

Free Press

rockwood and district



Rockwood Centennial School looked like an international airport on Saturday with students from all over the world taking part in the first leg of their Lions exchange program. Some students were Paul Lundstrom, Tina Nielsen, Claus Bentzon, and Jens Fricke, Denmark.



Students came to Rockwood from all over the world on Saturday to take part in an exchange program sponsored by the Lions Club. American visitors included Charlie Andres, Minnesota, and Terry Trexler, Nancy Pusser, Tanya Boyd, Sheryl Pierce, and Denise Nebegan, all of Texas.

Rockwood

Exchange students here

by Barbara Funk
 Rockwood Centennial School was the crossroads of the world on Saturday.
 Exchange students from all over the world were brought to the school to meet their host families. The boys and girls will visit with Canadian host families for a week and then they attend the International Camp at Wildwood Conservation Area near St. Marys.
 After a one week stay at camp they return to their host families for two more weeks. This entire project is sponsored by District A-9 and A-15 Lions Clubs.
 The countries represented at the camp are Finland, Austria, Italy, Germany, Gabon and Cameroon (Africa), France Switzerland, Holland, Denmark, and Japan. The United States is represented by students from Texas, Minnesota, Mississippi, and Iowa while Canada has students from Ontario and Quebec.

Rockwood Firefighters

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almost got her camera case blasted off the face of the earth. All very exciting.
 A rural hookup was performed in the old schoolyard and necessitated the use of tanker, pumper and porto-tank. Rural areas don't have hydrants handy for water supply so firefighters carry their own. A pumper (the traditional firetruck with hoses) holds 600 gallons and pumps 625 gallons a minute when three hoses are operating. A tanker holding 1,200 to 1,500 gallons of water has to be hooked to a thousand gallon collapsible canvas tank from which the pumper can draw. Firemen have less than two minutes to do this before the pumper runs dry and loses prime. Rockwood Firefighters are expert at handling a running hookup. Some outfits shut the pumper down before hooking on to a tanker but Rockwood firemen don't waste any time. They often repeat the exercise in the dark.
 Rockwood Fire department have two tankers, two pumps, two porto-tanks, an emergency truck equipped with everything from lifesaving gear to extra uniforms and a 1943 International firetruck that doesn't leave town. They also have nearly ten thousand feet of hose and consider themselves pretty well equipped for a small town fire department.
 After the rural hookup firefighters galloped inside to resuscitate Gary Lautens who was giving a very good imitation of a dead man. For a half-hour he suffered chest thumps and air shooting up his nostrils as teams of two rehearsed the choreography of "one- one thousand, two-one thousand... breathe".
 Trucks were taken for a highway spin, equipment was checked, hoses dried, all body equipment was sterilized and re-packed. This was followed by rehash, discussion and criticism with Rockola. Other practices might include a car extrication or a ladder rescue, but the basics are included in every practice.
 For all this life saving knowledge, Rockwood Firefighters are paid \$7 an hour. They all refused a raise this year and asked that budgeted money be used to purchase new radio equipment for the department.
 Fire Chief Meadows recalls some memorable fires in the department's history. He remarks the biggest fire in the village he remembers had to be the burning of the confectionary store situated where Rockwood Hotel now stands. He also feels the twice burning of the Eden Mills Mill and the fire that destroyed Harris Woolen Mills in Rockwood were of major importance. He speaks with delight of a recent fire in Garafaxa Township where Rockwood Firefighters were able to save a man's life before Fergus Fire Department arrived.
 "That's got to make you feel good", he adds.
 Carl Meadows sums up the attitude of the 27 men who make up Rockwood Volunteer Firefighters when he says, "there's never a hero, only a decent firefighter or a damn fool."

Eden Mills

Service exchange for church goes

by Mrs. G. MacDougall
 Eden Mills United Church and Stone United Church are again enjoying a summer exchange church service. This coming Sunday's worship will be at Eden Mills.
 Eden Mills United Church was the setting for a pretty wedding on Friday evening uniting in marriage Miss Michelle Bould, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bould and Ron Hamer, son of Mrs. M. Hamer and the late Mr. Guelph. Michelle's sister, Mrs. Judy Campbell was Maid of Honour and best man was Mike Mooney. Rev. Russell Finley conducted the service. A reception followed at the Community Hall. Congratulations and very best wishes to these happy newlyweds who are making their home in Eden Mills.
 Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell, Cort and April from Sundridge have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bould.
 On the weekend of July 4, the Eden Mills ball club won the championship at the Freelon Ball Tournament. This past weekend at the Rockwood (Ball Tournament), they lost out to Glen Morris with a 0-0 score but Glen Morris had more base runners making them the Champs. In regular league games, Badenock won over Eden with a 3-1 victory - this was a really good game with no score until the eighth inning. At a game played at Carlisle, the Eden ball boys won 5-3.
 Mr. and Mrs. Roger MacDougall spent the weekend at Owen Sound. Tara and Troy stayed with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Gib Jordan at their trailer at Puslinch Lake.
 Recent visitors with the Gilberston ladies were Mrs. Ron Fleck and children of Mississauga and Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Douglas and family from Oakville.

Ospringle

German visitors at Niagara Falls

by Doris Flies
 Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Brauser of Frankfurt, West Germany, are in Canada for two weeks. Mr. Brauser is the director of the German Master Furrier School in Frankfurt. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Boyd are helping to entertain them while they are here, and on Sunday they spent the day at Niagara Falls.
 Mr. and Mrs. Murray Robinson of Burlington, have purchased Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clarke's house on the Second Line, and have moved in. A warm welcome is extended to them.
 Mrs. Arnold Bessey has sold her farm and is now living in Guelph.
 Mrs. Hazel Todd, who was assisting at the Ospringle General store, and mother of Mrs. Tunney, has also moved to Guelph.
 Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Boyd entertained their family on Saturday to celebrate their granddaughter Kim Jefferson's birthday. Kim's brother Todd was there, as well as her parents Joan and John Jefferson of Fergus, and her uncle Lloyd Boyd Jr. of Mississauga. Jim and Greg Ross were also guests.
 The community was shocked to hear of the sudden death of Duncan Kingsbury of Eramosa. Duncan was a former resident of Ospringle, and sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Ruth and family.
 Citizenship awards were given out on the last day of school, for the best all-around scholars in each room. In Arlene Hipkin's room, winners in grades 1 and 2 were Wendy Trzeklaska and Brenda Stubbington; Anne Smith's grades 2 and 3 were Sarah Nijhuis and Kim Hicks; Bernice Buchanan's grades 4 and 5 were Diana Grundy and Debbie Sinclair; Nap Andruskiewicz's grades 5 and 6 were Heidi Schotseh and Glenda Sinclair; and Ian Sanders and Vera Denny's grade 7 winners were Kim VanManen and David Giammarco. Congratulations to these excellent students.

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