



**SURE I LIKE IT HERE** says little Jeffrey Brown at Thursday's orientation day session at the Rockwood Centennial school last Thursday morning. Marion Nichol was the day's teacher and some of those attending will be in her day-long class next season.

## Rockwood and District Lions will proceed with phase one

A document required to be drawn up by Eramosa township lawyer, Aldo Braidia is the latest hold-up of the Rockmosa community complex. Until the agreement is received by the Rockwood and District Lions Club there can be no go-ahead on the project.

Members of the Lions Club met with the township council at their regular meeting on Monday, June 30. President, Darryl Nichol, secretary Jim Funk and building committee chairman Lou Hillis, approached council requesting permission to go ahead with phase one of the three-phase project. They explained it was imperative council explain its decision on whether it was going to assist with township debentures or leave financing of the project to the Lions Club.

"We're here to find out what you are going to do," said Lou Hillis, speaking for the delegation.

"In four months we'll hit a cold spell again. If you're just going to talk about it (building the Rockmosa centre) for three or four months and give us the same old rigamarole, we want to know if it is all right if we go ahead with it ourselves. We're here to find out what you're thinking," he reiterated.

**Want to start**  
Lion members told council they were interested in getting started right away, getting as much building in on the project as possible.

"Within a \$10,000 cost boundary," they stipulated. The Lions explained a motion had been passed at their last meeting giving permission to borrow \$10,000 from the bank, backed by the club, if township council will not back the sports complex but will give the permit to go ahead in \$10,000 stages. Lion

Hillis said that, at no time will the members go beyond the specified debt or any amount which could not be easily paid back within the year.

Questioned by Councillor John Hewitt as to whether all Lions agreed with the idea of erecting the complex, secretary Jim Funk produced a document showing that at their last meeting, all members present had unanimously agreed it should be built.

Councillor Dave Masson said he felt the community centre will fill an important and vital function in the district of Eramosa but questioned the Lions' proposed arrangement of rooms in the complex. "It is really a lobby and change rooms for an arena with a banquet hall up above," he said.

Mr. Masson said he could not support the idea as such, as it would not meet the needs of the community. He was concerned that senior citizens and other such organizations would not have permanent headquarters.

"Where do you ever have complete facilities?" said Deputy Reeve Betty Lou Clark. Mrs. Clark pointed out she'd had a Cub pack for 16 years and her group could only use the facility for one night per week.

Hewitt wants leg-work Councillor John Hewitt felt there should be more leg-work applied to get greater input and backing from township residents.

"As the building keeps going up then we'll do the leg work," said Lou Hillis who said he was confident that 30 Lions in the club could build phase one themselves.

"We're here tonight to see if we can get grants. We're not going to spend any more money than we know we can cover within a year," he said.

He explained it will be no burden on the taxpayers.

After discussion it was decided the Lions club will go ahead with phase one of the complex, completing the top floor with the banquet hall and facilities and putting on the roof.

Councillor Masson said the proposal sounded pretty good but felt there should be stipulations made so that the Lions know where council is and vice versa.

A motion was passed, Clerk Lloyd Hindley is instructed to request the township to draw an agreement to permit the Rockwood and District Lions Club to erect the shell of the Rockmosa sports complex, stage one, at expense of the Lions Club and that the township council will not accept any financial obligations at this time.

**Majority in favor**  
Consideration of the complex began approximately three years earlier by a township council which saw the needs of the community and the ambition of the Lions towards erecting the centre.

Two meetings held consecutively on May 14 and May 15 at the Rockwood Centennial and Eramosa public school, showed that of a total of 210 people attending, 169 had returned questionnaires in which 84 requested a plebiscite; 21 indicated they were against one being held.

At both meetings Reeve Bill Adsett had pointed out to township residents the importance of the centre and how the Lions Club was the vehicle attempting to provide a much-needed facility in the district. The Lions had purchased the land, had it graded, and put in the foundation. Club members approached council for assistance when they recognized the dilemma of spiralling costs and necessity

of completing the complex as soon as possible.

Although to date all funds for the complex have been donated, raised and pooled by the Lions, it was required that they approach council to complete the building as it had been turned over in trust to the township. At the June 23 meeting spokesman Lou Hillis said the Lions requested permission to go ahead with phase one. "It looks as if you're not going to do anything, anyway," he told council.

If the agreement from lawyer Braidia comes through, club members intend to begin erecting walls within the next two weeks. Permission from the Wellington-Dufferin Health Unit has been approved for the septic system and it is the Lions' hope that the walls, roof, banquet hall floor and facilities will be completed by Christmas in time for festive Eramosa community affairs and get-togethers.



**ANYONE FOR TEA** is the query of two pretty little Eramosa damsels who attended last Thursday morning's orientation day for next year's kindergarten children at Rockwood Centennial School. Sonya Petty and Debra Murdock like helping their moms around the kitchen at home and are seen here practising up. Two hours was the time of the Thursday session; come September the girls will be part of a whole-day class.

