

UCW meeting

Feed-back is the aim of the workshop scheduled for Knox United church in Ayr on Friday, April 11. It is being sponsored by the Waterloo Free-bertial U.C.W. and will run from 9:30 a.m. until three p.m. Organizers hope all interested community and district residents will attend, prepared to participate vocally.

The Good Earth, Use or Abuse is the provocative question-subject being raised during the day-long study. The Rev. Peter McKellar from the division of mission and service branch of the United Church, Toronto, will be moderator of an early-morning panel discussion where informed people of provincial, regional and local governments will give information and listen to discussion on matters concerning Ontario residents today.

Findings considered
Hydro beefs, urban spread, necessity versus ethics of land expropriation will be talked over with open feed-back of key importance at the session. A question and answer period will be encouraged and it is the hope of the day's organizers that constructive findings will be assembled and sent on to some level of government for consideration.

Those attending are asked to stock up on their own concerns and be prepared to present them at the important meeting.



BRINGING UP THE REAR are members of the St. John's congregation who took to the roads last Sunday after regular church service. Thirty-eight members went on the snow trek through the conservation park. Those less energetic hiked down the Valley Rd. But all headed back to the parish hall where home-made chili and

baked beans were the delicious repast of the day. Seen on the walk are Mrs. George Perry, Sheila Carrick, Barbara Kinseote, Olive Carrick, John Clark, Sandy Hudson and Karen Nightingale. Day was cold and brisk but exercise, invigorating.

39th annual for Rockalong

The 39th annual meeting of Rockalong W.I. was held at No. 8 Community Centre on April 1 with 17 members renewing their membership.

Mrs. George Mitchell presided for the following business.

Achievement day for the current 4-H Club (Cotton Review) is to be held at War Memorial Hall, Guelph, May 24 in the form of a fashion revue.

An invitation was extended from the local 4-H Club to attend their tea and fashion show on May 10 at No. 8 Community Centre.

District Annual
Plans were made for the roll call at District annual. Mrs. W. Black consented to be in charge of the roll call.

Convenors and officers gave their reports, including treasurer's report, Flower and Card, auditors, public relations, social services, agriculture, resolutions, citizenship and all standing committees.

Mrs. A. McPhedran presented Mrs. K. Spence with a belated get-well gift.

Election of officers
Miss Helen Bayne took the chair for the election of officers. The following slate of officers as prepared by the nominating committee was accepted: president, Mrs. George Mitchell; 1st vice, Mrs. K. Spence; 2nd vice, Miss H. Bayne; secretary, Mrs. Harvey Bayne; treasurer, Mrs. Arnold McDuffie; district director, Mrs. W. Black; alternate director, Mrs. J. Glendinning; pianist, Mrs. W. Black; directors, Mrs. W. Patterson, Mrs. J. D. McNabb, and Mrs. J. Benham. Flower committee, Mrs. John Ramsey; auditors, Mrs. John Ramsey and Mrs. J. D. McNabb; public relations, Miss H. Bayne.

Residents travel
Two Eden Mills residents were amongst 25 adults accompanying 168 district school children on a trip to Merida Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico during the schools' winter break.

John and Irene Turner went along with teachers and their wives chaperoning students from five high schools of Elora, Fergus, Erin, and G.C.V.I., Bishop Macdonnell

and John F. Ross of Guelph. As well as taking side-trips for sightseeing, the travellers visited the ancient Mayan and Aztec ruins. They also went through a silal factory where they saw leaves of the plants being processed and converted into materials used for rope, garments, hats, bags, and placemats, etc.

Spring on leaving
John Turner describes the trip as one both educational and interesting. The group left Canada with spring-like weather, to return to Friday's wintry blasts of 20 degrees above. The day before leaving Mexico they were enjoying temperatures of 110 degrees; when they left, it was 100.

Phone calls home had alerted the visitors about hometown weather changes; they weren't too surprised on their arrival at the airport last Friday. Fortunately students had a three-day adjustment time before starting back to school Tuesday.

