

Rockwood Local and District News

School Staff Outlines Course As Teaching Methods Change

A man's place in society will be determined not only by what he knows but by his ability to learn what is needed for his time. This statement was made by Grant McRae, principal of Rockwood Public School recently at the first of four communication nights. These are nights when parents with children in certain grades are invited to hear from the teachers about changes in teaching methods. The first was devoted to grades seven and eight with talks given by Mr. McRae, Mrs. D. McPhedran and R. Millson, vice-principal.

Mathematics was discussed at length by Mr. McRae who stated that in a fast changing world it was felt that children staying in school longer, a more basic foundation for mathematics was needed. This would allow the child to adapt himself to additional mathematics needed in future years, giving more flexibility.

Some Changes

"What are some of the general changes?" he stated. "First — some topics and points of view are appearing earlier. Formal algebra is out of place in elementary school but arithmetic taught from an algebra viewpoint not only deepens understanding of the properties of numbers but prepares for the algebra which is to come."

Restoring Topics

Second: A number of topics which seem new are merely being restored. Examples of such are factoring, lowest common multiple, and highest common factor. These are being reintroduced although with a slightly different stress, first, because they involve fundamental properties of the number systems, and secondly, because the student who takes algebra will meet these same topics and will be better able to appreciate and to capitalize on the common elements of arithmetic and algebra.

New Topics

Third: Some topics are new

discovery, by which pupils are encouraged to explore the relationships between numbers and between operations.

Course Emphasis

The discovery approach aims at greater competence with numbers through a higher level of understanding based upon the appreciation of these relationships.

Many examples and terms were placed on the board by the speaker and explained to the parents with a question and answer period following.

Geography

Mrs. D. McPhedran who teaches Health and Guidance, Creative English and Geography, spoke mainly on the changes in concepts in Geography. It is a long hard course, she said, with more definite placements on maps now necessary and factual reasoning encouraged. Fifty per cent of their tests are on facts, said Mrs. McPhedran, the remainder on reasoning and thinking for themselves. In Creative English, she felt the need of an increase in vocabulary and more reading.

What's Expected

Mr. Millson spoke on what was expected of a grade seven pupil. He stressed more class participation with discussion and the need to listen carefully and ask the teacher the points not fully understood. Supplementary reading was strongly advised and the need for completed homework. In preparation for exams, Mr. Millson felt a proper time and place to study was necessary to allow for undivided attention, free from diversion of a TV or radio. A carefully followed timetable for study is also beneficial with a distributed rather than massed study practice more desirable.

There have been homework problems in many cases in school and parents are asked to cooperate and make sure their child is doing his share of at least an hour per night at this level.

The teachers had put a great deal of time and work into this evening and it was most unfortunate that more parents were not present.

Future Meetings

Future meetings will be held October 28 when grades one and two will be discussed, November 3 will cover grades five and six, with grades three and four discussed on the evening of November 8.

These will all be held in Rockwood school and the parents interested are urged to attend. These are all most interesting, but if you cannot be at them all, at least make sure to be present when your child's grade is being discussed.

Approve Two-Room Additions At Erasmus, Rockwood Schools

Rockwood — The Erasmus Township School Board met recently with all members present. Future accommodation was discussed and the board decided to proceed with the following additional accommodation: (1) two additional rooms at the Erasmus public school, (2) two additional rooms plus a multipurpose room at Rockwood public school.

The additional accommodation would provide for increased enrollment and also an opportunity for pupils requiring special attention. At the present time, there are 20 classrooms in the area, one of these being accommodated in the auditorium stage at the Erasmus public school.

Mr. Whitfield, the public school inspector, was requested to see the approval of the Department of Education. The secretary was instructed to request

Guest Preacher

Baptist Church Observes 123rd Anniversary Sunday

Acton Baptist Church celebrated its 123rd anniversary Sunday, October 24, with well-attended services both morning and evening. Dr. L. C. Kitchen of Hamilton was the guest speaker. He congratulated the church on its long witness in this community, and pointed out the great heritage, as well as the privilege and responsibility of continuing such a record of years.

To some it was interesting to note that in 1842 the roads around Acton were little more than trails. There were then no cars, the horse was just coming as a means of transportation, and there were just no telephones. But in those long past years men and women had had a vision of a work for God in this community that had lasted these many years.

Program Here

The theme for the morning was, "Christians in a Pagan World." Dr. Kitchen pointed out that in recently returning from

Office of Oshington Baptist Church, Toronto. The Acton church has recently been redecorated and with the flowers for the occasion looked very attractive.

