

## Oustic First Communion

St. Peter's Roman Catholic church at Oustic was crowded to capacity last Sunday morning when eight children of the combined parish of St. Peter's and Sacred Heart church in Rockwood took their First Holy Communion in an impressive ceremony.

The altar was beautifully decorated with hundreds of pink, white and red carnations. Throughout the service 29 children of the parish sang children's hymns accompanied by two nuns from the Sisters of Notre Dame, Waterdown. Sisters Doreen Lackendauer and Helen Kobelski played guitars. Father A. J. Olinsky officiated.

For a week prior to the celebration, 28 children attended a parish Bible school where the two nuns instructed in religious training. Younger pupils were given preparation for their First Communion.

Sunday's service was special. It was the first First Communion held at the Oustic church since its reopening last September. Religious paintings which students had created during the week's Bible study were placed about the church touching off the floral decorations.



**EIGHT CHILDREN** of the combined parish of St. Peter's and Sacred Heart Roman Catholic churches celebrated their First Communion last Sunday and are seen with their teachers, Sisters Doreen Lackendauer and Helen Kobelski of the Sisters of Notre Dame, Waterdown. Children are Michelle Schaefer, Mary T. Macerollo, Andrea Hughes, Rosemary Sheehy, Valerie Calley, Teresa Keane, Rodger Masters, Chris Hughes and Kevin Galley.

## Eramosa council briefs

A letter sent by the Eramosa council to a township resident was challenged at Monday's meeting of township council. The letter had been sent to K. Simpson regarding a request he had made that signs be placed on 20 Side Rd. as a protection for children playing on the roadway.

Under instruction, clerk Lloyd Hindley wrote to Mr. Simpson stating that council was not prepared to erect signs or to allow signs to be erected, by an unauthorized person. The letter stated that council would also suggest that children should not be allowed to play on the road.

Mr. Simpson attended the last council meeting. He explained that there was a blind spot in the roadway because of a bend, making it difficult for drivers to observe sufficiently well in case of bicyclists on the road. He also said it was a problem for him to get out of his driveway because of the danger of cars coming around the curve.

After discussion, council requested the clerk to notify Mr. Simpson that the road superintendent will investigate feasibility of posting a sign on 20 Side Rd. adjacent to his property, and make his recommendation to council.

A letter was read from H. E. Feasby, senior dental consultant of the Ministry of Health. The clerk was instructed to request that John Goeyers, in charge of medical centre construction, get a firm cost on lead sheeting for the dental area of the centre and also for partitions required, and send them to Toronto for consideration.

Council moved that the township solicitor prepare a holding by-law or an amendment to the township zoning by-law which will prohibit sub-division development until the zoning by-law has been finalized. The council requested that the by-law be prepared immediately as time is of the essence.

Motion was passed with the Eramosa council endorsing a resolution sent by the township of Puslinch to the effect that the Ontario government take steps immediately to approve a municipal levy on aggregate extractions throughout the municipality of Ontario and a copy be sent to the Minister of Mines and Resources and the Township of Puslinch.

Close Cedar St. It was moved that the clerk notify Dorothy Jones of Eden Mills that council will take the necessary legal procedure to close a portion of Cedar St. in Eden Mills provided she will agree in writing to paying all legal costs, surveys and the equivalent of \$1,000 per acre.

C. Berry appeared before council again requesting permission to erect a second dwelling on the farm he had purchased at Oustic. After discussion council moved to deny the request and hold to their previous decision that the request does not comply with their resolution dated Jan. 20, 1975.

Accounts were passed for payment totalling \$143,688.78 (general accounts \$122,110.57; road accounts \$21,578.21). The meeting was adjourned to meet on Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m. or at call of the reeve.



**MEET KATHY** Theakston, this year's beach supervisor at the Rockwood park. Kathy also heads up the summer swimming programs. She reports that July 7 to 18 classes are filled but there are openings for the July 21 to Aug. 1 classes.

## Hydro increases disturb A.M.O.

A letter was read at Monday's Eramosa township council meeting. It dealt with proposed rate increases of Ontario Hydro.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, in Toronto, requested council to consider a resolution "that the municipalities of Ontario register their concern with Ontario Hydro and the Provincial Government regarding the excessive rates projected for hydro consumers in the Province and that they urge the consumers in their jurisdiction to register their concern with Ontario Hydro, the Minister of Energy and their local M.P.P." A copy of this resolution is being sent to all municipalities in Ontario.

