

Rockwood centennial school officially opened Friday



DIGNITARIES AT THE OPENING of the new Rockwood Centennial School included, left to right, Cameron Lush, Wellington Warden; S. D. Oakes, guest speaker; Grant McRae, school principal; Murray Smetzer, school principal; C. R. Whitfield, area superintendent of schools; John Root, M.P.P. for Wellington-Dufferin and George Day, school board secretary. (Staff Photo)

Official opening of Rockwood centennial school Friday evening attracted a large crowd to hear S.D. Oakes, B.A., B. Ed., assistant to the regional superintendent of education for area five in mid-western Ontario, give an interesting talk of education.

Mr. Oakes, a former inspector of the area, told those assembled in the beautiful auditorium of the glittering new school something of the development of the curriculum and attempts to keep up with changing times. He paid tribute to the pioneers for the part they played in laying foundations for the educational system which now exists.

Mr. Oakes also had kind words for the school board which build the centennial school situated on the meadow beside a tall stand of pines. The speaker outlined some of the things he expected to see in the future as well as contrasting the forward look of education in this area compared to its state in other parts of the country.

He was introduced by C.R. Whitfield, B.A., M.E.D. area superintendent of schools. Appreciation was expressed by Doug Buttenham, school board member.

Parents, former residents and students had an opportunity to examine the glistening school before and after the official ceremonies. There are 31 classrooms, an auditorium, a library, principal's office and staff room, all with modern decor and advanced design.

Grant McRae, principal, introduced his staff to the audience. It consists of Marie Clugston, Camilla Collins, Elizabeth Denham, Edith Durose, Mary Evans, Mrs. Elizabeth Harwood, Clifford Hinks, Mrs. Violet Kramp, Robert Love, Mrs. Reta McPhedran, Mrs. Suzanne Meadows, Mrs. Ramona Storey, Mrs. Marie Tripp, Eloise Watson, Kathleen Wilhelm, music supervisor Mrs. Mildred Allsop, school secretary Mrs. Margaret Dyer, and caretaker Mrs. Alice Johnson.

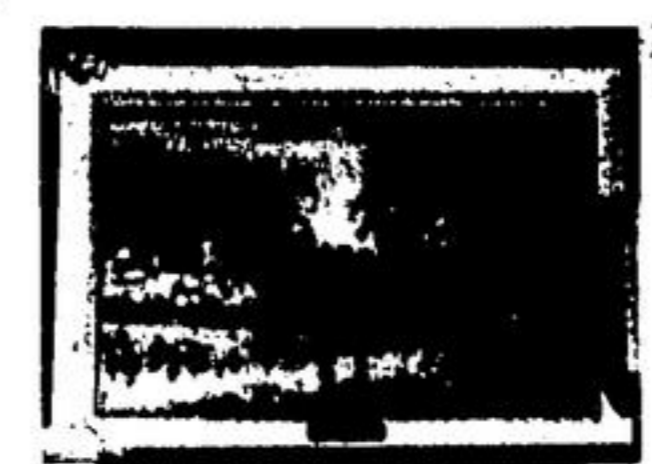
The program opened with O Canada followed by the invocation and a dedicatory prayer by Rev. G.H. Dunlop.

Murray Smetzer, chairman of the school board introduced the dignitaries present and made a few fitting remarks. Keys for the building were accepted by school board member Lloyd Waddell from the contractors, West York Construction, and the architects, Weir, Cripps and Partners.

An oil painting of the Eramosa River in the picturesque Rockwood river valley painted by local artist C.H. Levels was presented by Home and School president Mrs. Lois Tosh and accepted by Mr. McRae.

A Canadian flag and stand given by the Rockwood school reunion committee was accepted by Bob Leslie from Mrs. Frank Kelso and Mrs. George Muselle. Don Hills presented a picture and a safety patrol plaque accepted by board secretary-treasurer George Day. Another member of the board, Ross McDougall expressed appreciation to the

Home and School and Rockwood Firemen.



THIS PAINTING by C. H. Level was presented to the new centennial school by the Home and School Association. (Staff Photo)

John Root, M.P.P. for Wellington-Dufferin brought greetings from the province and Cameron Lush, Wellington county warden and Eramosa reeve, brought greetings from county and township.

The first chairman of the Eramosa School Area Board, Elmer McConnell, unveiled the school plaque.

A choir of students under the direction of Mrs. Frank Allsop and accompanied by Brenda Smith at the piano sang four delightful numbers.

Lunch was provided by the Home and School immediately after the program and many took the opportunity to inspect the school.

Among the distinguished guests present were Mr. and Mrs. McVittie. He was a former inspector.

Dr. Robert Hilton a member of the school board until the end of July, now living in Guelph was also able to be present.

