

Comin's and Goin's

It's a Hi from Dick and Syd Strong who write home to friends that they have hit Los Angeles on their tour of the U.S.A. and are probably going to be heading home towards Canada very soon. See you soon people. Hear you've had a great time.

Don't forget the bazaar and progressive euchre slated for Rockwood Centennial school on Saturday, April 5. A penny table, bake table and artz

crafty one will start off the evening at 7 p.m. to run until 8 after which euchre will be the evening fun. Hand-made afghan and a crocheted dress will be raffled off along with penny table draws and the Lorettes say it will be a terrific evening and invite everyone to attend.

Saturday night was great for teenagers of Eden Mills and their friends who attended the special dance

sponsored by the community centre projects committee for the 12 to 17-year-olds. A great idea, great entertainment and great crowd was the overall picture with parents assisting as chaperones. Afterward the decision to "do it again" was made by those who convened the effort.

Everton friends of Vivian and Bill O'Brien will be sorry to know that Bill is a patient

in Guelph General hospital. Diagnosis at the moment has not been made but the family's many friends send best wishes for an early recovery and return home.

Hungry folk looking for a good place for Good Friday eating specialties should remember the Presbyterians in both Rockwood and Eden Mills. From 8 to 10.30 a.m. groups from both villages will be serving breakfasts fit for a king with sizzling bacon, eggs, hot coffee topped off with hot cross buns. Bring your family and friends says the Sunday school staff in Rockwood. At Eden Mills ladies of the church will be the kitchen mates. Costs of the meals will be minimal.

Something different is planned for members of St. John's church. On the Sunday after Easter there will be a nature hike immediately following the regular 9.30 a.m. service. Congregation is planning on wearing sports clothes for the event and, at its conclusion, brown beans and chili will be served at the parish hall, with brown bread, milk and coffee for hungry outdoorsists.

Good weather draws large crowds

By Robina Peacock
It was such a beautiful day March 13, that 42 members and friends turned out for a very pleasant and entertaining afternoon at the Sunshine club in the Rockwood town hall. Mrs. Anna Wilson, the vice-president, was in the chair and the meeting opened with O Canada. Victor Smith was at the piano.

Bob Winton giving several musical numbers which had everyone toe-tapping.

A silence
A two minutes silence was observed in memory for the late George Perry.

Get well wishes went out to Mrs. Vera Black, the president, Max Milne and Alex McPhedran.

After thanking all those who had taken part to make the program such a success, everyone turned to the euchre and crokinole tables. Prizes for these went to Mrs. Alva Milne, Mrs. Wilma Gilbertson, Mrs. Nellie Saunders, Mrs. Margaret

McNabb and William Hayden.
A lovely lunch was served by Mrs. Vera Patterson and Mrs. Lena Johnston. Blessing was said by Anna Wilson. Once again a very pleasant afternoon with friends came to an end. The sunshine club would like to extend an invitation to all those over 60 to come to the Rockwood town Hall on March 27 at 2 p.m. and join in.

There are 145 days of total winter darkness and 147 days of perpetual summer sunshine at Alert, the world's most northern settlement.



ON HER RETURN FROM the wedding Katherina (Kathy MacDonald) whips Petruchio (Dennis Horn) and her servants during last week's performance of Taming of the Shrew presented by Guelph Centennial high school dramatists. Over 1,000 people attended to see an innovation of the original

Standing ovations

Centennial production success

Over 1,000 people attended the four-day Guelph Centennial high school production of Taming of the Shrew last week. Raves from critics and people who saw the play were many and, following performance on Thursday and Friday, the cast received standing ovations.

An innovation was made to the original Shakespearean production. It was somewhat related to this being International Women's Year. In any event William himself might not have agreed with merit of the reason why the play was altered with the husband taking on the role of the shrew to be tamed, instead of the wife.

Six months' work
For many students and staff members at Centennial C.V.I., the presentations were the culmination of six months' work. After running through from March 19 to 22, the cast and production people agreed it was well

worth it. The sets, make-up and overall co-ordination plus excellent cast performance all blended to draw comparisons to other productions performed by better-known theatrical groups. Guelph residents who faithfully attend the annual high school productions, said this year's play was the best ever.

