

New school nearly ready teaching staff announced

By Mrs. F. Taylor
Rockwood — When the Rockwood teachers and pupils return to school in September, they will enjoy a beautiful new school. The new Rockwood Centennial School, set in its scenic surroundings of tall spruce and pine, is now near completion.

The new teaching staff for Eramosa will be:
Rockwood Centennial School — Grant McRae, B.A., principal; assistants, Miss Marie Clugston, Miss Camilla Collins (kindergarten), Miss Elizabeth Denham, Mrs. Edith Durose (kindergarten), Miss Mary Evans, Mrs. Elizabeth Harwood, Clifford Hincks (auxiliary), Mrs. Violet Kramp, Robert Love, Mrs. Susanne Meadows, Mrs. Ramona Storey, Mrs. Norma Tripp, Miss Eloise Watson, Miss Kathleen Wilhelm.

Eramosa Public School — Ronald Marion, principal; assistants, Miss Marilyn Dennis, Mrs. Jean Jackson, Miss Carol Llewellyn, Mrs. Irene Hindley, Mrs. Carole Schmidt, Miss Nellie Stickney.
Four Corners — Mrs. Florence Hindley, principal; assistant, Mrs. Lois Felts.
Eden Mills — Mrs. Marion Tubman, principal; assistant, Miss Margaret McMillan.

"Heartily concur" Eramosa council accepts offer of Jr. Farmers to plant trees

By Mrs. F. Taylor
Rockwood — The Eramosa Township Council appreciates the offer of the Eramosa Junior Farmers to plant trees around the municipal grounds and will heartily concur with the project. This was stated at the regular meeting of the Eramosa Township Council recently. All members of council with the exception of D. Mc-

Phedran were present and Reeve Cameron Lush presided. Also in attendance were the road superintendent and the clerk. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and adopted with several items of correspondence dealt with by the members.

The following ratepayers were present to discuss as follows: Louis Hills regarding conveyances; Fred Duffield concerning a ditch problem on the fourth line and Mrs. H. Brown regarding adjustment of property on Pine St. Two land conveyances were approved by council and recommended to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

On discussion of correspondence received, council moved that the council of Eramosa Township concur with the resolution of the Township of West Sandwich and petition our members of the legislature and the Premier of Ontario to prevent the altering of Section 12A of the Planning Act. Council will subscribe to the Canada Law Book, Toronto for one year and the Ontario Statute Citator and service at a price of \$30 per year.

It was moved that council purchase the Canadian flag on an eight foot aluminum flagpole from Topas Ranch and Advertising Specialties, Acton, at a price of \$24.62. The council instructed the clerk to write to the Subsidies Section of the Dept. of Municipal Affairs for an explanation as to why approval was given to the severance of Williston to Pictou and not to the severance of Keen to Dudnik.

A by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Minister of Highways for

Ontario relating to a road under the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the Township of Eramosa designated as development road no. 927 was read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 18-1967. Also a by-law depicting the adoptions of biennial elections in the Township of Eramosa was given the necessary readings, passed and numbered 20-1967.

Another by-law to impose a special drainage rate upon the east half of lot 29, concession 3, in the township was given the necessary readings, passed and numbered 17-1967. The by-law to appoint a dog control officer and to set out his duties was read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 19-1967.

Council moved and carried that due to the problems associated with uncontrolled 10 acre subdivisions becoming so severe as to warrant immediate action, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Eramosa petitions the Minister of Municipal Affairs to amend Section 26 of the Planning Act. The Eramosa Township council recommends that the Act be amended to give municipalities, through their Committees of Adjustment or through the Minister, the same control over the subdivision of land into parcels of 10 acres or more, that local governments now enjoy in the control of subdivisions into lots smaller than 10 acres in area.

Accounts amounting to \$16,871.07 (general accounts \$12,171.04 including some 1967 requisitions, road accounts \$4,700.03) were passed for payment and the meeting adjourned to meet on August 1 at 7 p.m. or at the call of the reeve.

Scenic valley in Rockwood closed to traffic



Perhaps the most scenic drive in this area has been blocked by the Grand River Conservation Authority at their Rockwood park. The winding valley road, which passes deep caves, mossy cliffs and the unusual potholes along the banks of the river, has been barricaded at both ends.

