

MTC meets residents

At Rockwood town hall Tuesday and Wednesday of last week from 3 p.m. until 10, officials of the Ministry of Transportation and Communication held a drop-in meeting, primarily for residents whose property is located along Highway 7 between Guelph and Acton which might be affected by proposed changes in the roadway.

Project manager Ed Stevenson said that information letters were sent out and, of the 350 residents contacted, a large percentage visited the hall to look over maps and gain information. Not only people living along the route stopped in to talk about the changes, but also residents just wanting to know what was going on.

The five-man group from the Ministry included, as well as the project manager, L. Smith, property agent from London; Bob McLaughlin, consultant from Burlington; J. Micar, an environment planner and N. Close, a landscape architect, both of Toronto.

Questions of how much of their land would be taken, compensation and drainage problems were important ones posed. According to the project manager, many of those who thought their property would be involved were surprised to learn it would not.

Property agent L. Smith said rapport between ministry representatives and visitors was really great. He feels such drop-ins provide better communication with the public than suddenly bringing in equipment and starting in digging up the roads without giving out some information ahead of time.



INSTRUCTOR Sandy Bracalente congratulates Robert Bell, 7, and presents him with his beginner's badge for having passed successfully in the swimming test held Friday at the Eden Mills water front.



TESTER KATHY Theakston of the Rockwood swimming program watches the senior class of the Eden Mills swimming class go through their paces in lifesaving at the Eden Mills swimming examinations last Friday. Swimmers are Sharon Vos, Mandy Mitchell, Trudy Clifford, Lorie MacLean and Corinne Pries.



STUDENTS GATHER around as swimming tester Kathy Theakston throws out questions to members of the intermediate class of the Eden Mills swimming program. Answering are aquatic athletes David Hill, Anna Maria Bell, Sophia Bourne, Margarita Bell, Sylvia Schelkie, Anne Masson and Eric Pries.

Eden Mills athletes pass swimming tests

The three-week session of swimming lessons at the Eden Mills beach front was finally concluded last Friday afternoon with a large turnout of parents and residents attending to see junior, senior and intermediate contenders put through their paces. Ian Smith, a graduate of the University of Guelph, and Kathy Theakston of the Rockwood conservation park swimming program were the Friday testers. The younger children in the Eden Mills classes were tested on Thursday by their own instructors.

12 years was the group's age range.

Seniors
Senior swimmers competing were Trudy Clifford, Mandy Mitchell, Sharon Vos, Lorie MacLean, Mandy Gilchrist and Corinne Pries. The girls were from 13 to 15 years of age.

Bronze test
One student and two adults passed their bronze swimming test, Mary Hill, 14, Anna

Maria Hill and Diane Love. The Eden Mills swimming program is unique. It is sponsored by village residents through the community club and draws many interested neighbors and friends to the waterfront daily, a spectators. Classes are held daily and always during the early summer when the season river is at its peak. At running high water, swimming is curtailed when waters run low.

For five mornings a week and during early-afternoon hours, classes have been conducted which boasted a total enrolment of 67 pupils. Many were first-time beginners and included village and area residents ranging in age from very young, to mothers anxious to learn or improve their aquatic skills.

Instructors

John Cairns was the University of Guelph grad in phys. ed. and science who instructed the senior classes. A Guelph university student, Sandy Bracalente taught the intermediate, junior and beginner swimmers. All were mixed classes. Instructors said they were very pleased with both participation and hospitality of the village residents which, they said, contributed greatly to the success of the program.

Junior division

In the junior division, those who successfully completed the test were Thomas Bell, Pam Billings, Rachel Tarrant and Elizabeth Moore. Swimmers were from nine to ten years of age.

Intermediates

Intermediates passing were Sylvia Schelkie, Margarita Bell, Sophia Bourne and David Hill. Ten to

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Rockwood and District

Comin's and Goin's

It was bon voyage to many members of the Wellington County Holstein Breeders' Association last Thursday afternoon. Residents of Eramosa were amongst the group which headed off for the U.K. where they will visit farms and related places in the areas of England, Scotland and Wales during the next three weeks. Harry Bonner is the trip leader and friends hope it will be great weather all the way with a successful return back to Canada at its conclusion.

Here's a special "hi" to one Eden Mills guest who is on a family exchange visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Bell. Sophia Bourne is the visiting niece from Spain. She recently participated, and very successfully, in the village swimming program. She passed her intermediate level test. Christina Bell is away from the village at the present time. She is in Spain visiting with her aunts, uncles and cousins. It is reported she is having an equally exciting time.