Altogether over 100 students and staff of the Guelph school pooled their energies in creating the production. Thirty-three actors and actresses comprised the cast with a large number from Rockwood and Eramosa. Lead parts were taken by Kathy MacDonald of Guelph who tamed lead shrew Dennis Horn, of Guelph.

Icy windows

End-of-season ice on car windows necessitated use of window wipers this week. Many drivers had dispensed with old ones thinking ahead to springtime. Hardware and other stores report unexpected sales on the seasonal item.

Arts Council is on the road

The Wellington County Arts Council is on the road.

As of their meeting held in Fergus recently, an executive has been established with three Erin district residents hold top positions.

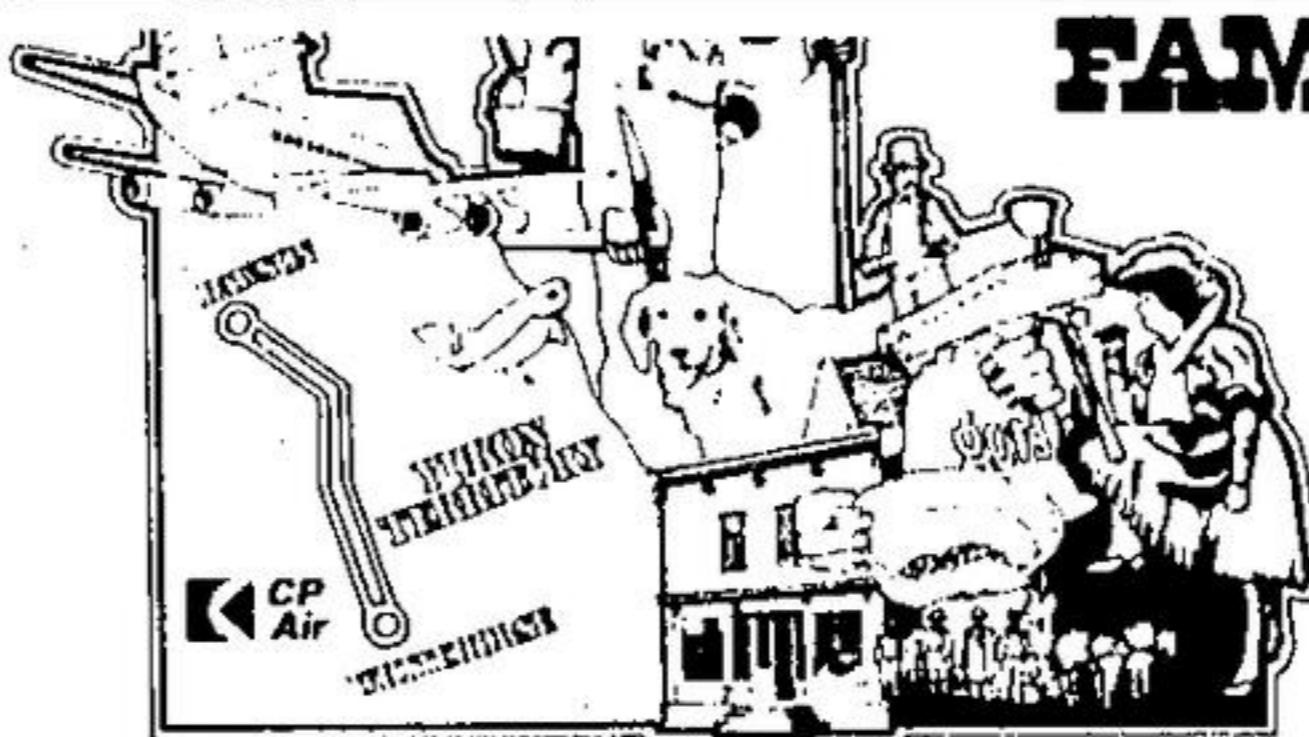
Virginia Kennedy, R.R.2 Hillsburgh, was elected president; area co-ordinator is Vera Brown of Erin and John Smedley of Erin is musical arts representative.

