

of Commerce to a society meeting to offer assistance. That year the chamber organized chariot races and a large rally was planned. Rain fell however and many activities were cancelled. The society had a hard year financially but this was nothing new for the directors and with faith, and hard work they were able to overcome the set back.

The idea of a pot luck supper at the annual meeting created interest and a good attendance resulted. The society printed their own prize lists for several years in order to save on expenses. With 1980 so close how could they give up, so on they struggled. Things did improve steadily during the years of the 70's. Stage shows and contests were arranged as fair afternoon entertainment. Displays and demonstrations were encouraged and this has proved a very interesting and growing part of the exhibition. Cattle numbers dropped drastically and cattle classes have not been on a regular basis but this is happening to all fairs.

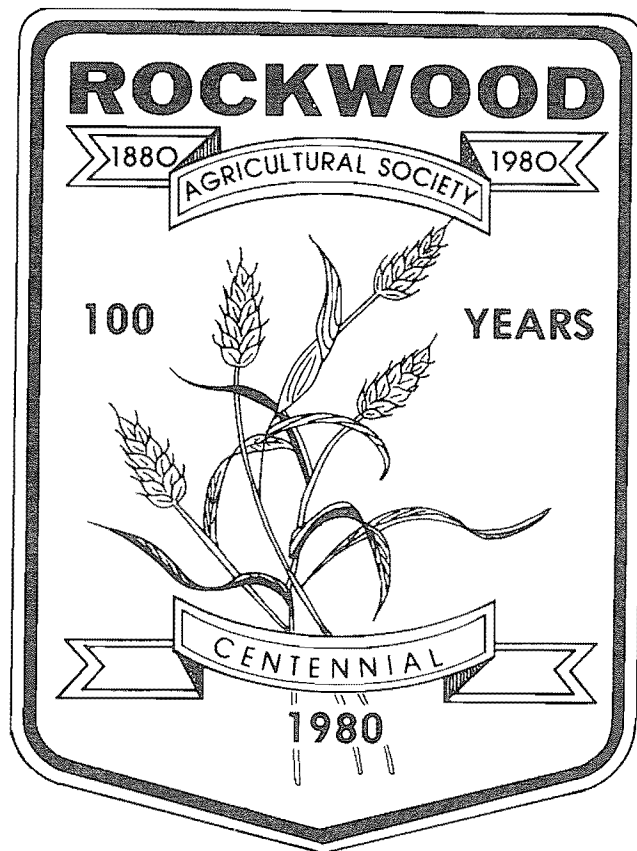
It is only with the support of the many local organizations and clubs that the Society can carry on. The Chamber of Commerce has for many years organized a good parade, the Old Timers Hockey Club have worked hard with the directors to improve the ball diamonds and clean up the grounds, the 4-H clubs are always involved with the show; the Figure Skating Club, Rebecca Lodge and many others assist with food booths and the many different events that all help to make a fair a greater success. Local businesses donate trophies, gift certificates and gate prizes.

When Stonewall celebrated its centennial in 1978 the Society had a two day fair and added attractions to coincide with this event. Horse races, pony chariots, a barbecue, gigantic parade, and all other activities found at a country fair.

In 1979 we started a Garden Tractor Pull Competition and this seems to be of interest to the younger people. During the past years we have also had a Talent Show, Horseshoe Tournament, Old Time Fiddling contest, and a stage show.

As 79 was a build up to our Centennial celebrations in 1980 the fair had many added features. The weather was beautiful and a large crowd attended. Ukrainian Dancers, Majorettes, Judo demonstrations, a Baby contest, Champion whistler, C. W. H. A. and a Purebred cattle show also numerous displays and demonstrations all added to the success of this years annual exhibition.

1980 . . . **Centennial Year** . . . 100 years of Progress. The Agricultural Society directors were pleased to organize their years activities and to work in conjunction with the Rural Municipality of Rock-



Rockwood Agricultural Society Centennial Crest.

wood in a joint event at fair time so to celebrate this occasion together.

The society adopted a crest designed by Norman Kitt. Ribbons were printed in red, white, blue and yellow and beautifully displayed the crest in gold with gold lettering. Each exhibitor winning a prize was given a centennial ribbon as a keep sake.

The crest was also used on souvenirs, hats, plates, bon-bon dishes and our Cook Book and Story Book, fair prize lists and on many other occasions. A banner was also painted to be used in parades and at display areas. Our colors were gold and white and we used them at every opportunity.

The Cook Book was a favourite souvenir and found its way into many homes. The edition included prize winning recipes of years gone by and will be a memory for years to come. A story of the "100 Fair Years" was written and sold in order to keep the story of the Society from the beginning as a guide today and remind us of the determination of our early pioneers.

The Society prepared a prize list early in the year that included many centennial specials. They brought back memories in classes that added the bound buttonholes and a section for darning the heel of a sock. Many extra specials were included and the