

Boat rental business good

The boat rental concession at the Grand River Conservation Authority Park in Rockwood has been under new ownership since the park opened in May.

Dave Gilbert, History Department head at Guelph Collegiate, and Buzz Lee, a Philosophy Ph. D. student at University of Waterloo, operate Rockwood Outfitters in renting canoes, pedal boats, kayaks and row boats.

"There is no minimum age for renters but most small children use the pedal boats," said Mrs. Gilbert last week. Payment is by the hour and all non-swimmers must wear life jackets.

She said that most of the business is from people from Oakville, Burlington and Mississauga areas, rather than Acton or Guelph. The business is profitable, according to Mrs. Gilbert, as long as the weather remains good.

The park has been open weekends since May 11 and went full time in late June. It will remain open daily until September and move to weekends till October 14.



Seek solutions George flooding

The flooding problem of George Street was under discussion at a meeting of Rockwood trustees Tuesday. Resident Bert Brown appeared and was read a letter from the Ministry of Transportation and Communication.

Their suggestions were: To seal off the upper end of the creek at the junction with the Eramosa River; to place an additional culvert along-side the existing under-sized one; to clean out beaver dams in the upper end of the creek; and to clean out driftwood gathering at the highway culvert (this would be the responsibility of the highway

department). Chairman Gary Bateman commended the Ministry for their prompt and concise reply and said these suggestions should be acted upon immediately.

Bob Leslie suggested they start looking to Camp Brebeuf as the source of the creek and a possible problem could be averted. Brown agreed a second culvert would help matters.

The Trustees decided to act on the Ministry's suggestions commencing with the examination of the creek's source at Camp Brebeuf.

Halton 4-H news

ACTON 4-H CALF CLUB

The Acton 4-H Calf Club met on August 14 at the farm of Jim Brown and family of R.R. 5, Milton.

Carol Somerville led the members in the recitation of the 4-H Pledge. Twenty-nine members answered the roll call with the name of the sire of their 4-H calf. Several upcoming 4-H events were announced and the members were urged to support these activities. Carol Somerville introduced the host family, Marcel Delorme, John Popp and Carol Somerville gave a showmanship demonstration. All members practiced showing dairy calves using the 4-H project calves of Joana Harris, Brenda Brown, Judy Brown, David Brown, Larry Lactin and Karen Brown.

Trimming, grooming John Popp gave a clipping and hoof trimming demonstration. Tom Parker discussed beef showmanship and grooming. Following a delicious lunch, Tom Parker thanked the

Brown family for hosting the meeting and Mr. Popp for his assistance.

This concludes the regular meetings of the Acton 4-H Calf Club for 1974. The Acton 4-H Calf Club Achievement Day will be held September 21 at Acton Fall Fair.

HALTON 4-H ALL BREEDS DAIRY CALF CLUB

by Marilyn McNabb The fourth meeting of the Halton 4-H All Breeds Dairy Calf Club was held at the farm of Featherstone Bros. on August 6.

We opened the meeting with the 4-H Pledge. Jim Livock demonstrated how to clip a calf. We then split into pairs and caught and clipped a calf on our own with the advice of the leaders.

The meeting continued in the house where we discussed the demonstration for quiz night and set a committee for the fair exhibit. Mrs. Livock served lunch and the meeting was adjourned.

Bowlers

Anyone wishing to bowl in Rockwood area or surrounding, is asked to contact Ivy Ritchie 856-9641 or Elmer Allan 856-9680 or Tony Stokman 824-3964. Bowling starts Sept. 10!

60 on tour

By Henry J. Stanley

Plots of corn, soybeans, alfalfa, white beans, faba beans and sunflowers were inspected at the site of the International Flowing Match on Monday morning, August 12. The event was the Sunrise Tour sponsored by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association. Also invited were members from Peel.

Paul Fish and Eric Saunter of the Soils and Crops Branch were in charge of this tour some 60 in attendance. These plots are across the Ninth Line of Halton Hills, adjacent to headquarters building of Tented City. Several thousand visitors are expected to visit these plots during the Flowing Match, Sept. 24 to 28.

The next stop was at Modern Ova Trends Ltd., Norval, where fertilized eggs are taken from a valuable donor cow and implanted in grade animals. These recipient animals then serve as an incubator for an offspring of a more valuable individual. This technique gives an outstanding individual the possibility of producing more calves in her lifetime than ordinarily possible. To date, most work has been done with the exotic beef breeds - Chianini, Simmental, Limousin, etc., but this procedure can also work quite well for dairy cattle.

