



THE CHANGING face of Rockwood. This chain link fence is being erected along the Valley Road, around the old mill property. Access to the familiar swimming hole has been restricted.

Rockwood Area youth charged

A 17-year-old Rockwood area youth has been charged in the break-in of a house and theft of jewelry, cash and household items. Cash and items valued at \$5,955 were stolen in a break-in last week at an R. R. 1 home. The value of the stolen goods was revised downward from the first estimate of \$8,900, police said. About \$70 worth of stolen loot has been recovered by police.



GRANDMA MCGERAGLE listens to the comments of the youngsters, during "Grandma Week" at the Rockwood Co-operative Nursery School.

Crack down on grass fires

Eramosa township is going to crack down on people setting grass fires, whether accidental or otherwise. Rockwood and District fire chief Carl Meadows told council that grass fire season will soon be here. He recalled that one day last year there were nine fires in one day. Mr. Meadows appealed to the township council Monday for their assistance in helping to prevent the fires. Councilors agreed that better enforcement of the fire by-law would help the firefighters. The by-law reads that anyone setting a fire must have a permit either from the township office or the fire hall. Anyone who has a grass fire without a permit would be eligible for a stiff fine. Councillor Dave Masson suggested embarrassing those with fires through the newspapers. He said that if a person's name is going to be in the paper, with the cause of fire, and how much it cost the taxpayers for the firefighters to battle the flames, the next person would think twice before lighting a fire. Mr. Meadows pointed out that a grass fire is one of the hardest types to fight. He also said that while the trucks are out at various grass fires, a much more serious fire could be taking place, with no truck available. Someday, he said, it will cost someone's life.

50th anniversary for district couple

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smeltzer of R. R. 1, Rockwood, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 31. A family dinner with children Dorothy, (Mrs. Roy Harding) Winelda (Mrs. Ralph Wright), Leonard and Murray, 10 grandchildren and one great grandson in attendance, was held at Rockmosa Community Centre.



MR. & MRS. Gordon Smeltzer of R.R. 1, Rockwood celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 31. Here they cut the cake during the family celebrations at Rockmosa Community Centre.

The Smeltzers, who were married in Fergus, farmed for 50 years in Eramosa Township. They are now retired, still reside on the homestead, and are active members of Speedside United Church. In celebration of their 50 years together, they received a telegram from Governor General Jules Léger, plaques from Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Davis, and greetings from local members of parliament Jack Johnson and Frank Main.

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Rockwood Roundup

by Barbara Wynneck
The "Spring Happening Tea and Bake Sale" is this Saturday April 15, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eden Mills Community Centre.
The Rockwood Tennis Club will be holding its registration Saturday April 22, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Town Hall.
Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Chicken Supper at Rockwood United Church on April 24. Tickets available from members of the Friendship Guild or at Pearl's Variety.
The members of the Rockwood Co-operative Nursery School are busy preparing for their bazaar which will be held May 13. More details later.
"Growing and Care of Roses" will be the topic presented by Clyde Soule at the April 19 meeting of the Rockwood Horticulture Club. Mr. Soule is from the Guelph Horticulture Association. Meeting time is 8 p.m. at the Town Hall. Everyone welcome. 1978 memberships will be available, fee \$2.

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Youth dies after crash

Donald Matheson 18, of 65 Heslop Dr., Milton died of injuries Thursday April 6 in hospital following a two-car crash at Speyside on Highway 25 Sunday, April 2.
The Milton youth was the driver of a car in collision with a second vehicle driven by Acton resident and school teacher Joseph Bray, 39, of Elizabeth Dr. Acton. Both Mr. Bray and his wife, 37-year-old Melanija received injuries. Mr. Bray was treated and released but his wife was kept in Milton Hospital with internal injuries.
A passenger in the Matheson vehicle, 19-year-old Michael Stafford of Broadway St., Milton is listed in fair condition at Hamilton General Hospital.

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