



MRS. ANN WILSON of Eden Mills, Mrs. Rockwood Sunshine Club's first Christmas social.—(Photo by Lorraine) William Early and several other ladies pause to wait for the entertainment to begin at the



WESLEY LEITH of Jackson Street sits down to chat with 95 year old-timer Mr. Howse of Main Street, Rockwood, while awaiting the program to begin at last Thursday's Sunshine Club Christmas party.—(Photo by Lorraine)

Santa was a lady at Rockalong W.I.

Santa was a lady at the last meeting of the Rockalong Women's Institute which was held at the No. 8 Community Centre and the meeting, which began as a dessert and coffee party, was one of merriment and great fun.

It started at 8:15 and tables were laden with Christmas goodies galore as fudges, little cakes, big cakes, mince tarts, Christmas cake and fruit salads, etc. all homemade, were consumed by the members attending.

After dessert time a short business meeting was conducted with Mrs. Guild in the chair. Extending get well wishes to Institute president, Helen Bayne, Mrs. Guild expressed the hope to see Helen back in office at the next meeting in January.

4-H sponsor Business included an agreement of the local group to sponsor the 4-H club in their new 1972 project and, further discussion prevailed deciding what gifts would be appropriate for associated members of the Rockalong Institute who were presently shut in.

Members were then reminded that the next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Laura McKay, 18 Cambridge Street, in Guelph, on date of January 4, 1972.

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Eramosa council briefs

At the regular December meeting Eramosa Council:

—Agreed to donate \$25 to the Salvation Army in Guelph for Christmas cheer but filed requests for donations from the Stratford Festival and the Canadian Mental Health Association.

—Passed a motion again, supporting the application of Rockwood Village Trustees for sewer and water installations in the village, Councillor Strong opposed.

—Endorsed a resolution from the Mayors' and Reeves Association opposing a rate increase for Bell Canada unless the company could show a need for the increase to maintain existing services and expansion.

—Dissatisfied with an answer from the Grand River Conservation Authority regarding plans for the proposed Guelph Dam, decided to write and ask for plans again.

—Proclaimed Monday, Dec. 27 as Boxing Day and also noted it was the date of a special meeting of council.

—Was notified by letter that a motorist was suing for damages as a result of an accident on the Fourth Line Dec. 6, at Bill Bruce's corner. The insurance company is to be notified.

—Filed a letter from the Rockwood and Area Ratepayers asking consideration of employing men on winter works to analyze and take remedial action on Rockwood wells and septic tanks. Reeve Warren Parkinson presided for the six hour meeting with all councillors present.

Eramosa ratepayer opposes route of line

Public reaction from Eramosa ratepayers affected by the high voltage transmission line proposed by Ontario Hydro, seem to clash with personal opinions. Eramosa council was told Monday night.

J. D. DeGrandis registered an objection over the proposed line with the township council, claiming the right of way would have a disastrous effect on his property on which he has spent much money and time. He described his old stone home with its stands of various trees for councillors, noting that the

proposed line would pass within 50 feet of his house.

The property, situated on the east half of the Sixth Concession, Lot 3 and part of Lot 2, would be divided by the 10-storey tall towers, he said, and he understood many of his neighbors shared the same concern.

However, press reports of a meeting with Hydro in the Acton Free Press indicated property owners affected by the line were satisfied and ready to begin negotiations over the land.

Mr. DeGrandis said this view conflicted with the reports he had

heard from neighbors and wondered if the report was accurate.

"Press reports were fairly accurate," Reeve Warren Parkinson assured Mr. DeGrandis. There were two

ratepayers who indicated some concern over the line but no one openly challenged the council to do something about it, he said.

The reeve said council never directed the meeting between the property owners and Hydro, acting as arbiters. He defended council's stand on the controversy stating if Eramosa "got into it like Naasagaweya, all you do is make one group of people happy at others' expense."

Has council studied the right of way enough to know if it is taking the proper course? Mr. DeGrandis asked.

Councillor Ken Fair assured Mr. DeGrandis they had spent some time studying the route and considering possible alternatives. Councillors agreed with Mr. DeGrandis that there was considerable confusion over the route the line would take which only now had been cleared up. It was first thought the route would be on Lots One and Two.

Mr. DeGrandis, thanking council for the opportunity of presenting his case when he was unable to appear at the first meeting, said he had no criticism of the way Hydro has treated him.

Use school centre?

Councillor Bill Adsett was requested to collect more information for Eramosa council regarding use of schools for day care centres, following receipt of a letter from the Wellington Board of Education asking if council was interested in the subject.

Mr. Adsett said he understood the nursery school people using Rockwood town hall facilities felt cost was too high and were anxious to acquire a place at more moderate cost.

Councillors debated whether it would be worthwhile looking further since it was obvious the Rockwood school was already pressed for room. They asked Mr. Adsett to contact the nursery school and the principal of the school for information before they answered the letter.

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Comin's and Goin's

Christmas is a time to remember and everyone in Rockwood is happy to remember a delightful old friend, Stewart Royce who is in the General Hospital in Room 227. Best wishes are sent from many villagers who miss seeing him at his place at the window on Guelph Street.

Another seal to be placed on your Christmas calendar! A combined Christmas Candlelight Service will be held on Sunday, December 19 at the Rockwood United Church at 8 p.m. Every church will participate with all ministers taking part in the service. A combined adult choir and the Junior Choir of the Presbyterian Church will provide the anthems for a wonderful invitation to everyone in the district to come and enjoy the true spirit of Christmas under one roof.

Three mothers assisted Mrs. Tubman when she took her 300 odd Rockwood Centennial School pupils to Toronto to view the downtown museum.

Real-live dead mummies fascinated the youngsters, as they viewed fossils and rocks for their school studies, as well as many other wonders which the museum provides. Final of the bus trip and tour which began at 9:30 was arrival back to Centennial at 2:00 p.m. where a prompt written recording by each student of what they saw, was completed and openly discussed. Another display of the upswing in our modern educational system. Great!

A tour at the south end of the village these past two nights shows a scene like downtown Montreal as one house is especially gaily decorated across from the Crabtree's Confectionery store. Take a look,

citizens, and a merry, merry Christmas to you too, neighbor.

Congratulations to Doris and Ted Justin on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Missed your party, some of us did, but it's great to know that you had fun and we'll look for you again when you've made your 50th.

Missed at the Senior Citizens' party last Thursday were Mrs. Mary Scott of Main Street, Mrs. Leola Pierce, Mr. Douglas McNabb, and others. Come on, folks, we want to see you all getting back into village activities as soon as possible so get well and be around again for Christmas festivities.

You are invited to "get in the swim in January" when the Creative Arts Committee under the sponsorship of the Eramosa Recreation Committee will offer upholstery, needlecraft, sewing, yoga and art, as the second round of night school creativity with registration date set at Tuesday, January 11 at the Rockwood Centennial School. For those who cannot attend but wish to join, the secretary's name, Eileen Moreton of Gzowski Street, is offered as a contact. Come on in everyone, the water's fine!

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. S. Trousdale of Harris Street whose cousin Kate Aitken, the folksy, easy-going home-maker broadcaster died last Saturday at the age of 81 after a lengthy illness. Known to millions of Canadians as "Mrs. A" she retired in 1957 while her radio program was one of the tops in the country. Mrs. S. Trousdale often refers with affection to Mrs. Aitken and Rockwood offers its condolences. Goodbye to one of Canada's most senior stars.

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