

Minor League fun day at park

Sunday was the day, bright, warm, and exciting when dozens of green and white, red and blue, orange and yellow, sweaters and shirts dotted the horizon of the Rockwood Ball Park. It was the big Minor League Fun Day which culminated the year's softball activities.

"This year has been a good one" said George Smith, chairman of the Rockwood and Eramosa Minor Softball League. "We had 159 registrations for this year's ball and, because of limited diamond space we had to open up the Four Corners school diamond." The enthusiastic organizer who really cares about kids reported that the players were great but he felt that lack of parental interest continues to hang heavy.

True enthusiasm
Sunday's games showed true enthusiasm however, with two sets of bleachers seating crowing, yelling, and applauding parents all anxious to see their own special "Johnnies" or "Marys" knock a home run.

All tears under minor ball were in action at the park, switching pitchers and catchers where necessity warranted.



ANNE GARNER the star pitcher of the girls' 15 and under team, was the Queen of Sunday's Minor League's Fund Day. (Photo by Lorraine)

Coaches Betty Burnett and Marion Duffield with the 12 and under girls watched their team lose out against the same age house-league boys coached by Bob Shaw and Harry Barber.

Last minutes
Dot Polo's 15 and under girls saw brother Tom Pinder pinch hitting as coach for the team which almost matched the peewees until the last minutes of the game when Frank Hindley's boys' score moved up two notches when Mike Stewart came in with a homer bringing the score to 4-2.

It was 2-0 decision as the 19 and under girls, directed by Peg Ellis and Ben Salmon lost out to the Junior boys handled by Jack Wendorf, Mike Kelly, and Mike Martin.

Games starting, games finishing off, everybody had something to watch. The atoms were outplayed by the victorious squirts with a 9-5 final score and the Atom kids grinned at manager Alec Lush and the squirts had had Ray Miller and Frank Allsop as their coaching managers.

Midget victory
It was a stimulating tangle for John Jarvis' and Neil Bestward's Bantams as they played against Ralph Kelly's Midgets. The Play Day provided the opportunity for a midget victory with a 9 to 1 final score.

As finally for the day's activities it was Coaches versus fathers in an amazing display of parental abilities versus coaches who work for kids.

French fries and hot dogs were consumed with fervour by the pint-sized athletes, and friends of the Eramosa Recreation Committee and the Rockwood-Eramosa Minor Softball Association congratulated them for getting behind the league as President George Smith, of the R.E.M.S.A. passed along local laurels to the parents who had given time and effort, and the coaches whose diligence and co-operation had contributed to the success of the round of summer-time softball activity.



MOTHERS, FATHERS, and baby brothers, Minor softball games, for the district of Rockwood and Eramosa. (Photo by Lorraine)

News and views

By Lorraine

It is not an example of architectural splendour but it is a well constructed building, ample and functional enough to accommodate great rounds of activity. But it stands there, well located centrally in the middle of the village, most of the time unoccupied, with few things happening except second Thursday Senior Citizens afternoon meetings and, two days a week, youngsters arrive there for nursery school.

It's rather like the living room in an unhappy home. All tidied and polished but nobody's allowed in. With us it's the Rockwood Town Hall and why it's usage isn't more adapted to community needs nobody seems to know.

More feasible

Right now the Village is concerned about contamination and sewage, we think it would be more feasible to spend time considering the potential contamination of kids.

What's to do with a village the size of Rockwood? Many other communities less its population have made provision for younger generation needs with halls available for all kinds of activities with little worry about rentals and taxes and whose going to pay for broken dishes.

The St. John's Church Advisory Board this week sent a letter to the Rockwood village trustees requesting that this vital matter of teenage non-activity be looked into. The board collectively felt that too much time has elapsed with little consideration allowed for Rockwood's future generations. The letter will request that representatives of all township and village organizations meet to discuss what arrangements can be made for these young people and it is their hope that, if a committee could be set up with interested citizens in conjunction with the kids themselves, maybe construction could result rather than destruction.

Veterans can remember stage door canteens which were mainly housed converted to friendly drop in centres with warm-hearted housemothers somewhere in the kitchen preparing cinnamon toast and coffee, cold drinks or

milkshakes which the young droppers-in would pay for. Each place was adaptable with chesterfields, reading lamps, radios, and a variety of games equipment such as ping pong, card tables, hockey, and good books, all available to be used.

Questionable word

Drop-in centre has become a questionable word these days so why not call it something else. The kids will tell us they want to be in charge but it's time we got together with them, not to be intimidated, but show them that, if everyone works together constructively great things can happen and even aged adults over 30 aren't the ogres they make them out to be. Arranging such a centre can't be dependent on any one organization. Nor can it be one put off until the Lion's Club Dream Arena becomes a reality. Time is of the essence and today's problem is a present one; and to day's teenagers need something to do right now. If every group contributes financially it could be that a trained specialist could work in with the kids; a young adult who recognizes their problems and is prepared to assist. Funds for such a venture could be derived

from Recreation and Township grants, and general contributions from the various groups working co-operatively together with the kids themselves...also assisting in fund-raising schemes.

