

Swim lessons if demand — Authority supervisor

What, no swimming classes for the Rockwood and area children this summer?

Parents in the village and district voiced their concern at the prospect of no water teaching program which has been conducted for the past three years under the jurisdiction of the Grand River Conservation Authority.

A check with Ron Williamson, Supervisor of Conservation with the Authority, said that giving lessons was a losing proposition and that the number of children to consistently participate and complete the program was not large enough to merit the cost.

Expenses high

"Our expenditures for park upkeep are very high," said

Mr. Williamson, adding however that if enough residents proclaimed their desire to have the lessons conducted again this summer he would ensure the continuance of the program. "We will put notices out regarding the scheduled dates", said Mr. Williamson, "for an August program". Rockwood residents should leave their names at the main gate of the Conservation Park or send a letter to Mr. Williamson in Galt, Ontario.

Approximately 100 to 125 children have been participating annually in the swimming sessions with ages varying from 5 years to 12 and, at one time, even adult classes were considered feasible.

Registration fees have for previous years been at a cost of \$2 for the first child and \$1 for others in the same family.



ROCKWOOD ACADEMY is open for visitors every day until June 26, and artist Yosef Drenters is host. Since he purchased the building which housed the famed school, Mr. Drenters has been restoring it and collecting articles related to its past.

There are tours through part of the old school conducted by Murray Haigh, and an exhibit of work of artist Paul Keele as well as Mr. Drenters. Mr. Drenters is very pleased with the response to his Open House.—(Staff Photo)

Daughter of second head

Beattie McCaig recognized from old Academy picture

"Is that you Beattie McCaig?" The gentleman with her said aloud, "Isn't that unbelievable?" Yosef Drenters was standing in front of the Rockwood Academy during one of his Sunday Open House sessions when an elderly lady and gentleman approached him coming up the walk. As they

came closer Yosef recognized the tiny, three-year-old countenance of little Beatrice McCaig, youngest daughter of the second principal of the Rockwood Academy whose family picture has hung in the museum room of the Academy since Yosef purchased the building and began to restore it, approximately ten

years ago. From Edmonton she and her husband, Dr. Douglas had come from Edmonton to a Toronto Reunion for a class of 60 years ago and, although she had no recollection of the Academy wanted to view its interior and review some of her family's past history.

The only living member of the McCaig family as seen in the picture, Yosef was delighted at her spry alertness and her bright eyes. "She had a terrific sense of humor" said Yosef and feels that recognizing Beattie after sharing her picture for so many years was no great feat and very understandable.

Mrs. Beatrice (McCaig) Douglas is now in her late eighties.

Open House continues
Open House at the Academy will continue until June 26th when a tour of the Museum and a display of the joint exhibition of Yosef Drenters sculpting accomplishments and Paul Keele's drawings and prints will be held daily from 1 to 6 p.m.
Murray Haigh, a Vancouver graduate of landscape architecture, is presently restoring the landscape of the grounds around the academy to its original form. Mr. Haigh is hosting the pictorial and documentary presentation of the history of the Academy.



Tell your mother and father that you want to learn to swim NOW.



80-YEAR-OLD photograph of the youngest daughter of the second principal of the Rockwood Academy resulted in instant recognition of Beattie McCaig, when she visited Rockwood Academy. Here, Murray Haigh shows the old picture which resulted in Yosef Drenters' amazing recognition of the woman who returned to visit her childhood home.—(Staff photo)

Eramosa council briefs

At the recent June Meeting of the Eramosa Township Council, Don McKersie discussed with council the road allowance on Lot, Concession 2 (unopened), saying that the abutting owner had been given full access to this allowance and he (Mr. McKersie) did not have access to his property.

It was moved that Eramosa Council will have a township official negotiate the right of access for D. McKersie through the township road allowance on Lot 2, Concession 2. If negotiations fail, Eramosa Council shall consider other means.

Further motions passed included: THAT Mr. J. H. Smith of the Rockwood Trustees contact Road Superintendent Bob Hamilton requesting gravel and oil for the Village streets;

THAT Council instruct the treasurer to make a payment to the Fire Chief Carl Meadows of \$300 in appreciation of the time and work which he expended in the planning, construction and operation of the new Eramosa-Rockwood fire hall.

THAT the tender of Covassin Construction Limited, for the 4th line diversion, in the amount of \$169,122.50, is accepted subject to the approval of Phillips Engineering, the Department of Highways and the Grand River Conservation Authority. The tender is also subject to the approval of the necessary land acquisition and road opening and road closing by-laws entailed.

THAT Eramosa Council approve of the Eden Home erecting a dwelling on their property, having a ground floor area of 1250 square feet, as a permitted use in an agricultural zone. Mr. Davidson of Eden Home had further requested snow removal during emergencies and this matter will, according to Council, be given consideration.

THAT Council would recommend consideration be given Robert Noble Limited to the effect that severance fees be waived on future severances

requested by Robert Noble Limited. The same consideration was made when Victoria Street was constructed in Everton.

THAT Eramosa Council endorse the Township of Amaranth in County of Dufferin as a favourable site for the location of the proposed new International Airport. Copies of this resolution will be sent to the Wellington County Clerk.

THAT Eramosa Council understand that the representative from Eden Mills Community Club, Don Peeling, is unable to attend the meetings of the Recreation Committee, due to prior commitments. The Eramosa Council hereby appoint the secretary, Mrs. Adair to attend in Mr. Peeling's place, when he is unable to

attend, subject to the condition that she would not have any voting powers.

THAT clerk and drainage commissioner are hereby authorized to attend the drainage seminar to be held in Orangeville on June 30th, 1971.

THAT the road superintendent is authorized to purchase an air wrench from Meredith Tools and Equipment at a price of \$149.50, plus sales tax.

THAT a by-law to authorize the execution of a conveyance between Her Majesty the Queen and the Corporation of the Township of Eramosa dated the 6th day of May, 1971, be given the necessary readings, passed and numbered 21-1971.

THAT the Council authorize the purchase of a projector from the 3M Company for a price of \$90.



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May permits worth \$408,824

Building inspector Tom McLean's report showed there were 26 building permits issued in the township of Esquesing during the month of May, valued at \$408,824.

Most of the permits were for new houses and garages but one valued at \$45,000 was tagged for washrooms, dressing rooms, saunas and showers at the Riviera Club, Norval.

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