



The Rockwood Post Office celebrated its 130th birthday last week. Standing in front of pictures of the previous postmasters are from left to right: Postmaster Margaret Cox and employees Isobel Mikkelson, Cheryl Clark and Laurie Lloyd.

Rockwood post office celebrates 130 years

The Rockwood post office celebrated its 130th anniversary December 1 with the great, great, great grandson of the first postmaster, Robert Pasmore, opening the doors.

Aun Jalliffe opened the door Thursday morning and Postmaster Margaret Cox gave a speech on the history of the Rockwood service to a handful of spectators.

The first postmaster, Pasmore, started the Rockwood service in conjunction with a general store. Opening out of a modest log cabin on the corner of Main and Harris Streets, Pasmore distributed the mail for 44 years.

In 1897 Pasmore handed the reins over to Hugh Black and the post office moved to a new location on Main St., just south of the bridge running through the village.

Black retained the title 12 years and in 1909 Col. John Mutrie became the third Rockwood postmaster.

By this time the mail service had moved again, this time to a rented building further north on Main St. Mutrie remained postmaster until 1928 when Frank Day began a 44 year family service to the community.

Day remained in office until 1945 when his son George became the fifth postmaster.

The Days continued running the service until 1972.

In May 1972 the present postmaster, Margaret Cox, took over the service and in

June of that year the Post Office moved into a new building on Guelph St.

Cox has presently four employees under her direction servicing 1,404 households in the Rockwood area.

The post office served coffee and cookies during the morning as part of the 130 years of service celebration.

Churches busy with Christmas time plans

For the first time ever, most of the Acton churches and one school are getting together for a Community Christmas Musicale.

This Sunday evening at 7 p.m. at the Acton Baptist Church, the Trinity United Church Choir, Trinity United Junior Choir, St. Joseph's Children's Choir, the Salvation Army Singing Company, Acton Baptist Youth Choir and the McKenzie-Smith School Choir will participate in an evening of entertainment. It will be an evening of carols, readings and songs.

As Christmas draws near, the local churches are finalizing their seasonal plans.

The Acton Baptist Church will be having their Christmas Family Night, with a supper, carol singing, skits and a visit from Santa, on December 18. Christmas eve will see a special 7 p.m. service featuring

Local dog lover works to help blind

Some Canadians walking around their homes or down the street face a near impossible task because of blindness, but thanks to Sandy Todd and the Credit Valley Kennel and Obedience Club help is being made available.

Ms. Todd an RR 2 Acton resident, is presently the show chairman for the Credit Valley Club which raises money through raffles, draws and two annual dog shows to buy a seeing eye dog for a blind Canadian.

The dog shows, which Ms. Todd is organizing, are the largest of their kind in Canada and will be held at the Industry Building at Exhibition place in Toronto on December 10 and 11.

"Over 2,000 dogs compete each day in the show," said Ms. Todd, a confirmed dog lover. "We hope to double the 6,000 or 7,000 person attendance we had last year."

"Through raffles, draws and the previous dog shows we've raised enough money to buy Credit one (a seeing eye dog) she added, and after this show we hope to have enough for Credit two."

According to Ms. Todd, each seeing eye dog costs around \$4,000 by the time medical and training expenses are covered. Each dog, selected at birth, is evaluated to ensure that it is intelligent, stable and healthy before the training begins. After the puppy is weaned it is sent to a good home where it becomes used to people and it develops a good temperament.

After a year, if the dog still meets the requirements, the real training begins.

"At first the dog learns the basic obedience skills," said Ms. Todd. "It learns how to roll over, heel, sit and stay and if it does



Sandy Todd, the show chairman for the Credit Valley Kennel and Obedience Club, says she and her organization want to raise money at their sixth annual dog show in Toronto to buy seeing eye dogs for blind Canadians.

well it graduates to more difficult maneuvers. After a time the trainers will wear blindfolds and ask the dog to guide him around obstacles. If all goes well after a year of training, the dog will lead his blindfolded trainer through busy intersections and heavy pedestrian traffic," concluded Ms. Todd.

When the training is complete the dog is matched up with an owner, she said, and if any problems arise there is always a trainer on hand to help iron them out.

At the fund raising event this week the recipient of Credit One, Heather Anderson, will talk on the impact a seeing eye dog has had on her life.

As well, Ben Wicks, a world famous cartoonist, will demonstrate his skills and autograph his new book, "Dogs."

Ms. Todd also added she hopes this year's show and all future fund raisers will continue to help many blind Canadians as well as entertain thousands of dog lovers.

Noise bylaw

Dismiss charges

For the third time noise bylaw violation charges against the operators of the Yugoslav Centre south of Acton on Highway 25 have been dismissed.

The charges, stemming from a picnic held last August 7 at the cultural-recreation centre, against Mike Milicevic of the Yugoslav organization were dismissed in Milton provincial court Thursday because of lack of evidence.

Town Bylaw Enforcement Officer Jake Lusty explained a key witness, a Halton Regional Police officer, failed to appear in court.

The officer was to testify as to who was in charge of activities at the centre that day.

A letter to Halton Hills council from the Yugoslavs stated that Milicevic would be in charge, but that wasn't sufficient.

Lusty noted a neighbor on the Third Line had been called to court to testify about the noise levels at the picnic.

lessons, carols and communion, plus special music. There will be a regular Sunday morning worship and special Christmas service the next morning.

A Cantata choir service will be held at the Bethel Christian Reformed Church the evening of December 18. Christmas morning will see a regular service, and on December 31 there will be the Old Year's Service.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church will have a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m., which will be mostly for the children. There will be another one at 9 p.m. for adults. In addition, after the 7 p.m. service, a birthday party for Christ will be held for the youngsters. A midnight service is also planned.

At 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., the regular Sunday service and Christmas service will be held.

The Evangel Pentecostal Tabernacle will be holding a Christmas program this Sunday evening at which time the Sunday School will be putting on two films. On December 18, the congregation will be bringing food and money which will be given to two or three needy families. Christmas morning there will be an 11 a.m. service.

A White Gift service will be held at Knox Presbyterian Church this Sunday morning. Youngsters will be handing in their banks for the Kim Petty Memorial Fund to go towards the Church's foster child. A Cantata will be held at 7:30 that same evening, and the offering will go towards the Memorial Fund also. There will be a Christmas eve service as well as one the next morning.

A White Gift service will also be held at the Trinity United Church this Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Part of it will be a church

service, the other part a pageant. The annual Boar's head banquet was held Sunday evening. Christmas eve there will be a 7:30 p.m. family service and an 11 p.m. communion service. Christmas morning, an intergenerational service is scheduled. There will be no Sunday school.

The Acton Salvation Army is planning a Christmas Candlelight service with carols and a family service. However, it was not known at press time which night this will be held.

A candlelight carol service will be held December 18 at 7 p.m. at St. Alban's The Martyr Anglican Church. Christmas eve, at 7 p.m. family communion is planned and a candlelight communion at 11 p.m. A family eucharist will be held at 10 a.m. Christmas morning.

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