in Toronto on Sunday.



Rockwood United Church held its first yard sale under the guidance of the Friendship Guild Saturday. Many items were sold. Wyn Hall, of the guild, getting some help from Walt Stevens is selling some of the wares.

## Eramosa asks for assessment study

Eramosa Township Council is pondering the merits of the provincially proposed equalized assessment.  
Council Monday night asked the ministry of revenue to study assessment in the township. The purpose of the study  
Ebenezer  
by Mrs. R. McLean  
A large crowd enjoyed a musical treat, when the three churches, Arkell, Eden Mills and Ebenezer choirs joined to present their annual choir rally.  
Mrs. George Mathews directed and Mrs. John Kitching accompanied on piano or organ.  
The senior choirs' selections were "Thy name, O Lord", "Help me speak the Little Word", "How beautiful Upon the Mountains", "By an' By" and "A Hymn of Praise."  
The junior choirs contributed "Let It Out" and "Praise the Lord." A social time followed.  
The lovely spring flowers were in memory of Ian Ferguson.

to help council make up its mind whether uniform assessment's benefits outweigh its faults.  
The equalized assessment question came to light because of the recent dip in assessment in the township. Some owners are dismantling buildings they no longer need. That results in decreased assessments.  
"One reason for going at it," said township Reeve Bill Adsett, "is that vacant land has been paying pennies."  
Lower assessment means less tax money going into the municipality's treasury.  
Building Inspector John Salmon observed that it is the practice of the Grand River Conservation Authority to demolish buildings on recently acquired land. "It's the first thing they do."

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