

Soccer club renovates vacant Eramosa school

The need for a home base is rapidly putting one of the district's most recently built school structures back into action since its purchase last year by the sponsors of the Guelph Soccer Limited.

The Four Corners School, located on Highway 24 near the Guelph-Eramosa Town Line, was an Eramosa Township School Board project, built in 1969. In '68 when the district boards were amalgamated under the Wellington County Board of Education, the school was taken over to be later closed in June, 1969, and, for a period was used as a store house for supplies until it was finally put on the market for real estate sale. Approximately one year ago it was purchased by a Guelph Soccer Club.

Plans for the building are well in progress and, although the outside appearance of the school remains, at the moment, as it was built, exotic chandeliers and fixtures, together with modern wall drops and drapes have erased any resemblance to its former function as a place of learning.

Revamp classrooms

One of the two classrooms has been converted into a lounge for social activities where cards and table tennis will be the casual entertainment for the three weekly open periods.

The other room will be kept as a banquet hall where rentals for wedding receptions, parties, dinners, and other features will add to the receipts of the venture established for the double purpose of providing sponsorship funds for the Guelph Soccer team as well as a place where team members can relax and fraternize socially.

Already membership in the club has reached the 175 mark, and, with a 250 possible limit, the idea is catching on quickly. Many of those already joined are Eramosa residents, others from Guelph and area. "But there's room for more people to join" says the ambitious Bill Toth, general manager of the Guelph Soccer players and one of the instigators of the Four Corners Club venture.

Open House

Rapidly the club aspect is taking shape and it looks as if the Guelph Soccer Club will have its home base plus its means of income very soon. A Saturday, December 1 Open House has been planned with music, entertainment, and refreshments lined up for the 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. hours welcoming all visitors.

There are even greater plans to be put into operation as the club progresses including tennis courts and a swimming pool. Innovations in the basement of the school building will provide another area for eventual entertainment. Also in the expectations of the energetic organizers of the Four Corners Club will be family smorgasbord dinners and a beer garden.

Time and energy, and there are 40 shareholders in the company backing the club with many of them incorporating their vigor and abilities towards the renovations.

Team history

The story behind the club is one of competition plus the enthusiasm and drive of the team's manager Bill Toth who wanted to see an adult soccer team in Guelph capable of reaching the top.

From its 1969 inception the Guelph soccer team has, behind it, a history of moving upward from an industrial city league to the Southern Ontario Association to win in 1970, the invitational competitions in Indianapolis, Indiana over five U.S. teams.

In 1971 the same team stepped out of the second division and moved into the first to win the grand championship for southern Ontario and also take the Cleveland, Ohio Invitational tournament.

'72 saw the Guelph team enter the inter-city soccer league for all Ontario winning the Memorial Cup and Inter-city Championship and they play the first international soccer match with a team from Weingarten, West Germany, using the Griffin Stadium at Guelph University as the playing field.

The Guelph Soccer players team have, since, played other invitational matches with clubs from Germany for the entertainment of some 2,000 spectators. This year the entire team plus managers and coaches spent 15 days in Europe playing a series of games in Germany and taking time to tour parts of France, Holland, and England.

Younger players

This season, it's a new look for the Soccer Club as they are putting younger players onto the field. Thirty years of age was the previous player average but, for '73, the average age is 21 with the senior players filling in for a second team but assisting the younger men whenever they are needed. Already their agenda is being lined up with plans for another match with a team from Germany.

With Bill Toth in the driver's seat it looks as if both the soccer team and the Four Corners Club are heading for success. "To make it work we need enthusiastic people" says the team's general manager who again extended his invitation to potential members and district friends to make it to the Open House. Accepting the invitation will be a way of meeting with some of the members of the team as well as the associates and organizers of the kind to be set up in the district of Eramosa.

Songs, slides

The date of Thursday, December 13 was the key note for the Sunshine Club members when ladies of the Rockwood and District Lionettes will cater for the annual Christmas party. "All names must be in before December 1 for the supper" members were warned at the last meeting with the cost set at \$1.25 for members and \$2.25 for nonns.

