



On the Beach

by Kathy Theakston

On Wednesday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m., the Rockwood conservation beach staff is presenting a safety night. Constable Kidd of the Guelph detachment of the O.P.P. will be showing films on various aspects of safety. Members of the St. John's Ambulance brigade will demonstrate artificial respiration and the park staff will show proper techniques in building a campfire. The lifeguards will take their viewers through life-saving passes.

Everyone is welcome. Bring along the kids for an evening of fun and education.

Blocked roadway must be cleared

Trustee warnings to a village resident have met with some resistance and a decision was reached by the Rockwood board at their July 24 meeting to send a registered letter to Lou Hills of Lou's Used Cars specifying that all vehicles and debris on the Bridge St. road allowance must be cleared by a deadline date of Wednesday, July 30. Earlier complaints from nearby residents said that cars were obstructing the roadway and in case of emergencies, vehicles would never be able to get through. The trustees warned Mr. Hills in a letter, that cars should be moved. Until the

Thursday meeting, four vehicles were still on the road allowance as well as a pile of gravel and other debris. The trustees reviewed the matter. Sometime this week, road superintendent Robert Hamilton will be straightening and grading the Bridge St. roadway. The trustees said Mr. Hills had already violated their earlier request and had gone two days past the original date specified for road clearance. In the registered letter Mr. Hills has been told to remove the piles of roofing shingles and fill, plus all vehicles on the roadway. If the request is not adhered to legal action will be taken.



WARES FOR SALE are the creations of three Rockwood girls who held a side-walk sale on Highway Seven last Wednesday afternoon, just outside the home of Pat and Lorene Smith. Matt Hodge of London, district post office representative, made purchases from Mary Ellen Johnston, 13, Shawn Smith, 13, and Reni Sue Smith, six. He was most impressed with their endeavor and took home a pot holder to his wife.

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Duties of new foreman outlined

Rockwood trustees welcomed a new member to the village staff at their Thursday, July 24 meeting at the town hall. All members of the board were present including chairman Allan Osborne; trustees, Pat Smith, Bert Smith, village clerk and hydro chairman, Len Hockey. Also present was the newly-hired village foreman, Wayne Doby, who took up duties a week ago. The trustees gave him a rundown of some of the official jobs he will be responsible for in his new position. Several matters were discussed as well as correspondence. A board had been pulled off the seat of the bench at the Cenotaph. The foreman was requested to make necessary repairs. Trustees suggested he should make a perpetual calendar of seasonal jobs which fall regularly at certain times of the year. They referred to problems of dust on roadways and suggested that a sweeper be procured from county roads board and have village streets dusted every spring. Horses on sidewalks were discussed. Resident complaints about the animals walking on village sidewalks had prompted the trustees to talk to horseowners in Rockwood. Pat Smith said that riders feel it is very dangerous to ride a horse up the Highway Seven roadway just before the first hill beyond Harris St. He said a heavy truck coming or going over the hill is a tremendous hazard to horses and asked fellow trustees to consider the matter.

No Rockwood tennis expected this year

A proposal to build a tennis court on the grounds of Rockwood Centennial school was sanctioned at a recent meeting of the Wellington County Board of Education but, according to Sandy Hudson who initiated the proposal, "the possibility of the tennis court being built is not, at this time anyway, newsworthy, as it's still a long way off." Mr. Hudson branched the idea of a single court facility at a spring meeting of the Eramosa Recreation Committee. He explained that the court would, in no way, take over or away from the three tennis courts proposed by the Recreation Committee for the Rockwood sports complex playing field. Monies for a tennis club are already accruing in the committee's treasury and Mr. Hudson was not requesting any of those funds. He felt that, as the Rockwood project may be delayed for a longer period than first expected, a court placed at the school grounds could be used for the double purpose of providing physical education and instruction for students as well as a tennis facility for other residents during after-school hours. Mr. Hudson felt the court could be used in the interim, to stimulate interest in the game for both adults and younger children. Based on Mr. Hudson's proposal a letter was sent by the Recreation Committee asking for permission to build the court on school property. The W.C.B.E. passed a motion at their last meeting, granting approval of the court for the Centennial school location. It was stipulated that funding for the facility would be the responsibility of the Eramosa Recreation Committee, also maintenance and upkeep. A reply was sent from W.C.B.E. explaining its position. Speaking for the school board, trustee George Day said he is very pleased to see this type of co-operation between local authorities and the W.C.B.E. He explained that the board also requested that link back fencing for the court should be one and one-half inch mesh as opposed to two inch linkage. He said there was concern about children climbing the fence if links were big enough for foothold. Another request was that net posts be removable and holes properly covered when not in use. Location of the proposed court will be on the asphalt area of the school, running parallel with Pasture Street and close to the roadway. The board anticipates that, if the recreation committee goes ahead with the tennis court, it will work out an agreement with principal, Grant McEae, so that usage will not interfere with the school program. Mr. Day says the next step is for the recreation committee to make the decision. Costs of the court will include: fencing and installation, \$1,000; tennis net, \$100; posts and winches, \$100; line-making, \$100; practice board, \$100; a total of \$1,500. Dimensions will be for a doubles court, 78 ft by 36 ft. The surface will be asphalt, already laid on the school grounds. Mr. Hudson pointed out that he is not prepared to get started on the court for some time. He hopes that once it is built a tennis club will be formed which could promote the game for village residents. He sees the facility as a possibility for next summer's tennis season.