Form committee

The answer to the whole matter will only be accomplished however if the committee is formed. It should be initiated by the Township Council or by the Village Trustees. This is their community and they are responsible for the needs of its citizens. If it could be worked out, Eramosa and Rockwood may lead the way to showing other communities how to solve the problem which is not exclusively indigenous to our own community but rather a world wide reflection of the restless insecurity of a very young peer group in today's society.

Seek approval

An Ontario Municipal Board hearing to hear the application of Springbank Sand and Gravel for an operating license under the Pits and Quarries Act has been scheduled for the Esqueving township council chambers, Tuesday, September 27 at 10 a.m.

Cenotaph corner abused ask church fence moved

Genuine concern over village young people prompted a surprise decision at a meeting of the St. John's Anglican Advisory Board last Thursday evening and 13 boys and girls were invited to the meeting to share a voice in a matter concerning them and the Rockwood Cenotaph.

Acting on complaints from village residents, particularly those in the direct vicinity of the wartime veterans memorial, Don Hilt, chairman of the Rockwood Board of Trustees, met with the Advisory Board to request that the picket fence on the church bowling green property facing the Main Street, be moved back a distance of approximately six feet to accommodate benches from the Cenotaph and alleviate wear and tear on the sacred corner area of Guelph and Main Streets.

Complaints received

Residents had complained that the Cenotaph was being desecrated with debris, scuffing, and general abuse inflicted on what is, in other communities, sacred grounds.

Chairman Hilt said that the trustees would draw up an agreement for usage of the church property and the village would be responsible for maintenance of the fence and lawn skirting the sidewalk.

After discussion the Board decided to invite the teenagers using the cenotaph grounds, to come into the meeting and give their points of view. Generally they agreed that the lights on that particular corner, plus the eating establishment on the opposite side of the street, and the conveniently located benches, were inviting reasons for using the premises, plus the fact that there were no other meeting facilities in the village to include central location.

Send letter

After the 13 boys and girls, two of whom were from Acton, left the Parish Hall, the St. John's Advisory Board chairman thanked Mr. Hilt for attending and said that a letter would be sent to the trustees informing them of the board's decision.

The members present then discussed the matter but decided that, as it was a vestry decision it would have to be held in abeyance but secretary, Len Hockey, was instructed to draw up a letter for the Rockwood Trustee Board stating that the matter was a congregational decision. The Board further recommended in the proposed letter that the trustees consider contacting other groups in the community with the objec-

Name officers group committee

Monday night's first general meeting of the group committee parents for the Girl Guides, Brownies, Cubs, and Scouts, was a tremendous success, and officials were on hand to talk to the assemblage as well as install new officers.

Chairman Leslie Ferguson convened the meeting and introduced Mrs. Petrie of Everton, District Commissioner for Spirit Valley Girl Guides and Brownies of the South Wellington District. Mrs. Ferguson also introduced Doug Webster, chairman for Wellington District Scouting and the meeting was then turned over to Mr. Webster who conducted the election for 1972-73 executive.

New slate
It was a fast pace election, one of restoration and bringing in the new. Last year's chairman Leslie Ferguson drew top votes and retained her position as group committee chairman; Gail Currie was voted in as vice chairman; secretary for the year is Audrey Hudson; treasurer's position is held by Irene Nofal and, for publicity with plans to put the group really in the public eye, is Joy Law.

Plans were hashed over for a children's Christmas party and also a uniform exchange plan were discussed.

During the program Audrey Bilton was presented with a silver tray by chairman Leslie Ferguson on behalf of the Committee, for her years of service working with the group.

Leaders for the various groups are, for the Brownies, Captain Leona Kingsbury, Tawny Owl, Leslie Ferguson, and, as Snowy Owl, Wina Hartman.

New troop
With a new Guide troop forming in the village there will be Bette Coulson at the helm as Captain, assisted by Lieutenants, Ute Lewis and Sue Meadows. Cubs will have Vic and Mavis Johnson and Charlie Barnes as leaders assisted by Claire McDougal and, behind the Scouts as their avid and capable leader, Dave Hartman with Vin Johnston as his assistant.

Warden Jim practices

On Sept. 26 at the International Plowing Match at Schrieville, near Stratford, Halton's Warden will compete against other area wardens in a special plowing class for the heads of the counties. He's planning a practice session this Friday morning on a Milton area farm, so he'll be in shape for the big contest the following Tuesday.

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