



REEVE WARREN PARKINSON is seen holding the official ribbon to be cut by Wellington Board of Education chairman Walter Bolger who holds the snips for the auspicious occasion of the opening of the Eramosa community library. Board chairman John Gallin holds the ribbon on the

Waiting's over for Eramosa book worms

Township and county dignitaries combined with citizens of Eramosa last Wednesday evening to attend the long-awaited official opening of the Eramosa township community library held in the auditorium of the Rockwood Centennial public school.

The chairman of the library board, John Gallin told the audience that the concept of a community library was not a new one in the province but one new to the area. "Community libraries are apparently working very well," he said and pointed out that he was anxious to see the Eramosa venture working. He explained that, at the present time, there is a reasonably basic supply of books on hand but funds are available for more books.

Mr. Gallin explained the school room addition was enlarged for the operation of the community library last summer with the idea of getting more community use of school facilities. "It's difficult to get the exact books we go after," he said but indicated the board would try to fulfill requests made for books from resident members of the library.

Sixteen members, Rita McPhedran, chief librarian, told those attending that the library already contains between nine and 10,000 books with about 1,500 primary and easy reading books for youngsters. "We

already have 16 members of the library, four and five-year olds starting school in September," she said laughingly. Mrs. McPhedran feels it is important that parents bring pre-schoolers to the library and encourage them to choose their own books.

Officials attending the meeting spoke briefly on their hope for the success of the venture. Walter Bolger, chairman of the Wellington County Board of Education, commended the Eramosa library board for pulling the concept of the community library to its final completion. He said he sees the Rockwood Centennial public as a true community school where such a library could prove very successful.

Mr. Bolger expressed favor and congratulated principal Grant McRae for being able to stimulate community interest and responsibility for school property. He said he had been impressed at the way residents seemed to care about the school during after-hour periods of usage. The chairman gave a quick rundown on early concerns of smaller school boards prior to amalgamation who had queried whether the larger Wellington County Board of Education would adapt the community-use for schools concept.

"But," he said, "the attitude of the Wellington Board as regards school use, is one of the most liberal in Ontario."

Mr. Bolger said he felt the library would add a sense of community to the area and also add an adhesive factor to the community. "Almost one-third of the people in the county are students attending school," he said and pointed out that it makes good sense to have the public library in the school where children can have easy access. He said he felt the community use of the school was sound business both intellectually and recreationally and gave blessings to those in charge of the library's operation.

M.P.P. J. Alfred Hanwell, director of education, used his opportunity to wish Wellington-Dufferin M.P.P. John Root saying that last year the Wellington County Board of Education had asked for \$500,000 but received a paltry \$165,000. He explained the board was short of funds.

He added further commendations for the principal of the Rockwood school saying he had attended the recent kindergarten registration and had been impressed at the co-operation between parents and staff with helping with examinations. "This is what education is all about," said Mr. Hanwell.

John Root had an opportunity to banter back at the director of education saying that "everybody wants money but nobody wants to pay more taxes." The M.P.P. said, regarding the library endeavor, "This is the type of thing we'd like to see across the province. Residents build the schools and community centres and they should have an input into the programs."

Hours for the library are set for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. the same evenings; on Saturdays from 9 to 12 noon. Operating as a joint venture between the Wellington County Board of Education and the Eramosa township council, the library will be financed on a 1 mill tax rate from the township amounting to approximately \$4,000 plus a \$1.35 per capita provincial government grant which, according to board chairman John Gallin, will total approximately \$5,000. "A little more than \$9,000 altogether to work with," he said.

Censorship Board members will include, as well as Board Chairman John Gallin, Rita McPhedran, sec.-treasurer; Barry Dryden, Burton Hill and Warren Parkinson in his capacity of township trustee. Advisory committee, organized for the development of appropriate procedures for the day-to-day operation of the library resource centre, will include Grant McRae, school principal of Rockwood Centennial, who will act as chairman, school librarian Rita McPhedran, George Day as a Wellington County Board of Education trustee, and three representatives from the Eramosa library board: John Gallin, Barry Dryden, Burton Hill, and Reeve Warren Parkinson. Assisting Mrs. McPhedran as chief librarian will be Georgina Kelso, assistant librarian.

