



SAY IT IN FRENCH, says Paul Hudson as he chats with Suzanne Duchesne, the Quebec exchange student who is visiting the Hudson family for the next two weeks. Mike and Jane are also interested in the discussion with the French-Canadian girl who recently hosted Jane at her home, introducing her way of life to the Rockwood student.

Rockwood family hosts Quebec exchange visit

Learning French through family exposure has been the exciting experience of one young Rockwood girl and this week she is hosting the guest with whom she stayed during her two-week visit in Quebec.

A Guelph Centennial high school student, Janie Hudson of Main St., recently visited Suzanne Duchesne of Baie St. Paul, through the Visites Interprovinciales student exchange program. After 14 days of visiting and sightseeing with the Quebec family she has returned home and, for the next few days will be entertaining her new friend, introducing her, in turn, to the ways of an English-Canadian family.

Niagara Falls, the Ontario Science Centre and Ontario Place in Toronto, Sauble beach, casual family picnics and outings will be the interesting agenda for the visitor. Her stay with the Hudsons will be a particularly enlightening one as Suzanne is an only child. The Hudsons are a delightful family of six children.

Another Rockwood area family who hosted a visitor from St. Siméon, Quebec were the John Gallins of R.R. 3, Rockwood. Janet Gallin is presently staying at St. Siméon as the exchange guest of the young student who visited with her during the past month.

Formed in 1936, the Visites Interprovinciales was the first student exchange program association in Canada. Participation is organized for secondary school students through the high schools.

New steering committee

At a meeting of the Rockwood and District Lions Club with the Eramosa township council July 16, Lions Club members were chosen as representatives to act with appointed council members on a new steering committee for a modified community centre.

The names of Walter Swanson and Tom Gellatly were submitted. Harry Bonner specified he should be on the committee to protect his vested interest in the property of the complex site.

At the special meeting of township council on Friday, July 18, the council officially appointed to the steering committee, Lions Walter Swanson and Harry Bonner with Tom Gellatly as the alternate Lion representative. Council members appointed to serve were Deputy-revee Betty Lou Clark and councillor, Dave Masson.

Also present at the Lions Club meeting were Bill Houston, regional recreation director; Bill McEachern of the Ministry of Treasury and Economics and visiting Lion Grant Brown. The visitors attended on invitation to give information on grants available.

Eramosa township council backs trustees

"I think this should have been done in 1966 when the original problem showed up," said councillor David Masson. He was speaking at a special Eramosa township council meeting called last Friday morning by Reeve Bill Adsett at which council was to make decisions on the sewer and water problems in the village of Rockwood.

Councillor Masson's remark pertained to the council's decision Friday to act on the proposals of the village trustees presented at an earlier meeting. The councillor felt if constructive moves had been made nine years ago to control and wipe out pollution in the village, Rockwood wouldn't have the problems it is faced with today.

As well as members of council, several village residents were on hand. All had definite attitudes on whether council should consider the trustees' proposals to make immediate correction of faulty systems or plunge into sewer and water considerations before costs spiral further.

Reeve Bill Adsett said he felt that, as a responsible reeve, he must ask council to consider the latest report of Dr. B. T. Dale of the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph County Health Unit. The M.O.H. had reported that, of 270 homes visited in the latest survey, drinking water in 29 per cent of total was unsatisfactory;

seven septic systems were obviously polluting with 30 too close to bedrock or water table; six too close to water-course and 18 inadequate (undersized and poorly constructed).

important item of appointing a special committee to act as liaison between village residents and village and township councils.

Committee appointed

Committee members appointed were Roy Hillis, chief inspector for the Health Unit; Allan Osborne, chairman of the Rockwood trustee board, and John Hewitt, councillor. It will be responsible for assessing faulty systems as well as investigating alternative ones, and ways of providing information on financing. The committee will set time limits in which polluters must have problem systems repaired and, if they don't comply, the Health Unit will be called in to force the issue.

and also to set a time limit required for bringing faulty systems up to standard.