Thursday's get-together was, as usual, held at the Rockwood town hall and president Ralph Williams opened the meeting with O Canada and a silent prayer for members who had recently passed away.

The secretary and treasurer gave their reports followed by the programmed entertainment. Little Arrows and The Whole World is in His Hands were the songs presented by Mrs. Joyce De Vries with her own guitar accompaniment. Mrs. Gordon Bortwick of Guelph then showed some slides of North Bay and other places in Ontario summertime in the northlands closer to home.

The program was concluded when Joyce finished off with The Old Homestead after which euchre and crokinole became the order of the afternoon. Mixed sandwiches were served with Mrs. E. Craig and Mrs. Johnston acting as hostesses.

Seek region crest

Halton Regional Council may hold a competition among citizens to provide a county crest. The crest would replace the Halton County crest. The Administration and Finance Committee has recommended council provide \$500 for the best effort.

Council will consider providing regional chairman Allan Masson with a chain of office as well. The committee favored the idea.

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Comin's and Goin's

by Lorraine

Sympathy is extended to Irene Turner of Eden Mills on the death of her sister Edna Roddam of Allendale, Northumberland, England, who died suddenly on the date of her birthday. Irene had just returned seven weeks ago from a visit with her sister and the news of her death will be a tremendous shock.

It will be carol singing and fun time for the children of the Presbyterian Church next Sunday at 1 o'clock when refreshments and games will be what the party is all about at the church hall in Eden Mills.

Already project Over Haul is reaching some kind of completion as the floor is now being sanded by energetic community gentlemen. "Ready for the New Year's" is the spur at the moment and meantime, come Saturdays, everyone gets out to help!

The Annual Community Club meeting will be held on Saturday evening at 8 p.m. open for general discussion on its future.

Saturday was another big day for the Eden Mills stars Gerald and Gary Barden who participated in the Waterloo hockey tournament last Saturday and Gerald won the trophy for the most outstanding defenceman for the Major Midgets with competitors from Barrie, London, Detroit, Brantford, and other parts of southern Ontario. Great going Gerald, folks in the district are very proud of both Barden boys.

Hey parents and kids—remember the date when The Thwarting of Baron Ballgrew will be the play presented at the Rockwood public school auditorium by the Centennial Theatrical group from Guelph with starting time set at 1:30 and a visit from Santa to top off the fun. So tie up the day and it will be a free entertainment for all district children and parents with a hope for a

packed auditorium. See you and Merry Christmas to all the hearties.

"But it's snow" and where's the snow? and visitors from Seattle, Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Viall and Pamela, visiting Lillian and Burton Hill over the weekend were disappointed that the white feathery stuff was missing from their pre-Christmas visit.

Sunday was party time for guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Weales of Eden Mills with Dan Harvey guest of

honor at a gathering with guests Mr. and Mrs. Don Harvey, Lenore and Gordon Harvey and Cavin Murdoch. Happy birthday Mrs. Harvey!

Friends of Eden Mills send sympathy to Mrs. Ed Woodhouse on the recent death of her father Mr. Charles Groves in Hamilton.

It was a kitchen and pantry shower last Monday night for Dorothy Vanderhaden who will soon be the bride of Dean MacDougall of Eden Mills. People, gifts, and fun, and everyone had a great time.



THE FOUR CORNERS SCHOOL in Eramosa will soon be converted into a recreation club with membership including Guelph and Eramosa district residents. Bill Toth is the top organizer of the club which will sponsor soccer as well as provide facilities for members.

Open house at new building

Overlooking Shade's Mills dam on the city limits of Cambridge, the new Grand River Conservation Authority's administration building was thrown open to the public last Saturday, November 10, as a way of presenting an opportunity for people to learn about the work being accomplished and the scientific reasoning behind it.