A new access road to the famous pothole area will be built, with entrance only from the main park gate, where admissions are paid. New fences will also be built in this area with a new parking lot.

Rockwood park superintendent is Ron Williamson and he has a staff of six lifeguards and four maintenance men. This is the second year for lifeguard service at the beautiful district park.

Attendance is high on weekends.

The Conservation Authority owns 19 acres, not all yet developed as parkland. Along the valley road, the former Hi-Pot-Lo park had its entrance and trails.

Barricade stops cars from entering valley road at Burton home, the restored Harris house above the old burned-out mill. (Staff Photo)

Proceed with demolition of old S.S. 9, Eramosa

By Mrs. F. Taylor
Rockwood — A good representation of interested people attended a meeting at Rockwood Public School Tuesday evening of last week. The issue on hand was in answer to a petition compiled by concerned residents of S.S. No. 9. It gave the hope that the Eramosa School Board would preserve the old No. 9 school for future use, since it was so structurally sound. The two new rooms added in 1958 are to be retained for kindergarten.

Murray Smeltzer, chairman of the board, was chairman for the meeting and after explaining the situation, called on each of the Board members for their comments. These were Dr. R. Hilton, Ross McDougall, Doug Battenham and Lloyd Waddell.

Mr. Giddner from the area office of the Department of Education in Waterloo was also present and explained the situation. The chairman was then asked for comments from those present and an interesting discussion followed.

Many favored the retention of the old school, at least for one year until further information was received from the fire marshal and points dealing with the Board of Education clarified. The school board has already signed a demolition contract and this would also need investigation. Only one tender has been received and the Board felt the need for haste since demolition and clean-up must be completed before kindergarten begins in September.

It was felt by many that in future the lower three class rooms might be needed for pupil accommodation rather than add to the new school. There are however many rules and regulations concerning which the higher authorities have full control and further investigation might reveal this impossible.

Following adjournment, the School Board members met to

discuss the situation and a statement was received from Murray Smeltzer on Wednesday morning.

The Eramosa Township School Board after a lengthy discussion decided to proceed as planned with the demolition of the old school and the Chief Fire Marshal in Toronto will be immediately contacted in order to receive regulations concerning the remaining two kindergarten rooms.



Past Horton's mill, entrance to the valley road is closed. Some of the famous caves are not far along this road. (Staff Photo)

Grand River Conservation Authority opens third demonstration area

The Grand River Conservation Authority opened its third land use demonstration area last Thursday amid plaudits from Ontario Agriculture Minister W. A. Stewart and John H. Root, MPP for Wellington-

Dufferin. The West Luther demonstration area, located in the northern part of Wellington County, shows how proper drainage can result in better crops. Inadequate natural drainage is typical in the northern part of

the Grand River valley. Mr. Stewart told an audience of about 100 that the reclamation and conservation of land is the last frontier to be conquered in Canada.

"There is no more land left to find in eastern Canada," he said. "We have to put to better use the land we now have."

He said a survey conducted by his department among county agricultural representatives showed that better drainage systems was the most important need among Ontario farmers today.

Congratulating the Authority on the demonstration area, Mr. Stewart said: "I wish this place was packed with farm people to see the advantages of using drainage."

Mr. Root, in whose riding the demonstration area is located, officially declared the area open. He congratulated the Conservation Authority and

the crop sciences department of the University of Guelph for their work in establishing the area. The university is conducting several experiments at West Luther.

T. J. Heegg of Guelph, Authority vice-chairman, said many people believe that a Conservation Authority is concerned only with building dams to prevent floods and to increase summer flow in the river.

"Building dams is not enough," he said. "Good water conservation begins on the land. There is less runoff and less erosion where good agricultural practices prevail."

Gordon Skinner of Cayuga, chairman of the Authority's conservation services advisory board, outlined the services provided by the Authority. Tours of the demonstration area were conducted by Dr. John E. Winch and Prof. Ross Irwin of the University of Guelph.

W.I. makes plans for auction sale

By Mrs. F. Taylor
Rockwood — The July meeting of the Rockalong Women's Institute was held in the S.S. No. 8 Community Centre. There were 12 members present to answer the roll call. The usual Mary Stewart Collect and Institute Ode were repeated in unison. The Cancer Society sent a letter of appreciation to the members of Rockalong for their generous donation to the annual drive held by the Society.

The minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved. The members decided to sponsor the fall 4-H Homemaking Project, "Working with wool" will be the theme.

The chairman of the Community Centre was present to make plans, with the assistance of the Institute, for an auction sale to be held at the Community Centre in the early fall. Detailed plans will be made at future committee meetings.

The usual program was turned into a social fun time with two contests and euchre enjoyed by the ladies. The committee of Mrs. A. McPhedran, Mrs. L. Dyer and Mrs. M. Nelson served a lovely lunch during the social time.

Pat asks power from Georgetown

Councillor C. F. (Pat) Patterson told Esquimaux Council he wanted to discuss Georgetown hydro commission supplying the electrical energy for the village of Norval at a future meeting.

"They're paying far too much for power in Norval in comparison to the rates in Glen Williams and Georgetown," he charged.

Mr. Patterson said he understood it was possible for Norval to draw their power from the Georgetown hydro. The proposition was precipitated by a letter quoting an "exorbitant" price for a Norval street light.

County council has meeting in Manor

Halton County Council held its centennial meeting at Halton Centennial Manor on Tuesday for the first time.

Warden William Coulter welcomed residents to the auditorium in which the meeting was held. He expressed the Council's pleasure at being in the Manor for the meeting.

About 60 residents attended the session.

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Burton Hill guest speaker

By Mrs. F. Taylor
Rockwood — Burton Hill of Rockwood will be the guest speaker at the Eramosa Religious Centennial service for July. It will be held in the Rockwood Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, July 23 at 8 p.m. Special music will be supplied by Gospellers, Laverne Pharaoh, Syd Durose and Murray Taylor. There will be light refreshments served at the close of the service.

Please note the change in original plans with the July rather than the August service being held in the Rockwood Presbyterian Church.

—There's a big and vicious plague of mosquitoes this summer. And just think of it — only half of them sting. The females.

—There are 270 weekly newspapers in the province, with an average readership of 3.6 persons per copy. Circulation is estimated at 1,000,000 copies.

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by L. G. Denby
your telephone manager



Well, how does it feel to be 100 years old? Exhilarating, isn't it, all the celebrations, fun and excitement marking Centennial Year? I hope all of you had a great July 1 celebration and also that you are able to enjoy many of the special events seemingly going on everywhere in the country this year. It almost appears as though Canada and Canadians have rediscovered that fun is contagious. It should be a lively, exciting and friendly road towards our 200th year.

We in Bell Canada are also celebrating a new milestone this month. Late in June the 5 millionth telephone went into service somewhere in our Quebec or Ontario territory. It hardly seems possible that just four years after we added our 4 millionth telephone this new record has been set. After all it did take 65 years to reach the one million mark. From 1880, when The Bell Telephone Company of Canada was founded, until April, 1945. Since then the "millionth" milestones have come with increasing swiftness. Four million telephones in just 22 years. We feel that this rapid growth of telephones in our territory reflects the vitality and ever-expanding development of the two provinces. For 14 of those 22 years Canadians have held the title of the "world's talkingest people". Perhaps that is partly the results of Bell Canada's efforts in helping Canadians bridge the miles for most of our country's 100 years. No special celebrations marked the installation of the 5 millionth telephone. In fact, we have no idea which home or office in our territory can claim the honor. You could be using it, however, if you had a telephone installed late last month.

You may have noticed that for the past several months Telephone News, the small insert that arrives with your account, has been carrying a message about the Area Codes in different parts of Canada. As you know, Canada and the United States have been divided up into more than 100 Areas, each assigned its own distinct Area Code. Here in Acton our Area Code is 519. Although someone else in another community on the Continent may have the same telephone number as you, when your number is prefixed by your Area Code it becomes unique over the entire telephone network. Using the Area Code when you call Long Distance speeds your messages easily across the miles. For instance, where Direct Distance Dialing is available, you can dial your own Long Distance calls. Where calls must be placed through an operator, giving her the Area Code as well as the distant number helps her to speed your call. The front pages of your telephone directory contain Area Codes for many places on the continent.

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