Grimsby

The Niagara Escarpment Commission officially opened a branch office Aug. 28, in Grimsby.

The Hon. Robert Welch, Attorney General for the Province of Ontario, cut the ribbon to open office for a branch office at 186 Main Street. The Commission's main office is located in Georgetown.

Free Press Rockwood and District

Sewage removal system debated

At the August 27 meeting of the Rockwood trustees an alternate system of sewage removal was discussed with Don MacRae and Don Sanderson, engineers from Everpure Water Treatment. The problem of the six houses on low-lying land at George Street was described. Conventional septic tank-weeping bed systems and regular sewers cannot be used in this area.

MacRae illustrated his company's system of water purification for use in areas where the water table is high. The George St. area suffers from frequent flooding, the ground has little permeability, and is technically not feasible for servicing with the planned system, chairman Gary Bateman said.

The MacRae-Sanderson system treats the overflow from the septic tank with chlorine by means of pumps, filters, and ordinary household bleach. The effluent is recycled several times and the resulting water may be

used for flushing toilets. MacRae explained two-thirds of all household water is used in toilets. If this water can be purified and re-used, the existing septic tank and weeping bed can handle the remaining effluent quite comfortably.

To queries about the quality of the re-cycled water, MacRae replied the water was unfit for drinking but perfectly safe by all current standards for use in the toilet tank. Sanderson was most enthusiastic about the system first introduced on his farm and operating efficiently.

Secretary Len Hockey and chairman Bateman enquired about the heavily-chlorinated water damaging wild life and fish. MacRae replied the Ministry of the Environment and the University would have to be consulted about this but did not anticipate any problems. He said the only time any overflow might induce the escape of chlorinated water was at flooding time in the spring and this was not spawning time for the fish.

Allan Osborne, a civil engineer, questioned the servicing of such a system and was told maintenance was minimal but each homeowner should be familiar with the operation. Chlorine had to be added once a week and back flushing of the filters done once a month. The continuous pumps need little servicing, MacRae explained.

The advisability of individual packages or a group package for all houses under question was discussed. It was agreed to wait until the engineers could view the lay of the land.

MacRae told the trustees the initial cost of this system was \$2200-2400 per homeowner and the maintenance costs were \$1-2 per week for javex. If a septic tank is already on the property, the expenditure could be reduced by about \$500, he said.

Bateman asked the trustees how much it was going to cost for each homeowner to be serviced by the sewage system presently under construction.

"About \$7000 per household," Hockey told him. "Makes you think, doesn't it?" pondered Bateman.

A meeting was scheduled for the engineers to appraise the land and area under discussion.

Defend pole

Rockwood resident, Allan Eastwood, complained about a hydro pole on his property servicing the Lions Club, in a letter to the Rockwood Trustees. Eastwood showed the pole to secretary Len Hockey who described it as being in the far north-west corner and not interfering with lawn, driveway, or view.

Trustee, Bert Smith said "They bought the property with the pole on it, didn't they?" Bob Leslie agreed the pole had been there three years and was heavily anchored in concrete. The Lions had replaced the pole themselves, he said. Trustees decided it would cost about \$200 to move the pole and seemed unnecessary at this time.

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Raise water heater rent

Rockwood Trustees decided to raise water heater rentals at the August 27 meeting. Secretary Len Hockey advised the group the town was running in the red to the tune of \$175 in the last 18 months because of service calls. Presently the town services all rented tanks free of charge.

Hockey explained Guelph charged \$2.50 rental for each size of tank. Trustee Bob

Leslie felt a different rate for each size was advisable "otherwise everyone would go to the 60 gal. size and that would make a hole in the capital expenditure." It was agreed the homeowner should be responsible for maintenance costs above those parts guaranteed for one year by the manufacturer. "We don't want to ask ratepayers who don't rent tanks to subsidize those who do," said Leslie.

A motion was carried and the rental for 40 gal. tanks will be raised from \$1.75 a month to \$2 a month, as of Oct. 1. Rental for the 60 gal.

tanks will remain \$2.50. As of Oct. 1, leasees will be responsible for tank maintenance above the warranty.

Request water

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peterson of Rockwood appeared at the August 27 trustees' meeting to ask for consideration in the water servicing plan. The Petersons live off Mill Street, a tiny right-of-way road opposite George Street and had been included in the original plan for town water. However a revised plan showed them unserved.

Peterson explained their water was very dirty and undrinkable. The Health Inspector had said they would never get rid of the bacterial problem in such low land.