Important business of the council at the present time, is to compile a directory of all cultural activities in Wellington county. When completed it will contain names of key individuals, groups and facilities operating and available in the Wellington District, thus providing fast information for program organizers. Council will act

as a catalogue information centre.
Workshops
At the meeting held at the Blue Door restaurant in Fergus, members attending broke into workshop groups to discuss the needs of their respective areas. Although a fair crowd at the meeting provided a large amount of input, the Council feels that more information should be encouraged from others unable to attend.
Co-ordinator, Vera Brown lists her phone number, 833-2609 as one for interested residents to call if they have information for the directory. Council discussed and decided to investigate having the Huron County Players tour the county. The Players are a touring theatrical group from Owen Sound.



SUNDAY IS EASTER day celebrations for Christians throughout the world. Members of the Servers Guild of St. John's Anglican church, Rockwood are seen studying texts for the Paschal Eucharist when they will assist Rev. Ritchie McMurray. Pictured are top left, Neil McMinn, Bob Hudson, Chris Hudson; bottom left, Bruce Carrick, Beth Clark and Peter Root.



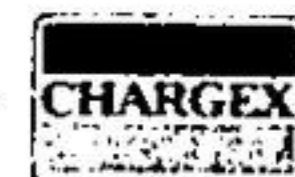
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Summer school '75 has courses for all ages

Several courses are being offered this summer to assist elementary school students under the jurisdiction of the Wellington County Board of Education. They will be geared to include preschool children to the grade seven bracket and will be held at two schools in Guelph, Brisbane public school in Erin township and James McQueen school in Fergus.

Course one is entitled Developmental Reading and Mathematics. It is an intensified one designed for pupils of grades three to seven who have experienced difficulties in reading and mathematics or both, to the extent they are 15 months or more behind present grade placement. Aim of the course is to improve a pupil's self-concept, to develop a positive attitude towards learning, to make learning both interesting and stimulating and to strengthen basic skills. Course two is for pre-kindergarten children. It is planned to aid the child socially, emotionally and physically. General aims and objectives are to develop a positive attitude to school, the child's self-concept, his ability to relate socially to other people, and to stimulate and encourage language. Recommendations for children to take the course will be based on the finding of the pre-kindergarten survey taken at time of registration recently. The principal will make the recommendations only subject to parental approval.

Course three is entitled English as a Second Language. It has been prepared around the child whose mother tongue is other than English. General aims and objectives are to improve the pupil's self-concept, to reinforce English already accumulated and to develop further oral and written language skills. Students taking courses one and three will be recommended by the principal and teachers in each school, subject to parental approval.

It is expected the 1975 elementary summer school brochures and pupil registration forms will be available shortly after April 8. Those requiring them are advised to contact Rockwood Centennial school at 856-9662. On completion of the registration, bus routes will be established. Regular attendance in courses of short duration is mandatory. Registrants will be required to attend regularly.

Other courses
Other courses will be available for secondary, grade eight and adult students. They will run for the six-week period from July 2 to Aug. 8 at Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute. They will include subjects from instruction in remedial reading and writing, and remedial mathematics to non-credit interest courses. Length of the interest courses will vary. Normally they will run from two to four hours per day, for one to three

weeks. Students from grades six to 13 and interested adults will be able to attend. Purpose of these courses is to offer educational experiences not available during the regular school year by making use of school facilities during summer months. It is also hoped that people will use the Board facilities to explore areas of interests with the help of skilled, trained instructors.

Typing to drama
Beginners' typing is one of the courses being offered in the interest category. It is an introduction to basic typing skills. A two-week course in crafts will be aimed at attracting students in the 12 to 15 age group where they will get basic instruction in pottery, painting, drawing, sculpture, weaving, macrame and wood carving.

Drama, based on make-up, sets and acting will also be on the course agenda. Productions will be staged on mounts and performed in different area locations. Other courses being sponsored by the Wellington County Board of Education are: driver education, sewing, outdoor education and music.

One co-operative venture between the City of Guelph and the W.C.B.E. is that of a sports unlimited course, a summer program designed to be instructional as well as recreational. It will be offered, geared to students ranging from kindergarten to grade nine.

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