



FIFTY YEARS AGO this scene was taken at the unveiling of the new Rockwood cenotaph. The scene has changed during that half century and new wings have been added to the cenotaph to commemorate the dead of another war but services of remembrance are still being held. —(Photo lent by Don Hills)

Happenings at Rockwood School

An especially delightful Memorial Day service was held at the Rockwood Public School auditorium last Tuesday morning when the Grade 3 children under the direction of Mrs. Marlon Tubman, of Eden Mills, presented a 10 minute play depicting the meaning of the poppy. "Poppy for Remembrance Day" was acted out impressively by the various children in the class and, after the play Rev. Peter Tucker spoke to the school children.

"To stop war we must love" said the popular minister, and that the way to stop war is for everyone not to fight. He suggested that even small squabbles in the schoolyard are the startings of hates and every person who got involved in such squabbles was contributing towards small wars on a personal level.

The children in the play acted out the laying on of a wreath in commemoration of a generation they will only remember through such services as those for Remembrance Day.

Our school volleyball team is made up, the players are Shirley Ritchie, Linda Law, Janet Crane, Janice Perry, Tracey Smith, Marie Ayles, Linda Hartman, Linda Hopkins, Denise Jones, Marsha Stumph, Marie McMillan and Cheryl McMinn.

Exams are coming up. They are scheduled for November 23. Last Friday Nov. 6 people who wanted to join up for badminton could if they had a partner. The boys could join for floor hockey too.



UPON COMPLETION of ten years of continuous service at the St. Joseph's Home for the Aged in Guelph, Mrs. Mae Crabtree of Main Street, Rockwood was promoted recently to the position of Supervisor of the Nurses Aid. In the "Ye Auld Tymes", the autumn edition of the Home's newspaper, she was commended for her staunch effort in performing her duties by the residents of the section in which she works.

OUR READERS WRITE:

Opposes selling property to individuals

Rockwood, Ont., November 5, 1970.

The Editor
Acton Free Press.

Dear Sir:

Would you be kind enough to publish the enclosed letter which I forwarded to the Rockwood village trustees on Oct. 5.

Since I have received no acknowledgment from the trustees that the letter was received and no mention of this letter has been made in the press, I believe the information might be of interest to the ratepayers of Rockwood and the township.

Thank you for this space,
Yours truly,
G. F. Day

Rockwood, Ont.
October 5, 1970

The Trustees,
Police Village of Rockwood
Rockwood, Ont.

Gentlemen;

In the last issue of the Acton Free Press, a press release states that the trustees might consider disposing of part of the property on Guelph Street (part of the No. 9 school property).

At a meeting held August 19, 1968, at the Rockwood Centennial School, the purchase of this property from the Eramosa township school board was discussed.

Present at this meeting were — Reeve Cameron Lush, Councillors D. McPhedran, W. Parkinson, and W. Adsett, Chairman of Village Trustees — D. Hills; Trustee B. Smith and Secretary C. O'Brien; All members of the Eramosa School Board, Chairman M. Smeltzer, Trustees D. Buttenham, G. Smith, R. Leslie and R. McDougall, Secretary G. Day.

Minutes of the Eramosa township school board state — "Council and village trustees met in session to discuss the proposals. The two bodies decided that they wish to acquire this property for municipal purposes and so advised the board."

The deed transferring this property to the

Eramosa council in trust for the village of Rockwood states in part "To have and to hold in trust to and for the use and benefit of the trustees of the police village of Rockwood, its and their successors and assigns, to and for their sole and only use forever."

In my opinion, the above prevents the village trustees from disposing of any part of this property to private ownership.

I believe that the members of council and village trustees at that time were wise in making the decision that this property would be used for municipal purposes. On the strength of this decision, the Eramosa school board agreed to the sale. The Eramosa school board, no doubt, also quoted a price favorable to the council and village trustees knowing that the property was to be purchased for municipal purposes and not for resale to private individuals.

