

Comin's and Goin's Committee selected study Christmas lights

A special welcome is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ormond Emelton and their children who recently moved into Rockwood. Mr. Emelton is a history teacher at the John F. Ross Collegiate and is presently living in the Burton house on Jackson Street. Welcome, folks, and we hope you decide to stay with us in your new community.

Guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thomson is Yvonne Noble who is staying with the Thomsons during her parents' visit to Florida. It'll be sunshine and beaches for Bob and Yvonne and frolicsome snow for Yvonne.

Hey! It's a first of the month move for Allan and Donna Schenk who will be leaving their Rockwood apartment home for one in the country when the young couple will be taking up residence in the house of Mrs. Cyril Titt who has left the Rockwood vicinity and is presently living with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Rusk in Guelph.

It's interesting what students are taking up at universities these days! Reportedly ten of the automatic dryers at one of the Guelph laundromats mysteriously had to have old bearings replaced and, when the mechanic went into the laundromat to repair the machines a number of students were already inside the working dryers contesting who could stay in for the longest period of time. Wheww, rattling around in intense drying heat is no way to let off steam but a great way to break down someone else's expensive equipment.

"Today I am a man" and Paul Bolton grinned at his early morning reflection whilst shaving off his childhood beard last Tuesday morning. Paul had just reached the ripe old age of twenty-one years. Happy birthday, sir, and your Rockwood friends wish you many more.

The parental war waged against flu germs has proven successful and the majority of small fry are reportedly back into harness with the grade 5 to 8 students preparing for examinations. "Please encourage your youngsters to prepare for these exams" said the leaflet home from the Rockwood Centennial School and parents will hopefully make mental note to pull the plug on the mad box for the next few days.

The Tuesday 35 minute power cut-off at 5.15 a.m. deterred early morning household activities for frustrated Rockwood housewives, anxious to complete their morning chores. Heavily iced branches falling on hydro lines were considered the blame for the faulty wire breaks and, although it was only 35 minutes in one area of the village the north end of Rockwood suffered a 2 1/2 hour shut off at an earlier period of the morning.

Much as we desire to denounce Mother Nature for inflicting her cold and traumatic snow blasts on us, it must be admitted with respectful applause, that she is still proving that she can outwit and supersede man in his endeavours. It takes man millions of dollars and time hours to perfect devastation which Nature can provide overnight cost free. She can also rectify her errors more quickly.

An amazed driver slowed down this week when he saw a figure standing on top of a very high snow drift in Eramosa, frantically flailing his arms up and down like some giant bird. Drawing near the snow bank the driver discovered that a district farmer, coming out of his laneway onto a small sideroad had no other way of determining traffic conditions, and in order to take his tractor on to the road in safety it was necessary to post a lookout man on the side of the road to wave to him signifying "traffic in sight."

It was school time birthday cake for little Heather Green who had reached the delightful age of six years. Heather's mother provided a tremendous chocolate

cake last Friday morning so that all her school mates could share her celebrations. Happy birthday, Heather, and thanks to a thoughtful and generous mother.

Jimmie Milne will report back to the hospital in London next Friday, February 26, and his friends mentally join him with the hope that his second trip won't be the horrendous experience of his first. Good luck, Jimmie!

Mention of outstanding hockey ability in the Streetsville Review introduces two young potential stars into the Rockwood Community.

Edgar Williams 13, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Williams of R. R. 1, Campbellville was top scorer recently when the Streetsville All Stars ousted the Canadian Legion Midget team.

Playing Novice in the O.M.H.A. Streetsville Thunderbirds is the Williams' younger son Leslie. Only eight years old, Leslie plays with much older youngsters and, in the news he was given special acclaim for playing outstanding hockey in the opening game of the series between Streetsville and Milton. Both boys attend the Robert Little Public School in Acton.

Having moved into the area last November from Hornby, Ontario, the Williams family sport a Campbellville address but are actually situated on the Eden Mills road in the McAlpine dairy farm homestead.

A family who is definitely on the move, the Williams' present an ambitious and industrious picture as well as one of casual and warm hospitality. Their spacious kitchen on weekends is thronged with children and friends visiting for a day of sledding, snowmobiling and housewarming. There are eight members of the household; Mary who will soon be married, Brian, 18, a Sheridan College student; Larry 17, of General Brock School in Burlington; Edgar and Leslie, plus parents Grant Williams and Jean, his wife, who is a specialized pottery glazer at the Meadow Pottery Company in Streetsville. One other member of the family is Janice Muise who presently attends the Georgetown High School.

A special welcome to these folks from both Rockwood and Eden Mills citizens.

Remember! Thursday night's Home and School meeting, February 25, when, at 8.00 p.m. at the Centennial School Library, a symposium program entitled "What's Going on in Public Health" will include as panelists: Dr. M. Braund, Mrs. B. Hancock, and Mr. J. Grimason. Everyone is welcomed to the meeting so attend if you can.

President Hudson of the Rockwood H. & S. Association requests everyone to remember the spring fashion show which will be advertised soon. No dates, no absolute preparations have been set as yet, but it is bound to be an exciting and worthwhile whisper of spring so be ready!