The AMO pointed out that the "Ontario Hydro is proposing rate increases amounting to 30 percent for municipal customers in 1976, followed by further increases of 25 percent in 1977 and 20 percent in 1978, for a cumulative increase totalling 90 percent over the three year span."

According to the AMO the proposals will be examined by the Ontario Energy Board. The proposed increases are

intended to generate \$14 billion for Ontario Hydro capital. The AMO feels that, while such a huge expansion may be necessary, the effect of the costs will be to double hydro rates for municipal customers.

Eramosa councillors moved to endorse the resolution as proposed by the O.M.A. Deputy-Reeve Clark said she felt that Ontario Hydro should explain and justify the costs to its customers. A copy of the resolution will be sent to Ontario Hydro, the Minister of Energy and to John Root, M.P.P. for Wellington county.

John Clark Jr. has also taken off for new places and will spend this summer working in an Alberta oil field. He left last Thursday via train.

Ellen Sinclair left last week for Camp Iona near Bala where she will be a camper at the senior high camp. Her brother, Scott is at Bark Lake attending the Ontario Leadership Training Camp for Councillors for Camp Iona. Have a good summer, kids.

Father A. J. Olinsky has been hosting visitors this past few days. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wade from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, made their first trip to Canada to visit the Rockwood priest and his uncle, Harry Crocock. The foursome left the village

## Ring lost

An Acton man has reported to police the loss of a man's ring, its gold band set with one ruby and eight single cut diamonds.

## NOTICE

The TOWNSHIP OF ERAMOSIA office will be closed from July 21st - July 25th inclusive, for staff holidays.

L.T. Hindley, Clerk.

## Jim Gordon pairs up for university show

When people used to see Jim Gordon performing on the public school stage in Rockwood either as a musician, actor or part of a musical group, mostly they would say, "There's a boy who is going to get somewhere some day." Nobody really knew where in what direction but it was always assumed that some day this young, energetic high school student would accomplish something worthwhile.

Jim moved from Kitchener into the Rockwood area with his family in 1967 when he was 13 and about to enter high school. During his secondary school years at Guelph Centennial he found music and drama were his favorite subjects. He applied his abilities in those areas and was one of the organizers of the Rockwood Philharmonic Society, a small group of four students which became well-known in the banquet and concert circles in Guelph. Other members of the Philharmonics were Blair Sinclair, Peter Border and David Brown. They played and sang folk songs, delighting their audiences with their clowning antics.

During summer months Jim worked with an Opportunities for Youth group called THEM. During the last two years of high school the group conducted classes, teaching youngsters in both Rockwood

and Eden Mills all about theatre, acting and theatrical productions. The teachers would instruct children of many ages during morning hours; in afternoons they'd practice their own plays which they would present at the end of each week. Often they'd incorporate their pupils into the plays and many district people would arrive to see the youthful artists perform.

On their last year of high school the THEM group went into straight production, performing in fun plays in recreational playgrounds and in youth centres in the Guelph and Eramosa area. The following summer THEM was dissolved.

For one year after graduating from Centennial High, Jim took time out to assist in the family antique business, the Butter Churn. There he learned about furniture refinishing and the purchase of vintage lines. He spent his spare time rehearsing and composing folk songs.

Today, the versatile student is 21 years old. For the past year he has been enrolled in a four-year honors music course at the University of Guelph. It is speculated by friends, teachers and acquaintances that, if his career continues as it has until now, he really will hit the top. People are intrigued by his unique imagination and the

energy he applies. Already he is well known as a folk singer. He entertains at university coffee houses and arena hotels for at least three evenings a week.

Jim has also involved himself in all kinds of singing in an attempt to develop every phase of musical knowledge. He has been a member of several choirs. He sings with the University of Guelph Madrigal Singers which made the Maple Sugar record based on Canadian folk music. He is a soloist at Dublin St. United church and sings with the Guelph Chamber Singers. With the University of Guelph choir he will be heading for England for a three-week August tour, where the choir will sing in southern England cathedrals including Oxford, Cambridge and London.