Cancer canvass
Nineteen canvassers are snugly covering the village of Rockwood soliciting for cancer donations, according to area chairman, Marjorie Saunders. It is hoped that, by April 11, village coverage will be complete. District canvass is expected to last for approximately another week.

According to the organizer, Junior Farmers are making rounds for Eramosa township above Highway 24. That area of the township from Highway 24 down to Rockwood is being canvassed for what is believed to be, "the first time ever. At least for sometime, anyway," says Mrs. Saunders who explains that residents living in Eramosa from the First Line across to the Erin-Eramosa townline will be visited and given the opportunity to contribute.

Society not included
Canvassers are pointing out that contributions made to combined community appeals do not include the Canadian Cancer Society. "It is a separate canvass," they emphasize. Mrs. Saunders says the quota for Rockwood has been set this year at \$350 which does not include district donations.

Mrs. Mitchell returned to preside continuing the naming of committees: Family and consumer affairs, Mrs. J. Glendinning and Mrs. B. Leroy; agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. A. McPhedran and Mrs. K. Spence; education and cultural activities, Mrs. W. Petrie and Mrs. A. McDuffie; citizenship and world affairs, Mrs. W. Black and Mrs. J. Ramsey; federation of agriculture, Mrs. S. Trousdale; resolutions and curator, Mrs. K. Spence, Mrs. H. Shultis.

Rockalong hosts
After elections were completed, business continued. The ladies learned that Centre Wellington is hosting a visit from institute branches from a district in British Columbia in August. Since the guests were sight-seeing in the Elora and Rockwood district, Rockalong was asked to cater to a dinner on Aug. 21 or 22. By show of hands the branch members agreed to this hospitality.

Meeting approved that the branch sponsor another centre for April 17 at No. 8 community centre.

Lunch was served by joint hostesses, Mrs. J. Glendinning and Mrs. B. Leroy. Mrs. Spence invited the group of elected members to her home for a program-planning meeting on April 9.

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Eramosa council busy at Monday's meeting

Delegations, dealing with correspondence and covering general business kept the Eramosa township council busy at last Monday's regular meeting held at the council chambers. All members of council were present as well as the clerk and road superintendent.

Brief presented
A representative from the Wellington Federation of Agriculture was present. He presented an informative brief on the function of the federation and its accomplishments over the past year. He also showed budget projections for 1975 and requested that Eramosa township consider giving

them a grant of \$600. The clerk was instructed to prepare a by-law authorizing the grant.

Council authorized the clerk and assistant attend the Wellington county clerk and treasurer meeting to be held in Guelph township at 1 p.m., April 16. Registration fees are to be reimbursed by council.

The road superintendent was authorized to attend a meeting to discuss roadside right-of-way and weed control on Tuesday, April 8 at the arboretum centre of Guelph university.

McPhedran authorized
Duncan McPhedran, coordinator of the Rockwood-Eramosa medical centre, was authorized as follows: 1. To purchase a central vacuum unit at a price of \$500; 2. to purchase pipes at a cost of \$222.06 and furnish a waiting room at price of \$1055.45 (with the costs to be recovered on the rental price); 3. procure an estimate on a plate glass partition and counter and advise council; 4. to have windows left as they are; 5. to procure samples of signs for the medical centre.

Council further moved that the building inspector be notified to make sure that Wm. Ritchie moves cattle from his property in Eden Mills by April 10 and, if Mr. Ritchie fails to do so, the necessary legal action will be taken.

The clerk was instructed to request the proprietor of Dorose Welding, Guelph, to appear before council on Monday, April 21 with an itemized statement pertaining to his invoice on building and installing the tank on the firetruck owned by the Rockwood-Eramosa fire department. The amount of the invoice was \$11,188.03. Council required information on how costs were arrived at.

The 1975 objective of the Eramosa recreation committee in the amount of \$6,400 was accepted as presented.

