

Senior citizens organize group

Twenty-four ladies and eight gentlemen congregated at the Rockwood Town Hall last Thursday afternoon for an afternoon's pleasurable organization meeting for the senior citizens of the Eramosa district.

In many instances the word "senior" is merely a numerical figure of speech as, in many cases, the so-called oldsters could put their juniors to shame. Their energies, organizational abilities, and exuberance, should make their new association one to which everyone will want to belong.

Has experience

The "Sunshine Club" is the official name of the group and, for their president, Rev. Ralph Williams was voted in. Having had considerable experience with the senior club at his past ministerial charge in Smithville, his keen interest and know-how should get the local club off to a great start. Mrs. T. Peacock of Harris Street was nominated for the position of secretary and Mrs. William Craig of Balacava Street, the treasurer. Two members have been selected for the entertainment arrangements, Mrs. Max Milne and Mrs. C. Levels both of Guelph Street. Lunch for the month of October will be planned by Mrs. Margaret McNabb of Harris Street assisted by Mrs. Albert Shullis, Sr. of R.R. Rockwood.

All set

Everything is set. Membership rates will be \$1 per year and members will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each week with meetings starting at 2 p.m. until 4 and October 28 the start-off date. Eventually the club intends using the town hall as a daily drop-in centre with the hours from ten to ten being allowed by village trustees. Cards, crokinole, checkers, cribbage, are only some of the games which will be provided by the Eramosa Recreation Committee.

On the bi-weekly meetings, speakers, entertainers, and other forms of activities will be lined-up by the avid executive and with the aid of various drivers, the club could well be a tremendous township success.

Deserves laurels

Although laurels are not a part of her required vocabulary, Mrs. Sitska Drijber deserves them aplenty for her background work

and initiative in backing the club's beginning. Aided by citizens like Mrs. C. Levels on Guelph Street and others, Sitska made phone calls, arranged car rides, and contacted potential members spending countless hours getting the first meeting organized.

Frank Vigor of the Guelph Recreation Association gave a short talk at last Thursday's assemblage commending the Rockwood group on their new enterprise and inspiring them by his accounts of the 20 year old Golden Age Club in Guelph.

Impressed

He was impressed by the village trustee's decision for town hall meeting allowances as he said the Guelph Club is only now finding a home for its activities.

"The Golden Age Club in Guelph" said Mr. Vigor, "was formed in 1951 as a monthly activity. The splinter group wanted a daily drop-in centre and the Recreation Association, seeing the need for another more centrally located building, are now in the process of making a selection." It is expected that all members will be more fulfilled and less lonely with a place to go everyday to enjoy themselves with easy access. He offered the Rockwood group any assistance he could provide saying he would be pleased to co-operate and wished the newly formed executive success in their new venture.

Frank Beghetto charmed his audience when he entertained with several accordion renditions and Mrs. Drijber thanked both the Guelph musical instructor and the recreation director for their kindness in attending.

Officers named

Election of officers then followed after which members chatted about over a simple lunch and refreshments. Executive members held their first meeting at the town hall during the social festivities to discuss the schedule of entertainment and the date of regular daily club activities. It was decided to wait until the next meeting of October 28 before announcing regulations which will necessarily be set for the daily usage of town hall facilities. New members from the entire district are invited to attend and President Williams requested residents to alert all senior citizens informing them of the newly formed club and its next meeting date.



REV. RALPH Williams goes over next meeting's agenda with his treasurer, Mrs. W. Craig for the newly formed "Sunshine Club" which was organized last Thursday afternoon for Rockwood and Eramosa Senior Citizens.—(Photo by Lorraine)

Comin's and Goin's

Checking in on the Guelph Hospitals shows an out now but someone else in again over the past two weeks. Friends are glad to know that Cary Drijber is back home after his sojourn but it's three weeks in bed with no visitors for the Guelph Street Hepatitis patient however it's Thanksgiving week and we are thankful that he is home and well.

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Our best wishes and regards to Vincent Price who was hospitalized last week. Thankfully he too will make a speedy recovery and be home again very soon. Lots of luck, Vincent, and your friends will drop in soon.

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Rockwood's favorite letter writer, Miss Millicent Millroy has been ill in bed having suffered from a badly strained knee after a nighttime fall in her home on Richardson Street. Her friends send her their best and look forward to her letters to the editor which reveal her astute alertness and awareness of current problems in her local community.

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Another of Rockwood's most important citizens, Mrs. Mary S. Scott, has also been on the list of "get better soon" and her drop-in friends are pleased that, although having to take it temporarily easy, she has enough spunk to get better sooner than soon. Affectionate get wells are voiced by her many Rockwood friends.

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The Kitchener October Fest made Rockwood Village a great "drop in on the way through" for many Toronto visitors and several residents enjoyed visitors over the weekend who had taken the Golden Horseshoe trip just for the occasion.