Renaissance Music The Rockwood student is an important member of the Academia Musica Antiqua, which plays renaissance music on renaissance instruments. "We use really strange instruments," says Jim who lists amazing musical devices such as crumhorns, viols and recorders. Jim plays the dumbeg and zine. During the summer, students of the group staying on at the university, perform at weddings. Last year they put on an opera entitled Lejou de Robin et Marion, a

13th century French Opera in which Jim played the role of Robin Hood.

At this point in his career, Jim Gordon has teamed up with another young man, David Archibald. Also a U. of G. student David is a popular folk singer and instrumentalist. The two combine talents playing first together and then performing as single acts. Mostly they play traditional music and folk music of Canadian, Irish, American and French Canadian songs, with David the guitarist and Jim playing the banjo.

Money-raising The latest venture of the two is a money-raising concert to be held on July 10 at

the Arts building of the University of Guelph. Jim is the man responsible for getting the Guelph choir on the road in August and is planning the concert to raise sufficient funds.

At last Saturday's garden party in Rockwood, Jim and David performed during a great part of the program, raising the audience into a sing-song of both old-time and modern folk tunes.

The Rockwood boy is not sure just where his interests are going to take him. He says he is trying to get as broad a musical background as possible. He sees a future in classical singing but feels, at this time, his special interest is in folk singing.



**DAVE ARCHIBALD** and Jim Gordon team up in a folk-singing concert to be held at the University of Guelph on July 10. Jim will tour with the university choir in August where the choir will sing in southern England cathedrals.

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## Swimming classes full at Conservation Park

Swimming classes at the Rockwood conservation park got off to a great start Monday as five classes, including those for three and four-year-old prebeginners to seniors, were filled to capacity.

Heading up the swimming program is Kathy Theakston who is well-known to regular swimmers as she has been at the beach in other years as life-guard. Qualifications are high for the young instructor. She is a recent graduate of McMaster university with her B.A. in English and B.P.E. in physical education. She holds

the Red Cross certificates as instructor and examiner and also the award of merit. She has taught swimming at Guelph recreation centre, McMaster university and crippled children's camp at Port Colborne. She also taught last year at the Rockwood park under last year's supervisor, Janie Thorburn.

Kathy will be writing a column this year giving tips on swimming and keeping residents informed as to class progress and other factors dealing with the local beach and swimming program. She says warm water has been a real incentive for "would be" swimmers and that the July 7 to July 18 classes are full.

The second sessions of learning are scheduled for July 21 to Aug. 1 and the supervisor hopes that swimmers will enroll early so

classes can be set up ahead of time. The third set of classes will run from Aug. 11 to 22. Students have the option to participate in one or all three sessions.

This season's swimming program is the same one used last year. It's the Y.M.C.A. level and progressive star system where student progress is rated constantly throughout the program instead of having one final testing. Working along with Kathy Theakston are Liz Theakston, Tim German, Kathie Itoe and Laura Brooks.

Weekend temperature of the Eramosa water was 78 degrees F. Gate attendants at the Rockwood park said many visitors attended during the weekend both as campers and as swimmers looking for a place in which to cool off.

## Comin's and Goin's

Summer in the Rockwood area is a busy place this season with people coming in for visits, others moving to further regions to take up summer occupations.

Paul Clark of R.R. 5, Rockwood, left last Wednesday for Dryden in Northern Ontario where he is enrolled as a junior forest ranger. Paul has waited for two years to have his ambitions fulfilled, and as the course is only open at the magic age of 17, this is the year he was accepted. Lots of luck Paul, see you in September.

Monday afternoon headed for Midland and North Bay. "Just so they'll see part of Canada," said Father Olinsky who plans on being back in his parish grounds by Saturday.

Friends send their very best wishes to A. K. Thomas who was hospitalized this week at the Guelph General Hospital. Mr. Thomas was expected to sing at the village garden party Saturday evening but was unable to attend. He was very much missed and the village wish is that he make a speedy recovery.

Guelph St. residents heard a large "pop" Sunday morning about 9.15 a.m. and were surprised to find their hydro cut off. Hydro manager, Len Hickey says a transformer blew on Guelph St. resulting in an approximate hour and one-half period of non-hydro. Tough on Sunday-morning coffee imbibers!

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