

# Fire department meets council

Members of the Eramosa township council were guests Monday night, at a meeting with the Rockwood-Eramosa Fire Department held at the fire hall in Rockwood. Fire Marshall Donald Owens was on hand to review the department's by-laws, a procedure he follows every five years. Those present were brought up-to-date on special rulings and provisions pertaining to the fire department.

Deputy-reeve Betty Lou Clark said the meeting was most enlightening. She said one interesting point revealed was that under the heading Administration, of the by-laws, it clearly states that the fire chief should see all building permits before they are issued. Mrs. Clark feels this is one area council must follow up.

**Medical checks**

She said a second point on which council should keep on top, is the necessity of an annual medical check-up for all department men. The deputy-reeve says that, in case of accidents, a signed report is required by doctors verifying the good health of persons involved prior to the accident, or they are not eligible for compensation. Mrs. Clark feels council is responsible for having medical forms made up which must be filled out annually by the firefighters and returned with a doctor's certification. "This would ensure more adequate protection for department members."

A film was shown. It depicted the importance of firemen

### Grass fire

The Rockwood-Eramosa firefighters were alerted Monday afternoon. The 2:25 p.m. alarm sounded and the brigade rushed to the Country Mart on Highway 7.

On arrival, it was discovered a blaze from a grass fire was almost extinguished. The brigade turned trucks around and headed back to Rockwood headquarters.



FEW VISITORS WERE swimming at the Rockwood park last weekend but many took to the waters via canoe. Gate attendants say if the weather is warm enough to warrant it there will

be a lifeguard on duty next weekend. Some of Sunday's waning crowd is seen as late canoeists bring in their water vehicles.

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## Council requests bicycle roadway

The dips and curves which have plagued drivers taking Highway 7 to Acton may soon be alleviated, according to E. Stephenson, project manager of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

Mr. Stephenson met with members of the Eramosa township council on June 2 to discuss the preliminary design for the proposed reconstruction of Highway 7 between Guelph and Acton.

A study prepared in June, 1972 showed the highway as substandard with the accident rate between Rockwood and Acton above the provincial standard. The project

manager said the road will be designed for 60 m.p.h. but the present 50 m.p.h. may still be enforced.

Little change will be made directly in the highway as it proceeds through Rockwood but the Ministry will build a sidewalk from the west side of Main Street to Frederick

St. at their expense. On the east side from the town hall to Harris Street, a sidewalk will be built at the expense of the village.

The township council decided to make certain recommendations on the highway as it runs between Guelph and Acton. A letter has been sent to the Ministry requesting acceleration and deceleration lanes be placed south of the highway on the Guelph-Eramosa tollline. This is to accommodate drive-in-movie traffic.

**Bicycle path requested**

Council is asking that the speed limit on the new roadway be kept at 50 m.p.h. and that a bicycle path be built along roadway from Acton to Guelph. A deceleration lane on Fall St. coming into Rockwood village from Guelph is also being requested. Council feels the village sidewalk on the west side of Main St. should be extended as far as the cemetery, past the Academy. They have asked for a landscape report so they can view how the proposed changes will affect appearance of the highway.

Recommendations of the Eramosa council are being forwarded to neighboring municipalities.

## Tries to teach old dog new tricks

Miss Nellie Stickney, a retired school teacher, was guest speaker at the May meeting of Alamosa Women's Institute, held at the home of Mrs. Ernest Root, Guelph. Her topic was the metric system and she explained the

terms used for measuring weights and distance. Using a chart, she showed the logical pattern of the various units and compared them to the more complicated one we are familiar with.

Delegate

## Area farm hosts Sunnydale class

Eight pupils from the developmental class of the Sunnydale school for retarded children took their annual trip to visit a farm on Monday morning. From 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. students, teachers and volunteers spent an enjoyable time visiting with animals of several varieties at the farm of David and Lally Masson R.R. Rockwood.

The class is one with which Mrs. Masson is personally involved. She, herself, is a volunteer who has been working with the school for the last three years. She says that every year farm visiting is a favorite outing of the children.

Ages of the pupils at the Monday visit were from five to 14 years. With two teachers, assistants and volunteers, total number of those attending was 16.

Mrs. Ernest Root was the delegate to the Wellington Centre District Annual, Fergus, May 28.

Several items of interest about the Yukon and Northwest Territories were given by Mrs. Clayton Bacon.

Mrs. Roy Wheeler gave a report of the Officers' Conference which she had attended at Waterloo University.

