

Brief backs Rockwood tennis courts

A commitment was made at the last meeting of the Eramosa Recreation Committee which could, conceivably put Rockwood into the realm as the only small community in the district with facilities for the game of tennis.

Two district ladies, representing approximately 42 ardently interested players, whose names were included in a brief presented to the committee, said that many of the players requesting the courts were already qualified, whereas others were anxious to learn the game as well as see their children play.

The delegation composed of Moira Hill and Lorraine Root said they had not canvassed for names but just casually enquired as to general interest in tennis in Rockwood and were amazed at the enthusiasm displayed by potential club members who were anxious to have a recreation in the village in which they could participate.

Great response

"With this kind of response with just casual discussion I'm certain that it would be even greater with door-to-door canvassing", they said, although they felt that, with the numbers of names already included in their brief there was already sufficient interest shown in the game of tennis to qualify for consideration of the Eramosa Recreation Committee for the local courts.

Costs of screening the feasibility of three courts as opposed to only two, and the fact that eventually a well organized tennis club would pay back any loans on costs by charging membership fees geared to family, single, and student players, were all part of the brief.

The submission was made to the recreation committee when a gravelled area near the Rockwood ball park was suspected of being the one designated for the long promised village tennis courts.

Interested players measured up the surface indicated and found its measurements to be several feet short of the requirements of a standard court. On checking with tennis court experts they had also learned that, to incorporate the courts with outdoor skating in the winter would not be feasible as they would require continual resurfacing and expensive fencing would be ruined.

The brief read, "We would ask that, before completing the present surface and incorporating it into innovated tennis courts, you look at drawings which have been

prepared to specifications for actual playing requirements and consider the feasibility of utilizing that area as it presently stands or altering it in accordance with standard requirements."

Considered important

The delegation suggested that, with the game of tennis fast becoming the most popular game in Canada as the one in which all ages can become involved either from the standpoint of competitive play or that of healthy recreational activity, it should be considered in Rockwood as an important feature.

"With water and sewers coming into the village and an increase in population expected to double, consideration of such courts would be feasible as long term planning for recreation," they said and suggested that, as many of the new residents would be city people, many of them already will be physically versed in the game of tennis.

After discussion, the Eramosa Recreation Committee requested that secretary Harvey Peart send a note of authorization to planner and landscape architect Dick Strong to incorporate three tennis courts in the plans of the community and athletic complex proposed by the Rockwood and District Lions Club. The Committee felt that, as the centre might not be completed for two or three years, construction for such courts could begin ahead of the other facilities with possible

tennis playing available next summer.

Previous interest shown by district players had made the Eramosa Recreation Committee decide at an earlier meeting to

budget for \$800 towards tennis courts for '74. After the Wednesday evening presentation they discussed lending a larger sum to the project after it was explained that, through club fees and

projects, costs of same could be paid back.

In presenting their brief the delegation said that they also had the names of 16 district residents who would sign their name to



RADIANT, FRESH, AND PRETTY, three of Rockwood's young lady graduates smile happily at their Grade Eight graduation banquet from Rockwood Centennial Public School held last

Friday evening. Valectorian Lyndsay Jones is flanked by Patricia Mitchell and Trudy Smith, winner of the Osborne Family Award for Citizenship. —Photo by Lorraine

notes of \$100 each as a means of getting the project "off the ground". The names indicated to the recreation committee the degree of interest shown by those willing to back the project with representation from Eden Mills, Rockwood and Everton districts.



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Pondering the script

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TV feature

Will Rex's tail wag CBC film?

Visitors to the Rockwood Conservation Area, Friday night were surprised to find a CBC film crew working from 9 o'clock until dawn.

Spectators at the Fourth Line sites watched the shooting of the night scene and surprise scenes of "The Hands of Man" which had been filmed there over the past two to three weeks.

Members of the crew said how co-operative on-lookers and nearby campers were at keeping the noise level down while the filming was in progress. Shots had been ruined by the noise from passing planes and trains.

Nearby resident Audrey Hudson mentioned that she sometimes not only had to hush the children during the sequences filmed in the quarry, but also found it necessary to keep Rex, her German Shepherd in the house.

