

Croatia Club hosted Sunday

Soccer was a highlight last Sunday when two teams from the Toronto Croatia soccer club played a return match at the Centennial school grounds.

Many parents and interested spectators watched the matches which ran from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sandy Hudson, the Mosquito coach, saw his team fall to defeat to a 5-0 score. Gregory Manse, the coach of Rockwood Pee-wees, saw his team come through with a 1 to zero victory.

After the games teams and other guests were hosted at

the Colonial hotel for lunch by coach Manse and, according to the boys attending, "it was really super!"

There are three Rockwood teams in the Acton minor soccer this year. The Mosquitos is for boys 11 to 12, Pee-wees for those from 13 to 14 and, for the younger Atom boys ranging from 9 to 10, Dan Yarmey is their coach. Last summer the Rockwood boys were invited to play in Toronto with the Croatia club. Games were held at the C.N.E. grounds in July with game results showing a draw score.



MEMBERS OF THE CROATIA soccer club in Toronto played a re-match with Rockwood teams on Sunday. Seen shaking hands with their worthy opponents who took the game handily, are members of the Mosquito team coached by Sandy Hudson.

News and views

by Lorraine

Handwriting is now set and Rockwood residents know for sure that growth in the village is inevitable. Tenders have been advertised and soon construction will begin for sewer and water installations.

With the new system will, and already have, come developers wanting their tidy plans for subdivisions ready for acceptance. With the growth in housing and population, will follow the change in pace from a sleepy, friendly little community to one more progressive which will bring in changes in aesthetics.

Developers claim the added homes will take the burden of system costs off the community financially by added tax revenues. This in fact has never proved itself to be true. Costs for additional schooling, garbage pickup, street lighting and road maintenance, together with other etceteras, will all present additional costs to the project which the present ratepayers will be asked to absorb.

Valley Road Most town fathers favor subdivisions entering their area. They can often be seen as means of personal gain. Rockwood residents have witnessed other agreements where the village came out on the wrong side of the stick.

Valley Rd. which was sold for a pittance with the understanding that it would be restored and, in fact improved by the purchaser as a scenic roadway, was one misadventure that went awry. Instead of restoration it has turned out the opposite, as anyone walking through the area would have to testify.

It is important for Rockwood that those in charge of village dealings be aware. They must weigh carefully gains and losses to come with development progress. If the village is to grow, township and village fathers must, somehow, hold to retainance of parkland which includes room to move and play as well as land areas in which to merely "be".

Course for bus drivers

The Transportation Safety Association of Ontario is sponsoring a defensive driving program during October and November. School bus drivers with the Wellington County Board of Education are asked to attend.

The program, which includes two four-hour sessions with drivers covering topics such as accident prevention, adverse driving conditions, student discipline and daily vehicle, will be held in four county schools.

A student bus patrol program is also sponsored by the board. According to Robert Kidd, transport officer for the board, the September 12 session at Willow school which will involve the Emergency Measures Organization, the Guelph fire department and provincial police.

Students will be taught the fundamentals of first aid, extinguishing a fire and will be shown how to eliminate accidents while on the buses.

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Last week's meeting of the Eramosa recreation committee indicated that at least one township committee is on its toes. They re-examined the need for additional parklands in an area slated for growth.

Overloaded In Rockwood at the present time, recreational park facilities are overloaded. With only 100 new homes moving into the village we are talking an extra 33 per cent population. This leaves our recreation areas as they stand, totally inadequate. If more than 100 homes are planned for the village and they are, then ever greater recreation land areas must be considered for Rockwood. The powers that be must examine the picture before approving such development plans. They must consider the potential people influx and their recreation needs.

Hopefully the township planning board are already making such provision. As they zone certain areas in Rockwood they must look at the village with a trained planner's eye. They must be aware that outdoor recreation is not all one thing. It is a combination of areas for games and activity but it is also the enjoyment exercised when sitting in a pretty corner on a main street of any community.

Must save Central beauty spots in Rockwood must be saved and the planning board should ward off suggestions for ugly construction which could mar the special aesthetics of the village which is one of the drawing cards attracting newcomers to the village in the first place.

Village planners should be considering purchase of local scenic areas and park sites with an eye to preservation so that in 50, 100 or even 250 years from now, future generations of Rockwood residents will be able to look in the register and recognize the wisdom of those in charge of their town away back in the year 1974 when Rockwood was still only a village, and not a prouid.