Also, I might mention that the Eramosa school board represented the ratepayers of the whole township and therefore any sale by the village to private individuals would constitute a breach of faith to ratepayers resident outside of the village and who had a financial interest in this property.

When the council and village trustees in 1968 decided that this property would be used solely for municipal purposes, no doubt they were taking a long-term viewpoint. None of us, for certain, know what the future will bring in terms of development in this area. Water and sewers are now in the consideration stage. Regardless of the results of present discussion on this matter, it is possible that action in this regard might be taken within five, 10, or more years. Office and maintenance facilities will have to be provided. Extension of fire prevention services might have to be enlarged.

Even in the event of regional government, facilities for this new government might be located in Rockwood.

I earnestly suggest that the village trustees abandon any thought of disposing of any part of this property to private individuals for reasons that I have noted above.

Yours truly,
George Day

Copies to Eramosa Council, Rockwood and Area Ratepayers Association.

Nominations

Eighteen men on the Wellington County School Board will be up for election this year representing Guelph Township, Erin Township, Eramosa Township and Erin Village.

Three representatives will be chosen for this district come election time and nominations for the positions will be held at the Hillsburg Town Hall on November 23.

Rockwood village nominations for the trustee board will be held at the Town Hall on date of Friday, November 27 at the time of 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Township nominations for the positions of Reeve, Vice-Reeve, and three council members are set for Saturday, November 28 at the Rockwood Town Hall at the hours of 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Everyone is urged to get behind their special candidate.

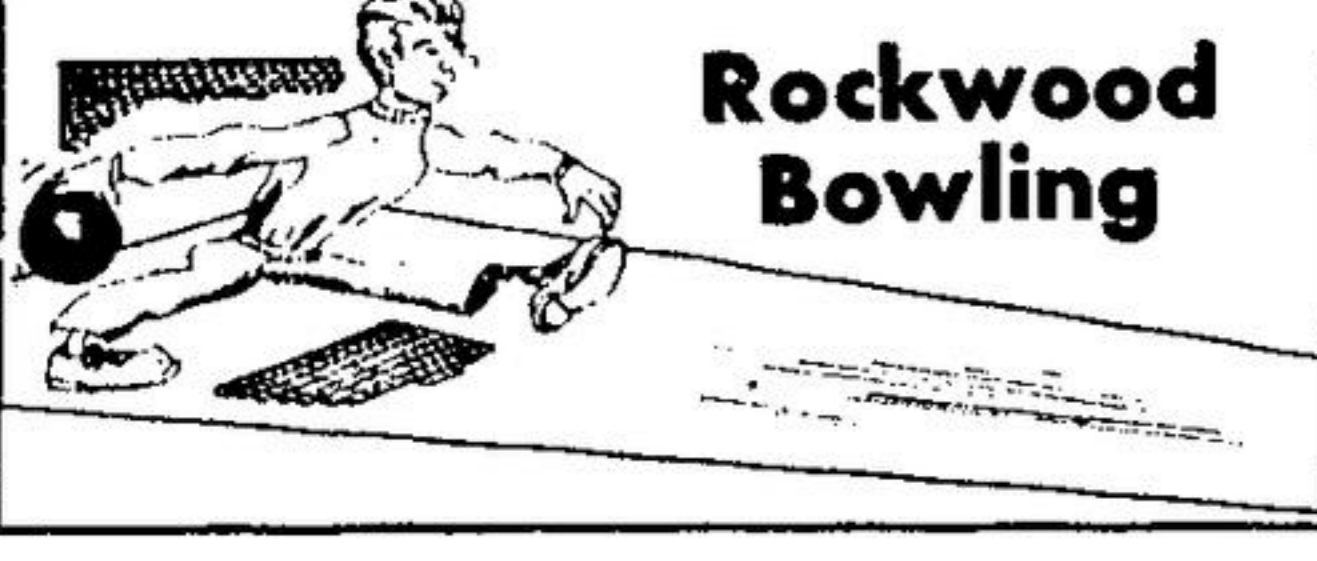
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Recreation Committee Lloyd had spent considerable time enlarging the skating area to make it more adaptable for winter sports and the council felt that if one person could be as diligent as Mr. Dyer that they would certainly want to co-operate.