Dog dare
When a cairn was being built on

a "grave site", the dog seemed quite anxious to remove the stones from the pile and return them to where they were obtained.

Rex was such a regular visitor to the sites, Mrs. Hudson said, that she fully expected his tail would be featured in many scenes.

Other than Rex's tail, the leads in the film include Trudy Young, and James Hurdle who was recently in the "Jalna" series.

The film crew outnumbered the actors by about 26 to 4, Friday, with Norman Allen on camera and Dick France on sound. The crew also included Lynn Torode, the only woman technician in the Canadian film business.

The movie was directed by Kirk Jones; the executive producer was Ron Weyman, uncle of Ian Weyman of Rockwood, and Wendy Thomson of Acton, who were among the spectators.

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On the beach

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In addition to the practical training 18 hours of lecture time was devoted to the role of the waterfront lifeguard and, while the course proved that the qualifications and standards for lifeguarding is becoming higher every year, the course was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

As a reminder for all swimming enthusiasts who want to go further with their instruction or for parents who want to get their kids in to the swim, the program will run: two four week sessions beginning July 3 to 27 and August 6th to 31st and, for the fee of \$3.25 per child, instruction will be given to the child five years of age or over.

The program will include the instruction of the non-swimmer right up to the level of advanced lifesaving, and our highly qualified staff this year is making great plans to incorporate interest and fun for all classes.

Registration began Monday, June 11th at the conservation park gate house for pre-beginner, advanced beginner, survival intermediate, pre-beginner, Junior, and Intermediate Lifesaving. Our staff with Assistant Supervisor Steve Powell; Instructor-guards, Kevin Summer, Jim Lockington, Liz Theakston and I, as Beach Supervisor, invite all enthusiastic swim types to contact us now.

If either adults or teenagers over 14 are interested in the lifeguarding class call 856-2823 now and, if there's enough interest it could be fun.



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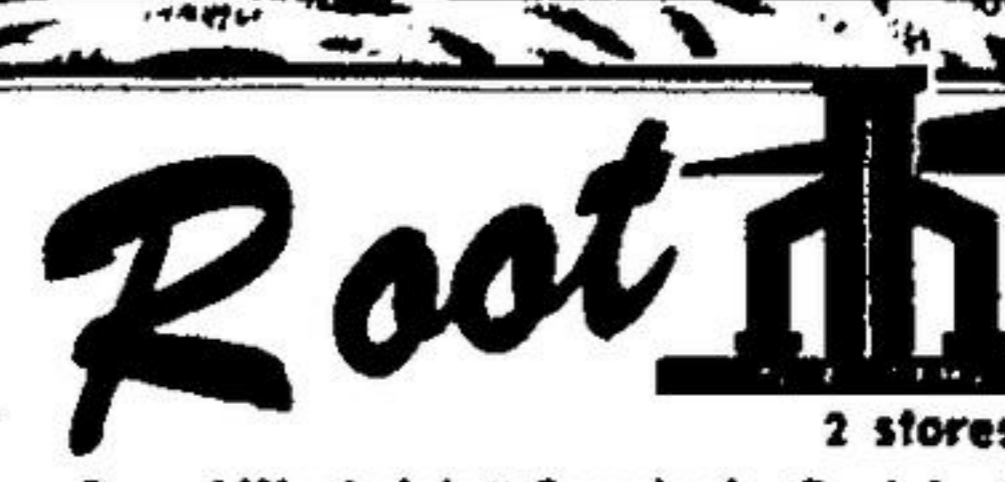
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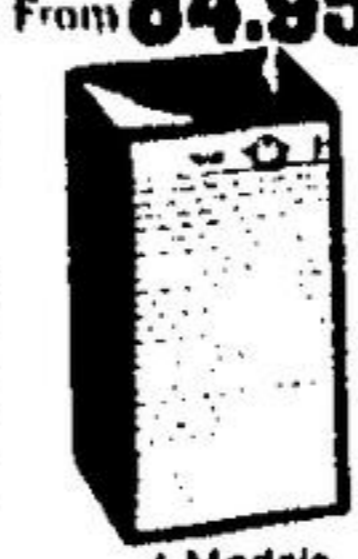
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