Principal McRae told Wednesday's audience that children will be discouraged from borrowing adult fiction. "But, if the child insists," he said, "it will be up to the parents to stop him." Mr. McRae said there would be no censorship of an individual's reading.

Take a break Break up long motor trips by frequent stops. Get out and move around when you stop, the Ontario Safety League recommends; exercise works wonders to relieve dangerous weariness and tension. When pulling in to a freeway service area, don't park as close to the door as possible, but as far away as possible, to ensure that everyone in the car exercises their legs.

Comin's and Goin's

Easter eggs and chocolate bunnies might have been important items in some households but in the Sandy Hudson household, it was a new plaster cast for Mike, the young skiing athlete who broke his legs on the district hills recently. The Easter cast was the second one for Mike and residents hope it will do the trick in a hurry to get Mike into shape for his starring role on the village soccer teams.

Hey, it was good, last Friday, for two Rockwood families who saw their mothers and fathers return home after two weeks of exciting holidaying in the Hawaiian Islands. Ray and Betty Death and Art and Moira Nightingale hustled off two weeks ago for a special three island hop and enjoyed a marvellous holiday in the sun where grass skirts, beautiful girls, mai tais and chicks were par for the course. The Deaths arrived home just in time to enjoy their entire family home for the Easter weekend with special guests, Miss Muriel Foster and Mrs. Earl Scott of Erin, visitors for Good Friday taking advantage of the Rockwood Presbyterian Good Friday breakfast. Welcome home, travellers, glad you had fun but happy to see you home again.

It's congratulations to two Rockwood students who won the chocolate bunnies at the Centennial public school Easter draw. Nice going, Eileen McMillan and Peter McPhedran—hope you had fun consuming your delicious prize.

Eramosa public school is putting out a plea these days for parents interested in forming a home and school organization. "A home and school association can provide many useful services in a community both to the school and community itself," reads the Eramosa school bulletin. Come on parents of Eramosa school kids, get behind your school and get an organization to assist in school endeavors, it really works!

Rockalong W.I. elects new executive for '74

Roll call response was made with payment of fees on Apr. 2 when the Rockalong Institute held their 38th annual meeting at the No. 6 School house community centre, with president Mrs. George Mitchell chairing.

Several matters of business were discussed including Achievement day for the 4-H course Sportsweek from Knits, planned for May 4 at Trinity United church, Guelph.

Mrs. Wm. Black reported on the district "get-acquainted" evening and, also discussed, was the proposal of a booth at the provincial plating match slated for Halton in late

September. Institute members voted to decline. Nutrition became a matter of interest and W. I. ladies talked about the proposed nutrition workshop for October. The branch chose Baked in a Pie as the first choice in the District Training Course. Reports of the standing committees were approved and the president read a poem Spare Moments.

Elections Helen Bayne was then named to chair the meeting for the election of officers and Mrs. Wilbur Patterson, chairman of the nominating committee, presented a proposed slate of officers. On motion, the following officers

were elected: pres., Mrs. George Mitchell; 1st vice, to be appointed later; 2nd vice, Mrs. Ken Spence; sec., Mrs. Harvey Bayne; treas., Mrs. Lloyd Dyer; dist. director, Mrs. Wm. Black; alternate, Mrs. Sheldon Trousdale; pianist, Mrs. Wm. Black; directors, Mrs. W. Patterson, Mrs. J. D. McNabb, Mrs. J. Bonham; flower committee, Mrs. Alex McPhedran; auditors, Mrs. J. Ramsey and Mrs. J. D. McNabb; public relations, Miss Helen Bayne; curator, Mrs. J. D. McNabb.

Matters of decision for the new executive included convenership for the May meeting; Mrs. Alex McPhedran will be the hostess and convener assisted by Mrs. Lloyd Dyer and Mrs. Harvey Bayne on the lunch committee. Roll call planned will be "Bring and show the winter project-hobby product we have done."

