

Trustee meeting

Rink lights, petition decorations discussed

At the last Rockwood trustee meeting held in the town hall on date of October 28. All trustees were present including secretary Charles O'Brien and Trustee Ken Murray presided.

The following motions were passed after accounts totalling \$1914.60 including village and road costs had been accepted.

THAT a By-Law to read nomination and election would be given first, second and third readings be passed and numbered 3-70. Nominations date has been set for Friday November 27 between 7-8 p.m.

THAT Brady Street should be drained on the east side as a temporary measure to give a better understanding of what village requirements will be for that street's development next spring.

THAT a letter from Domtar Chemicals requesting that the trustees pay back to them the tax cost amounting to \$70.00 be tabled for further action.

A delegation of R. M. Root and L. Dyer representing the Eramosa Recreation Committee requested aid in obtaining better lighting for the outdoor skating rink in the village park. The matter is to be investigated by the Hydro commission.

A petition was then presented by Lloyd Dyer signed by Property owners in the vicinity of the remains of the old S.S. No. 9 school, stating that they did not want a plaza, etc. built on school ground. The petition was read aloud and noted.

The chairman, Ken Murray told Mr. Dyer that if he had attended any meetings of the Board he would have realized that there never had been any intention of building anything to which the petition had objected and that actually, the petition would not have been necessary. Mr. Murray insisted that such a document showed a lack of confidence in the judgement of the elected board of trustees.

It was reported that the work on the new cemetery has not been completed.

Christmas decorations were also under discussion and the secretary was asked to write a letter requesting the new council to call a business meeting of all village organizations to discuss

the project of Christmas lights and decorations as it is too costly an item to be deducted from village accounts. It was recommended by the present council that, although lighting cannot be arranged for this year, such street decorations have to be purchased earlier in the season and have to be planned well ahead.

It was further reported that the

recent tests taken by Ryerson Institute of Technology students from Toronto, under the jurisdiction of the Wellington County Dufferin Health Unit had shown significant changes over the past four year and that the state of the Rockwood wells was deteriorating and not improving.

The meeting was adjourned until date of November 24.

Mini Hallowe'en

A teeny weensy Hallowe'en celebration was held last Friday morning at the Rockwood Town Hall when nursery school folk and their brothers and sisters accompanied by mothers attended a party conducted by teacher Cynthia Luckman of Eden Mills.

Gone all the pencils and crayons, no pasting, no puzzles; water play and housebuilding was scrapped for two and one half hours of partytime with games, prizes, candies, cakes and lunchtime goodies, replacing the usual teaching and training routine of the regular nursery schooltime schedule.

Some had trouble It was a rollicking time for the little people who regularly attend from Rockwood with three families coming in from outside the village. Some of them had

trouble manipulating and keeping up to the games, others were transfixed at the funny costumes, as clowns, ghosts, big uglies, and pretty little fairy types entered into the festivities, keeping quiet during story time with eyes popping as teacher Luckman read them a Hallowe'en story.

Cynthia enjoys working with the tiny kids and says that Rockwood nursery school mothers can be identified by the toilet paper rolls and empty cardboard egg cartons which they are constantly transporting under their arms on their way to the nursery school three times a week. The children are taught to utilize all sorts of things to use for craft, projects and on Friday the mothers had a chance to watch their offsprings in action as they were treated to a program of their schooltime songs and story games.



PRIZE WINNING grade one and two pupils at the Rockwood Centennial School party last Friday afternoon were Corinne Gooyers, first, Joey Carter as a fat lady second, Delia Chestworth making like a purple people eater third, and Paul Kingswell who was fourth.

A letter from Eden Mills

This is another in a series of letters written by Miss Val Barrow relating her experience during five "delightful" years spent in Eden Mills. Miss Barrow is writing the series to show her appreciation to residents of the village.

