



BELL-RINGING TIME and the grades one to four students of Rockwood Centennial are seen back to the ole grind at their favorite school when the "skating over" bell rings loud enough

to be heard at the local rink. Students are divided into two groups for the daily noon-hour sessions. Monday's rink time was for the younger students.

Ball-park rink scene of activity

Noon-hour skating at Rockwood rink for Centennial school students is qualified as a privilege and not a right for the many children who like to hurry through their lunch hour and take advantage of the local surface for winter-time outdoor activity.

By 12 p.m. noon visitors walking past the village park must always during winter weeks, see large groups of skaters of varied abilities and sizes enjoying the noon-hour pastime. On careful scrutiny it will be noted that ages of those participating divided

between junior and senior grade children, with both groups skating on different days.

Students have been told by school authorities that the privilege of using the nearby facility can be retracted if they do not conduct themselves in a responsible manner. No hockey or tag are permitted during the lunch-time sessions and pupils leaving the schoolground to go to the rink are warned they must go to the rink and no place else. Students without

skates are not allowed to go to the rink.

Instruction

Back at the school the skaters receive further lessons on the privileges of ice-play. They must place their skates in the coat and boot racks or lockers, and skates must be put on at school exits only or at the rink. Blades on buses are also part of the consideration and students are told that in no case may skates be permitted on the bus without the blades being adequately covered.

Enthusiasm of the rosy-cheeked athletes keeps them showing great progress as they steam around the rink at mixed degrees of speed. Very small youngsters handle themselves well as the winter weeks pass and older ones become more adept. Lloyd Dyer of the Eramosa recreation committee works with old man winter to provide the rink. Centennial school children are fortunate that the two gentlemen cooperate well enough to provide the nearby activity and fun.

Provincial festival draws Eramosa talent

This year's Junior Farmer Talent Festival promises to provide a full day's entertainment for approximately 2,000 people expected to attend. A record number of over 200 entries have been made for this program which will be held Feb. 1 at the Royal York hotel in Toronto. Wellington county will be represented with several Eramosa township competitors participating in the public speaking, singing, square dancing and general talent events.

Betty Law will be taking part in the public speaking competition. Laurie Cargo, Alice Fair, Brenda Trask and

Betty Foote will participate in the folk singing festival. The Wellington county choir, under the direction of Alice Fair will be participating in the choir festival and Barb Whittaker will be singing in the vocal solo competition. Several other events, including the popular and amusing Talent Hunt, square dancing, arts, crafts, photography and writing displays, will also be of interest. Junior farmers across Ontario will contribute to the displays.

Climax

Climaxing the day's program will be the Show of Stars in which winners of the

events will perform to a capacity audience in the Canadian room. One of the highlights will be a presentation by the massed Junior Farmer choirs under direction of Mrs. Marie Deveaux of Fort Perry. Also during this program, winners of several of this year's Junior Farmer travel programs will be announced. These will include the Australia and New Zealand visit and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food scholarships to the United Kingdom. Frank Gordon of 69 Lyon Ave., Guelph has been nominated by Wellington county for the United Kingdom trip.

Elora sponsors festival

Planned for Saturday, Feb. 15, the village of Elora will host its first annual heritage festival.

Located on Irvine Creek, three miles south-west of Fergus, the Elora region is one of the most scenic areas in southern Ontario, featuring such attractions as the famous Islet Rock and Elora Gorge. Many old and historic mills and buildings add nostalgic appeal to the village making it the ideal location for such a festival.

Emphasis will be placed on historical tours of the Elora and Salem area. The Grand River Conservation Authority is conducting a geological snowshoe hike of the scenic gorge conservation area, located nearby. Free hay rides and a bus service are being offered to transport visitors around the village to the many events.

Displays of home-made arts and crafts, a quilting bee by local Women's Institute groups and snowsculpturing will also be part of the day's activities. Kids are invited to take skates and enjoy the old-fashioned skating party at the Mill Pond, for youngsters of all ages.

Proceeds generated by the festival will be donated to the municipal arena fund. Ten o'clock is the starting for the event and booths and itineraries will be available at Elora, for information on festival day.

Eramosa library board appointed

A full attendance of councillors was present at the Jan. 20 meeting of the Eramosa township council, held at the township council chambers. Road superintendent, Lloyd Hindley were also on hand.

