

Don't expect help Drijbers conclude

Informing the Rockwood and district residents of the actual facts surrounding the murder of two Rockwood girls last May will be the main purpose of a public meeting soon to be held at the Centennial Public School.

Uscar Drijber said today that the main reason for holding the meeting is to give Rockwood people a factual presentation of the actual murder as it happened on that fatal day when Marjan Drijber and Christine Sinclair, along with two other tourists, were mercilessly shot at while hiking in a conservation park at the site of Victoria Falls, in Rhodesia.

A 16 minute general background film of Victoria Falls to acquaint the viewers of the area in which the girls

were killed and 30 slides to give an idea of what happened at the scene of the murder is what the Drijbers will present from information based on five official sources of knowledge which has reportedly not been accepted by the Canadian government.

"The sixth version will be the Zambian one," Mr. Drijber said. "Five official sources will refute the Zambian version which is the only information the Canadian government will consider."

According to Mr. Drijber, the proposed meeting for which a date has not as yet been set, will take the form of a general warning that the Canadian public cannot expect assistance from the present Department of

External Affairs when they are outside their own country. The Drijbers recently returned from a three week trip to western Canada where, under the sponsorship of the League of Rights, they were able to speak on hot line information broadcasts and on invitational requests of citizen groups.

Since their return they have been conducting interviews and talking to concerned citizen groups, schools, and other gatherings. They will be leaving soon for other areas of Canada but, before doing so felt they should first inform the people in Rockwood about their findings and attempt to show to what extent they can expect assistance when touring a foreign country.



EMILY THE SNAKE is holding the recess attention of four pupils of Eramosa Public School. Fascinated by the squirming reptile brought from home are Chris Weir, Sandy MacKay, Brian Harkinson, and Wayne James.

(Photo by Lorraine)

No elections dance planned

The Eramosa Ball Association's annual wind-up didn't pan out recently when only a handful of parents, coaches and players were on hand to review the year's progress. At a meeting held at the Rockwood Centennial School where a new slate of officers was to be voted into power it was decided to delay calling an election until a later meeting in November.

Under discussion came the regular honoring of all minor ball coaches with a dance to be held in the Rockwood Town Hall and it was decided that, with all the minor ball coaches, ball players, and escorts attending, approximately 85 dancers could be accounted for and, with the town hall limited to 65 couples only 30 tickets could be

available for others hoping to attend.

Dance

Friday, November 9 was the evening scheduled for the exciting dance with 9 p.m. starting time. The Eramosa Ball Association will host the affair and, at the meeting a convening committee was organized.

Also discussed was the tribute to be extended to the Eramosa Senior Ball players for their success this year in winning the Ontario Intermediate C Championship and, at the November dance each player will be presented with a plaque donated by the Eramosa Recreation Committee. Tickets for the dance can be obtained through George and Millie Smith.

Education centre at pothole site

Rockwood's archeological phenomenon which is reportedly ranked the second largest in all the world has come under surveillance during the past two years and, at a recent village trustee meeting a delegation from the University of Waterloo asked the village for their co-operation in giving Domtar Limited the go-ahead in a decision to donate the lands in which the Devil's Well pothole is contained, to their faculty.

According to a group of geography experts from the university who have been conducting an intensive research on the 17.9 acre site it is a study of geological features which should be preserved, containing many unique features including a specimen of plant life supposedly not ever grown in Ontario.

Dr. A. G. McLellan, Glacial Geomorphologist, of the University of Waterloo was the spokesman at the Wednesday meeting who explained to the trustees their proposals if Rockwood agreed.

Education He said he could envision a controlled educational centre where students from the University of Waterloo and other teaching establishments could visit with kilns and mills and other items of interest, restored and manually operated.

He could see a general clean-up of potholes, nature hikes, and taped commentary located at several places of interest transmitted through underground lines from the small stone building on the skirt of the property. An animal sanctuary housing several of the animals indigenous to the district during the 1800's period with preservation of beavers on the list of considerations plus a warden to control the centre with special consideration for

access to be extended to the villagers of Rockwood.

Professor McLellan talked in terms of a five year plan which would begin next summer. He said that he could speculate spending an easy \$50,000 on the project as government grants and other private sources of income were available to the University, and he would like to see it put toward the project.

The industrial glacial authority anticipates restoring lime kilns on the old mill property dating back to the 1800's and also restoring and redesigning the little stone office.

The Waterloo group said they had been negotiating with Domtar for the past eight months and that Domtar had expressed their willingness to donate the property to the University with the provision that the residents of Rockwood agreed.

Rockwood has, for the past years, leased the lands from Domtar at a cost of \$44 taxes per year using certain areas for a casual clean land fill dumping.

The Wednesday proposal meshed with a letter recently sent to Domtar by the village trustees when they expressed concern that the land might fall into commercial enterprise and had asked Domtar to consider a long term lease for Rockwood.