A miscellaneous auction was held with Mrs. Cecil Warmington as auctioneer.

# Swimming classes start beginning July

The flag has been raised and G.R.C.A. swimming lessons are once again on the bench schedule for the Rockwood park. Students of all ages from two years to seniors will have the opportunity to either learn to swim for the first time or to advance present abilities.

June 16 is the beginning registration date. There will be a total of three sessions running from Mondays to Fridays, of two weeks each. The first set of classes will begin July 7 and run until July 18. The second is scheduled for July 21 to Aug. 1; the third from Aug. 11 to 22. Students have the option to participate in one or all three of the sessions and registration for the first will be completed by July 4; the second by July 18. Swimmers wishing to enroll in the third set of classes have until August 8 to sign up.

Heading up the swimming program will be Kathy Theakston, a Guelph University student. She will be assisted by Liz Theakston, Tina Germain, Kathie Rowe and Laura Brooka.

**Cost of registration**

Cost per student has been set at \$4.50 which is 50 cents higher than last summer's fee. Kathy Theakston says it will be the same program as last year, the Y.M.C.A. level system and progressive star system. This means students will be rated constantly throughout the program as opposed to one final testing.

Last year, enrolment at the local grounds was 254 children. The G.R.C.A. estimates that this year's count will be about 110. It was through the efforts of both the village and township officials and interested individuals

that lessons are being held. The G.R.C.A. had decided to cancel out the classes due to high costs of instructors. A request was sent to both township and village councils asking that they pay half the required cost of \$1,000. At a recent township council meeting it was decided to pay the \$500. The \$4.50 fee is over and above the township cost.

### No lifeguard

The Rockwood park hosted a large number of visitors over last weekend but weather was cool and water crowds were minimal. For this reason no guard was placed on duty but, if warm weather prevails it is expected greater crowds will be taking to the water this weekend requiring life guards on duty.

## U.C.W. unit has final meeting

With song and litany the unit one group of the Rockwood U.C.W. celebrated the 50th anniversary of church union. Mrs. Lois Tush added a bit of yesterday and some of tomorrow as she expalined the story of union through the use of the church crest.

She described the meaning of each figure and spoke of negotiations with other churches which are still planned. The speaker played a new communion hymn on her autoharp and accompanied the women for an old hymn.

President, Mrs. Sheldon

Trousdale thanked Mrs. Tush for her well-planned presentation and asked the members for their views on the meaning of happiness. Most felt it was necessary to have love, friendship, contentment and trust in God, above all.

Mrs. Verna Root gave the financial report and dedicated the offering. Mrs. Tush read the latest letter from the foster child in Colombia, South America. Each member takes a turn at writing to the young girl.

**Missionary's story**

Mrs. Trousdale had prepared information for five

readers, on the life of pioneer missionary, Dr. James Stuart. The following women read aloud portions of the life story: Mrs. Vera Patterson, Mrs. Maude Lawrence, Mrs. Alvena McDougall, Mrs. Verna Root and Mrs. Daisy Kinshott.

Dr. Stuart's amazing persistence towards his goal of educating the Zulus surprised everyone. A nearby tribe also decided they wanted to learn but were discouraged by everyone because of the expense of the building. The determined natives raised half the money in a short while and Dr. Stuart managed to find little and money to assist them, as well as his earlier school.

When he died, over 8000 pupils had graduated with skills in both professional and practical trades. Many had gone far afield with the mission faith to remote villages.

At his funeral the Kaffirs said, "Our friend may be dead, but our God is not dead!" They buried him on a hill overlooking the school and church, where he had spent his life.

This was the final meeting of the U.C.W. for the spring term.

School children enjoyed sunny weather for Monday's professional activity day holiday.

## Studies in education

The Wellington County Board of Education meeting was held Monday, May 28 at the board office on Victoria Rd. in Guelph. Consideration was given, and a proposal approved from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education for developing, implementing and evaluating curriculum in Wellington county.

The study will consist essentially, of four phases. Phase one will develop a description of the present process in the county.

Phase two involves an expansion and intensification of the procedures used in phase one.

Phase three involves the comparison of the process of curriculum development in Wellington county with theoretically desirable models of the curriculum process.

In the final phases of the project, recommendations will be developed to deal with any problems or inadequacies identified in earlier phases of the project.

Views of trustees, senior administrators, consultants, principals and teachers will be sought. It is expected that the final phase will be completed by March 31, 1976.