The branch decided to have a lunch booth at the sale of Mr. Norman Harris on Apr. 19 and a bus trip to St. Lawrence Starch Co., Erland Lee Home, and other interesting points as proposed for June 13 or 14.

Mrs. Wm. Black then played her own composition Jewels of the Sea and Ausonia as inspired by her cruise on the Mediterranean Sea. Lunch was served with Mrs. Alex McPhedran and Helen Bayne convening.

Trustees query ignored requests

Discussion regarding incorporation for the village of Rockwood or a district ward system seems to be of little interest to the Eramosa township council, according to remarks from Rockwood trustee chairman, Gary Bateman, made recently.

Mr. Bateman is concerned that township officials are showing little regard to the Rockwood community. "We sent one letter dated Jan. 31, one other was sent dated March 1 which was delivered by mail on the Friday night meeting," he said, "and, a vocal request was made prior to the April meeting, all asking for a meeting with council." Chairman Bateman says the trustees are at a loss to know why the township council does not want to have such a meeting.

At the March meeting of the Rockwood trustees a motion was passed to meet with the township council in conjunction with trustees from Eden Mills so that, together councils could determine

where the township was going and the feasibility of the proposed ward system. "Budget," said Mr. Bateman, "is another matter to be discussed along with many other topics of mutual interest and concern." The trustee chairman feels it is frustrating to be put off and that the proposal for meeting with the township council is not unreasonable.

"What do you do?" asks the chairman. "We can only write letters, we don't want to bang on desks, but certainly some discussion is required as the village has the right to know where it stands."

Timing is critical for farmers

According to a recent news release from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, many of the Wellington county soils are of a clay-loam texture susceptible to "puddling" if worked when too wet.

The "puddling" is, reportedly, a term used to describe the effects of working a soil when too wet and, when soil puddles are worked or driven over in the wet state, it loses its good structure and becomes very hard when dry.

The O.M.A.F. states that such conditions are conducive to erosion and poor seedling establishment. "You must make your own decision on the proper time to begin working your soils, and therefore must know the characteristics of your soil with regard to the amount of puddling that will occur at various soil moisture levels." The ministry advises that growers should spend some time this year determining the proper time to begin tillage as this operation will

have a great bearing on the success or failure of the crop, particularly on clay and clay loam soils.

Jackson St.

Rockwood citizens should be on their driving toes these days. New stop signs have been placed recently on corners of McKenzie St. at Jackson, making Jackson a through street.

County rallies held for 4-H'ers

A 4-H program operated on a trial basis in '73 proved so successful that it will be offered again for '74 but on a much larger scale, according to recent release from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food for Wellington county.

The junior agriculturalist program was originally designed to provide a practical learning experience for young people from non-farm homes who have a serious interest in agriculture. As a participant in the program people will be placed on a selected commercial farm where he or she will perform regular labor activities relative to that farm operation.

The junior agriculturalist will also have an opportunity to develop an appreciation of rural life through living with a farm family and to participate in the program of the local 4-H junior farmer clubs as well as in rural activities.

Stipulations Ages of those able to participate are young people from 16 to 17 years with stipulations that they must be in good physical and mental health, in sound emotional condition and will remain on the assigned farm from late June until late August. Hosts will be commercial farmers with the operator

engaged in farming full time, interested in helping inexperienced young people develop required farming skills, and they will be expected to have the ability to work well with and supervise young people. Accommodation must also be suitable.

Each junior agriculturalist will be paid a basic wage of \$6 per day based on a six day week, by the O.M.A.F. The host farmer will pay an additional \$2 per day, as well as supplying room and board worth an estimated \$4 per day.

"Persons interested in participating in the program as either a junior agriculturalist or as a host farmer," reads the release, "should contact Gerald Townsend, extension assistant, O.M.A.F., Box 370, Arthur. Reportedly, Mr. Townsend will provide additional information and application forms. Ceiling date by which Mr. Townsend should be contacted has been set as April 26, '74."

Life

Life is a grindstone: Whether it grinds you down or polishes you up depends on what you're made of.