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Dunc's Big Six Team Still Leads Bowlers

Rockwood — No ties among the top four this week in Rockwood and District Bowling League. Dunc's Big Six, have taken undisputed possession of the top rung with their 24 points, their nearest rivals with 20 being Nichol's Pals.

In third, the Elmstones have an 18 total, with the Allex Cats a close fourth with 17. A tie at fifth spot with 15 points each for Root's Beaters and Jetstons, with a three-way tie for sixth place and 14 points was shared by Corner Pins, Stratton's Esso and Carney's Plumbing and Heating.

Pinkneys with a seven point win this week are close behind with 13. Then come Horlop Millers, another seven point winner in their last evening for an 11 point total and Rick's Confectioners with 10.

Hume's Textos are next with nine and the Hopetuls may be slightly without hope still in the cellar with two points. Keep trying, there is only one way to go — up.

Top Keglers

Bill Garner is high man in singles for the season without handicap with his 320, but for the night, Dave Bacon with 268 took men's high average with 20.2. Men's high average with handicap, also has season's high with handicap at 305.

The high triple for men went to Doug Battenham at 672. Dunc Kingsbury has the season's high with 736. With handicap, it was Bert Archer at 703 and for the season, Ted Jestin with 714. Men's high average went to Doug Battenham with 202.

For the Ladies, Janet Peart continued her good rolling, tak-

ing the high single without handicap at 251 and with handicap record of 258. Janet also has season's record of 263 without handicap. Bertha Peterson holds the season's record with handicap at 289. Janet went all the way when she took the triples with out handicap for a 705 and held the season's record as well at 705, then with handicap for a 726, which was good for a season's standing. Her high average of 201 was top also.

Men over 600 Doug Battenham 672, Bert Archer 616, Art Nightingale 608, Dick Dupuis 603.

Ladies over 550: Janet Peart 705.

Issue Warning

Rockwood — A warning is extended to residents of the Rockwood area. A suspicious acting fox was shot on a farm just south of Rockwood and the proper authorities contacted. The Health of Animals Branch reported the fox was definitely rabid.

No one can tell how far this animal has roamed, and anyone noticing farm animals or household pets acting abnormal in any way, are advised to contact a veterinarian at once.

Plan Contest, Euchre At Rockwood Meeting

Rockwood — The roll call "Why I like living in Canada" gave the members of Rockwood Women's Institute an opportunity of stating many individual views of our Dominion.

The October meeting, held recently in the home of Mrs. G. Mitchell, was opened by the Institute Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect. An inspirational "Old fashioned Thanksgiving Prayer" was read by the president, Mrs. Mitchell.

The motto was given by Mrs. W. Guild with the thought "No cost in effort, keep our world from growing small." Mrs. Guild brought out many fine thoughts centered around the necessity of being a good citizen.

Mrs. H. Bayne, the educational convener, was in charge of the program with the topic "Know Canada." This was given in several parts by Mrs. F. Johnston, Mrs. C. Litt, Mrs. L. Dwyer, Mrs. K. Spence and Mrs. D. McPhedran. This was very interesting since in each case, the speaker had personally visited the particular region.

Plan Contest, Euchre

Plans were made regarding a farm beautification contest and also for the annual euchre to be held in the S.S.R. Community Centre. The first will be on October 15 and continue every two weeks throughout the winter.

The proceeds of a sale of articles held at the meeting will be given to the Mysore Indian Project.

The November meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30, at the S.S.R. Community Centre with Mrs. C. Litt as hostess.

The Queen brought the meeting to a close and a lovely lunch was served by the hostess while a time of fellowship was enjoyed.

Panel Discussion Highlights Meet

Rockwood — A guest panel of Mrs. F. Hosking, Rev. A. F. Gardner and Robert Leslie, with Mrs. E. M. McRae as moderator, was highlighted at the recent October meeting of Unit 3 of Rockwood United Church Women.

Held in the church hall, unit leader Lois McRae opened with a Thanksgiving thought and poem. This was followed by a hymn and prayer with Mrs. McRae welcoming all members and visitors present.

Roll Call

The roll call was answered by "Something for which we are most thankful." Mrs. Ann Benham and her group were in charge of the program, the theme being "Religion in the home."

The guest panel was much enjoyed with interesting questions and frank answers from panel members. A motion of thanks was extended to the panel by Lois McRae and Ann Benham.

Following the Scripture lesson read by Mrs. K. Murray, prayer was offered by Mrs. A. Nichol. The hymn "Happy the home when God is there" and the benediction in unison, closed the meeting. A lovely lunch was served and a social time followed.

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