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Rockwood Veterans, former Lions and Members of the Rockwood-Eramosa Fire Brigade are invited to join in

## DECORATION DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 15th

3 p.m. at the Rockwood Cemetery

Parade forms up at 2.30 in front of the Rockwood Academy.

Flowers will be placed on the graves and other residents are invited to attend and place flowers in commemoration of members of their families.

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## Sunshine Club trip

The May bus trip of the Rockwood and District Sunshine Club was one of fun and good times. The Denny bus service of Acton was the facility used by the club and the bus pulled out of Rockwood about 9 a.m.

Proceeding to Niagara the Sunshiners had an opportunity to stop-off at the Well and Canal where they saw a Greek cargo ship going through the locks. Passengers re-boarded the bus and it proceeded to Niagara Falls where members lunched at the Ponderosa restaurant.

From there the group went on down to the falls where they visited shops and enjoyed the surroundings. They viewed the whirlpool rapids and toured the gardens.

All through the trip while travelling on the bus, Bert Davidson kept a sing-song going, assisted by Alf Couling on his harmonica and Vic Smith playing his guitar. By 4:30 p.m. the bus had returned to Rockwood and members were dispersing for home.

There are only two more meetings left for the club this season as it will be closing for the summer months for the first time. June 24 will be the last meeting date.

## Comin's and Goin's

Don't forget, villagers! This Sunday, June 15 marks the fifth consecutive Decoration Day service which will be held at the Rockwood cemetery at 3 p.m. Sponsors of the event are members of the Acton Legion. They will meet outside the Rockwood Academy and form up, to march to the cemetery grounds where 35 veterans' graves will be decorated as well as those of former Lions Club and Rockwood-Eramosa fire brigade members.

Other villagers wishing to honor deceased members of their families are also invited to attend the impressive service. It is always held on the third Sunday in June with members of the local clergy officiating.

The annual Memorial Service for the Eden Mills Cemetery will be held Sunday, June 22 at 3 p.m. in the Eden Mills Presbyterian church. Speaker will be the Rev. Russell Finley of Eden Mills United Church; music will be supplied by combined choirs of the village Presbyterian and United churches.

Remember, kids! It's been quite some time since there has been a Vacation Bible school in Rockwood. Many of you don't know what you're missing. Keep in mind that members of your family or district friends are invited to attend the school slated for the Rockwood United church, in the mornings from July 14 to 18. It is a co-operative effort of all village churches; parents interested in assisting are asked to contact Ellen Thomson at 856-9953.

Biking athletes in Eramosa are urged to get out the old oil cans and get their bikes in top condition. The Eramosa Ball Association and District Lions Club are sponsoring their annual bikathon scheduled for June 28 starting from the Eramosa public school between hours of 8 and 10 a.m. "Get cracking, young and old alike," say members of the sponsoring groups. They hope to see a great turnout and are hoping old man weather will co-operate for an all-around fine day. No need for refreshment packing, there will be stands all along the way to accommodate thirsty and weary travellers plus regular bike pickups for those who can't take the grind.

Hey, look who's back in town these days. It's the popular Susan (Ellis) Stone, her husband Ian and their little daughter, Shanna, back from Penetang. Welcome back in the area, folks, you've been missed in the Rockwood community.

It's congratulations to two young Rockwood men who graduated at the impressive ceremony held at Trent University last Friday. Under the open sky in the outdoor auditorium, Stephen Leslie

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## New area school

At the May 28 meeting of the Wellington County Board of Education, approval was given to a recommendation by a committee headed by trustee, George Day. The committee recommended the appointment of Douglas E. Harris as principal of the Willow West elementary school to be built in the near future in Guelph.

Mr. Harris is presently principal of Laurine Avenue and St. George's public schools in the city of Guelph. The appointment will be effective when the school opens. It is anticipated that

The Peterborough farm of Ken and Lu Tuck was hopping last weekend when good friends, members and former members of the Rockwood Trail Riders gathered together for a camping reunion. Visiting with the well-known couple were Mo and Agnes McGinnis, Jean Pettit, Pat Dales and four sons, George and Di Lindblad, Babs and Ray Ellis and other club members. Many of those present were part of the original Trail Riding group and, to complete the fun gathering the friends rode together on Peterborough trails.

New approach

The Willow West school will present a whole new approach to the policy of community use of schools. The City of Guelph will share expenses with the W.C.B.E. in the construction of the gym, change rooms, and showers. The school board and the City of Guelph will share facilities in the area of recreation.

Residents of the Willow West area of the city are also being very much involved in the planning of the school.