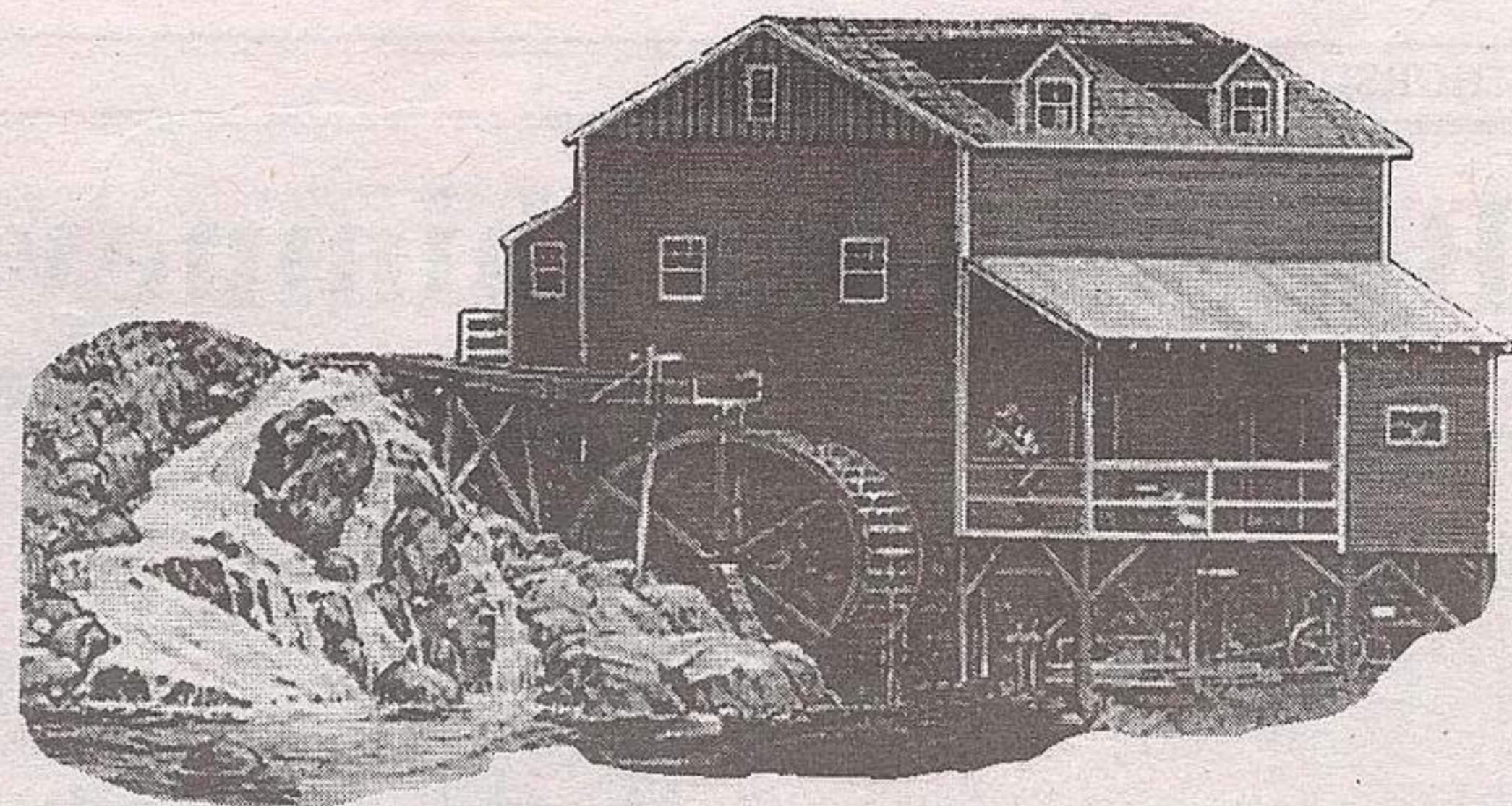


The Rockwood MILLER



New principal at Eramosa P.S.

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Eramosa Public School's new principal David Wallace is glad to get back into the classroom, at least for part of his day.

