

Comin's and Goin's

It's a hi to Harry and Bob Bonner who recently spent a few days in Toronto attending the Holstein convention in Toronto for two or three days. Welcome home, folks, understand several others from the district also attended and that it was an interesting event.

Congratulations are very much in order for proud parents Meg and Ted Norris, well known in Rockwood village and proud parents of a new daughter born Feb. 6 at St. Mary's hospital in Kitchener. Weighing in at 8 lbs. 1 oz. the new arrival will be warmly welcomed by her parents and in-laws. Meg's friends in the Rockwood Fellowship group send special wishes and hopes to see her back in action at club meetings.

The lines are down but so far there have been no callers applying at the Rockwood office as adult guards for the crossing at Highway 7 on entry into the village near Harris St. An honorarium will soon be set by the trustees for whoever applies for the twice a day job. Meantime danger of what looks like an official crossing area is prevalent. The trustees have placed an ad this week calling for applicants. Have you the time to make some extra money

which could save some child's life?

Thursday was the great day of unveiling of the word "licensed" on the sign which hangs outside the Colonial Hotel. Permission was received from the Ontario Liquor Control Board by the proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Law.

Exciting news of the day is that the sale of the Milne mill on Main St. has now been finalized and new owners will take possession by March 30. Proprietors will be Joy and Stanley Burr of Mississauga who will operate the historic building as an antique shop specializing in Canadiana. Old Stone Mill Antiques will be the name of the new emporium which, it is expected, will open around May 1. Jimmie Milne will conduct his food store operation at the building at the back of the mill until other quarters have been found. Time marches on and more changes come to Rockwood.

It's a heartiest congratulations to another new district baby. Corrie and Jack Hooghiem of Eden Mills were blessed with the arrival of their first offspring at 7 a.m. Tuesday morning. A spanking new daughter who, on arrival weighed 7 pounds straight. Nice going, mom and dad.

Rockwood meeting of United Church Women

The February meeting of the Rockwood United Church Women was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Ostrander.

During her devotional study, Mrs. Vera Patterson stressed that "a new convert may not understand the language of the message of the Bible at once, thus additional teaching is needed. Today's methods of presenting a lesson can increase his knowledge, especially if both the eye and the ear receive the message."

"An interesting statistic is that we learn by understanding and remembering. We understand 80 percent of what we see and hear, but we only remember 10 percent of what we hear. As for remembering, we also recall 80 percent of what we see and hear, but remember 20 percent of what we hear only. The value of pictures,

films and audio-visual is proven to be no mere trill," she concluded.

Foster child interest was keen as the group heard the latest letter from their foster child. The president, Mrs. Florence Trousdale, suggested one member accept the responsibility for writing a monthly reply.

During the remainder of the study period, the individual members shared their favorite articles from the collected history of the United Church during its 50 years existence.

Most women chose portions with a missionary flavour, ranging from famine relief to northern workers' selfless labour for the poor.

Discussion continued on into the fellowship period, when the hostess served tea to her guests.

Sunshiners out despite weather

Turnout for last Thursday's meeting of the Rockwood Sunshine club surprised even the members as a large number attended despite poor weather conditions. "It was a happy afternoon," says Hobena Peacock, club secretary.

She reports that Victor Smith played the piano and, in the absence of president, Vera Black, who is recuperating from her recent hospitalization. Mrs. Mary Milne chaired the meeting. On invitation from Mrs. Cecil Nelles, Mrs. Gordon Borwick attended to show films and slides of the provinces. Club members enjoyed the interesting half-hour of pictures and commentary.

Euchre and crokinole were once more, order of the day. Bert Davidson, H. McDonald and Mrs. Henry Leachman were delighted winners for euchre; A. K. Thomas and Mrs. Margaret McNabb took crokinole prizes.

Climaxing the meeting, a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Victor Smith, Mrs. Margaret McNabb and Mrs. Bert Davidson. A variety of sandwiches were topped off with a special decorated Valentine cake serviced with ice-cream. "It was a pleasant afternoon where friends enjoyed each other's company," said Mrs. Peacock. Members were reminded of the next meeting to be held Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. in the town hall.

Arts Council

A great new idea is being launched in Wellington County which, if it can be worked, could bring the field of arts and crafts into easy accessibility for everyone within the Wellington perimeter.

It's the Wellington County Arts Council which has been sanctioned by the Wellington County Board. Its concept sprang from the combination of two things, the availability of Wellington Place and its location near the new county museum. Organizers feel the space of the old county home Wellington Place, and its situation lends itself as the ideal setting for a county community centre for the arts. They feel the arts council could be to cultural activities what sports councils are for sports programs.

Earlier this year a meeting was called for people interested in information of such a council. Letters were sent out to various school, town, township and organization councils to encourage attendance at the first gathering. A steering committee was chosen who have been investigating how such a council could be put into operation, its function, and what activities could be conducted within the structure of Wellington

Place. What is it? Actual scope of the project has not been clearly defined. It is the thought of the exploring committee that Wellington Place could be a resource centre where community organizers can reach to find people to fit program needs such as teachers, artists, craft instructors, etc. Classes in cultural programs, art, dancing instruction, music appreciation etc. have all been considerations of the enthusiastic group.

A general meeting is being held on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at Wellington Place located on the Fergus-Elora highway. It is hoped that all county residents interested in promotion of such a centre will attend. Time has been set at 8 p.m.

As well as general discussion and presentation of the concept of the arts council, elections of officers will be held to establish an organized board. During the evening a workshop will be held where those attending will be divided into groups. They will discuss programs in their specific communities. Feedback from the discussions will be the beginning of a catalogue of information from which the new executive will have its base for the arts council's promotion.