Trustee Bert Smith asked if Mill Street was a serviced town road. When the reply was yes, he retorted, "All streets should have water mains down them." Bob Leslie replied all streets did not have mains planned for them.

The Petersons said they were about a hundred yards from Main Street but less than a hundred feet from the water main going down Old Quarry road and ending at Weymans.

Peterson told the trustees he was desperate to get water.

It was decided the town planner would be asked for an extension to service the Petersons' residence and the matter would be looked into.

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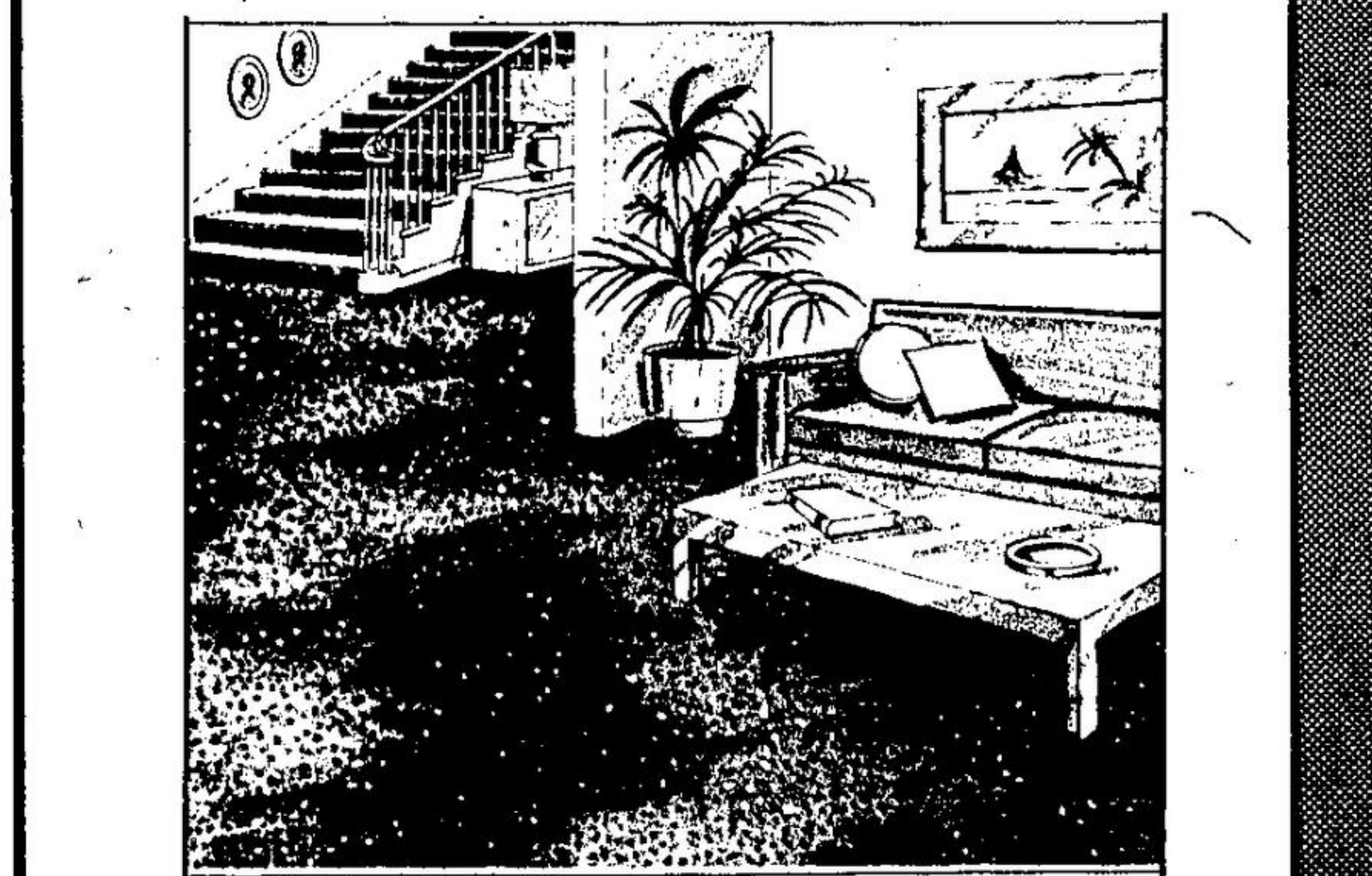
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