More good news from the Eden Mills waterfront is to see Anne Vos back on the beach these days. Although she is completely mended after her days in the hospital, her many friends are just glad to "have a favorite teacher and friend" around in the district again. Welcome home, Anne.

Everybody's favorite summer visitor is Alice Doby of Mary St., Rockwood. The popular mother recently visited the cottage of Alf and Doris Doby at Three Mile Lake and has also just returned from visiting with her daughter, Catharine Cotterill, her son-in-law John and family, in Peterborough. During her time at the Cottrells, Mrs. Doby enjoyed cottaging at Chandaah Lake above Appleby, Ontario.

Tan and healthy but recuperating from two full weeks of traveling are the Alan Eastwoods of Station St. who returned home Monday from points east as far as the Bay of Fundy.

"We had a great time," says Alan Betty tells of leaving Rockwood via camper-trailer, on Thursday, July 10, and heading off for Edmonton, New Brunswick. Arriving there the next day, the Eastwoods, Alan, Betty and sons, Paul and John met up with five other families, including Henry and Bertha Stachyra of Acton and Reno and Jeanne Housells of Georgetown. The friends stayed together and enjoyed four days of wilderness camping on mountain land, just north of St. Jacques.

Super Park Campgrounds. The local travellers then went on to Fredericton where they stayed five days at the New Brunswick Super Park called Mactaquac, on the St. John's river. While there they

visited spots of interest and toured the area, touching such places as St. Andrews on the Bay of Fundy and St. John.

Friday was pack-up-and-leave time. The family went back up through Quebec, staying overnight just south of Trois Rivières (Three Rivers), then on to Ottawa (for two days of touring points of interest such as the Parliament buildings, the Canadian War Museum, etc. The capital city visit was topped off by a celebration dinner at the Sparks St. mall and then the return trip home through the Rideau Lake area. The happy, but tired family arrived back in Rockwood early Monday morning about 4 a.m.

A packed busload of little people took off for the Toronto zoo Tuesday morning for an all-day session of visiting animals. Lunches and pocket-money for snacks were the order of the day and leaders of the Action in Rockwood group were the chaperones and leaders. From 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. was the trip and visiting time and everyone had a fine day with youngsters highly impressed at the size of the animals and their surprising energy.

Power off

Hydro service was cut off in several areas Sunday when a pole was struck and high tension wires were downed during an afternoon thunderstorm.

The pole was located in the Guelph township and residents in Rockwood, Eden Mills and Guelph were without power for approximately one hour and a half between 3:30 p.m. and 4:45.

District Jr. Farmers overall zone winners

Karen Askett and Marlene Yungblut won the ladies' badminton. Karen also won the ladies' javelin and baseball throw. Men and women baseball games were taken by the Wellington county athletes and the men went on to win the tug-of-war also.

The rifle shoot team of Maurice Kaye and Jim McIsaac, Maryborough; Bob Bosomworth, Fergus; and Jim Reid, Eramosa, captured top score in that event. Jim Reid also won the 1600 metre race and placed second in the men's shot putt.

Alice Fair of Eramosa placed first in the 200 metre dash; Brenda Noble, Minto, was first in the 400 metre race. Bev Rawlin from Mount Forest won the men's 800 metre race and Louise Fair of the Fergus club placed second in the ladies shot putt. Barry Kirk from Belwood topped the men's discus and javelin throw.

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4-H field day

July 26 has been named as the date for the annual 4-H field day for Wellington county. It will be a day of baseball competitions, soccer, relay races, a tug-of-war and individual events where 4-H'ers and friends in the county will participate.

Registration has been set to start at 9 a.m. at the Fergus agricultural grounds. It is expected that a large number will attend the yearly outing where picnicking and fun will be order of the day.

Student athlete takes matches

Eramosa wrestler, Doug Cox of R.R. 5, Rockwood, took two bouts to score well in wrestling competitions against an all-star American team from New York, last Saturday.

The student athlete is one of a team of four which practiced for the event by participating at the Junior Elite Wrestling Camp held July 10 to 20 at Centre Wellington district high school at Fergus. One member on the team, Dave Leslie won four matches without a loss; Bob Prank won two and lost one; Derek Rooney won one and lost one; Doug Cox took both of his entries.

Doug recently took a silver and bronze medal at the Canadian Wrestling Championships held in Vancouver. The silver medal was won in the 178 pound class of free style wrestling; the bronze was awarded for the Greco-Roman championships in the 194 pound class. In 56 matches this year, Doug has lost only twice and has won seven out of eight major tournaments. His



ERIC PRIES and David Hill exercise mouth to mouth resuscitation at Friday's swimming tests for intermediates at the Eden Mills beach front.

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