

First school band performs Wed. night

Centennial school halls were lit, last Wednesday night, with clever art and craft displays, the workmanship of students of teachers, Mrs. Ramona Storey and Mrs. Nancy Desai.

The exhibit was incorporated into a school variety program presented to parents interested in seeing the outcome of new option courses introduced into the school curricula sometime last January. As well as seeing their talented offspring perform as dramatists on stage, fathers, mothers and friends were treated to a performance of the Rockwood school's first 23-man band.

Mrs. Diana Young's musical aspirants played

with enthusiasm, such beginning music as Yankee Doodle and simple waltzes. "We used brass, woodwind and percussion instruments," said the teacher who feels the opportunity of being involved in music has been well accepted by Rockwood youngsters. "They were really great," she said of Wednesday night's performance.

Drama as option

Principal Grant McRae said he can see marvelous possibilities with the new music studies. He highly praised the accomplishments of the young instructress.

Mrs. A. Nicholl's grade class performed in a play Rip Van Winkle. Dramatics are part of the school's creative English course but this is the

first time they have been on a scheduled option course. Two plays by the option drama group were directed by teacher, John Root; The Still Alarm and Make Your Play, were heartily applauded by the audience.

Also on stage were rhythmic demonstrations as presented by 12 grade eight students of phys. ed. teacher, Bob Love. John Rowe's gymnastic classes performed as part of their gymnastic option with two trampolining demonstrations included.

Mrs. Roberta Hoy's senior choir members made their singing contribution and, on the program, it was noted that Mrs. B. Post had assisted with both drama and instrumental options.



EVEN DADS WERE in the act at Eramosa's open house when fathers and eldest sons took on the school's younger boys in a rip-roaring floor hockey competition. Wives, friends and other family members congregated on stage to root favorite teams on to victory.

George Day comments on '74 education budget

According to George Day, trustee of the Wellington County board of education, the board will have a spending budget of \$24,495,000 for '74, an increase of 9.5 percent over last year's spending. Elementary schools will account for \$12,568,494, and secondary schools will require \$11,926,506, he said. "Provincial grants will be \$14,777,929, a decrease in percentage grant from 63.5 to 62 percent."

Mr. Day said that Wellington county is continually updating its education through expansion of present programs and introduction of new ones. "More teachers will be hired for library-resource centres," he said, "six additional teachers for special education."

French immersion

He said a new program in guidance-counselling in 13 elementary schools will be a pilot project requiring four teachers. "A summer school

program will be expanded which will include elementary developmental reading and maths, kindergarten program and adjustment courses. A new feature will be aquatic environmental studies," said Mr. Day.

The board will embark on a French immersion program for kindergarten and grade one pupils in three centres in the county, Guelph, Erin, and Fergus," he said, and explained, "this is a voluntary program. Its extent will depend on parent wishes." He said the county's first grade seven to 13 secondary school will be opened in Erin in September of this year and that an instrumental music program has been approved for senior public schools.

Outlining other accomplishments of the Wellington county school board trustee Day said the new endeavor of the Eramosa Community Library at Rockwood Centennial public

