

## Rural libraries topic at Waterloo workshop

Eramosa Councillor Betty Lou Clark learned about the establishment of libraries at a recent workshop. Here she records the main points she learned.

Eramosa township council was represented at the Midwestern Regional Library System Workshop held in Waterloo Lutheran University recently. There were two separate programs set up to deal with rural and urban library systems. Your council attended the program concerned with rural situations.

C. Whitfield from Wellington County School Board spoke "From a School Administrator's Point of View". Mr. Whitfield explained the change in thinking of school boards that schools belong to people and that education is not the acquisition of skills but is the whole child. A great deal depends on attitudes in the home.

Save people  
Three years ago the board of education began encouraging the community to come into the school. Libraries set up in schools in the US have been unsuccessful because this method of providing reading for the community was prompted by a desire to save money. Wellington's is not—it's to save people.

Schools are not remote in densely populated areas. Transportation moves toward the school so parents won't in this direction also. With banking, shopping etc. they are coming in anyway. School staffs are being encouraged to establish community schools.

Wellington County Board feels playground, gym, music, shop, home economics, and libraries

are co-curricular (co meaning 'part of') no longer extra-curricular and people want access to these.

Problems remain  
Problems to work out: hiring of staff to work in libraries; differences, such as censoring—this cannot be in a public library but may be desirable in public school section; collections—books are being used by people who must have it convenient for them to pick up and return books easily; school support—if in a public school how can it be supported by separate school tax. Before beginning a library a joint planning committee must be set up consisting of a librarian, school trustee, principal, library board member, school librarian. The library board member must be one of four people appointed annually by the township council. This is in accordance with the Library Act.

Also to quote from the Library Act: "Every board shall permit the public to have free use of the circulating and reference books and such other services of the library as it deems practicable, but the board may charge fees for such other services as it deems necessary. A Library Board shall hold regular meetings at least once a month."

Librarian's opinion  
From Lambton County, Ronald Baker spoke "From a Public Librarian's Point of View". Mr. Baker began with some examples of libraries in his area of his county. When the public school in Bridgen had a public library set up in its building circulation of books went from 5,000 books to 10,000—six thousand being adult books taken out during public library hours. School librarians cares for school books while

public librarian cares for public library books. Here again it was mentioned—no censorship of books. The community of Warwick's attempt at the same type of library within the school was not successful because the school is poorly located for the public.

Mr. Baker added the interesting phenomenon of children using the library during public hours as well as school hours because—the atmosphere changes—the library loses its school-room feeling when it's no longer teacher-controlled. Here again it was stated: if a library is put in a school for economic reasons, forget it; any savings are short-term if at all. If the school principal objects to uncensored material then the library should move out.

Six points  
Summing up, Mr. Baker stressed six points:

- 1) Public library should be part of larger system, must be stronger than the school library, must have access to larger stock than school can provide. A small public library cannot survive in competition with a school library.
- 2) Facilities must be large enough to serve both functions.
- 3) Convenient to get into—looked and separate from the rest of the school.
- 4) School must be located in the focal point of the community.
- 5) Clear definition of school and public library sections.
- 6) No censorship of books in public library—not controlled by teachers or school.

More circulation  
The third guest to speak was George McCutcheon, former reeve of Huron County. His topic: "The County Public Library—what does the small community gain & lose?" The speaker explained that when there were local libraries in his county money was always a problem, it was limited and so was the service. Changing to county library service meant losing some dedicated people but gaining the real reason for a library—far greater book circulation; better book-purchasing power through regional connection; books delivered three times a week; a great improvement in service; availability of films. Everyone in the county supports the new system—\$2 per capita in Huron County—but this is the same as it was 15 years ago when there were local libraries. His county has been part of this system for seven years now.

Problems: Local library buildings throughout the county were cumbersome, repairs needed, discussion took time. Now the buildings are privately owned or rented from the municipality. Library boards are dealing with library service not real estate (as they were under the local system). The village of Kirkton has their library in a new community centre.

Learning now  
The afternoon sessions consisted of more information being given on "The Public Library's Future—Implications of the Learning Society, the Report of the Commission on Post Secondary Education in Ontario" by Mrs. Edna Tietze. Mrs. Tietze, a member of the commission said that learning is happening NOW and the libraries must accept their more demanding role in the field of education by being functional as well as accessible. This



Recognize anyone in this picture? Part of the Don Hills collection

## Police investigate village vandalism

Vandalism has plagued the villages of Eden Mills and Rockwood over the past two weekends resulting in more constant vigilance on the part of the Guelph Provincial Police.

