

The Rockwood MILLER



Hundreds enjoy Eden Mills history

Sunday was History Day in Eden Mills and many people came to enjoy the hundreds of photographs and artifacts in the hall depicting life in the village.

The photos brought back many memories for longtime village and former residents who enjoyed viewing the photos and renewing acquaintances with others.

George Lee, now of Acton, who was born in the rural district around the village and attended Sunday school in the United Church there, recalled those years prior to World War 2 before

enlisting in the armed services. He donated an illustrated book on the Bible to the United Church display, one he recalls the minister's wife used to bring the stories alive for him.

Jimmy Milne, of Rockwood, was there with pictures of his family who go away back in the history of Nassagaweya Township and Eden Mills. Jim, who owned and operated the Rockwood flour mill for many years, had many stories to tell of the early years in Eden Mills, where he was raised.

Betty Lou Clark was there

with a Heritage Eramosa display of buildings in the former township, including photos of the churches and distinctive farm houses, the Eden Mills hotel and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barden were there dressed in period costumes to add more atmosphere to a day celebrating heritage. Photos of the fire which destroyed the picturesque mill, owned by the Bardens, graced the tables with clippings supplied by Wilda MacDougall. Edgewood Park's history was displayed both in photos and in books illustrating a time when the park was a stop on the old Toronto Suburban

Electric Railway. The camp archivist was there to help.

Barb Marshall was there with photos of her grandfather and his store, once the heart of Eden Mills. The Presbyterian ladies were there with photos from the elegant church at the end of Main street.

Tony Vos was there with his artistic photos of the village and its environs, renewing acquaintances with old friends. He lives in Freeton now.

It was a time for reminiscing about the "good old days" and to compare them with present day Eden Mills.

MEMORIES: Dressed in period costume, Ted Barden gets a chuckle out of the photos displayed by Heritage Eramosa at Eden Mills History Day on Sunday. Hundred enjoyed the day reminiscing and viewing artifacts and photos.