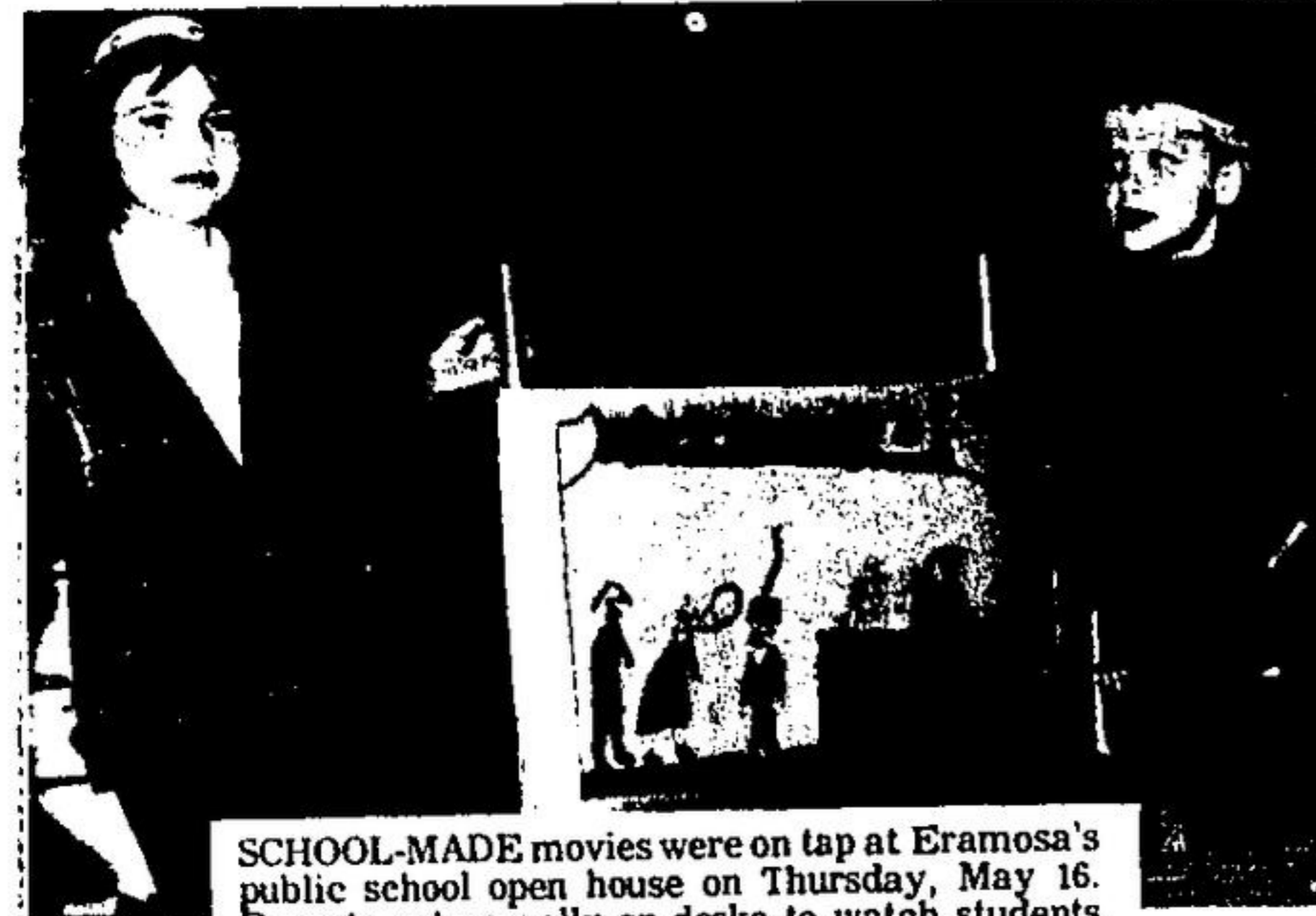
school was brought about through the co-operation of the Eramosa council, Eramosa library board and the board of education. He said the board will proceed with a micro-filming program of school records which will improve indexing and save valuable space.

Swimming

"The grade five swimming program will be continued," and the trustee explained, that a remedial reading program for secondary schools will require three full-time teachers and one part-time. "Additional teachers hired for the system will be 17 for elementary and 36 for secondary."

Completing his comments Trustee Day said, "I am extremely pleased with the progress Wellington county is making in keeping abreast of present day trends by introducing new programs and updating in several areas."

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SCHOOL-MADE movies were on tap at Eramosa's public school open house on Thursday, May 16. Parents sat casually on desks to watch students systematically crank pictures drawn by classroom artists as a taped story was run off by student, Janet Wietzke. Seen operating are Heather and Brian Cox, while two visitors watch.

Ebenezer Last Sunday for minister

By Mrs. Ron McLean

The young people have a project to collect bottles to help a needy child. For further particulars, get in contact with Brad Dyer, at Arkell.

Mr. Kaill spent his last Sunday as our minister. John Kitching sang the Lord's Prayer.