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Hey now! Remember that delicious past-Thanksgiving repast that's waiting for you at the Stone United Church next Monday, Oct. 18 from 5 p.m. on. It'll be stuffed turkey with all the trimmings plus warmth, friendliness, and good cheer. Everyone will be welcomed so

keep a date to fowl up next Monday at Stone.

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The Pat Dale's family have done it again! Two more graduates in the family as Jim and Anne receive their grade 12, Bishop Macdonell High School diplomas at the Church of Our Lady next Sunday afternoon, October 17. It's double festivity for Jim and Rockwood villagers sing "Happy Birthday" in unison and congratulate him on his October 14 birthday celebrations. With Jim envisioning becoming a future veterinarian and Anne, a high school teacher, the two Dales will be completing their grade thirteen this term. Great going, kids, we know you'll both make the grade.

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It's a thumb, ride, on to Toronto; straight through to Montreal, a flip to London and a telegram saying "safe arrival" signed Kevin, as he takes time off to visit an uncle in Wales before continuing his journey to Israel where he intends spending a year working in a kibbutz. It's an empty place in the Root house these days, an empty place in a parent's heart, but for Kevin it'll be a year of experience, education and wonderful fulfilment and, although he'll be missed, it will be very worthwhile. Nice going Kevin, come Thanksgiving next year hopefully it'll be a great homecoming.

Log cabin nearly up

Construction of the pioneer log cabin at Halton Museum in Kelso Conservation Area is nearing completion. Organizers are hoping a third work bee this coming Sunday will "top off" the building.

Two work bees were held on recent Sundays, with completely volunteer labor. The workers took a rest on Thanksgiving weekend but will be back at it again this Sunday, hoping to finish the job. The cabin once stood near Campbellville.

Free Press Rockwood

Name Carol Thomson first Miss Erin Fair

Something different happened at the Erin Fair this year which, although considered a routine competition at every other fall fair, was a unique innovation to the annual Erin event when 15 pretty members of the fairer sex challenged the judges for their right to become the first Erin Fall Fair Queen in history.

Spurred on by the thought that they should have representation at the 1972 Canadian National Exhibition, the Erin Fair Board decided to get on the ball and select their own district dilly.

Fifteen local girls were corralled for the contest and the topmost talent, utmost beauty, and absolute ability, apparently came from the Rockwood vicinity, for the winner of the precedent selection, was Miss Carol Thomson, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomson of R.R. 1, Rockwood.

Grade 13

A graduate of the No. 9 public school in the village, Carol is presently a grade thirteen student at the Guelph Centennial Collegiate. Poised, with tremendous organizational abilities, Carol has a background for public appearances in her affiliation with the Junior Farmers and the 4-H Club.

The committee organizing the Queen Choosing Event approached several girls prior to the fair date as they had mostly local Erin Village entries and felt that a rural girl should also have an opportunity to compete.

Wittily and with great charm she gave her speech on "husband choosing to capture her audience and the judges' ovation. Immediately after her crowning her duties began, the first of which was cutting the cake which had been donated by a local bakery and presenting it to her princesses and the other candidates. Brenda Burt of Hillsburg was the runner up for the contest and Kathy Curran of Erin, the judges' third choice.

A watch, a purse, shoes, necklace, wig, prizes and prizes galore were all presented to the pretty local girl with an approximate total of \$200.

Cake cutting, ribbon distributing, leading the parade, visiting the various booths, and presenting trophies to the beef cattle exhibitors were all part of the immediate duties of the historical Aueen. Carol handled them easily even the interview by the C.B.C. television which will be seen on Country Canada some Sunday afternoon in October.

As good will ambassador for the Erin Fall Fair Carol will be attending many social functions including the Provincial Fairs Convention in Toronto. The local girl who has plans to take up a nursing career in the fall will again represent the Erin Fair at the C.N.E. when it will be first for the Canadian National Exhibition as well as for the Erin Fair Board. The girls then will be vying for prizes which will total \$1,200.

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Ello Meglio of Rockwood suffered the injured knee and his car sustained \$75 damage. A sign owned by the county was also damaged in the accident.

Driver of the other car involved was William MacDougal of R.R. 2 Guelph. He was uninjured and his car was not damaged.

North Halton OPP investigated the accident.

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The event will be sponsored by the Rockwood and Area Ratepayers' Association. The meeting will be completely non-partisan in its approach.

After all candidates have had the allotted 10 minutes to present their platform, there will be a five minute rebuttal period, after which a general question and answer period will be open to the audience.

Conservative John Root is the incumbent in the riding. Liberal candidate is Cameron Lush and NDP standard bearer is Alan Rimmer.

New garage

Halton County's roads department is planning a new garage and will dispose of its present garage in Milton when the new one is ready for occupancy, it was learned this week.

Plowing match

This week the 1971 edition of the International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Demonstration is being held at Harewood Acres near Nanticoke in Haldimand County. A Burlington man, Jack Taylor heads the Ontario Plowmen's Association which is sponsoring the match and displays in co-operation with the Haldimand County Local Committee.



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