Make books available to children Jean Little urges Home and School

Rockwood — The January meeting of Rockwood Home and School was held Thursday evening in Rockwood Public School. In spite of the stormy weather, there was a large attendance for the special meeting.

Marjan Drijber received top award of the 12 finalists chosen in the Grades 7 and 8 Centennial Essay Contest. Miss Jean Little, the guest speaker for the evening, presented the winner with "Spring Begins in March", a book written by Miss Little. Marjan's essay was on the Rockwood Cemetery.

Centennial silver dollars were presented to the others by Mrs. A. Nichol. These winners were Nancy Meek, Brenda Iingle, Bob Storey, Barbara Marshall, Shirley Roberts, Anna Peterson, Dawn Loggan, Barry Slipp, Caroline Law, Brenda Smith and Theresa Thomson. Congratulations were extended to all by the president and Mrs. Joy Law. The program convener, with a vote of thanks given to Mr. McRae for his work in marking essays. The final placing was done by the Guelph Historical Society with the judges Mrs. C. Hasson of Guelph and Mrs. William Small of Marden.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Lois Tosh, who read the proclamation of thanksgiving for, and faith in, our country and its pioneers. The Banner Attendance for the evening was taken by Mr. Love's room. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved. Mrs. H. Saunders and Mrs. E. Slipp volunteered to help at the health clinic in Rockwood Town Hall for February.

The Home and School Fashion Show will be held in the Town Hall on March 9 with a centennial fashion section. Mrs. O. Drijber is head of the committee preparing for the grade 8 graduation banquet to be held in June.

The president read a letter from the school board regarding the disposition of the old Rockwood School. There was a short discussion and a slip of paper was given each person for opinions concerning the matter. Many seemed to favor the retention of the new rooms, washrooms, etc. for kindergarten use.

The program was arranged by the convener, Mrs. J. Law.

The guest speaker, Miss Jean Little of Guelph, was introduced by Mrs. C. Meredith. Widely known as a successful author as well as an interesting speaker and ardent church worker, Miss Little's talk to the Rockwood group was based on the theme "Put a Book in the Hands of Your Child."

This can be done very early in life, stated the speaker, by parents who take time to read, recite and sing to their children. If you make books available to children they often absorb more than you expect. When you buy books for your children, remember, to keep their interest the book must be for their age group and fit the child.

You read for fun, stated Miss Little, and visits to far off lands and interesting places can be thrilling through the pages of a book. Reading gives you a wonderful power of words, she stated, and make people exceptionally real as they come to life while you read. Miss Little closed with two of her own poems.

Mrs. H. Saunders, on behalf of all present, thanked Miss Little for her talk and for coming on such a stormy night.

The meeting closed with the president leading the group in the Home and School Prayer. A lovely lunch was served by the committee and a social time enjoyed.

League members visit boys' school

Rockwood — Mrs. Lloyd Waddell was hostess to the January meeting of Rockwood and Oustic Catholic Women's League. The roll call was answered by 15 members.

Mrs. Rigby was present from the Sacred Heart League in Guelph and spoke about the visits the League makes to the Boys' training school. The ladies go as adult advisors for teen education, they take lunch, play cards and listen to the boys who possibly for the first time, have someone who has time to be interested in their problems. They hope to encourage the boys to look forward to becoming good citizens and being accepted in the community, also to give the boys once again the feeling of being wanted and not outcasts.

The president, Mrs. W. Gilfillan led the group in the League Prayers which were recited in unison. The euchre is to be held on January 27 at 8.30 p.m. in the Parish House and everyone is welcome.

After the meeting adjourned Mrs. Waddell served coffee and dessert during the social time which followed.

Trail Riders plan float for parades

Rockwood — The Rockwood Trail Riders held their first executive meeting of 1967 on January 11 at Ledger Lea Farm, Acton. A general meeting was planned for January 20 at Rockwood Town Hall, to which a large number of members turned out for an evening of business and pleasure.

The new president, Ken Tuck, headed the meeting, assisted by the 1967 executive. Suggestions for activities for the year were received from the members and a Centennial float was planned, to be available for district parades. Films were shown and the evening was completed by all enjoying coffee and doughnuts.

