Greenis family receive tribute

A tribute was paid to a former village couple last Wednesday night when members and past members of the Rockwood and District Lions Club and their wives enjoyed a dinner at the Centennial public school.

The occasion was a farewell supper for one of the instigators of the local club, Jim Greenis and his wife Donna, former president of the Lionettes Club in Rockwood.

Sixty-four people were in attendance. At completion of the dinner the club's first president, Harry Bonner gave a few words of praise to Lion Greenis for his tremendous contribution in organizing and keeping the club moving while a resident of the village. Mr. Bonner said that it was Jim's forsight which had brought the club into a reality and that it was through much of his effort that the tremendous project of the community centtre was launched.

Presentation

President Jim Milne spoke briefly. On behalf of the Lions, the couple were presented with an oil painting of the village mill. The past club treasurer, Mr. Greenis said he and his family were sorry to leave the community in which they had lived for the past four years. He said he was now establishing himself in Shelburne where he has moved into the men's clothing business and for a while at least, will not be able to get into community organizations in his new town.

Mr. Greenis was the former bank manager at the Royal Bank in Rockwood. His wife Donna was an exceedingly active member of the Lionettes and their two children were students at the centennial school and belonged to the Jr. Auxiliary at St. John's Anglican church. During their stay in the village the Greenis family had made many friends as well as contributing much to the organizations in which they were important cogs.

The Lions Club president summed up the feeling of the evening when he told those present at the Wednesday dinner that the couple will be very much missed in the community. After the presentation tables were cleared and Lions Club members conducted their regular bi-weekly meeting.

FORMER PRESIDENTS of the Rockwood and District Lions and Lionettes, Harry Bonner and Leona Kingsbury made a special presentation last Wednesday night. They are seen with Jim and Donna Greenis, past members of the two clubs, who recently moved to Shelburne. The couple were invited back to the village to receive a gift as a memento of their important efforts towards the clubs' inceptions.

Centennial School

By Trudy Clifford

On Friday, Jan. 10 we had options with a choice of gymnastics and rhythmics, glee club arts and crafts, photography, audio visual, drama and instrumental music.

Big news in the week is that the school's second edition of the Monthly Mouth is out. We've made $10.50 in sales so far. More news is that there are two student teachers in the school for the next few weeks. Mrs. Ott and Mrs. Westgarth.

In sports, basketball practices for the boys team have begun. Players are preparing for a tournament in late February. Grades four, five and six have started playing volleyball and teams have been set up.

John Benham will chair 1975 Eramosa planning board

The inaugural meeting of the 1975 Eramosa planning board was held Jan. 16 at the township council chambers. Elections were held with results showing John Benham chairman, John Turner as vice-chairman and George Day, secretary. Other members present were Bill Garner, Ted Cargo, Richard Strong, Allan Osborne and reeve Bill Adsett.

During business the board discussed two applications for re-zoning and one presentation for a subdivision proposal. All applicants were advised that a period of eight to nine months would be required to process amendments to the official plan and zoning by-law. They were informed that no decision could be made until the process had been completed.

Trustee's letter

A letter was read as received from the Rockwood trustees. They had requested consideration of application of the Aquatrible sewage system in the village. Secretary George Day was requested to send a letter to the trustees advising that it is not within the jurisdiction of the planning board to judge the merits of any particular system. The trustees also requested consideration for building on single lots if the system was installed. After discussion the township planning board agreed to recommend to township council that no change be made in the present minimum square footage lot size which is two lots of 66 by 132 square feet for residential building.

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Cost of the review is estimated at about $5,100 to the township. It will be subsidized by the provincial government to the amount of $2,500. The township planning board felt that the zoning by-law should be updated as it was first written up in 1968.

Accident

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Pot holes cause damage

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Eramosa girl is two-time winner

The Guelph 4-H Award Night was held at Harris Hill Church on Tuesday, January 14. Over 120 people attended the banquet and saw 30 4-Hers receive awards.

Clubs receiving awards were the Guelph Calf Club, led by Rob Hodgson, Tom Reinhart and Gary Houghton, the South Wellington Field Crop Club led by Larry Dickieson and John Gordon, and the South Wellington Horse Club led by Mr. and Mrs. Tim Dunlop. The sponsoring organization, the Guelph Federation of Agriculture and the Erin Agriculture Society were thanked by everyone in attendance.

Dr. Robert Curtis from the University of Guelph was the guest speaker. He congratulated the 4-H members on their work and showed a most interesting set of slides on his recent stay in New Zealand.

Horse club awards

The following horse club trophies were presented to members to the South Wellington 4-H Horse Club, Maple Leaf Mills trophy by Leon McQuade to Susan Ormesher, top English overall competitor; United Co-operatives to Joyce Bruder by Doug Allen as top overall competitor and the McNamara Carpets trophy to Jodi Veldman as the top western competitor. Tim and Sue Dunlop presented a trophy for the most improved horse club member to Betty Sharpe.