Several matters of business were discussed and the following motions were passed:

That the following residents are appointed to the Eramosa library board for 1975, Mrs. Rita McPhedran, John Gallin, Burton Hill and Barrie Dryden. Deputy-reeve Betty-Lou Clark will stand on the board for the first time.

That the clerk and road superintendent be instructed to advertise for 25,000 cubic yards, more or less, of crushed gravel, to be supplied, crushed and delivered in the township roads, under

direction of the road superintendent, in 1975.

That the clerk is hereby instructed to prepare an amendment to the parking by-law to incorporate no parking signs at the Centennial School in Rockwood on Pannore St.

That the region of Hiltun be requested to erect bus-turning signs adjacent to the Pettifer's property as requested by the principal of the Rockwood Centennial school.

Remunerations

That a by-law to appoint certain officials for the corporation of the township of Eramosa, to fix their remuneration and that of the reeve, deputy-reeve and councillors, be read a third time, passed and numbered 2-1975.

During the meeting Mr. and Mrs. Torrance Guild ap-

proached council regarding settlement on costs of the court action involving the township, R. Noble and themselves. As council had not received any notice from the township solicitor concerning the settlement, it was decided to hold decision in abeyance until further information is available.

Council sat as a committee of a whole, with the reeve presiding. A request for additional wages from some of the employees was discussed. Council reconvened and stated that the wage schedule of Jan. 6 would be adhered to.

Zoning by-law

A recommendation from the Eramosa planning board concerning the second residence on a parcel of land

and an Aquarobic sewage system in the village of Rockwood, were also discussed by council.

A motion was made that the building inspector be directed not to issue a building permit for a second residence on an agricultural lot until the zoning by-law is re-drafted.

A request from the Salvation Army for a grant was also considered. The matter was left in abeyance until the 1975 budget is being set. The request for closing streets in Eden Mills will also be held over until Councillor David Masson obtains further information on behalf of the council.

The clerk advised council he had not received a reply from the Ministry of Housing in respect to individual home-

owners being eligible under the Home Renewal program for loans to finance Aquarobic units.

Council adjourned to meet again Monday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. or at the call of the reeve.

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A Chevrolet van, owned by Richard Appleton, 18, had burst into flames and the local brigade was called to quell the fire.

According to the boy's father, no one had been at home at the time of the in-

cident. He had arrived in time to find the truck in flames with no reasonable explanation to what had occurred.

The brigade put out the fire very quickly. No discovery was made as to cause of the fire. The van was considered a write off. Since last Thursday, the local fire crew have been called out five times in five days. Twice for car fires, two times for homes and once for a severe highway accident.

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Rockwood U.C.W.

Unit two of the Rockwood United church ladies held their Jan. meeting at the home of Pearl Hamilton on Tuesday, Jan. 20. Christmas Cheer notes were read and a report given by Mrs. Jean Brown. She and Mrs. Jessie Dank had organized plans for Christmas Cheer and it had proved highly successful.

Business completed, the program of the meeting was based on citizenship with Helen Bayne convener. Lillian Hill read the parable, the Good Samaritan, from the Bible. Miss Bayne then showed slides of Saudi Arabia and the ladies found them interesting and educational. They were much impressed at how modern the buildings and lay-out of the kingdom was.

Discuss Eden House. Audrey McGillivray read a poem from Ethel Chapman's book From a Roadside Window. It pertained to

nursing homes and their residents. A discussion followed and ladies talked about visiting and when to visit. It coincided with plans made for the U.C.W. visit to the Eden House nursing home in July. The group's responsible for holding the home's birthday party for residents during that month. Another lively discussion was sparked by Mrs. Brown. She led the ladies in the topic of The Value of Keeping old Records and Where to Keep Them. It was a stimulating and provocative subject although no conclusions were agreed upon.

The 50th anniversary of the United Church in Canada came under discussion. Members talked on a possible project. The matter was left pending.

At the conclusion of the meeting a delicious lunch of home-made hot banana loaf was served by the hostess, along with tea and coffee.

Centennial briefs

By Trudy Clifford

Courses, crests and noon-hour skating have been important happenings at the school this past week.

Representatives from Centennial high school in Guelph, College Heights and John F. Ross collegiate have been visiting our school to talk to grade eight students about courses. They are trying to help them decide on what to take.

We are having a competition for school crests for the new team shirts. Also for class shirts. Class 81 is in the lead in inter-mural basketball games so far this year.

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