"I get a lot of satisfaction from teaching. I like being principal but it's very rewarding and a lot of fun to be teaching as well," Wallace said in a recent interview as he settled into his new post as head of the Kindergarten to Grade 8 school.

Along with his duties as principal Wallace also teaches Grades 5 and 6 half-time and is a special educa-

tion resource teacher.

Wallace, principal at Ospringle Middle last year before it amalgamated with Brisbane school, said he loves the enthusiasm he sees in the students and staff at Eramosa public.

"We have an enrollment of 150 students - most of them bussed - and I'm really impressed with the happy atmosphere in the school with the staff, students and their parents."

Wallace said it's too soon for him to make changes at the school - he's working on finding out what the school's traditions are.

"I want to take my time

and assess the history of what's happened at the school in the past before I change anything," Wallace said.

Other new staff at the school, which lost the equivalent of one-half of a teacher this year, include Ms.

Christine Wyatt who teaches Grades 2 and 3, Mrs. Petra Demysh who teaches Grades 5 and 6, French teacher Madame Christine Roberts and school secretary Janice Maginess who previously worked with Wallace at Ospringle school.

ROCKWOOD DIGEST

Video diary

A behind the scenes look at the creation of Rockwood's recent Spirit Valley Experience and community play was captured in a video diary that is now being edited for a public showing.

"I'm looking forward to viewing the professionally-made video because when you're in the middle of the process you sometimes miss things," Spirit Valley organizer and community play author Dale Hamilton said on Monday following the final two performances of her play on the weekend.

"The cast and crew of *All Over the Map* and the audiences had a good time and it was a really rewarding experience as we dealt with the amalgamation of our township," Hamilton said, adding that the play created a lot of awareness of the changes Eramosa faces.

The community, cast and crew will be invited to a premiere of the video diary once the editing is complete.