The following Breed Association awards were presented. Holstein prize to first year members were given to Hugh Husband, Janella Moyer, Robin Clegg-horn and Dale Frank. Ayrshire gifts to Gary Hussey, Daniel Hussey, Jason Shortreed and Sandra Doughty. Charolais Crest and one year subscription to the Banner was given to Terry Langdon. Hereford crests and a two year subscription to the Digest was presented to Terry Lamont, Brian Lamont, and Susan Doughty. Award of merit certificates were distributed to members attaining 75 percent completion, six clubs, Terry Lamont and Bruce Duck, twelve clubs, Mary Reinhart and Dan Mitchell. Rob Mitchell received an 18 seal certificate.

The E. A. Hales Memorial Trophy was presented by Alf Hales to the exhibitor of the top 4-H steer at the Aberfoyle Fair. The winner was Ken Jackson. Iris Lambert won the Royal Bank silver tray presented by V. Burgess to the top homemaking club member in Guelph township. Sally Parkinson, for the second year in a row, won the Chamber of Commerce award presented by John Tremlett to the top Guelph Calf Club member. It was a very successful Awards Night for the community and the 4-H members.

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Blood donors needed C.W.L. ladies learn

Fourteen members attended the Rockwood and Oustic Catholic Women's League (CWL) January meeting. It was held at the home of Mrs. Nellie Stokman on Wed., Jan. 8, with president, Marjorie Saunders in the chair.

The president thanked the members for their assistance at the Christmas party; she also reported that all Right of Life Christmas cards had been sold. It was decided a donation of $2 will be sent to the National Scholarship fund for the Sacred Heart program.

Bus trip

The Feb. 25 dance was discussed. Four ladies were appointed to handle tickets including: Mrs. Bernice Bacon and Mrs. Aksamit, both of Rockwood, Mrs. Irene Hawkins and Mrs. Nellie Stokman of Oustic. The committee reported that tickets were now available with the Rockwood town hall rented in advance. A bus trip was planned for Jan. 26. The ladies will visit the O'Keefe centre in Toronto where Hal Holbrook is being featured as Mark Twain.

Blood donating and the great need of donors at this time of year came under consideration. Members were urged to attend a blood donor clinic in Guelph. It was also decided to purchase a new stove for the parish house, and to send a cheque for the care of the group's foster child in Guatemala and a donation of $25 to the John Bosco home for boys.

World prayer

The C.W.L. will host the district World Day of Prayer program this year on the first Friday of May. It will be held at the Sacred Heart Church in Rockwood. Father Olinski was also present at the meeting. He thanked those present for their assistance during the Christmas and for their generous donations. It was decided that the next meeting will be held at the home of the president. The meeting was adjourned with the introduction to the guest speaker of the evening, Ron Griffen.

Mr. Griffen spoke about the John Bosco homes for teenage boys. The young men range in age from 12 to 16. "Up to 18 if they're still attending school," he said. The speaker said there are many boys in training schools today who do not belong there. He pointed out that the homes are to assist wherever possible and explained that the boys are usually homeless and unloved, coming from families where relationships are hostile.

He talked about life at the homes. He said the boys have chores and are responsible for cleaning their own bedrooms. He said they have homework periods and a 9.30 p.m. curfew on school nights. According to Mr. Griffen the staff lives in and relies completely on donations for their operation. "They are a non-profit organization," he explained.

The speaker was thanked by Mrs. Marg Sennhauser for an enlightening and interesting talk. She presented him with the C.W.L. cheque.

GRCA sponsors walk

A Moonlit Walk at the Laurel Creek conservation area is the next excursion on the Winter Experience '75 agenda of the Grand River Conservation Authority. It promises to be one of fun and interest with admission and refreshments free of charge to all who attend.

Slated for Jan. 25 organizers promise a GRCA slide talk, and the Audubon film Wildlife Island as a featured part of the evening's program. This will be followed by the moonlight trek of the area.

If there is snow, snowshoes will be provided for those interested in that particular form of travel. Refreshments around a bonfire at the end of the hike will culminate the adventure. This is the second program sponsored under Experience '75. The first was an outdoor hike held at the Rockwood conservation park. It was held Saturday, Jan. 11 and called for snowshoeing. Lack of snow however, determined that it was an outdoor hike-on-foot around the historic areas of the district.

Altogether seven events have been planned by the GRCA in which they hope to involve outdoor enthusiasts in many recreational activities.

ONE MONTH LATE, Rockwood Centennial school children are tucked in their beds for a long winter's nap in the Christmas concert enactment of 'Twas The Night Before Christmas by room 9, grade six children. Tucked in are Sylvia Schelkle, Sherri Brace, Monty Noble and Mike Strong.

Sidewalk snow

New people on the job of snowplowing Highway 7 through the village of Rockwood was the reason given by the Department of Transportation and Communications for large mounds of snow being piled on village streets during excessive snowclearing periods.

Complaints of snow being pushed onto village sidewalks were discussed by Rockwood trustees at their Jan. 6 meeting. Secretary Len Hockey was instructed to contact the Department. He was informed there were new operators on the job in the area and the procedure would be checked.

Car and truck collision

A car and truck accident occurred on Jan. 18 at the Wellington County Rd. 29 at Sideroad 20 of Eramosa township resulting in $2,400 damage.

A van, driven by Stephen Smith of R.R.3, Rockwood was travelling east on the county road when it came into collision with a car driven by Francis Stokman of R.R.5, Rockwood. The Stokman vehicle was moving north on Sideroad 20. Passengers in the Stokman car, Francis and Peter, received minor cuts and bruises.

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