



BOARD BY BOARD a 140-year-old pioneer log home is gradually taking form as it is being re-erected on the grounds of the Rockwood Academy. With pegged rafters and corners double dove tailed the building is a masterpiece of fine log construction originally built on a farm in the Guelph-Puslinch area neighboring the Wetherald family homestead. The home belonged to a family named Stifler and, it is expected, was a familiar visiting place for the illustrious founder of the Rockwood academy, William Wetherald.

Township council rejects request from Rockwood

The proposed leasing of Rockwood land was brought under fire last Wednesday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harris were present at the Rockwood trustee meeting to question the proposed lease of land to Ray Law of Jackson St.

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Soybeans alternatives for Wellington farmers

Dairy information day for approximately 45 Wellington County milk producers started off on Tuesday morning with a visit to the Benholm farm at R. R. 3, Rockwood.

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John Benham gave a resume on his particular cattle food production called bylage, an early-cut alfalfa stored shortly after cutting to conserve protein. Reportedly the Rockwood farm's haylage is used as a protein alternative to the purchase of soybean oil meal which has risen extensively in cost. Leaving the farm the group proceeded to the village town hall for their lunch time session with the district Lionettes providing hot coffee. A talk was given by soil and crop specialist Don

Jack Gilchrist of R. R. 5, Guelph, grows his own soybeans for protein supplementation; he also talked on how his product is handled. At 2:30 p.m. the group moved on to his farm where more informative comments were given. The tour was one of two sponsored by the co-operative groups of the Wellington County Holstein Breeders' club, the Wellington County milk committee, and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and food. Tuesday, Jan. 29 is the

second day of touring when cow evaluation and mastitis prevention will be the topics for the day. Regarding soy bean oil meal, Art Grubbe, the Wellington County agricultural representative says that many farmers are still dependent on this oil meal as food for their livestock. Tuesday's meeting was informative for farmers attending with the fee for the tour that of providing their own lunch.

Trustee Bob Leslie suggested that an alternative would be for the village trustees to curb and gravel a parking area to accommodate the doctor and Mr. Law stated he would consider the suggestion. Township councillor James Milne attended the meeting and attempted to provide township's view on the matter.

Comin's and Goin's

Okay fellows and gals! Want a day out to remember? The Lionettes are sponsoring another night on the town and, for a minimal amount covering ticket and bus fare you can enjoy the O'Keefe's version of Big Bad Mouse, an English comedy with Eric Sykes and Jimmy Edwards. Bus leaving on Monday, Jan. 28 with an invitation for interested parties to call Marjory Saunders at 5319. So make your contact now and line up a great evening for a new year birthday present. Happy birthday to everyone but come!

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sideration of the future in this district. Local Level Powers The minister said it may be necessary to spend money if more study should be considered and indicated that changes are the province would pay half. Commenting further Mr. White said that any restructured county system which would include the city of Guelph would provide for additional land grants and planning powers at the local level comparable to those planned for regional government.

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It's of interesting note that, with the coming of Rev. Ritchie McMurray to St. John's Church, the congregation is beginning to swell. Meat to think about and take home is what the learned teacher is giving and those attending his services are very pleased. This Sunday an after-church coffee hour will give him an opportunity to meet his new charges and anyone looking for a Christian service to attend is cordially invited. Remember the hour, 9:30 a.m. for morning service.

On Jan. 8 members of the local group, including president Tom Gellatly and past president Harry Bonner, together with Lions Gordon Ostrander, Hans Walmer and Doug Earl, made an official visit to the Guelph Lions club.

"We must get to know members of other clubs," said Harry Bonner who feels that goodwill between various groups should be fostered as that is what Lionism is all about. The Rockwood club is setting up a program of visitations throughout the neighboring districts and, with plans for outreach, hope to correlate better communications with a mutual sharing of Lions aims.

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Eden Mills request Education rights

Eighteen parents from the village of Eden Mills met at the Rockwood Public School with members of the Wellington and Halton county school boards Tuesday evening in an attempt to settle resident concerns. Confusion erupted when parents whose children had attended schools in Acton were notified they would have to register in Wellington county schools with the two choices of either Rockwood Centennial public school or Guelph Centennial C.V.I.

Bill Scott, principal of Guelph Centennial C.V.I., defended the situation of the larger schools and said he admires the Acton High School and thinks highly of Mr. Katz but felt it wasn't necessarily so that, because a school is larger with twice the number of students, there isn't as much student-teacher rapport. The meeting had begun with chairman Ernie Emery, superintendent of educational services of Wellington County board of education, introducing the panel of board members and principals of the Rockwood Centennial public and Guelph Centennial C.V.I. Attending were John Graham, superintendent; George Day, trustee; Doug Long, superintendent of schools for the Wellington county board of education; Bill Scott, principal of Centennial C.V.I.; and Grant McRae, principal of Rockwood public school.