Centennial calendar will avoid conflict

Rockwood—Since there was a small attendance at the Centennial Committee meeting this month, little was accomplished. Sickness and other commitments cannot be ignored but since each member is head of their own particular interest, plans will be made by many throughout the year.

The heads of these groups are asked to contact the Erin-thora Centennial chairman, Mrs. F. Taylor at 856-9942 as soon as individual dates are set for celebrations. These will be placed on the Centennial calendar to keep from having conflicting dates and to insure the necessary publicity.

The church committee has established a bulletin for the churches, one church responsible for each month during the year.

It would be appreciated if an official of these churches could, as close to the first of the month as possible, inform the chairman and the other churches which date in the month would be observed.

On January 29 in Barry Hill United Church, Prof. Theakson of the O.A.C. spoke on Expo 67 with slides and a short musical program. Other months are: February, Eden Mills Presbyterian; March, Eden Mills United; April, Everton Disciples; May, Mimosa United; June, Oustic Roman Catholic; July, Rockwood Anglican; August, Rockwood Presbyterian; September, Rockwood Roman Catholic; October, Rockwood United; November, Speedside United; December, Stone United.

Individual institutes are also asked to kindly contact 865-9942 as soon as any dates are set for their Centennial projects. This also applies to all other groups.

Your co-operation will insure a most rewarding Centennial Year.

SILVERWOOD

Nine 4-H members complete project

Achievement Day for 4-H clubs was held in St. Paul's United church, Milton, on Saturday, Jan. 14, with a large attendance. Silverwood Stylists were among the groups participating and nine members completed their project "Accent on Accessories".

Leaders were Mrs. G. Burt and Mrs. R. Miller.

Mrs. Clare Wilson is at present a patient in Georgetown Memorial Hospital.

Clark Ayrshire star is production leader

By H. J. Stanley
Ontario Dept. of Agriculture

The 1966 Ayrshire Production Stars containing the five high producers for each age class for the year in Canada, are a remarkable group of high producers. The leader in each age group will receive a production plaque for her herd owner, which will be presented at the annual meeting of the Ayrshire Breeders Association of Canada.

A. H. Clarke, Georgetown, is the winner of three production plaques this year and all three rank among the Canadian leaders.

Grampion Kitty Lula, G.P. with average B.C.A.'s of 209 is the leader in the junior two-year-old class. Her milk yield of 16,368 lbs. established a new Canadian record for this class. The other two Clark leaders are both by Selwood Dewdrop's boy. Grampion Pretty Dewdrop, Ex. with average B.C.A.'s of 195 is the junior four-year old leader. She was second last year and third in 1964 among the Production Stars. Her 16,612 lbs. milk ranks third among Canadian leaders. Grampion Lady D. has average B.C.A.'s of 203 and she is the plaque winner in the senior four-year-old class. Her 17,903 lbs. milk ranks second among the all time leaders and her 681 lbs. fat ranks sixth.

Happiness is not so much in having or sharing. We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.—Norman MacEwan.

Museum board rejects proposal to move from present location

Attempts of Halton county museum board members to discover why some members of Halton Region Conservation Authority have expressed a desire to have the county museum moved from its present site were further reported by chairman Herb Merry at the meeting of the museum board in the museum Wednesday, Jan. 25. He reported on a meeting of museum board representatives, Halton Region Conservation Authority representatives and the Minister of Agriculture, William Stewart, in the parliament buildings and said "nothing came of it".

At county council meeting the day before, Mr. Merry informed members, Conservation Authority officials had again stated the opinion the museum might move its location from inside the Conservation Authority to part of the recently purchased neighboring Service farm.

Mr. Merry said there was also a feeling expressed from other Conservation Authority members that perhaps Kelso is large enough and there are other areas to be developed.

Conservation officials stated the museum could locate nearer the new provincial agricultural museum, but museum board members, who began several years ago to seek the official designation of "provincial museum" for the county museum without success, learned the government did not intend to include the local museum in its planning. As a result, members recalled their former endorsation of a decision not to move to a less attractive site with no buildings.

In their present location, with a 99 year lease, they have the Alexander family barn, the original family forge, a pig pen now converted into a craft house, arrangements for future occupation of the Alexander family home, and about six acres of landscaped property.

Decisions to meet with the Conservation Authority have not been followed up by the Authority, those designated to attend such a joint meeting reported last week. Their hope had been to discover the purpose of the suggestion the museum move.