INSPECTING AREA snowmobile maps with members of the newly-formed Snowmobile Zone Association is Bill Wilson, co-ordinator with Ministry of Natural Resources, Cambridge district. He is seen with Ken Steer of the Golden Triangle club in Guelph and Don Martin of the Rockwood club, as they attended a meeting of zone representatives last Monday evening.

Sacred Heart hosts World Day of Prayer

Roll call for the February meeting of the Rockwood and Oustic Catholic Women's League (C.W.L.) was answered by giving a paper product for the parish house kitchen. The meeting was held at the home of president, Marjorie Saunders, Alma St., Rockwood.

During business, a thank you letter was read. Sister Regis, in charge of sending cheques for the upkeep of Victor Hugo, a foster child of the C.W.L., sponsor in Guatemala, conveyed thanks for a recent donation.

The group's recent bus trip to the O'Keefe centre on Jan. 26 was reported on. Hal Holbrooke was the entertainment for the evening outing and the ladies agreed it was a successful venture.

Blood donors Blood donating was discussed briefly. The group was reminded that donors are desperately needed at local clinics and ladies were asked to consider the need. Last minute plans were made for the Feb. 15 Valentine dance. The secretary was asked to write to Burton Hill and confirm the Canadian Bible Society meeting to be held

Sunday, May 4 at 8 p.m. The Sacred Heart church will host the annual meeting of the Society as well as the World Day of Prayer service scheduled for March 7 at 8 p.m.

Eden House Other matters discussed included the program for the March meeting. A speaker and a film on cancer will be shown at the Rockwood Centennial school auditorium. Other ladies of the community are invited to attend. Mrs. Joy Halliburton reported an enjoyable afternoon held in January when she and her C.W.L. committee convened the birthday party for Eden House residents. She said everyone had co-operated well and found the effort most worthwhile.

Concluding the meeting, Father Olinski gave a brief talk. He said he was pleased at interest being shown in plans for future activities. Mrs. Bernice Bacon gave an appropriate reading after which the meeting was adjourned and lunch was served. A lucky draw was won by Mrs. Halliburton.

Town hall dance jumping success

The town hall was jumping last Saturday night as over 140 patrons of all ages attended the St. Valentine's dance sponsored by the Rockwood and Oustic C.W.L.

From 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Charlie and the Big Five kept dancers on the move playing everything from 1940 oldies to modern rock with some mix-up dances in between to keep the party going.

Guy Lavoy of Guelph was the delighted winner of the heart-shaped box of mixed nuts won as number one door prize. Ivan Coffey of Fergus area won the valentine candy box. A special heart-shaped cake was the third lucky door-prize, taken home by Alex Leach.

Climaxing the evening was a delicious buffet lunch starting with cold cuts, special breads, pickles and cheese. It was topped off by exciting home-made goodies for desserts made by the C.W.L. ladies themselves. Co-conveners for the successful event were Tony and Nellie Stokman, R.R. 5, Rockwood.

Cash nettings have not, as yet been determined, but organizers say the dance was a great success both financially and socially.

Accident

A two-car collision on Hwy. 24 north of the Eramosa-Guelph Township Line resulted in minor injury to Grace Bradshaw of R. R. 1, Orton.

The accident occurred Feb. 13 when the Bradshaw car was in collision with a vehicle driven by Margaret McLaure of R. R. 3, Caledon East. Total damage to the vehicles was estimated at \$350.

An accident occurred on Saturday, Feb. 8 which resulted in estimated damage of \$1,050.

John Roszell, 21 of Acton, was travelling south on Highway 7 at the Guelph-Eramosa Township Line when the car he was driving left the road, striking a mailbox. No injuries were reported.

Letter to editor

Village resident complains

As disclosed in an earlier edition of this paper, the Eramosa township council has given permission for a contractor (out of town), to come in and construct a commercial building on Alma St.

That would be fine if we had the sewers and water installed in Rockwood but we haven't. The rumor is that an Aquarobic sewage system is

going to be used. This system is good for a private dwelling of up to ten persons, so how many units are going to be installed?

A ten apartment building would need ten units. A laundromat would need one unit for every two automatic washers. So, if you had ten apartments and a laundromat with 12 automatic washers, you

would need 16 Aquarobic units or one large enough to cover an area of 120 feet by 148 feet for the filter bed.

Tell me, Mr. council, is there enough room on that property for this system? Who gets the run-off from this system? Is it Mr. Thatcher or Mr. Bonner?

Mr. Thatcher has about five fresh springs just below this construction site. He has a picnic area and a trout pond. I'd like to know who is running Rockwood! The people who live here and their local council? They certainly don't have a chance to voice any opinions. Everything seems to be settled by the township council, then the village is notified of its decision.

Yours truly,
A very angry villager.

Discussions planned

St. John's Anglican church started off the Lenten season on Feb. 12 with an Ash Wednesday eucharist after which a short discussion was held. After-church sessions

are planned for the full Lenten term. Wednesday's discussion gained interest as those present provided suggestions for possible topics.

Following the Lenten service on Feb. 19, the church advisory board meeting will be held. Under discussion will be suggested improvements for the interior of St. John's church, a flea market slated for the spring, a painting of the Green art show, the annual strawberry garden party, fund raising for purchase of new choir gowns and cassocks for servers, toboggan party for children and starting up the Sunday school.

At the election of church officers held at the Jan. 26 vestry meeting, officers and electees were asked to consider the matters for discussion so they can be either accepted and relegated or dismissed.

Retirement of Fair manager

After 36 years of working with the Erin Agricultural Society, manager Elmer McKinnon has retired. His request for retirement was accepted and approved at the

Society's annual meeting on February 1. Mr. McKinnon said he hopes to be able to enjoy the Erin Fair as a spectator for many more years.

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