Mr. Kaill said how fortunate the congregation is to have a capable organist like Mrs. Murray Fatt fill in for Mrs. Kitching, while she is convalescing. Next Sunday,

Mr. Finley will take the service at Eden Mills, the second Sunday in June, he will take the service at Ebenezer, which will include infant baptism, and the third Sunday, Mr. Finley will be at Arkell, where baptism will also be performed. On the fourth Sunday, Communion will be observed at all churches. Regular services will be held at the usual hours every Sunday.

Birthdays

Birthdays greetings to Jane and Mark Munro, to Connie

Taylor and to Ebenezer's grand old (young) man, who will be 90 on June 5.

Saturday, June 1, is the day to take all old newspapers, washed tin cans, with paper removed, bottles, colored and clear kept separate to the township hall in the morning. S.P.I.N. meant Stop Pollution in Nassagaweya. Now that Nass, has become Milton, S.P.I.N. still means make use of everything that can be recycled.

Obituary Funeral for Lucy G. Linfoot

Funeral service was held May 21, for Lucy Gertrude Linfoot, of 193 Harris St., Rockwood.

Born in London, Ontario, she died in the Guelph General Hospital on May 17 after an operation. The wife of F. Lorne Linfoot, she predeceased her husband and two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Rider of London, Ontario, and Mrs. Gladys Meier, Rocky River, Ohio. She is the mother of Catharine Meredith, Rockwood, Patricia Hatch, London, and Lorna Ventry, Guelph.

A Red Cross nurse in World War one, Lucy Linfoot was an active member of the St. John's Anglican church. She was well known in the village as a person who loved life and enjoyed getting behind community efforts and making her contributions to many worthwhile activities.

Place of service was the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home, Acton, with Rev.

Ritchie McMurray officiating. Interment was at the Rockwood cemetery with pallbearers, Cecil Meredith, Rockwood; John Hatch, London; Ron Ventry, Guelph, all son-in-laws; Patrick Meredith, grandson, Ian Haldane, London, nephew, and Don Gourlay, London, nephew.

By her family and many friends, she will be sadly missed.

Eden Mills W.M.S.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Eden Mills Presbyterian Church held their meeting on Monday night at the home of Monday Wilda MacDougall.

During business the ladies discussed the centennial celebrations to be held for the Presbyterian Church of Canada during the dates of June 1, '74 to June 1, '75. The Eden Mills W.M.S. decided to hold a tea on Sat., June 15, between the hours of 2 to 4 p.m. It will be held in conjunction with a bake sale and conveners were appointed: Wilma Gilbertson, assisted by Maiseie Lasby, Wilda MacDougall and Kay Stevenson.

Pennies for the least coin were collected and dedicated by Joan Chamberlain. Alma MacDonald read chapters seven and eight of God's Psychiatry, a discussion on the 23rd Psalm.

Fifteen visits to sick were noted after which president MacDougall closed the meeting with prayer.

Ladies aid

On completion of the W.M.S. meeting the Eden Mills Presbyterian Church Ladies' Aid meeting followed. President Maiseie Lasby took the chair and read "The Pioneer Church."

Secretary and treasury reports followed devotions after which thank you notes were read for flowers received by the sick.

During business a mystery tour was decided on for the June meeting of the Ladies' Aid. Maiseie Lasby and Wilda MacDougall were appointed conveners.

A discussion about the Presbyterian centennial celebration parade to be held in Kitchener on Sun., June 3, ensued. Eden ladies decided to enter a float for the occasion. A decision was also made for a \$10 donation to the Canadian Bible Society.

Business concluded, Helen Sinclair thanked the hostess for her hospitality.



INVOLVED IN the highly scientific skill of making dandelion dyes are three students of Eramosa public school. "We expect to be making more natural dyes using fruit from different trees," chorused Michael Southwell, Peter Martin, and Jamie McDougall, all 11 years old. The boys agree it's a fun project and have T shirts in mind as their special dyeing targets.