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Registration for Thursday

Executive members of the group committee for cubs, scouts, guides and brownies met recently at the home of Audrey Bilton for the purpose of organizing and discussing leadership for the coming season.

Julie Brace heads up this year's executive with Lynda

Duncan, vice-president, Ena Petty, secretary, June Jansen as treasurer and Audrey Bilton, press reporter.

Leaders for the groups include Helen Hill, Julie Thatcher and Lorraine Moss for brownies; Vic Johnson will head up the cubs for another year assisted by Dan

Yarmey, Brian Hodge and Gord Bilton; guides will have Ute Lewis and Sue Meadows; scout leader will be Claire McDougall and Doug McGregor. All hours have been established as running from 7 to 8.30 p.m. with Monday night for cubs, Tuesdays for guides and brownies. Scouts will have Thursdays as their meeting nights.

Summer program well received

Action in Rockwood closed up shop August 30 after five weeks of recreation, fun and learning for over 70 district children ranging in age from five to 14 years. This week of September sees leaders of the group with three already back at Guelph high schools and three others attending places of higher education.

Pat Ellis will be completing nursing training at Chedoke General Hospital in Hamilton. Helen Craigie will be taking first-year phys. ed. at Waterloo University, and Pat Weir is set for college in Kingston for a course as a veterinary assistant. Leaders Cindy Stanston, Lynn Gray, Trudy Smith and Sandy Root are Guelph students.

Summary Summary of this year's effort was that it was a highly successful program. Mothers whose children attended were enthusiastic and felt it was five-week constructive adventure for many of the youngsters.

Besides crafts and games, the children were entertained by the Pumpnickel theatrical group in Guelph, they visited Doon on a field

trip, took swimming time at the Centennial pool in Guelph, entertained the Erin playground with a play day, and rounded up activities with an overnight camp-out at the farm of one of the leaders. Helen Craigie was the host at the Circle S ranch where cook-outs, sing-songs, and fun was the final session of the enthusiastic groups.

The program was one supported by the L.I.P. grant. Last year's similar summer school program was one sponsored by Youth in Action grant. Both were under supervision of Betty Lou Clark of the Eramosa Recreation Committee with Pat Ellis the organizer and leader supervisor.

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Comin's and Goin's

Sincere sympathy is extended to Catherine Meredith, her family and sisters whose father and grandfather Lorne Linfoot of Harris St. died recently. The Linfoots are being missed from their Rockwood home and villagers have lost two good friends very quickly.

Village friends of Colena Nickell of Jackson St. are concerned at her recent hospitalization at Guelph General Hospital. They extend best wishes for a speedy recovery.

There's an all-out call for members for one more team of bowlers required to round up the Rockwood and district league. Need some exercise? Want some fun on a Tuesday evening? Call secretary Ivy Ritchie of Eden Mills and she'll put your name on the list pronto and welcome you to the club.

Hey ho all Anglicans in the district. Sunday services in Guelph district Anglican churches are being amalgamated for church goes to attend an outdoor service and picnic to be held at Riverside Park in Guelph at 11.15 a.m. with coffee and refreshments to be supplied at the grounds. "Everybody's welcome." Is the word of Rev. Ritchie McMurray and hopefully Rockwood St. John's members will be attending.

Two weeks of visiting relatives and friends was the holiday agenda of Lois and Arnold Maw of Hubbards, N.S., who stayed with Georgina Kelso during August. The couple had a great time and numerous friends in the village dropped in to say "hi" while they were around.

More company for Georgina Kelso and this week her brother Roy Laverty and his wife are visiting for a few days from Sarnia. The former

Rockwoodite is enjoying visiting places of interest in and around the village and, on returning to his sister's home plays the "remember when" game. Welcome home to the one-time Rockwood folks and we hope you enjoy your visit in your old stomping grounds.

Brand new tea towels were the most recent presentation to the Eden Mills community

centre. Last week after a club meeting members were delighted when Brownies from the local pack presented a number of towels with small elves embroidered on the corners. President of the club gave a word of thanks for the gift on behalf of members of the community club.

After years of not entering,

Eden Mills midgets entered and won the tri-county softball championship this year. Neighbors, friends and community members take hats-off to Don Leggett who coached the team and they are happy for and with him on his recent accomplishment. They are also proud of their team members.

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