In favor Bob Leslie of the Rockwood board expressed his pleasure and said that the proposal was, fundamentally what the trustees had hoped to see would happen to the property. "What we've been thinking of in trying to keep it for people" he said, and the trustees agreed that anything, to preserve this area of the village is worthwhile.

A motion was passed: "That we are in favor of Domtar Limited donating the

area of 17.9 acres to the University of Waterloo on the condition that the village use the land fill site and access by Rockwood residents is preserved." The motion was carried and the secretary instructed to write a letter of confirmation to the company.

It was further agreed that a committee would be formed within a month comprised of experts from the Faculty of the University of Waterloo and appointed Rockwood residents with a public meeting to be held at the Rockwood Town Hall informing village residents of the proposals.

Potholes The Devil's Well pothole in Rockwood has been classified in several world encyclopedias and, the area surrounding, running adjacent to the Rockwood Conservation Park is considered to contain one of the largest concentrations of potholes to be found anywhere.

For years the Devil's Well has been a point of interest to outsiders visiting the district. The company also stressed that the property would not be transferred without the sanction of the Rockwood Board of Trustees.

Authority parks

Vandalism has become a real problem for the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. Parks have been visited by some people bent only on destruction.

Recently a tractor parked overnight near the service building of the Belfountain park had the wiring torn out and other damage which made it inoperable. It cost \$300 to put it back in operation. Other damage at the same park includes a broken door and windows.

Rockwood bowling

Gooyers team was on the top of the heap last Tuesday night as they clobbered the Ramblers 7-0 with Clarence Hilton capturing a triple 593, Don Hillis a 582 and John Gooyers 578 with Hamber Millie Smith bowling in 567 triple and Bob Ellis 490.

The Neighbors were the lead team against Four Corners with 5 points to 2 as Bill Barner brought in a 619 triple with 163, 272, and 184, and Gail Wallace bowled a 482 triple. Nellie Stokman tripled in at 532 and Jack Parkinson a 538.

The Trotters were the winners in their play against the Optimists with a 5 to 2 final score and, for the Trotters Ted Justin made a 621 triple, Jim Thatcher was superb with his 729 triple and Sandy McPhedran a 606. For the unoptimistic Optimists Gerry Birkholz made a 581 triple and Mabel Wingrove a 458.

Carney and Alley Cats and the Carneys were number 1 with 5 to 2 as John Gordon tripled in with 654 and Bob Litley 628. Elmer Allan was the cut with the 636 triple and Garfield Tarzwell bowled 165, 189, 194 and tripled 508.

Guelphites went down and Pacers went up to 5 to 2 as Pacer Dick Stokman bowled a 630 triple, Gordon Burnett a 578 and Jean

van Wyck a 574. Guelphites bowled in with Harvey Peart making a 182, 197 and 174 triple 556 and Bert Pinkney bowled 113, 154, 211 and 480 triple.

The Country Men made it against the Jr. Farmers with 4 to 3 the great score and Country man Peter Bosch triple 570, Rika Loof 531 and, for the Farmers Bruce Mullar bowled a 179, 215, and 623 triple. Glen Gray bowled 207, 190, 177 and 582 triple.

It was Nortons and Unruthfuls 4 to 3 with Viv Nightingale making a 606 with 234, 295 and 177 and Fred Nightingale bowled 578. Randy Peart was the Unruthful with the 607 triple and Phil Shrive bowled 587 with 262, 144, and 181.

Standings Team standing this week show: 1 Alley Cats 33 pts.; 2 Gooyers 32 pts.; 3 Trotters 29 pts.; 4 Nortons 28 pts.; 5 Pacers 27 pts.; 6 Neighbors 26 pts.; 7 Rockets 25 pts.; 8 Guelphites 25 pts.; 9 Hamblers and Jr. Farmers 24 pts.; 10 Unruthfuls and Country Men 22 pts.; 11 Harley Sandwiches 21; 12 Carneys 20; 13 Four Corners 19; 14 Optimists 15 points.

Men 600-Dunc Kingsbury 777; Jim Thatcher 729; Mike Martin 712; Bert Archer 681; Peter James 667; John Gordon

154; Walt Jeteries 642; Limer Allan 636; Bob Litley 628; Bruce Mullar 623; Ted Justin 621; Bill Garner 619; Randy Peart 607; Sandy McPhedran 606; Doug Cross 601.

Women over 500-Viv Nightingale 608; Jean Van Wyck 574; Millie Smith 567; Ruth Kingsbury 551; Nancy Gordon 547; May Swackhammer 543; Irene Lovell 540; Nellie Stokman 532; Rika Loof 531; Ivy Ritchie 528; Nancy Ferguson 528; Darlene Hawkes 513.



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Speeding cars worry mother

A concerned mother presented a plea to the Rockwood Trustee Board last Wednesday night when Mrs. Judy Yarmey of Main Street expressed her concern about the traffic situation on the hill at her resident location.

Mrs. Yarmey said that her small child had been hurt by a motor vehicle in front of her home and requested the co-operation of the trustees in some attempt to alleviate the danger caused by excessive speed in both directions on the hill.