Chairman of the school board is Murray Smetzer. Trustees are Douglas Buttenham, Lloyd Waddell, Ross McDougall, Robert Leslie, George F. Day is secretary-treasurer.

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Watch for "DR. ZHIVAGO" Coming Soon

Mass centennial concert planned by Eramosa W.I.s

By Mrs. F. Taylor

Rockwood --- Representatives of five Women's Institutes in the

Re-assessment Wellington county

Re-assessment will be started in Wellington and Dufferin Counties in mid-1968 and it will likely require three to five years to complete. Wellington County council was so informed by Reeve J. L. McAninch, chairman of the assessment committee.

To prepare assessors with the two county units, the department of municipal affairs will conduct a two-week course starting Jan. 29 on the new assessment manual. Two more courses will be held later in the year.

Only one application was received in response to a call for assessor applications and it was suggested that salary allowance may be the reason.

Township of Eramosa, met with the Centennial representative of the Institutes, Mrs. Cecil Nellis recently. The ladies were together to finalize plans for a mass centennial concert sponsored by the Institute members of Eramosa Township.

The program will be held in Eramosa public school, 5th line Eramosa, on November 3 at 8:15 p.m. There will be a debate, an old time spelling bee, music and variety. Those taking part will be from Riverside, Utopia, Speedside, Eramosa and Rockalong Women's Institutes. Everyone is asked to come if possible, in centennial costume. There is a 50¢ admission and lunch will be served.

Centennial celebrations are rapidly drawing to a close, so come and enjoy another happy celebration of Canada's 100th birthday.

Official opening centennial project

The main Centennial Year observance of Eramosa township is to be held on Nov. 4 with official opening of the township office and garage building on Highway 24. Unveiling of the plaque and dedication of the building is to take place at 4 p.m. that day and it is hoped the building, the township's Centennial project will be completed by that date.

There is to be a beef barbecue and dance to follow the building opening.

Art group hopes to begin again

The Acton Art Group hopes to resume its weekly meetings on Thursday, November 2 and new as well as former members will be welcome.

Mrs. Laura Dittrich says that anyone interested may phone her at 853-0805 for further information.



MRS. GEORGE MUSELLE presents school board trustee Bob Leslie with the Canadian flag on behalf of the Rockwood school reunion committee at the official opening of the new centennial school Friday. (Staff Photo)

Eramosa council makes plans for nominations, elections

By Mrs. F. Taylor

Rockwood --- The regular October meeting of Eramosa Township Council was held in the council chambers recently. All members of council were present and the reeve presided. Also in attendance were the road superintendent Robert Hamilton and the clerk-treasurer Lloyd Hindley.

Following the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, several items of correspondence

were read and discussed by the members. The 1967 assessment roll for 1967 taxation was accepted as presented.

There was only one land severance presented to council for recommendation to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

It was moved that the reeve, clerk-treasurer and the road superintendent be instructed to apply to the Department of Highways for the interim subsidy payment on road expenditure made up to September 30, 1967. The treasurer was instructed to

make the final payment of \$157,21 to Armstrong Bros. of Brampton for the construction of Fall St. in Rockwood, being development road 927.

A motion was carried that a by-law to name times and places for holding nominations and elections for reeve, deputy-reeve, councillors and school trustees for the Township of Eramosa to serve for the year 1968 and 1969, and to name the polling places and appoint deputy returning officers and poll clerks, be given the necessary readings, passed and numbered.

Nominations will be held on Saturday, November 25 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rockwood Town Hall and elections if needed will be held on Monday, December 4 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A by-law was introduced to amend a former by-law to regulate traffic on roads within the township of Eramosa, subject to the approval of the Department of Transport, read a first, second and third times, passed and numbered.

Before adjourning, accounts amounting to \$12,187.83 were passed for payment with the next meeting to be on Monday, November 6, at 7:30 p.m. or at the call of reeve, Cameron Lush.

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Cancer Society certificate of Merit given to village

By Mrs. F. Taylor

The chairman of the Cancer Society for Rockwood, Mrs.

Frank Taylor, recently received a certificate of merit for the village of Rockwood and its citizens. This is the Society's token of appreciation for continued generous giving over the years.

The certificate has been presented by Mrs. Taylor to the village Trustees to be framed and placed in the Rockwood Town Hall.

A special note of thanks to all who so willingly helped in the collection of the much needed funds to make 1967 one of the largest contributions ever received from Rockwood.

CNIB services in many areas

A project of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind which specially interests Acton Lions club is the Lake Joseph Adjustment training and Holiday Centre. The camp was built by the C.N.I.B. with the help of the Ontario government and Lions Clubs of Ontario. Acton Lions have contributed a large donation to the camp.

The annual campaign for funds is currently underway here, with volunteer canvassers going door to door.

Other services offered by the C.N.I.B.:

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