Maj. Newman pointed out that a survey taken at the park gates indicated a small percentage told the inquirer they came to see the museum. However, many went to the museum after the picnic or swim, and his attendance figures do not agree with those stated by Authority representatives.

Previous discussion at board meetings last fall resulted in the unanimous decision of the board not to move their location.

Date of the official opening of the museum was set for the fourth Wednesday in June, and director Maj. H. J. Newman pointed out this will see the completion of his "five year plan" for the area. Although the museum has been open year-round for almost five years now, it has been in a state of growth, change and renovation and no "official" opening has been held yet.

Continuous problem with the Conservation Authority concerning directions signs to the museum was again discussed with concern. Museum signs had been taken down and replaced by ski signs, although the museum is open all winter and some frustrated skiers, finding poor snow conditions, come to the museum instead, Maj. Newman reported.

With a background of a long series of appeals for signs, the board decided to have their own signs constructed and installed as soon as possible, apart from those of the Conservation Authority.

Architect's plans for the county centennial building, to be erected beside the county museum to house vehicles, are expected any day.

In his concluding remarks as chairman, Oakville reeve Herb Merry declared, "the curator has done an excellent job with the support of the board, staff assistants and others. We have acted collectively . . . we have proof of a good job by looking around. I hope we have the strength to go on and keep our museum here."

New county council representative, appointed to become chairman of the museum board (which is a committee of county council) is Bill Hoey.

Board members present were chairman Herb Merry, new chairman Bill Hoey, Conservation Authority representatives George Currie and Bill Coulter, and town and township representatives Mrs. Keith Barber, Mrs. David Dills, Ralph Wakely, Walter Reeves, Ben Case, Jack Pemberton, Jack Milne and Alex Cook.

Speakers, displays for irrigation day

By Charles Warner
Fruit and Vegetable Extension Specialist

A one-day program on the subject of irrigation has been arranged, at the Hornby Towers Golf and Country Club on February 15. This event includes speakers on irrigation subjects throughout most of the day, and displays of irrigation equipment by local suppliers. The program is as follows:

9.00 a.m. — Equipment displays open.

9.00 to 10.00 a.m. — Registration; Early bird coffee and donuts.

10.00 a.m. — "Soil, Water, Plant, Relationships" — Dr. John Wiebe, Horticulture Research Institute of Ontario, vineland.

10.40 a.m. — "Legal Aspects of Water Use" — V. I. O. Spencer, Farm Water Management Specialist, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, London.

11.20 a.m. — "Sources of Water, and Pond Construction" — Martin Wrubleski, Extension Engineer, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, Guelph.

12.15 noon — Club Steak dinner.

1.30 p.m. — "Engineering an Irrigation System" — Ross Milne, Ontario Hydro.

2.10 p.m. "Solid Set Irrigation and Field Air Conditioning" — J. G. Kerr, Rainbird Sprinkler Mfg. Co. Ltd., Guelph.

2.50 p.m. — "Macro-climate Modification" — Dr. John Wiebe, Horticultural Research Institute of Ontario.

4.30 p.m. (approx.) — Equipment displays close.

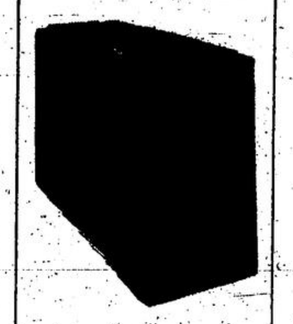
All interested persons are welcome to attend. Registration will cost $4 which includes a club steak dinner at noon, and admission. The cost is $1 for admission only. Anyone wishing to attend and stay for dinner at noon must register in advance by sending their $4 to the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, P.O. Box 189, Milton, by February 9.

Persons not registering in advance are still welcome, but we cannot promise you a meal at the Golf Club.

This day is a must for growers of farm crops who have been having trouble growing crops under the drought conditions of the past couple of years. Even a person with an irrigation system can learn a lot about handling it.

No antique

There was an unusual display at Halton county museum last week — and the item on show was no antique. Maj. H. J. Newman had by the door, in a glass of water, a johnny-jump-up he had picked at his home at Ballinafad during the warm spell early last week.



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