Centennial school notes

By Judy Finley

Only three weeks left of school and there's still loads of work to be covered. There just doesn't seem to be enough time left in the days, to cover the following activities to be held in the next few weeks:

May 30-31, grade eights go

on an education trip to Niagara Falls; June 3-field trip; week of June 10-exams; June 4-5, grade eights take an educational trip to Eden Mills; June 18-school field day at University of Guelph; June 20-play day for the school.

P.S. spectators are always welcome at these events.

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Rockmosa 25 will be a rally for everyone

Another Rockmosa speciality is coming to the fore very soon. The Eramosa Baseball Association is lying in wait with the Rockwood and District Lions Club for an all-day bicycle rally to be held Saturday, June 8.

"Oil up your sprockets and get your vehicles in shape," say the members of the Association and Lion club members. The name of the game will be Rockmosa 25 Bicycle Rally. It will consist of 25 miles of pavement away from Highways 24 and seven. "All plans are not

finalized as yet," say Lion organizers who say that OPP constable Murray Kidd of the Guelph detachment will assist in planning the rally.

Sponsor sheets have already been printed. They will be placed in both Eramosa and Rockwood public schools as well as in Rockwood stores. "All baseball coaches in the township have sheets as well," said Lion, Walter Swanston, who explained that all proceeds will be divided between the two sponsoring groups.

Already many public and high school students have entered the premier event. "But we want adults to participate as well," say Lion members.

A tentative start-off point for the rally has been set for the Eramosa school, beginning at 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. in the evening. "Let's wait until our final meeting before we make things definite," says organizer Swanston, who says that advertising will verify final plans.

Medical centre site proposed by trustees

Several matters of village business were discussed at Monday's meeting of the Rockwood village trustees. The meeting was held at the town hall with all members of the board present. Chairman,

Gary Bateman presided.

Letters from two residents on George St., whose homes had been flooded during the recent rainstorms, were considered. Trustees decided

to contact the Department of Highways to see what could be done. The homes are in the vicinity of the upper creek in the village where No. 7 Hwy. crosses over a culvert. The trustees felt that, during times of heavy flooding, water should be able to run more easily.

Research farm tour

The May meeting of the Halton 4-H Field Crop Club was held at Maple Leaf Research Centre on May 21. All members were present for a most interesting and informative meeting.

First we toured their setup, hosted by Dr. Bill Seiveking. He first told us what they had there and what they were doing. He then took us outside and showed us the different types of grass that they were growing.

Then we moved inside and were shown where they store

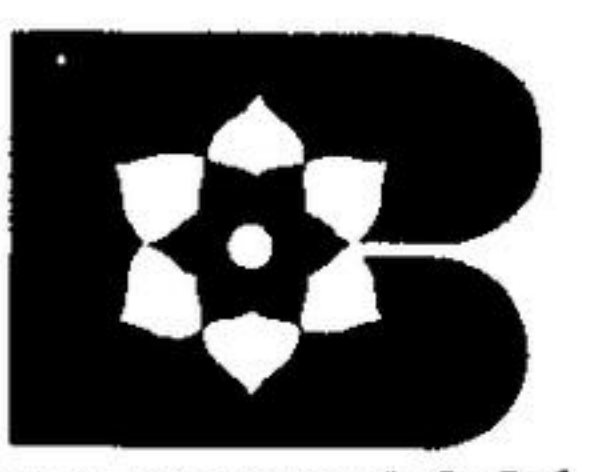
all their seed for growing different types of grass. Then he took us to their greenhouses and told us how they were built and how much it cost. He also showed us how the watering system works.

Then we moved to the meeting room where we saw a film on growing alfalfa. After the film was over we had a business meeting. Cecil Patterson moved the meeting be closed and it was seconded by Scott Harris. John Reid gave a vote of thanks.

Medical Centre

Clerk Len Hockey was instructed to send a letter to Eramosa township council saying they were in agreement to supply land for the proposed medical centre. Trustees felt the land adjacent to the post office beside the old school would be a suitable location for the building. In their letter to the township the board requested that consideration be given to include facilities for a town hydro office in the building.

The international system of standard time was adopted in 1884 largely through the efforts of Sir Sandford Fleming, the Canadian civil engineer and railway builder who was also designer of Canada's first postage stamp.



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