Eden Mills, Ont.
15 September, 1965

Dear May:
It seems to have been quite a while since I wrote to you - but, as you know, Mother and Dad were here for a visit before going south for the winter. We had a wonderful time, of course. Mother and I squeezed in a couple of walks.

There is a path going up the far bank of the river, reached by crossing the mill pond dam - with a brief pause to peer through the boards over the mill race at the water dancing and sparkling down. We also followed our little road beyond the houses and up the hill. The road goes quite a long way back between the fields and we found the foundations of another old stone house there.

Our only "adventure" was when we encountered a young St. Bernard which promptly grabbed my wrist. She wasn't that young and I sure was glad when her master released me!

Tank troubles Thank goodness the septic tank is now installed - what a do. We had to get permission from Mr. Dankert to remove part of the fence to slide the 600-gallon tank down from the rise above the house. Everyone was intrigued by the care taken to lay the drainage tiles at just the right angle.

I was afraid we'd lose Kathy, one of Arley Roy's granddaughters, in the diggings - but eventually the job was passed by the Health Inspector, fill dumped, spread and raked. I have even borrowed a seeder from Norm Marshall and now hope the hungry birds won't manage to find all the seeds. With luck there should be some germination before winter. Although the days are getting shorter the sun is good and hot during the day and we've had a little rain, too.

Dead elms Before we were able to start on the tank job there were a couple of dead elms that had to come down. Mr. Ted Barden, who owns and operates the mill, got it done one day when I was away. I wish you could have seen what a good job they made of it - must have

taken a broom, I should think, to get up all the twigs. The mill is a wonderful old stone building - the main part three stories high with, again, that "just right" pitch to the roof. There is a lower addition at the end towards the Marshalls. It's not that much lower - although only one storey it would reach to the height of a modern 2-storey house, almost.

It was originally a grist mill, one of three in the village, and still operates on water-power,

except maybe for a short period in August when the Eramosa River level drops and then Ted uses a donkey engine.

Load crates

He makes celery crates and flats for delivery to Burlington, some 20-odd miles off on the Lakeshore. He has a huge flat-bed truck - green, with all sorts of lights on the top of the cab, indicating, I believe, the length, etc., of the vehicle. It is fascinating to watch them load, a man on the ground swinging the crates to a man on the truck. They're piled 6 or 8 high, reaching at least one layer above the cab. They are secured by a lacing of heavy rope and finally all is ready for take-off. The truck turns onto the paved road and the load aways with the downward slope so that you hold your breath, wondering if it will topple.

But it never does and off to market goes the result of another week's labor.

I love getting your letters at our little Post Office. Do write again soon.

Love,
Val

United Nations W.I. subject

The October meeting of Rockalgon Institute was held in the Community Centre. A fair number of members and one guest answered the roll call "Name a member Nation in the United Nations". Leaders were chosen for Sr. Training school.

Resolutions for area convention were discussed and delegates Mrs. G. Nelson and alternate Mrs. W. Gullid were appointed. Mrs. G. Mitchell reported on a directors' meeting she recently attended.

A book club was discussed. Clippings re clothing labels and children's Christmas toys were read by Mrs. A. McPhedran.

Mrs. J. Thomson, program convener, introduced her daughter June who showed pictures and gave a most interesting and informative talk on her visit to The United Nations in Aug.

Mrs. J. Thomson and Mrs. A. McPhedran, lunch committee, served a delicious lunch.

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Happenings at Rockwood School

During last week student teachers were at the school helping out in Mrs. Storey's room.

On October 30 grades 1-7 had a Hallowe'en party. Student Council helped with the grades 1, 2 and 3's parties and things

worked out well. On the 31st of October the 7 and 8's held a Hallowe'en dance in the school gym.

The decorations were good and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.



SUSAN INGLEDGE, Sandy Gray and Linda Ward, are the three nursery school cherubs who weren't quite certain what Hallowe'en was all about at the Nursery School party held at the Town Hall last Friday morning.

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