The Good Friday incidents were ones aimed at breaking the windshields of two motor vehicles owned by residents of Eden Mills when a car owned by Harry Schelke was bombed with a rock and a truck belonging to Harold Buchan received the same treatment. A large window of the Norm Thomas Service Station was also smashed with a large boulder sometime between the 10 p.m. hour on Good Friday evening until 6 a.m. the following day. Estimated damage to the coffee bar window was approximately \$200.

In church hall  
Rockwood's damage was ac-

very articulate lady revealed that in 1969 on 7.7 million dollars was made available for public libraries while thirty-three million dollars was allocated to the universities for the same purpose. For this reason she felt that universities should make their libraries open for all the people.

Trustees from library boards within the Midwestern Region were happy to hear from Chairman Paul H. Bauer that the Provincial had increased its per capita grant from 65c to \$1.20 in this last budget. This will be a great help for Eramosa Township's library board when it is formed and as book-purchasing begins.

crued mainly in the area of the St. John's Parish Hall when, on Sunday last, two boys were seen running from the hall.

On inspection it was discovered that one wall of a washroom had been kicked through, a toilet damaged, remains of a fire in a waste basket were indicated and the doorway into the hall had been jimmied and damaged along with further evidence of wanton wall kicking and cup-board searching.

First time  
Corporal Emmerson of the Guelph O.P.P. said that such damaging was showing itself more and more in smaller centres but that it was the first time he had come up against church

Stanfield to appear in Halton

Robert Stanfield, federal leader of the opposition party, will meet briefly with Halton Tories Saturday for a luncheon at the Trafalgar Hall in Oakville. Association president Bob Jones said the luncheon would be an informal affair.

Volunteers from churches, service clubs, veterans' associations, universities, colleges, fraternal organizations and other groups play an important part in the organization of Red Cross blood donor clinics nationwide.

### Requests permit for greenhouse

Esqueing Council has assured Mrs. J. Hegedus she will be issued a building permit to construct a greenhouse on her property on Highway 7, near the Cedar Springs motel, as soon as she receives approval from the Halton County Health Unit.

Mrs. Hegedus requested permission Monday night to build a greenhouse with an area of about 1100 square feet. The greenhouse is to include a washroom.

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DOWN, DOWN, AND IN - Reeve Warren Parkinson reaches to draw the name of the first winner of the premier draw of the Eramosa Ball Sweepstake with winner's name Walter Swanston for the first \$100 cash award. George Smith, chief organizer of the township ball teams holds onto the drum to keep it from toppling.

## Walter Swanston draw winner

"Hurry, hurry folks and get a last chance in the first official draw of the Eramosa Ball Sweepstake" and Frank Allsop humorously announced over the loudspeaker at the Rockwood ball park as a minimal crowd of approximately 10 people was on hand to watch Reeve Warren Parkinson dig into the plastic drum to produce the winning ticket.

Winner of the first \$100 draw was Walter Swanston who was not on hand to hear his name announced. His name will be turned back into the drum for all

future draws and seller Alex Lush will receive his \$25 selling award.

Sunday's exhibition game was cancelled as the scheduled Toronto team was held up. All future draws however, will be in conjunction with important township games with tickets constantly available for purchase.

The Eramosa ball season officially opened this week and, although teams are not completely filled, the ball committee looks forward to an active season with youngsters of all ages showing enthusiastic interest.

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## Easter theme for meeting of U.C.W.

A poem and prayer presented by president Mrs. Pinder was the opening for the April meeting of the Stone United U.C.W. recently after which the hymn Come Let us sing of a Wonderful love was sung.

A verse on Easter was the roll call before minutes were read and approved. During business a number of thank you notes were introduced and Mrs. C. Nellis thanked ladies for Easter Sunday flowers.

A report was given on the catering for the Rockwood and District bowling banquet which appears to be well under control and, under maintenance, the kitchen floor of the church building should be painted on Monday, June 11.

Plans were also completed for the June 16 barbecue at Centennial Park.

Convener for the day's meeting was Mrs. Swanston who chose Easter for the theme and, in that conjunction, Hymn 98 was sung and Mrs. H. Peart gave the devotions.

Other participants in the afternoon meeting were Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. D. Duffield who presented a reading Let us Rejoice after which Mrs. Harvey Peart closed the devotional with a prayer.

During the program Mrs. G. Box and Mrs. C. Oakes entertained with a duet in the Garden, after which Mrs. E. Barber read an Easter poem. Two more readings were given by Mrs. Millson and Mrs. Swanston.

A lovely lunch was served and the meeting culminated in prayer given by Mrs. Swanston.

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