Part way through the meeting, Reeve Bill Adsett asked council if a policy should be broken. He said that, as the issue at hand was such a vital one for many people, maybe those attending would like to air their views on the water and sewer installations for the village.

Lions Club meets council

The word "we" was given key importance at the Wednesday, July 16 meeting of the Rockwood and District Lions Club and Eramosa township council. Past district governor of the Lions International, Bruce Murray, was chairman of the evening.

He pointed out to group members, the importance of recognizing the Rockwood Complex as a "we" project with everyone working cooperatively as a unit rather than something to be accomplished by one specific group.

portant thing was to go ahead and get it up as soon as possible. He told of other communities comparable to the size of Rockwood, which had built and were operating very successfully, centres which were filling significant roles in their areas.

Mr. Murray felt that when the centre gets completed and people have a place to do things together, others will want to become part of the enthusiastic Lions group. He said membership increases with jobs being accomplished and referred to the Thamesford Lions Club which had increased very rapidly from 12 members to 61.

After great discussion regarding responsibilities, grants and donations, it was decided a new steering committee should be organized. Council members said they felt the present centre did not meet the needs of the Eramosa community and that moderations should be made. Lion Club members were concerned that costs of design had already been paid. They felt new drawings would be too expensive.

Moderated centre

It was agreed that, before proceeding with the project, the new steering committee would collect information on expected costs for a moderated community centre only. They would investigate to see how much grant money would be available for the proposed building and from there the matter would be taken to the residents of Eramosa, to see how much money can be procured by donations.

"I want to ask one very important question of each council member," said Mr. Murray. "I want to know from each one of you tonight if you are or are not in favor of this project?" He asked them to specify if they would support it. All council members said they would.

The chairman said, in visiting the township residents, Lion Club canvassers should have with them, a letter signed by the Reeve of the township, sanctioning their request for donations. The Reeve agreed to prepare such a letter.

concerned that council might be pressured by persons having ulterior motives who are promoting water and sewer installations when alternatives which are government-approved are within reach, costwise, of village residents. "And are available at a much lower cost per household," said Mr. Hillis.

The speaker said it is not only the price of installation that concerned him, but the exorbitant cost of connecting to the proposed systems, "and the continuing cost of maintenance that must be borne."

"Many of us, if not most, who have lived in Rockwood for some years choose to live in a village rather than a city atmosphere," he told the council. Mr. Hillis pointed out that, as it is, children have room to play and the house-holders can have a garden and be somewhat independent if need be.

Reeve Adsett said he felt that a petition which had been circulated in the village should be considered by township council. He asked Mrs. B. Schurf if she'd like to present the brief. Mrs. Schurf said there were 88 names contained on the document signed by villagers who wanted sewers and water system installed.

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On the Beach

by Kathy Thrakston

Hello again from the Rockwood conservation area! The first session of swimming lessons has quickly come to an end. The rain stayed away, conveniently for the entire two weeks but quite cool winds hindered the early levels of the Y.M.C.A. aquatics program. On several occasions purple lips and chattering teeth were much more common than bubbles, bobs and jelly fish floats.

The results were quite pleasing to all the staff. Congratulations to the successful candidates for completing their level tests.

Two weeks out of a year are really not much time in which to learn how to swim and so the instructors are hoping to see many familiar faces in the upcoming sessions.

Frälich, Brian Buitenhuis, Jeffrey Buitenhuis, John Duffield, Stephen Caine, Julie Robson, Kirk McNabb, Karen Kelly, Kevin Harris, Susan Kay, Margaret Thomson, Shauna Lush, Christine Timmerman, Glen Hopkins; level four, Michael Watson, Lisa Swackhammer, Donna Thomson, Tammy Kelly, Steven Chadder, Andrew Caine, Nicola Caine, Ann Frälich; level five, Kristina Frälich, Ricky Rowan, Trevor Cox, Tammy Brading, level six, Laura McNamara, Karen Hammond, and Doug Bertelson.

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