

C.W.L. makes plans for coming events

The C.W.L. moved off to a great start this September with 15 members meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Coppel of R.R. Rockwood.

The names of first teachers and school was the roll call requirement and it was interesting to learn continental school names as several members reamed off their premier schools in Holland, Switzerland and Poland.

Church Life convener, Mrs. Evelyn Dates gave her report explaining that each Grade 8 graduate of the parish would be presented with a rosary at a special service to be held on date of October 7.

Mrs. Bernice Bacon, convener for Economic and Civic Life, reported a meeting to be held at the Eden House nursing home and explained the necessity of members visiting the Home residents. Mrs. Joy Halliburton, Organization convener, discussed her program of hostess for the remainder of the '73 term.

Club business Also included in club business was:

The decision to start up the regular euchre parties with the first one to be held at the Parish House October 17.

A dance scheduled for a November date with Mrs. Nellie Stokman as convener.

A Christmas party for the parish children to be arranged for sometime in mid December.

A pot luck supper for the December meeting with the ladies' husbands as special guests.

Members were urged to write the Hon. Otto Lang at the House of Commons supporting his statement on present abortion laws.

Instead of the usual regional meeting the members learned that a Development day will be held at St. Louis Church in Waterloo.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer after which the hostess served a delicious lunch for coffee time sociability. A Stanley Products demonstration will be a drawing card for the C.W.L.'s October meeting.

Oppose razing of old mill

Reports that the Grand River Conservation Authority were in process of demolishing the historical Horlop Mill in Everton spurred outcry from Mrs. Alan Blythe, president of the Wellington County Historical Society.

Contacting the Reeve and Deputy Reeve of the Eramosa Township Council Mrs. Blythe requested that letters be sent to various representatives asking them to consider the restoration and maintenance of the old building.

The township council sent letters to John Root, M.P., James Auld, Ministry of Environment, Mr. Bauer, chairman of the Grand River Conservation Authority, and one other to the Wellington County Council.

Built in 1829 the ancient mill was a combined grain and saw mill operation. It was one of the earliest industries in the hamlet of Everton. The Historical Society hopes to recruit enough public reaction to show the Grand River Authority the importance of keeping the historical site intact as a working example of an early Canadian enterprise.

The mill and its surrounding properties were purchased by the GRCA approximately five years ago as a recreational investment. Restoration or demolition of the building has been under consideration for some time. Local public interest could determine the final fate of the historical building.

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THE 1973 CENTENNIAL GUEST BOOK for the SS No. 8 Eramosa celebrations held Sunday, September 9, showed over 200 names of past students who had attended the school sometime during the past 73 years. Dating from 1873, guests had been invited to the reunion as listed from school records dating from 1900 to its closing in 1965. Seen enjoying the celebrations are: 1. Former pupils some of whom were in attendance when the "Dean of teachers" Al Daymond of Guelph, was in charge during the period from 1908 to 1910. 2. Fred Day and his brother Roy chats with past school mate Isabel (Watt) Munro, now a resident of Oshawa, Ontario. 3. Reba Shultis of Rockwood can be seen with Jack Graham and other guests as they mingle about their old stomping grounds. 4. The crowd enjoy meeting up with former teachers and hearing what they have to say. 5. The five Patterson brothers made some

kind of history when all but one of them was in attendance at the celebrations. From the youngest to the eldest they are: Russell of Acton, William of Rockwood, Elliott of Acton, Ross of Guelph, and Pat Patterson of Limehouse. 6 Also together as a family of former students were the four Black sisters and their brother Bill. Left to right shows Irene McWilliams of R.R. 6, Guelph, Bill of R.R. 4, Rockwood, Margaret Currie of Guelph, Lillian Suter and Lois Black of Fergus. 7. Everyone lined up to partake of the smorgasbord lunch to which guests contributed. 8. A merry, merry sing-song as conducted by Keith Black and, picture No. 9 shows Charlie McNabb of R.R. Rockwood saying a few words of welcome to his former classmates and friends. Photos by Lorraine.

Fred Day has rapport

A former Rockwood man who has made his mark in the field of education both as a writer of mathematical text books and also as one who has served on several educational boards will now have time to combine some of his own special interests now that his July 25 retirement as assistant superintendent of Secondary Schools has arrived.

C. R. A. (Fred) Day received his initial appointment as school superintendent in January, '71 by the Hamilton Board of Education.

With a Masters degree in mathematics and physics from the University of Toronto he had joined the Hamilton Board as a teacher of mathematics at the High School of Commerce in 1936 to become the head of the mathematics department in 1944 to 1955. He was appointed vice-principal of Hill Park Secondary School and later became principal of Central Secondary School in 1959. He also served as principal of Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School until his appointment as assistant superintendent of schools.

Had rapport

During his term of higher office Fred Day proved himself to be a psychologist as well as an expert in mathematics. Reportedly it was his rapport with teenage students which was the deciding factor as to whether they would give up or continue their search for higher learning.

Going to bail for problem students who had been asked to leave school because of insolence, lack of attainment or other behavior problems, Fred Day is a great believer in giving the student complete responsibility for whether or not he makes the grade.

"I found you get a real change of attitude if you can give a student one more chance and make the student himself completely responsible for whether it works or not" he said recently and added that "most students allowed back on those terms successfully complete their year."

War years

During the war years Fred Day had an opportunity to apply his electronics knowledge which had been part of his course at the University of Toronto. He was able to teach radio and radar to servicemen.

After teaching these subjects in war emergency classes at Westdale School



Fred Day

ineligible to join the armed forces being registered with the technical and personnel branch of the government.

The Day name has been one known well in the Rockwood area as Fred's father, Frank Day, made his mark when he wrote the locally famed Here and there in Eramosa outlining the history of the district and township of Eramosa.

Wrote own

Unable to find a textbook on business mathematics suitable or his requirements to be used at the High School of Commerce, Fred Day used his initiative and wrote his own. A master of innovation he was also involved in instituting the group system, the forerunner of the province's Roberts plan, streaming students into particular courses and, as principal of Central Secondary School he had to integrate about 3,500 students and 165 teachers into a

working unit.

Remembered by his students as always immaculate, the personable Mr. Day exemplified his belief in the importance of a good appearance at all times and, as a principal of schools constantly applied his theory in "job delegation" as he always felt that it was better to share responsibility than to run a "one man show."

What's to do now that he has retired? Reportedly Fred Day will now have the time to continue a few of his own personal interests which could include travel and research into his family's Canadian and British ancestry.



Eden Mills Brownie news

Second Eden Mills Brownies held their first meeting of the new season on Monday, September 10, with 23 Brownies present. As the weather was so pleasant they stayed outdoors until it was dark, playing games and enjoying the sights and sounds of nature.

The 2nd Eden Mills pack meet at the Presbyterian church and as the Brownies were so curious about the nearby cemetery the leaders decided to take them on a tour to examine the beautiful rocks from which the headstones are made and the names of some of the former residents of the village.

The pack holiday, which will take place at the end of the month was an exciting topic of conversation in Pow

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- ... strong rural voice on Regional Council
- ... sincere concern for rural destiny
- ... fair apportionment of rural - urban costs

MY BACKGROUND

- ... 29 years in rural Halton
- ... 5 years on Municipal Councils
- ... 1 year on County Council
- ... 3 years on Local Planning Board
- ... degree in Geography including planning courses
- ... 17 years teaching in North Oakville, Nassagaweya and Burlington
- ... live on farm on Steeles Avenue

MY WISH

... Vote WATSON X for Regional Council Oct. 1 and give me an opportunity to continue the work in which I've been involved on the police steering committee and Central Halton steering committee.



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