

Centennial enrollment higher than last year

Schools in Wellington county were off to early operation Tuesday with children starting back after their two month summer holidays promptly at 9 a.m.

Grant McRae, principal of Rockwood Centennial public school, reports an excellent teaching staff again this year, with only few changes. He said there is a larger enrollment of students with a total of 508 as opposed to 535 last year. "Some of the increased numbers are from annexation of Eden Mills last year," he explained. He added that a few students had also come in from the Erin-Eramosa town line, intermediate grade seven and eight students whose school had been closed down and they had the option of attending either the Erin District High for grades seven to 13 students, or Rockwood Centennial.

is one of the teachers who left to take up residence and will teach at Fenelon Falls; Mrs. Rita McPhedran has been a stand-by at the Rockwood school for some time and will be much missed on the local staff; Miss Nancy Foster, Mrs. Diana Green and John Rowe are three later members who have moved along.

New teachers on staff include one kindergarten teacher, Mrs. M. Nichol, a grade two and three teacher Mrs. J. Palmer, J. Jackson a grade five teacher, Miss P. Nelson with grade six; Mrs. J. Somerville will teach grade seven, and Mrs. I. Vander Malden grade seven and Mrs. L. McRae, the librarian. The principal said that two new classes have been added, one a primary and the other a grade eight.

with the regular program of teaching.

As well as new teachers, the regular staff shows Mrs. M. Muysen teaching special education and remedial; Mrs. S. Meadows and Mrs. M. Watson teaching grade one, Mrs. M. Tubman grade two, Mrs. B. Coulson grade three, Mrs. A. Nichol four, Mrs. G. Tremaine three and four, Mrs. M. Raeside four and five, Mrs. D. Young five and six, Bob Love, seven; Miss Missa K. Wilhelm seven, John Root, Mrs. R. Storey and Mrs. E. Post, grade eight, Grant McRae, principal, and Mrs. R. Hoy itinerant music teacher. School secretary is Mrs. M. Dyer and maintenance is the job of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gordon.



Mr. and Mrs. Ray Law of Jackson St. announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Linda to Henry Kulp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hendrick Kulp of Dunbarton St., Guelph. The couple will be married Nov. 16, at the Rockwood United Church in a 4 p.m. afternoon ceremony.

By-laws passed by township council

Monday's meeting of Eramosa township council was completed in short order without delegations and with little business on the agenda. Reeve Warren Parkinson presided and members present included deputy-reeve

Duncan McPhedran, councillors Adsett and Milne, and clerk Lloyd Hindley. Councilor Clark was absent. Correspondence was read and several by-laws established. The following motions were made:

Rockwood trustee briefs

A rental water heater giving unsatisfactory service to a Rockwood resident was given consideration at the Aug. 27 meeting of village council. Gary Ritchie of Main St. was present at the meeting. The secretary reported that

no recent complaint had been received and three service calls had been made to service the unit. It was decided to replace the heater in question with a used unit from stock.

The secretary also reported a two-man team from the Johnstone Meter Co. in Toronto was working on meter changing for Rockwood Hydro. He explained the meters have to go to Toronto to be re-verified and that a proportion of the 90 to be done are overdue.

Trustee Bert Smith argued out of the team. He felt \$13.50 an hour was expensive and asked if it was necessary. The secretary said that Murray McLaren, the man who usually handled such matters, was too busy to change village meters. "The team whips around fast doing 15 meters in three hours," he explained.

It was agreed the team operation was a quick and expeditious way of getting meters changed.

THAT Eramosa township council hereby request the township collector to represent township at the Ontario Municipal Board hearing on Sept. 12;

THAT by-laws be established to authorize construction of a medical centre in the village of Rockwood in the township of Eramosa to be read a first and second time subject to approval of Ontario Municipal Board;

TO establish, lay out, and dedicate a public highway as part of Queen St. in the police village of Rockwood in the township of Eramosa, to be given the necessary readings, passed and numbered 22, 1974;

TO authorize imposing special annual drainage rates upon land in respect of which money is borrowed under the Tile Drainage Act, 1971, and be given necessary readings, passed and numbered 23, 1974;

THAT application for a loan by Donald Rowan in the amount of \$8,100 to drain the west half of lot 27, con. seven, is hereby approved;

THAT accounts amounting to \$14,688.62 (general accounts \$8,536.98, road accounts \$6,151.64) be passed for payment.

The meeting was adjourned to meet on Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m. or at call of the Reeve.

Was not complaint

A report last week that Rockwood Trustees received a letter of complaint from Allan Eastwood concerning a hydro pole on his property servicing the Rockwood Lime Company was in error.

