



WATER SAFETY posters were part of the first session of swimming programs held at the Rockwood conservation park this month. Last Wednesday's judging was based on artistry, eye appeal and how well water safety was stressed. Winners of the contest displaying posters are front row, Steven Duffield, Sandra Timmerman, Shauna Lush and Ted Riley; back row sitting with Walter Safety are, Patricia Timmerman, Lee Ann Brace, Peter Root and Wayne Nellis.

Large attendance at water safety program

Two hundred and sixty-nine was the final head count when members of the swimming instruction group at the Rockwood conservation park totalled those attending water safety evening last Wednesday evening.

Campers, area residents, boys and girls, some participants of the week-day programs; others, parents and visitors gathered at the park pavilion where they enjoyed numerous presentations with the theme Safety In The Water At All Times.

Two Walter Safety puppets made their appearance on the fun program and the children

had to decide which was "the right Walter Safety". They based their decisions on how well safety answers were given by the two mammoth-headed safety people and made judgments easily as they had been taught on their two-week course.

Puppet shows, an exhibition of mouth-to-mouth breathing and resuscitation, plus films and a canoe tipping demonstration kept the audience interested as they moved from pavilion to beach front and back to the pavilion for a round-up and presentation of the safety poster awards.

A sing-song had been a program starter and participation in the program had included the Rockwood Outfitters (canoe suppliers), the Beach Patrol and constable Kidd of the O.P.P. as well as Jiminy Cricket and Walter Safety. The Rockwood Beach Patrol promises that similar programs will be arranged throughout the summer and credited for the excellent evening were members of the swimming instruction team, Kevin Sumner, assistant supervisor; Kathy and Liz Theakston, Kathy Howard and Sue Sibbald, headed up with chief beach supervisor, Janie Thorburn.



SPLASH AND IN and the canoe righted itself leaving Janie Thorburn at the rescue mercy of swimming instructress Liz Theakston.

Councils talk with GRCA

A special meeting was held last Wednesday when Eramosa and Guelph township councils met with representatives of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and the Grand River Conservation Authority to discuss township roads which will be affected by the proposed Guelph dam slated for '76.

After general discussion, Guelph and Eramosa councils proposed that the Guelph and Eramosa Townline, from Armstrong's Mill to the proposed new Townline diversion, and from Hwy. 24 to Side Road Ten in

Eramosa, be rebuilt at the expense of the GRCA; the same roads to be paved with GRCA paying 50 per cent of the cost and the two townships, 20 per cent each. They further proposed that the GRCA pave the road diversion at their own expense.

A request was made by Eramosa Council that Side Road Ten, located one mile south of Hwy. 24, to be rebuilt from County Rd. 29 to the

Guelph and Eramosa Townline on a shared cost basis with GRCA and Eramosa. Eramosa council sent a letter to the GRCA requesting that the Wednesday meeting proposals be considered at the GRCA executive meeting to be held on Friday, July 26. It is expected that representatives of the Guelph and Eramosa Township councils will be attending the Friday meeting, to answer questions on the proposals.

Eramosa crops to be viewed

Several farms in Eramosa are among those in Wellington county being referred to by the Wellington County Soil and Crop Improvement Association as ones worthy of viewing. The Association stresses the variety of agriculturally significant crops grown. They include alfalfa, soybeans, fababeans, white beans, wheat, barley, oats, and corn.

Co-operators with crops to view are Frank Rubingh, R.R. 1, Palmerston; George Leslie, R.R. 1, Rockwood; Claire Hagarty, R.R. 2, Alma; John Cruden, R.R. 3, Fergus; Quinten Van deVrie,

1638 Hanton Rd., Guelph; Willard Righty, R.R. 2, Drayton; Carl Israel, R.R. 2, Wallenstein; Christel Juergensen, R.R. 3, Elora; Jim Sperry, R.R. 2, Elora; Peter Hannam, R.R. 2, Guelph, and Gordon Millson, R.R. 3, Rockwood.

4-H members

Several Eramosa 4-H Club members attended the regional 4-H conference held at York University from July 16 to 18. It was the 15th session to be held and the program included discussions on current youth problems.

At the waterfront

By Jane Thorburn

Already midway through July, clear skies are still holding out over the Rockwood beach. Hot sunny days prevailed throughout the first session of swimming lessons and, now that the second one is in progress, the lifeguards are hoping good weather will continue.

During the first session which ran from July 8 to 19, a large number of children successfully passed through the varied YM-YWCA levels. This program is one of the best offered in any aquatic program because it allows a child to progress at his own speed.

Enrolment for the second session which is running from July 22 to Aug. 2 is very high proving that this particular aquatic program is popular among area residents.

Remember—future dates for swimming sessions are Aug. 5 to 16 and Aug. 19 to 30. Parents be sure to sign your children up if you are interested. You may sign up at

the gatehouse at the Park.

Beach Regatta

Another big event that the Rockwood Beach Patrol is organizing will be a Junior beach regatta. Swimming races, obstacle courses and junior marathons will be held in and around the water at Rockwood beach for all area youngsters between the ages of 5 and 12. It should be really exciting. A likely date will be Wednesday July 31 (if weather permits) or Thursday, August 1.

Because we must know the approximate number of children interested in participating there will be a list to sign at the park gate. Anybody interested may also sign up at the beach with one of the beach patrols.

Remember kids there will be lots of prizes and surprises! So come out to Rockwood next Wednesday afternoon and join in the fun!! See you at Rockwood beach!

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Rockwood and District



FILMS, PUPPETRY, AND SURVIVAL in the water were all part of the water safety program presented at the Rockwood conservation park pavilion on July 17. Parents, campers and students attended to enjoy the fun program where sing-songs and comic people were included as activities. Even the OPP's Constable Kidd was on hand to show special films and the Beach Patrol promises the water safety evening was only one of a number they will present throughout the summer.



CHILDREN CLUSTERED at the waterfront during the July 17 water safety night sponsored by the Rockwood Beach Patrol and, seen with a few of those who attended is Walter Safety, the puppet who obeys all swimming rules and talked about safe water habits to the children as part of the evening program.

Brownie news

By Ann Chesworth

Young and old alike in Eden Mills are still talking about the fun had by all at the sidewalk sale held recently outside the community hall in aid of next year funds for the two village Brownie packs.

Organized by the two Brown Owls, Anna Jackson and Ann Chesworth, with lots of help from mothers, Girl Guides, Brownies and several young boys, the event consisted of tables laden with toys, books and trinkets donated by village members. All kinds of goodies were on hand to eat, and could be enjoyed sitting in the shade of a nearby tree, or munched from the hand while shopping for bargains. One mother reported her youngster had bought back several items she had donated.

Profits People passing by in cars dropped in to pick up sandwiches for lunch from the delicious selection, or a refreshing popcicle, glass of

lemonade and ice cream. Prices were incredibly low and yet the profits netted \$70 for the Brownies.

A surprise guest was Mr. Alfred Hales, former MP for Wellington. He was given a guided tour of the newly-renovated hall, in which he has always shown such interest. We hear from very reliable sources that Eden Mills will see more get-togethers of this nature in the future.

Fun at camp Nine Girl Guides and senior Brownies of Eden Mills returned from Camp Keewadin on Lake Huron this week sporting good tans and several new badges. Marie Parker, Joyce Parker and Corina Pries were in a leaders' camp, and Elizabeth Ratky, Sharon Vos, Christina Bell, Della Chesworth, Cathy Van Rhijn and Denise Uldriks were Junior campers. They had lots to tell their families and friends of their tenting adventures, outdoor cooking, swimming and campfire fun.

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