## Comin's and Goin's

Mrs. Alice Hillis hosted a special visitor last weekend. A niece from Fillmore, California, Mrs. Lucille Rush

drove up to spend a few days. She also visited with other members of the Hillis clan. The traveller said she'd never been up in Canada this far before and was delighted with both the countryside and hospitality she received.

Two Rockwood residents left Canada by Yugoslavia airlines on June 12 and returned home after a two-week stay in that country. It was a country Ray Hockey had always wanted to visit and she and her husband Len, decided this was the year to make the trip. They had a fun-packed holiday and enjoyed several bus tours which transported them to places of special interest. The Rockwood couple were impressed with the beauty of the Dalmatian Riviera. They viewed the Turkish mosque in the city of Mostar, and the Turkish fortress of Pocitelj. In Port of Split they saw the fourth century remains of the palace of emperor Diocletian and many other places they had planned to see. The couple said the government of that communist country has embarked on an extensive hotel-building program to attract foreign tourists and, in much of their stay, were treated to very plush accommodation in beautiful and modern hotels. Neighbours should drop in on the couple and hear their interesting account of their most recent holiday trip.

Don't forget! This is the week for the annual St. John's church strawberry garden party where talent galore, strawberries and shortcake topped off with steaming coffee will make your Saturday, July 5 evening one of delight. Place of the event is the bowling green lawn on Main St. Organizers hope to see an even larger crowd than last year, on hand to enjoy the evening's fun.

The Lou Hillis household was jumping this week when

a member of the Shrine group visiting Toronto brought his family with him from Grand Rapids, Michigan, to visit the Hillis' family. Hugh Angus is the shriner who is married to the sister of Helen Hillis, Alfreda (Winter) Angus. The couple and their two sons, Jay, 12, and Gordie, 11, are not strangers in this part of Canada. The Angus family moved to the U.S.A. from Attobicoke 11 years ago. Alfreda was born and raised in the Eramosa-Rockwood area and feels right at home. Village friends who knew her in Rockwood say hello and hope the family have a great visit in Alfreda's former home-town.

An attractive but slightly indignant member of the Rockwood Centennial teaching staff was unhappy last week when her name was spelled incorrectly in the Free Press. Bette Coulson is proud of her name and prefers that residents who read the story on Pioneer Days at Centennial will know the proper spelling. Sorry about that Bette. Never again I'm sure!!!

It's congratulations to those great athletes who finished the entire 25 miles of bike-riding last Saturday. Everyone is proud of all participants and hope they keep in such good shape all year round.

### Too much violence

The violence and crime seen by children on T.V. is irrelevant to the real problem, says Dr. Gabrielle Weiss in the McGill Medical Journal. The danger is not in the content, but in the amount of T.V. and what it replaces in our lives, says the child psychiatrist.



**ORIENTATION DAY** was the name of the game for 16 Rockwood and district youngsters attending a dry-run for the September kindergarten class at Rockwood Centennial. Marion Gillies, Jason McDonald, David McNamara and Phillip Hartung were children attending for the first time last Thursday and are absorbed in block-building games.

## Enthusiasts are away at Acton Meadows

Golfers are in full swing at Acton Meadows Golf and Country Club. With a membership increase of 15 per cent, according to club officials, the total is close to 200 this year.

Changes to the 40 acre course include a new pond on the third hole and new tee-off

### Armyworm arrives

Armyworm were first found on survey about 10 days ago. Worms now range up to approximately one-half inch in length and may be found in grasses, small grains and corn, but generally low populations exist.

However, one report indicates a relatively high population on wheat in Brant county that could develop into an economic problem.

Highest armyworm populations occur in rank growth or lodged areas in cereals and in weedy corn fields. Infestations must be spotted early before extensive leaf and head injury occurs in order to make control pay.

North country visitors found horse-flies on the prowl last weekend.

positions on the seventh and eighth. The nine hole course will remain as no plans are being made to increase to 18. Green and membership fees have not increased with the rapid inflationary growth experienced everywhere.

**Acton Open**  
The course has been in operation for eight summers and the golfers in the club hail from the surrounding area of Guelph, Georgetown, Brantford and Acton.

The club employs 12 to 15 people to mind the store, cook meals, and take care of golfers. The store sells

everything from women's golf socks to shirts, tees, balls, gloves, clubs, golf bags, and supplies everything for the golfing enthusiast.

At a recent election of officers, Bill Wilson was voted in as president for the year. Club captain is Keith Andrews; social convener, Fred Darby; secretary Tom Gibson; treasurer Grant Panchon; and greens captain is Al Mitchell.

George Hall was elected to be handicap-captain. This is the second year for club manager, Gerry Pridmore.

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