John Graham said only if Wellington County is agreeable to pay the fee. "If they turn down the request," he said "are you prepared to pay the cost?" The Halton man explained that, five years with three students, is equivalent of 15 people Wellington county board will be paying Halton for, and he couldn't see them buying that. After discussion Doug Long wrapped up the evening with a four platform proposal as outlined earlier by John Graham. He suggested:

1. Students in Acton should have the opportunity to choose to go to Centennial if they wish or stay in Acton. If planning on attending Guelph Centennial C.V.I. they should notify Principal Scott so that a curriculum could be worked out.

2. Present grade eight pupils should have a choice. "By law they don't have a choice," said superintendent Long, "but all boards embrace a thought that there are special circumstances." He recommended a letter listing things that would influence the board should be sent in immediately. "We are here to indicate facts," he said "but we must apply to Wellington for a change of thought."

3. Youngsters presently in

elementary grades also have a choice but parents must make up minds before end of January and notify board. He strongly advised that children in kindergarten and early grades should make change immediately. Teachers understand Mr. Long said he could understand the plight of the parent who was concerned about the child's reaction to change. "There is sensitivity with teachers even in the biggest schools," he said indicating that most staffs are sympathetic with students who have been pulled in from another environment. He indicated that the board could identify strongly with the parents and their deep rooted feelings and that, in an effort to co-operate with the parents "we invite you to write in and make a special case of these kids."

George Day, Eramosa representative on the Wellington Board, thanked the parents for coming and said he hoped the fears will be alleviated. He felt that once the move was made, the pupils would adjust easily. There is a total of approximately 62 students required to make the transfer. At the present time about 20 have already made the move into the elementary and secondary schools in Wellington county, with the remaining numbers continuing at the Acton schools. Wellington county school officials hope to see the transfer completed by 1975.

At Tuesday's meeting some of the parents present opposed the move saying it was difficult for youngsters adjusting, and not in compliance with the requirements of constancy in education. "It's much better for a child in a smaller school" said Ann Cann whose daughter attends Acton High School. "In a small school a boy doesn't have to be very bad before he's noticed but in a larger city school he has to be very bad. He's just a number."

John Graham explained to the parents their concern was needless as, according to bill 180 of the School Board Acts, dated Oct. 11, '73, "it's the guaranteed right of any child that he may continue in his school if the parents wish." Reading the act he said: "Where on the 31st day of December, 1973, a pupil is enrolled in a public or secondary school that he has a right to attend and the school, on and after the 1st day of January, 1974, is situated in a school division other than the school division in which the pupil resides, the

Chairman Emery further explained that, although he could sympathize with parents not wanting to jostle their children about, most youngsters adjust rapidly but that if one child was accepted then others would feel that they too should be able to continue. "One of the things is," he said, "if we let this one do it then the next one will want it."

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Everyone's Right Harvey Tuffin of Eden Mills contested the right of the Wellington County board to make the decision saying that earlier, from communications with principals in Acton schools and a Halton county board of Education member, he understood Eden Mills students could continue in the Acton schools to complete their entire education. It was pointed out to Mr. Tuffin that higher student enrollment in Halton county, plus transportation costs, would not justify the feasibility of such a consideration. Chairman Emery further explained that, although he could sympathize with parents not wanting to jostle their children about, most youngsters adjust rapidly but that if one child was accepted then others would feel that they too should be able to continue. "One of the things is," he said, "if we let this one do it then the next one will want it."

Quick adjustments "We would hope that all children will eventually come to Wellington," he said. "Let's hope it will all be cleared by '75."

Before the meeting principal Grant McRae had taken the parents on a tour through the school and, at the beginning of the meeting both he and principal Bill Scott gave a resume of the curricula of their particular schools. Grant McRae

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Centennial school

By Judy Finley Skating has started up now for students from one to eight of Rockwood Centennial. Noon hours show the local rink dotted with figures. Schedule of skating times for the interest of parents shows: Mondays and Wednesdays for students of grades one to four; Tuesdays and Thursdays for the grades five to eight. On Fridays it's for all grades one to eight. Options are out now for the various classes including exciting subjects such as art, drama, gym, and instrumental music. The chess club is also on the go at the school with approximately 22 students enrolled. Another student activity is the volleyball program and the girls' games are moving ahead. At the moment speeches are being memorized and the finals will be heard at the end of January.



DOWN THE TRACKS and under the trestle and horses were replaced by hockey sticks on Sunday when Tim and Paul Dales hiked to a local rink to play hockey with friend Paul Holman, also of the village outskirts. Tingly fingers and toes was the experience of most weekend outdoorsists but the Dales group thought the weather was fine and just right for hockey.

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