The village has already planned on installing extra lighting and reportedly the rink should provide many happy leisure hours for skating bugs providing old man winter is on tap with required cold weather.



The Norton Bluebirds took 7 points straight from Elmer's Alley Cats last November 3, Tuesday night and the score sheets show Fred Nightingale settling the pins for the victors with a 236, 263 and 229 set of scores to run up a 728 triple for the evening's scores. Viv Nightingale showed a 216 single and Ivy Ritchie a 215.

The Guelphites captured the laurels for their game against the Carney team with a 7 to 0 point score and Ross Gordon of the winners ran up a 222 single and Garry Parks a 252 single score. Bob Lilley of Carneys bowled a high 320 single game and May Swackhamer a 536 triple.

Bob Van Wyck was the high scorer for the Pacers as they walloped the Four Corner team with a 5 to 2 point lead. Bob ran up a 267 high single and Ann McCormach for the ladies a 205 single.

The Clippers mowed the Strattons team by taking 7 points straight and Bert Archer for the Clippers was the man to beat. He made a 702 triple and Harvie

Justin for the same team a 699 triple. Sam Nyholt of the Strattons took a 668 triple and Dick Dupuis a 620 triple.

Dunc McPhedran's 680 triple score and Doug Buttenham's 228 single for Neighbors did not deter their defeat when the Gooyer Brother athletes copped the game with a 5 to 2 score. Sylvia Jamieson made a 197 single and Len Smeltzer a 180 single in that game.

The Whitewashers took 7 points from the Osprings Slow Pokes and Brian Robertson was top dog with his 611 triple and Marian Mulder a 589 triple. Ross Ferguson of the Slow Pokes ran up a 189 single.

Team standings at the present times show: 1. The Pacers with 37 points; Clippers with 35; Four Corners with 30; Whitewashers with 29.5; Strattons with 28 points; Norton's Bluebirds with 24.7; Elmer's Alley Cats with 21; Carney's with 20 points; The Neighbours with 20; Guelphites with 19; The Gooyer Bros. with 18; Osprings Slow Pokes 5 points.

Nine pound rainbow makes "good eating"

A weekend fishing trip at Thornbury last Monday, November 2, netted Fred Alton of Station Street a 27 inch 9 pound 1 ounce rainbow trout.

"It took me pretty near 78 years to get it" chuckled the affable sportsman who has been fishing for 70 years. He and Al Nichol had taken in the weekend trip and using a black lure for bait Mr. Alton was trolling with an 8 lb. test line.

After a short freezing session the fish cutting-up ceremony was arranged at the Nichol Food Market butchering section, and the Altons hosted their son Hugh and his wife and family from Guelph to partake of the delectable trophy for their Sunday evening dinner. "Good eating" were the throng comments and later another son of the Altons dropped in with his wife Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Marshall from Galt, to also participate in the family gathering.

Weekend holidays concern councillors

"Our society can't afford Saturdays and Sundays," says Nassagaweya Councillor Art Gibson. "We are geared towards Friday night traffic jams all year round and cramming holidays into eight weeks of the summer," he added.

Gibson made the statement during discussion with Halton municipal and Board of Education officials at a seminar in Milton High School last week.

Four quarters Gibson's statement was made during a discussion on making better use of schools. Trustee Bruce Edwards said he had often

thought it would be better to have schools in four quarters and keep the schools open all year round.

Mr. Gibson said there was no reason why working people couldn't have two days off a week, but why do they have to be Friday and Saturday? "What law says you must work Monday to Friday and have Saturday and Sunday off? Who says you people wouldn't like to have a winter or fall holiday?" he queried.

While the consensus of opinion agreed there was some merit to what Mr. Gibson said, most felt society wasn't ready for his proposals yet.

Expect skating rink ready for winter

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