After discussion the trustees explained that the 25 mph speed sign at the south end of the hill was not an enforceable limit. The secretary was instructed to write to the Department of Transportation and Communications on the possibility of further warning signs. The secretary will also contact the Guelph OPP to request more stringent enforcement of speed regulations.

Mrs. Yarmey is a new resident in the village whose home is situated on the steep hill on the No. 7 Highway entrance to the Rockwood village.

OKs substations

Esquing township will not object to an application by Ontario Hydro to the Ontario Municipal Board, requesting its property at Ashgrove and Ballinadfad be exempted from the township holding bylaw so hydro substations may be constructed there.

Ontario hydro representatives have previously spoken to council on the need for substations. However councillors felt restricted by the present bylaw at that time.

The decision to allow hydro to proceed was made at a special meeting of Esquing township council Monday, Oct. 22.

FIRST STEP The first and a crucial step in arthritis treatment is accurate diagnosis.

Bus way to go

Even the weather was in tune last Thursday evening when 54 Lionettes and friends boarded a chartered bus and headed for Toronto for Ed's Warehouse and Gigi.

The event was the annual outing for the Rockwood and district Lionettes and, organizing the fine details was program convener Marjorie Saunders, who kept things moving at a fast pace and the ladies discovered that travelling via bus eliminated innumerable parking problems and the responsibility of the drive.

Plan another Dining was posh with cost at a minimum and Gigi at the O'Keefe was excellent.

To top off the month another trip has been scheduled for Monday, November 12, when a \$10 fee paid in advance at the Royal Bank in Rockwood will complete the cost of bus fare and ticket sale with the production starring Liberace.

Already the tickets are moving fast and the group attending, sponsored by the Lionettes, have been invited to attend an after theatre, first night party with the cast.

Freak week

"Just a freak of nature, I guess," said the Guelph O.P.P. pleasantly when they informed the Acton Free Press that there had been no accidents of serious nature in the Eramosa district this past week.

Comin's and Goin's

Well, it looks as if another new shingle will soon be hanging on the old S.S. Royce building on Guelph and Main Street in Rockwood as a real estate enterprise will be conducted in the office replacing that of the Schwenker Electronics. Mrs. June Warner of Acton will be the lady in charge of Penny Real Estate office and, although residents are sorry to see the Schwenker family leave the village they wish every success to the new business.

Checking in finds that the Centennial School Parent Teachers' Association which was given great play in September has been either scrapped or shelved. Parents say they hope it's the latter and that right now it is still on the mental drawing board.

Hallowe'en parties all through the district have been the highlights in churches, schools, guide and brownie activities, with gremlins, ghosts, and goblins, still the favorite in the costume department. The Brownies in Eden Mills had a special Guy Fox Hallowe'en treat which was planned as an outdoor bonfire party but, due to cold and rain was taken into the Presbyterian Church hall in the village on Monday night.

Friends of Mrs. William McLean of Eden Mills send their deepest sympathy as she visits in Toronto and attends the funeral of her niece Betty Ashworth who died recently.

The Jennings home in Eden Mills has been a beehive of activity with company for the past week. Mr. and Mrs. John Skeritt from Sarnia have been visiting with the couple who just returned from a few days visit in Toronto themselves.

Up, up, and up, and the cement block building on Main Street in Rockwood has drawn great speculation with villagers with stories of a theatre, apartments, restaurant, and offices, all top priority. So far builder Ray Law is not committing himself as to what the new structure is all about however, with its steel beams and large size, it should be strong and impressive enough to be used for anything. Those considered to be "in the know" speculate that the planner knows what he is doing after all and the only one to be surprised at the outcome will be Rockwood and Eramosa residents.

If each of your game stop in at the Rockwood Town Hall next Thursday evening, November 1 when an 8:30 to

11 p.m. session will be sponsored by the True Blue Lodge ladies with lunch and door prizes part of the game.

Don't forget, friends! It's lunch time at the United Church in Eden Mills next Wednesday, November 7 between the hours of 11:45 to 1:15 when project Over Haul will gain a few more sheekles for their treasury. The last endeavor netted a cool \$59 for the ambitious ladies of the Community Club and they hope that luck will continue and another few boards will be added to stabilize their venture.

Thanks and thanks from the Eramosa Choral Society members to all those who purchased tickets on their color TV set. Already the way to their European trip in April is looking brighter and their musical instructress, Roberta Hoy, shares their pleasure.

Challenge decision

Eramosa Township Council's decision of not being in favor of a recent request from the Rockwood Board of Trustees is being challenged by the trustee board and a letter has been sent to the township council asking that the May 2, 1971 motion regarding building permits in Rockwood be reinstated.

"In the case that this request cannot be met, adequate reasons for refusal to be conveyed to this board in writing" was the decision of the Rockwood trustees at their last meeting.

The motion in question was one requesting that all building permits issued for the village should be channelled through the trustee board. The township had later cancelled the motion but the new Rockwood Board is seeking the authority to make their own village building judgments.

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