Films, slide shows, colorful exhibits, and a coho salmon caught in the Grand River were some of the attractions featured at the open house and those in attendance were able to view an exhibit which stated that 50 mature trees are required to supply the annual oxygen demand of the family car.

Reportedly just one mature tree, in the growing season, supplies enough oxygen to keep a man breathing for an entire year, and that's why, according to GRCA brochures, reforestation programs, such as the Shade Tree Program of Private Land Planting, are of vital importance to the ecology.

Prize exhibit

In the biology lab, where among other things, water quality is constantly tested, a large coho salmon from the waters of the Grand was the prize exhibit. It was explained that, only by keeping a watchful eye on water quality can fish like the coho salmon survive in the rivers and streams of the watershed.

Some of the more technical aspects of conservation work were also displayed with the aid of maps, aerial photos and surveying equipment. In the Community Relations Division, visitors could hear the radio commercials used to inform the public about the facilities available through the Grand River Experience program.

On completion of their tour visitors were welcomed to what their appetites with a sample slice of lemon-meringue, mocha-flavored cake topped with an icing sketch of the administration centre in which case it could be said that, not only were visitors allowed the delight of viewing the new building, they also had the one of tasting it.

Prior to the open house, officials and guests of the GRCA had the opportunity of attending the official opening held on the previous Tuesday, November 6, with Ontario's minister of natural resources Leo Bernier, officiating.

Groups elect slates

The combined meetings of the Women's Missionary Society and the Ladies' Aid for the Eden Mills Presbyterian Church were held at the home of Marg Blacklock on Monday, Nov. 28 with W.M.S. meeting opened by president Mrs. Garnet MacDougall.

Hymns, scripture, and prayer followed by the minutes and treasury reports of a donation to the Armagh Home for girls at Clarkson.

Mrs. Alma McDonald gave the annual secretary's report indicating a progressive year for the ladies of the church. The president thanked the members for the co-operating during the past year and Mrs. Don Sinclair took the chair for the election of new officers.

The following ladies accepted positions: president Mrs. Garnet MacDougall, vice Mrs. R. Wright; secretary Mrs. Alma McDonald; assistant Mrs. W. Lasby; visiting committee Ev Barden, Peggy Van Rhijn and Georgina Wright; pianist Marg Blacklock; press Georgina Wright, courtesy conveners Anna Wilson and Mrs. Sinclair, with auditors Anna Wilson and Georgina Wright.

Ladies' Aid

President Mrs. W. Lasby opened the Ladies' Aid meeting of the Presbyterian Church with prayers, minutes and treasurer's reports including collection, membership and fees.

Letters of thanks were read after which the secretary gave an encouraging annual report. Mrs. Sinclair was requested to take the chair again for election of the ladies' aid officers and the result was: president Mrs. W. Lasby; secretary Wilma MacDougall; assistant Peggy Van Rhijn, treasurer Alma MacDougall; assistant Anna Wilson; program conveners Jean Weale, Nora McLean, Georgina Wright; visiting committee Ev Barden, Peggy Van Rhijn and Georgina Wright. Auditors for the group are Ev Barden and Kaye Stevenson.

STOCKING STUFFER

Extra transistor radio batteries could find their way to the toe of the stocking and make a music-lover happy.

Eden Mills Brownie News

By Diana Wallace Grey Owl

Again it was a wet Monday, so work was on the menu this week, with button sewing and compass reading, followed by a game or two. During the day from 10 to 4 most of the brownies were at Brown Owl's house (Ann Chesworth) for a day of toy making and

Licence plate stickers

Renewal registration for passenger motor vehicles and trailers will go on sale at Licence Issuing Offices throughout the Province on December 1. As in 1973, the fees are \$23 for a 4-cylinder vehicle; \$32 for 6-cylinders; \$40 for an 8-cylinder car and \$5 for trailers.

This year marks the first time that Ontario will be issuing a licence plate sticker instead of new plates to signify that the vehicle owner has paid his annual registration fee.

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