ERAMOSA COMMUNITY library location in Rockwood centennial public school has come a long way from its beginning stage last summer when construction began.

Rockwood bowling

One week before play-off time and tension is running high for the Rockwood and district bowlers. Last week's scores showed the Jr. Farmers taking a straight 7 points from the Pacers with Darlene Hawkes bowling 313, Bruce Miller 328, Jean Van Wyck for the Pacers 318, and Paul Waddell bowled in a 502 triple score.

Optimal scores ran higher against the Gooyers team with a 7 point overall score as Sam Nyholt bowled in a 723 triple, with singles 223, 222, 278. Gerry Birkholz bowled 518 and, for the Gooyers, Don Hills bowled in singles 178, 204, 228 to triple 611. Winnie Hills bowled 554.

It was the Neighbors who beat out the Harleys with a 7 point final score showing 7 to nil as Neighbor Duac McPhedran bowled 594, Steve Webster 585, and, for the Sandwiches, Norm Beattie bowled in a 718 with singles 206, 229 and 223. Peter James bowled 623 for triple with singles 160, 236 and 228.

Four Corners had more consistent scores with 5 to 2 overall as Nellie Stokman whizzed in a 680 triple with singles 202, 218 and 270. Tom McCutcheon bowled 636 with 289, 128 and 238, and Ann Parkinson bowled 627 with singles 194, 215 and 218. Trotter Doug

Wass was on the bowl as he brought in a 709 triple score with 266, 271 and 172. Jim Thatcher bowled 679 with 226, 237 and 196. Sandy McPhedran bowled 614 with 171, 232 and 211.

Nortons vs Alley Cats showed a 5 to 2 final score with Fred Nightingale making a 703 triple from 288, 232 and 183 singles. Ivy Ritchie zoomed in a 678 triple with singles 267, 187 and 264. Art Davis bowled 649 triple with 239, 211 and 199 singles. Garfield Darwell was the catcher with the 580 score and Elmer Allan bowled 565 triple.

Five to 2 was the Carney's score against the Guelphites as Nancy Gordon bowled 679 triple with 247, 241 and 191 singles. Bob Lilley bowled 162, 183 and 163 to triple 528. Guelphite Garry Parks bowled 540 and Lloyd Marsden 540.

John Thatcher chalked up a 719 triple for the Uruthfuls as they beat out the Rockets 4 to 3 on Tuesday's games. John's 719 triple was made of singles 223, 230 and 265. Phil Shrive bowled 393 triple. Harry Jesin for the Rockets made a 726 triple with singles 252, 213 and 261 and Dunc Kingsbury was also in top shape with his 753 triple with singles, 223, 221 and 309.

score as Ramblers rambled in with 3 and Country Man Peter Bosch bowled 571, Ted Klaver 562, George Smith for the R's bowled 574 and Peggy Ellis 541.

Men over 600 Harry Jesin 750, Dunc Kingsbury 753, Sam Nyholt 722, John Thatcher 719, Norm Beattie 718, Doug Cross 709, Fred Nightingale 703, Jim Thatcher 679, Tom McCutcheon 656, Art Davis 649, Peter James 623, Sandy McPhedran 614, and Don Hills 611.

Women over 500 Nellie Stokman 680, Nancy Gordon 619, Ivy Ritchie 628, Ann Parkinson 627, Viv Nightingale 585, Lois Jesin 557, Winnie Hills 554, Rika Loof 551, Ruth Bayne 546, Peggy Ellis 541, Edna Davis 533, Darlene Hawkes 533, May Swackhammer 514 and Gerda Birkholz 502.

Team standings show the Rockets standing in first place with only one more week to change course. Rockets have 122 points, 2 Neighbors 118, 3 Gooyers 115, 4 Four Corners 111, 5 Uruthfuls 108, 6 Country Men 105, 7 Nortons 104, 8 Carney's 103, 9 Ramblers 102, 10 Jr. Farmers 102, 11 Pacers 95, 12 Trotters 94, 13 Optimists 89, 14 Alley Cats 88, 15 Betsy Sandwiches 85 and 16 Guelphites 85.

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