Secretary Len Hockey brought up the subject in council as a matter of local interest but Mr. Eastwood wishes it known his verbal discussion about the pole was not in nature of complaint.

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News and views

by Lorraine

Well, here it is September again. For most of us it's "hang up the bathing suit time" and get back to the regular routine of daily life which incorporates many phases of life styles.

For moms it's everything from packing the kids off to school again and jumping into fall house-cleaning to side plans for seasonal social events. For dads it's time to batten the hatch on fishing excursions and maybe speculate on some fall hunting bouts.

Me, I'm just back from two weeks at the cottage and it's been positively great. Holidays are family times and, for us, we had everything from sunbathing and quick dips to far-into-the-evening sessions of games and reading. Chess was the big one at our place this summer and I even managed to learn how to manipulate the little plastic figures around the brown and white checkered board. With great difficulty I was able to match wits with my nine-year-old masculine offspring.

Contemplation
Holidays for me were also for speculation and thought. Contemplation is good for the soul and somehow I found time to examine my attitudes and do some soul searching of my own. Maybe retreat would be the description for this year's time off, and I utilized my mental processes, to

come up with new resolutions, rather like the beginning of a new year.

"Know thyself" was the sort of mental outcome and it was interesting for me to find that, just getting away from the daily routine of regular home life, provided the required environment for such self-speculation.

So, I'm home now. Lots of exercise, daily swimming for the first week when the weather was really terrific, with some time allowed for creative attempts, were part of the tightly-packed two-week vacation. Like all holidays I'm sorry it's over but now that it is, I'm glad to be back.

I arrived home to hear oodles of complaints from those who didn't know I was leaving and had news stories they'd hoped would be covered; I've had welcoming grins from neighbors who actually missed us being away. I'm taking up this space to re-invite everyone in the Rockwood and Eramosa district to contact this "so-called" reporter on all items of interest in their area. It's tremendous being back with friends again but the best way of keeping everyone informed on what's happening in any community is to phone in the news as soon as it happens. In this way, with our new fresh fall start, we can keep up a lively line of communication to the interest of all our local readers.



WITH A BACKGROUND of two large rocks the formal flower bed at the Rockwood Centennial school is one which attracts local applause. Outdoor maintenance workers with the Wellington County Board of Education plant the beds at the first of the year, making selections which keep continuous bloom throughout the summer season. They make their rounds to all the schools in the county and the Rockwood garden is one of a large number which receive continuous care and thrive on it.

Hillsburgh — a model

A village of 900 people is teaching a lesson in community spirit and co-operation to areas many its size.

Hillsburgh is in the throes of preparation for the September 6, 7 and 8 Potato Fest. This is not just another advertising stunt to put their village on the map. It's a concerted effort that resulted in a medical centre being built and paid for by the efforts of the townsfolk when they could not attract a doctor to the town.

They built the \$50,000 medical centre through the efforts of the medical centre committee and the Potato managed to get a doctor. Not content with that considerable success, they then raised another \$10,000 to equip a dentist office and now have a dentist.

The little village also built its own arena, put artificial ice in, and erected floodlights in the park. They are now in the process of enlarging the community hall—all from their own efforts—not taxpayers' dollars.

The Potato Fest was launched last year, and it looks like it will be an annual event, since they attracted 15,000 people in the first attempt.

The whole community pitches in with hockey clubs, service clubs, women's institute, Horticultural Society, curling club, figure skating club, and every other group, putting aside individual goals to work for the one combined target.

A grand parade, with 50 entries to date, including the Georgetown Majorettes, Acton Citizens' Band, five ventriloquist, a Barber's shop chorus, and Ontario Highlanders playing the pipes.

Saturday night Jeff Barry and his band, well-known in the area, will play for another big dance.

Not only will visitors help a community so able and willing to help themselves, but will have a chance to win a trip to Florida.

Wellington County Warden Lloyd Lang, a native of Hillsburgh, said at a press conference last week there was no place to match Hillsburgh for community spirit. This is one time a favorite son politician was not bragging—it's true.

Friday night the Potato

Fest Queen and princess will be crowned in the arena, prior to a huge dance for teenagers featuring "Pure Dynamite", rock group.

Hillsburgh doesn't wait for the weather to have snowmobile races—they have "grass drags" run under all the accepted O.S.R.F. rules.

Fashion shows, entertainment, hand concerts, a beef barbecue, rides, games and food booths turn the area into a miniature CNE.

Tours of surrounding farms on a farm wagon will be made during the three day fun fest.



EH TORO! The grandeur of the bullring was imagined on the Prospect Park beach last week by Jeff and Trevor De Bruyn. The fancy towelwork kept Trevor off guard.

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