It was a bang-up family party at the Frank Kelso's home last Saturday night when 30 people gathered together to say goodbye to Georgina's sister, Lois and her husband Arnold Maw who have been visiting from Hubbards, N.S., for the past week with the Kelso's, and also friends about the village, including Mr. and Mrs. Art Pinder of R. R. 3, Rockwood. It was a wonderful visit and the Maw's relatives look forward to another one soon.

Millionairess makes rounds in village

Lucky citizens in the districts of Acton, Rockwood, and Guelph including rural areas thereabouts, stand to make an extra \$50 to add to their budget during the period of February 15 until March 13.

Already residents of Acton and Rockwood have gleaned interest on their purchases as both Guelph and Rockwood stores, identified by the fluorescent red Millionaire money cheques, have given out several blank cheques which, if in one's possession when the Millionairess calls at their door will sign up to five of these entitling the owner to \$10 for each one.

Two stores

The two stores in Rockwood with the lucky blanks are the Mill End and Root's Hardware Stores. They will be issued for each purchase over \$5, and the quiet philanthropist who nobody knows will make her rounds choosing a new district every day, willing to sign up to \$50 worth of hard cash. Last week three citizens in Rockwood were fortunate in being visited by the Millionairess and, with the blank cheques in their possession, Mrs. Carol Petty, Mrs. Grant McRae, and Mrs. S. Harris, received the free money.

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Enthusiasm and community spirit was the stipulated requirement for a committee which was chosen last night at a special meeting called by the village trustees and held at the Rockwood Town hall.

Criticism over the last two years had sparked the necessity for planning on the part of the trustees and postcards were sent out to various organizations and business men with posters placed as a media of advertising the meeting that was to discuss and plan ways of procuring Christmas lighting and decorations as a community project.

No more business Few business men showed interest and some expressed the attitude that the merchants are always contacted for donations where, in actuality, Christmas lights in December do not create more business anyway.

Considerable controversy prevailed and it was generally agreed that festive lighting was not a promotional gimmick for more business in the village but rather one of community good will sharing the warmth of Christmas and holiday spirit.

Can't afford it

A general discussion as to what extent the trustee board was prepared to co-operate financially toward obtaining such decorations drew the facts from Don Hills, the present chairman of the Rockwood trustees, that the village cannot afford to budget for extra frills such as holiday lighting but that, once a committee had been formed and their findings brought back to the trustee meeting they could then discuss the possibilities.

"One thing I can say" said Chairman Hills, "if plans are made which include the useage of the town hall we certainly will make it free of charge."

Set precedent?

One of the villagers present suggested that, if the trustees allowed any group to get the hall free for money raising schemes other organizations would also feel they should have the same rights. However, it was generally agreed that the Christmas tree decorating committee to be appointed, would be raising the money which would benefit the village directly and not their own group in which event it would be ridiculous to charge for the facilities.

Various questions were raised as to whether township residents should be considered in the event of a Christmas home display contest but it was decided that the whole scheme should be a Rockwood project and a campaign for interesting various village organizations to get behind it would be up to the committee formed.

On committee

Appointed as head man to get things rolling was David Rowe with other members Bert Smith as trustee representative, Clayton McLaren, Betty Lou Clark, Louis Hills and Lorraine Root. The committee chosen will act as an investigating group responsible for checking costs, considering amount of lighting required, and what type of decoration would best suit the village of Rockwood.

After completing its findings the investigating committee would then report same to the trustees at their first meeting in March.

Young people, too

The suggestion that teenagers from the public and high school levels be included in the organizational aspect of the

project was met with genuine enthusiasm at which time commendations were made as to the way the young people in the village had erected the one large tree in the bowling alley during the last Christmas season.

What's in a name? half hour debate

It took almost 35 minutes of motions and amendments for the Wellington County School Board to establish that:

Erin, Arthur and Mount Forest will retain their present titles as District High Schools; Elora Senior will be officially known as Elora Senior Public School; and Fergus High will be officially known as Centre Wellington District High School.

Not exactly right

At the same meeting it was also noted that the name of the Fergus

after determining the details of the investigation, the committee could then be expanded to include representatives from various village organizations and other enthusiastic villagers showing interest in working towards the project. "Many groups would be

happy to have a goal set for them such as a contribution to the village" said one resident and already some citizens present at the meeting are speculating as to how best the organization to which they belong can make its contribution.

Community spirit

"This could create tremendous community spirit with everyone working toward a common cause" said one business man. It will be the responsibility of the chosen committee to build up the general enthusiasm of everyone in the vicinity and get the various bodies mustering their own members into action.

Rockwood has been depleted of festive decorations for two years, since the strings across the main highway which were erected ten years ago became weathered and dilapidated and had to be removed. Mr. Rowe called a meeting of

the investigating committee to meet on Wednesday, February 24, to determine the findings and make plans for raising money before reporting to the Trustee Board.

Joe Petric at festival

In open accordion class at the Kuwanis music festival in Toronto last Wednesday, Joe Petric of Acton placed fourth. His mark was 84, and those ahead of him went, one mark at a time, up to 87 for first place. There were six in the class which included adults.

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Trustees nix raise

The Rockwood Village Trustees decided at their last meeting held in the town hall not to vote themselves a raise in a hope to keep village costs at a minimum.

A motion was passed at the same Friday, February 19 meeting, to request the Eramosa Township Council to pass the necessary bylaw to get the water and sewer proposals on the road again.

A special meeting of the board has been arranged for date of March 4 at which time the village budget will be set for the coming year.

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