Loan requests
Ray Law, owner of the Colonial hotel, attended the meeting. He requested from council a letter stating he had adequate parking space for banquet facilities. Council discussed the matter and decided not to act on the request. Mr. Law also requested permission to put up a parking sign which will be placed at Station and Main Sts. to indicate to patrons where hotel parking is located. The clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Law asking him to furnish plans of his sign for township perusal.

Accounts were passed (general accounts \$83,579.88; road accounts \$13,854.63) totalling \$97,434.51. The meeting was adjourned until Monday, April 21 or at call of the revee.

Township council requests 100 percent Rockwood survey

A letter from Dr. B. T. Dale of the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit was read out at Monday's township council meeting. The letter which had been sent to secretaries of both Rockwood and township offices stated, "I was very disappointed in learning that the municipal water and sewerage project for Rockwood has been set aside indefinitely because of increased costs which seem to put service charges beyond the financial capabilities of many village residents."

The medical officer of health wrote that there seems to be no alternative now other than to do what can be done to correct all malfunctioning systems in an attempt to stop sewage pollution of wells and the river. He said that, before July 1, 1975, the Health Unit intends to survey every property in the congested areas of the village where small lots, bedrock and contaminated wells are a problem.

Doctor reiterates
The doctor reiterated what he had said to the press earlier last week. "When the survey is completed we will present results to council and the decision will have to be made at that time whether to proceed with orders for correction of the problems on an individual basis by installation of new systems, holding tanks and possibly building condemnation if owners refuse to comply, or if the situation as revealed is not solvable this way the municipal sewerage project will have to be proceeded with." He added that, during the course of the survey co-operation of the township council, village trustees and most of all, local residents will make the work much easier and more effective. He invited council to make comments.

They did! Roy Hillis, chief inspector for the health unit was present at the meeting. Councilor David Masson wondered where the township was going, he asked the inspector whether it was going to be a complete check or just another random one. "I would like to see 100 percent of the village done," he said. Mr. Hillis said the health unit was looking particularly at the downtown area as a bad one and that every property could be a potential problem but that he couldn't say how long it would take to do a 100 percent check.

Councilor Masson said the survey would be a lot more valid when a report is tabled on a 100 percent check. Councilor Clark asked what area the health unit is looking at. She questioned if the survey would include checking into all drums as septic tanks. "How many people have properly installed septic tanks?" she asked. The councillor felt that many have not been put in properly, according to specifications.

The health inspector said it would be pretty tough enforcing the rule as it would mean they would have to dig up everybody's property. "We can't ask everyone to dig up their septic system," he said. Discussion ensued on moral obligations of householders with systems not kept up to par and what penalties the health unit can impose on householders. Mr. Hillis said that, in some cases, people's

septic systems haven't been cleaned out in 17 years with others not even knowing where they are located. He said that, if there are 25 defective tanks in the village the unit has two ways to go: "Either get the people to fix them up or proceed with sewers," he said.

Motion made
Council made a motion requesting the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit conduct a complete survey within the municipality of the

Police Village of Rockwood on the water and sewerage disposal of every property at the present time. This survey is to cover the type of well, source of water sample, visual check of septic tank and tile bed by opening the lid of the tank and removing a tile from the bed with each properly identified with every report made on the survey.

The request will be sent to Dr. Dale by the township clerk.

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THE WELLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION INVITES BRIEFS

The Wellington County Board of Education has established a Communications Committee to identify ways and means of providing more effective communications with the public.

Groups and individuals are invited to submit briefs outlining:

- (a) the type of information about school and Board activities that they feel they would like to have,
- (b) the means by which they would like to receive this information, and
- (c) any other matter pertaining to information distribution.

Meetings will be held at the Board Office on April 9 and 17, commencing at 5:30 p.m.

Please forward your submissions to E. I. Nelson, Superintendent of Educational Services, Board of Education Building, 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, Ontario, N1E 6K2. If you wish to speak personally to your submission, please indicate, and time will be scheduled.

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