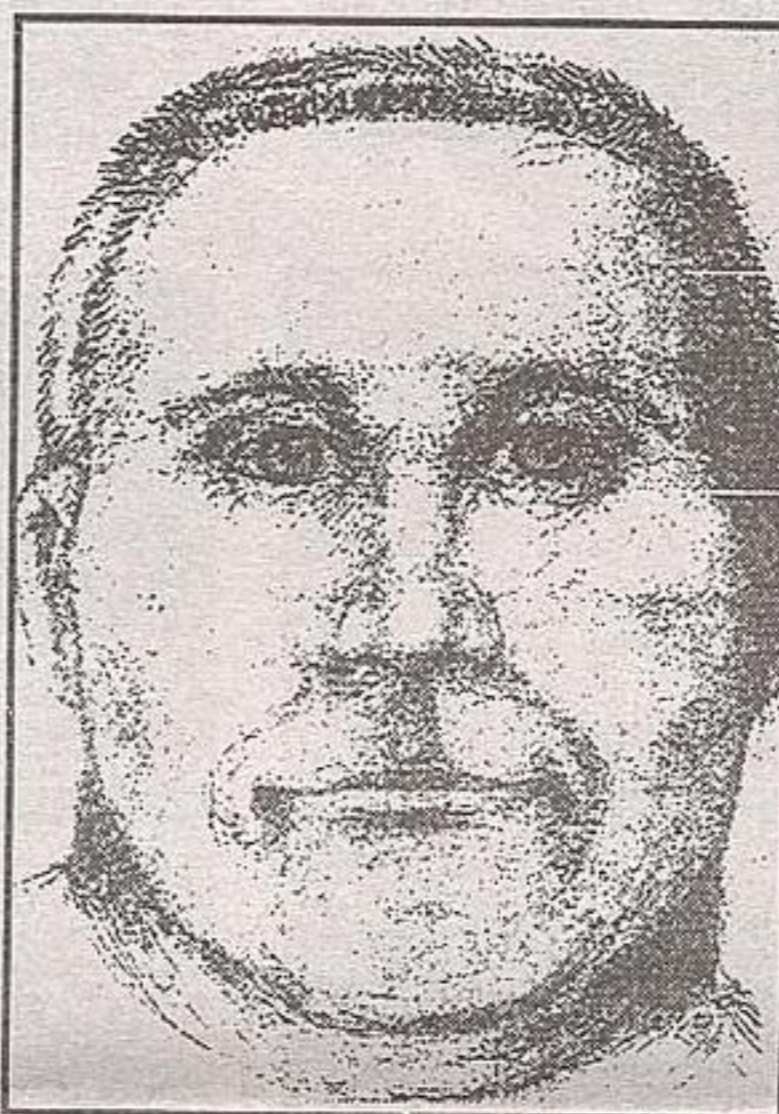
Author reads

Poetry readings organized by Rockwood's Gordon Gilhuly, a recent winner in the Canadian Author's Association contest for short fiction, will resume tomorrow (Friday) at the Take-A-Break coffee shop in Fergus. Over the past three years the popular reading series has hosted over 60 local writers. Gilhuly, host and organizer of the readings, will be one of the featured writers at tomorrow's event which begins at 8 p.m. Each reading, on the first Friday of the month, includes an open microphone segment to encourage new and emerging writers to share their work.

Crafty classes

From baby bunting bags to heirloom nightgowns there's a craft project class for a wide range of interest and sewing skills being offered this fall at the Eden Mills General Store. Eden Mills sewing instructor, Susan Bruce, owner of Just Sew Sew!, is renting space in the store twice a week - Tuesday nights and Saturdays - to offer the craft classes. For information about the classes

call Bruce at 856-9633 after 5 p.m.



Suspect wanted

Guelph OPP have released a composite sketch of a man who exposed himself to a number of women in the Rockwood Conservation Area on September 20. The naked, over weight, balding man surprised two women who were walking near the caves. When he was sure he'd been seen the man ran into the woods. Police say the white male is in his mid-50s. He's 5-feet, 5-inches, 200 pounds with short grey-brown hair. OPP report there have been a number of instances of indecent exposure at the conservation area over the past few years but this suspect doesn't fit the description of the man who exposed himself to park visitors last year.

Police advise that if you are confronted by someone who exposes himself you should get a good description and not confront the person.



FANTASTIC FABRICS: Rachel Peacock, owner of Blueberry Buckle, shows off some of the beautiful and reasonably-priced fabrics that she stocks in her newly opened store in her Eden Mills home. -Frances Niblock photo

Eden Mills fabric lover opens shop in home

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Rachelle Peacock's fabric room is a sewer's delight. Bolts and bolts of beautiful quality 100 per cent cotton fabrics are on display along with a wide range of notions, patterns and finished products to tempt home sewers. Peacock, an avid quilter and sewer who readily admits to having a fabric addiction, decided to turn her love of fabrics into a home business when she realized that there was a market for affordable fabrics and home fabric parties.

"Having a fabric room allows me to be around the fabrics that I love," Peacock said in an interview on Friday.

"After seeing the prices in some stores I knew that I could do better price-wise for my customers if I had a lower

overhead. I've turned my sewing room into a fabric showroom with 200 bolts of fabric, mainly geared to quilters but also suitable for all sewers."

One unique aspect of Peacock's business is the home party service that she offers - a convenient and low-key way for people to view a lot of fabrics in the comfort of their home.

"I've never heard of any one offering home parties for fabric so I thought that it would be a good idea. The person hosting the party invites some friends and I bring a suitcase of fabric with no less than 200 samples and show them how to co-ordinate the colours and prints," Peacock said, adding that the hostess of the party earns herself 10 per cent of total sales that she can take in fabrics.

"Sewing and quilting is a social thing and many sewers have trouble getting to fabric stores without their kids and the home party will allow them to relax and pick their fabrics and meet with their friends," Peacock said.