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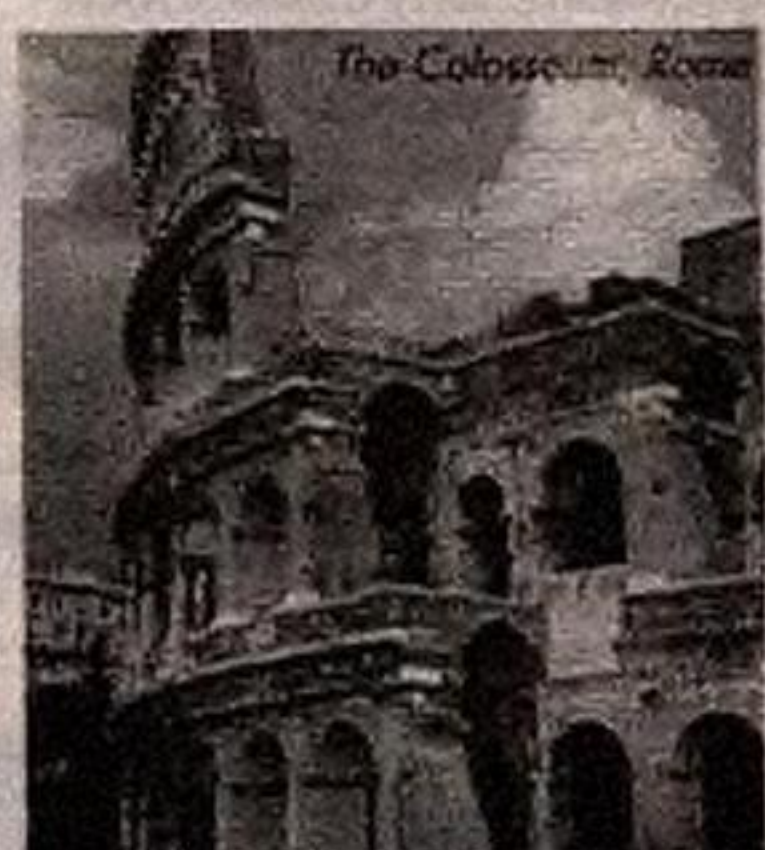
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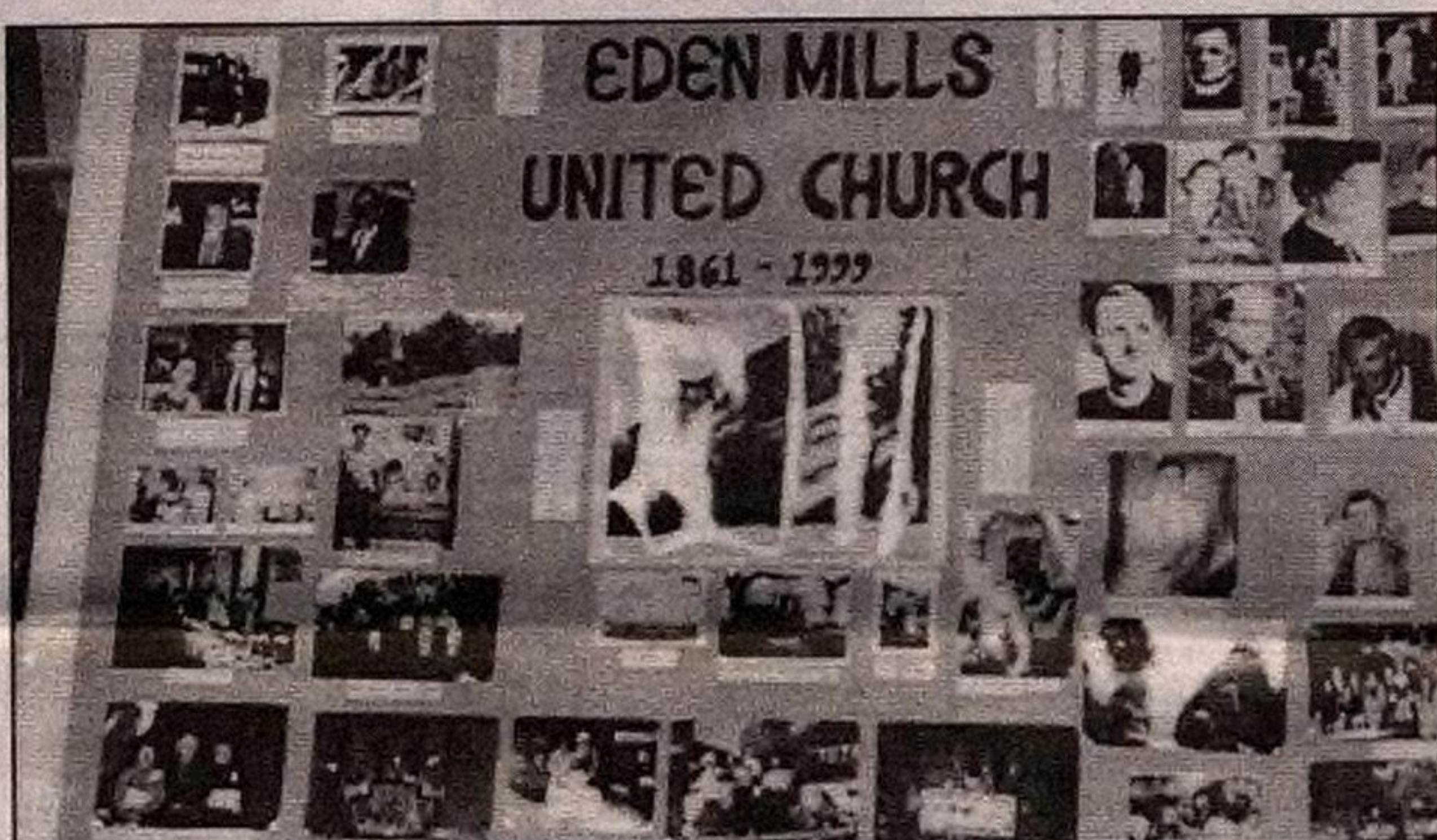
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Vandals on another spree

Guelph OPP are asking the public for information after vandals went on a spree hitting four Rockwood locations over night Saturday - Sunday, Feb. 27-28.

Two front windows were smashed at Zip Mart on Main Street with damage estimated at \$200.

A rock was thrown through a window at the

Rockmosa Community Centre causing approximately \$100 damage.

A car parked on Highway 7 near the Guelph Line had its windshield smashed.

Around 10 p.m. two young males were seen at a van parked on Main Street North which was broken into and a quantity of cash taken.

One youth is described as

approximately 15 years old, 5 ft. 4 in. tall, wearing a red and white leather sports jacket and a ball cap. The other male is also about 15 years old, standing 4 ft. 11 in. and wearing a short brown jacket.

Since drops of blood were found around the Zip Mart window one of the suspects may be injured, says OPP Const. Dale Gear.

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School needs volunteers

Rockwood Centennial school is looking for volunteers for a couple of programs.

The Grand Friends Program needs male and female volunteers interested in a pen pal exchange with Gr. 5 students as part of an intergenerational study unit. Participants will be involved in two visits to the school to meet the students. Teacher Laurie Entwistle hopes to start the program by the end of March.

The school also needs a volunteer to work one-on-one with an adolescent for an hour three times a week.

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