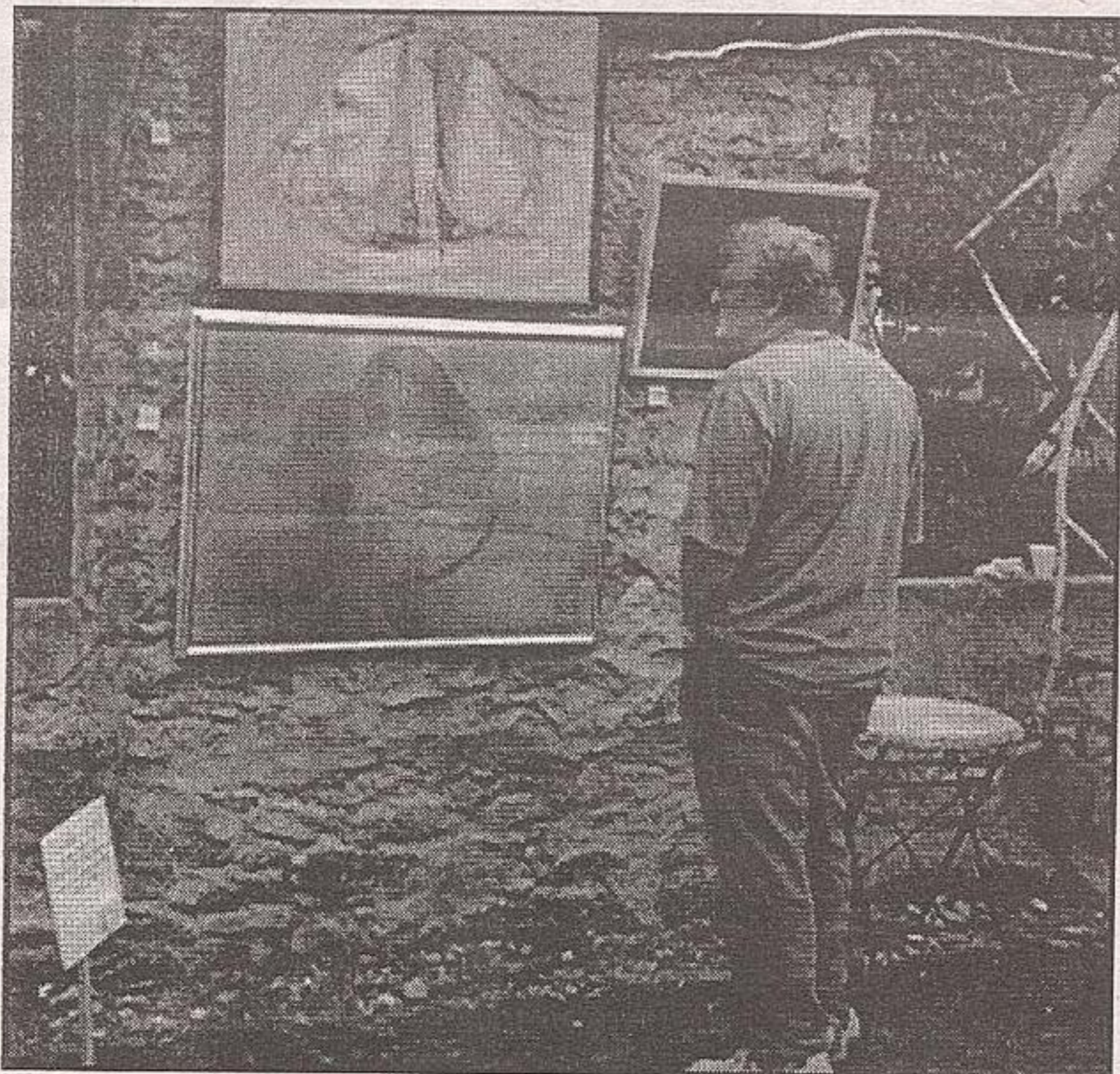
Peacock, who had 20 entries in the Acton Fall Fair Homecraft division, won eight blue ribbon first prizes for her handiwork, including two quilts. Peacock has been invited to take part in the Nassagaweya Homefest at the Brookville Hall on November 14 and the Halton Creative Sewing show next week in Georgetown.

To reach Peacock at Blueberry Buckle call 856-9599.



MEAN MACHINE: This 1981 Z28 Chevy Camaro has a blown 454 engine. Paul Tonin of Guelph owns it and was joined by his nephew Kevin Melancon at Saturday's cruise - Angela Tyler photo

Spirit Valley



GREAT TIME: Arts of all type were on display in the mill ruins at last week's Spirit Valley Experience. Above a visitor checked out some of the paintings while below Tara Filteau, 3, of Guelph makes a donation towards a community school for a village in Thailand with assistance from Susan Johnson. - Maggie Petrushevsky photos