Members set for new committee

Tom Gatliff will sit on the new Rockwood complex committee as a voting member, as originally decided on during a meeting of the Rockwood and District Lions club and Eramosa township council. At the meeting, Mr. Gatliff, Walter Swanson and Harry Bonner representing the Lions and Dave Masson and Betty Lou Clark from council would sit on the special committee. At a later, special meeting of the council Mr. Gatliff had been designated as an alternative only. Darryl Nichol, president of the Lions, approached council during their Monday evening meeting inquiring about the change and requesting the committee be named as previously decided. There was some concern on the part of the council members as Mr. Bonner is wearing two hats, "as a Lion and a landowner. The fact that under the first joint meeting was adjourned until the next regular meeting slated for August 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rockwood town hall. Britain's first great postal reformer was Thomas Witherington who was appointed by Charles I.

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News and Views

by Lorraine Root

Time has come, the walrus said, to talk of many things! The time has come for this writer to put aside her trusty little typewriter and head for other things. As of this week, new reporters' writings will fill these Rockwood pages with their interpretations and accounts of village and township news. I would be amiss not to take a quick look at what the last few years have meant to me. I've met marvelous people to work with, rubbed shoulders with members of a tremendous news staff, learned a great deal about writing and the opportunity of sharing relationships and learning how to convey attitudes and concerns of others, fairly and squarely, through the media of the newspaper. It would be impossible to thank individually the great number of people I have come to know who have fed me with exciting and provocative news items. They stretch in great numbers from the tip of

Nassagaweya and Eden Mills to well above the hamlet of Oustic. Parts of Eramosa near Guelph have also provided friendly stopping grounds for me, as well as areas around and about Acton. The Acton Free Press has provided a very worthwhile service to our community. I am happy that township residents have responded well to the much needed facility. In this area newspaper sales have quadrupled during the last five years and it is my hope, they will continue to grow. Closing briefly, I would like to reiterate my sincere thanks to those who supplied co-operation and support. It is through the constant visiting with people, making new friends and sharing small parts of their lives that people like me can look around and say, "This is really a great world I live in and thank goodness I'm here to enjoy it."

Village support for town hall

Enthusiasm is growing and villagers anxious to see at least one of Rockwood's vintage buildings kept intact are finding ways of raising funds to pay for town hall renovations. Despite the fact that the Lions Club Rockwood project is high on the priority list of many residents as a required recreation facility, just as many support the need for the smaller hall and are willing to sacrifice time and effort to keep it functioning on the main street. Dances held Two dances have been held in the village during the past few weeks. A group called the Rocking Horse drew many residents and raised a sum in the neighborhood of \$300. The Rockwood Plainsmen also held a dance. Proceeds of both affairs were placed in a special "town hall renovation" fund in the Royal Bank, recently opened by people interested in preserving the hall. Hope is that anyone wishing to add money to the fund will contact either Julie Brace of Guelph St., Len Hockey at the Hydro office or just make a deposit right at the bank under the fund name. "We hope that people will give not just money but also ideas towards raising money," says the enthusiastic organizer, Julie Brace. Julie feels that if groups who have used the hall for years, such as the Firefighters with their regular monthly dances, the Sunshine Club, the nursery school mothers and the Boy Scout Association members would contribute, the fund could grow quickly enough to keep ahead of expenses incurred as renovations begin. Mrs. Brace urges that villagers get behind the worthwhile project. Regarding donations she says: "No matter how small or how big, it will all go towards retaining a hall which has, over many years, provided fun and sociability in this village." Already the mounting fund has reached the \$375 mark. Backers of the project feel that residents will take a fresh interest once renovations are started.

Everton Mill discussed

The future of the Everton Mill was brought to the attention of the Eramosa township council by John Hewitt during Monday evening's meeting. Mr. Hewitt pointed out that the building is sitting prey for vandals, and \$100,000 would be needed to make the building safe from this. To restore it back to its original status would cost \$100,000. The Grand Valley Conservation authority, under whose jurisdiction the mill comes, has no money to spend on the place, according to Mr. Hewitt. Restored He made the suggestion that the structure could be restored as a mill, restaurant or even an antique shop, but the Authority has the water rights. Councillor David Masson suggested a local Initiatives Program grant (LIP) could be obtained for the winter months and an Opportunity for Youth grant be obtained for the summer months. In this way, local people could fix the mill up through government grants. Council is going to discuss this matter at a later date and move into the possible solutions.

Trustees view plans of town hall renovations

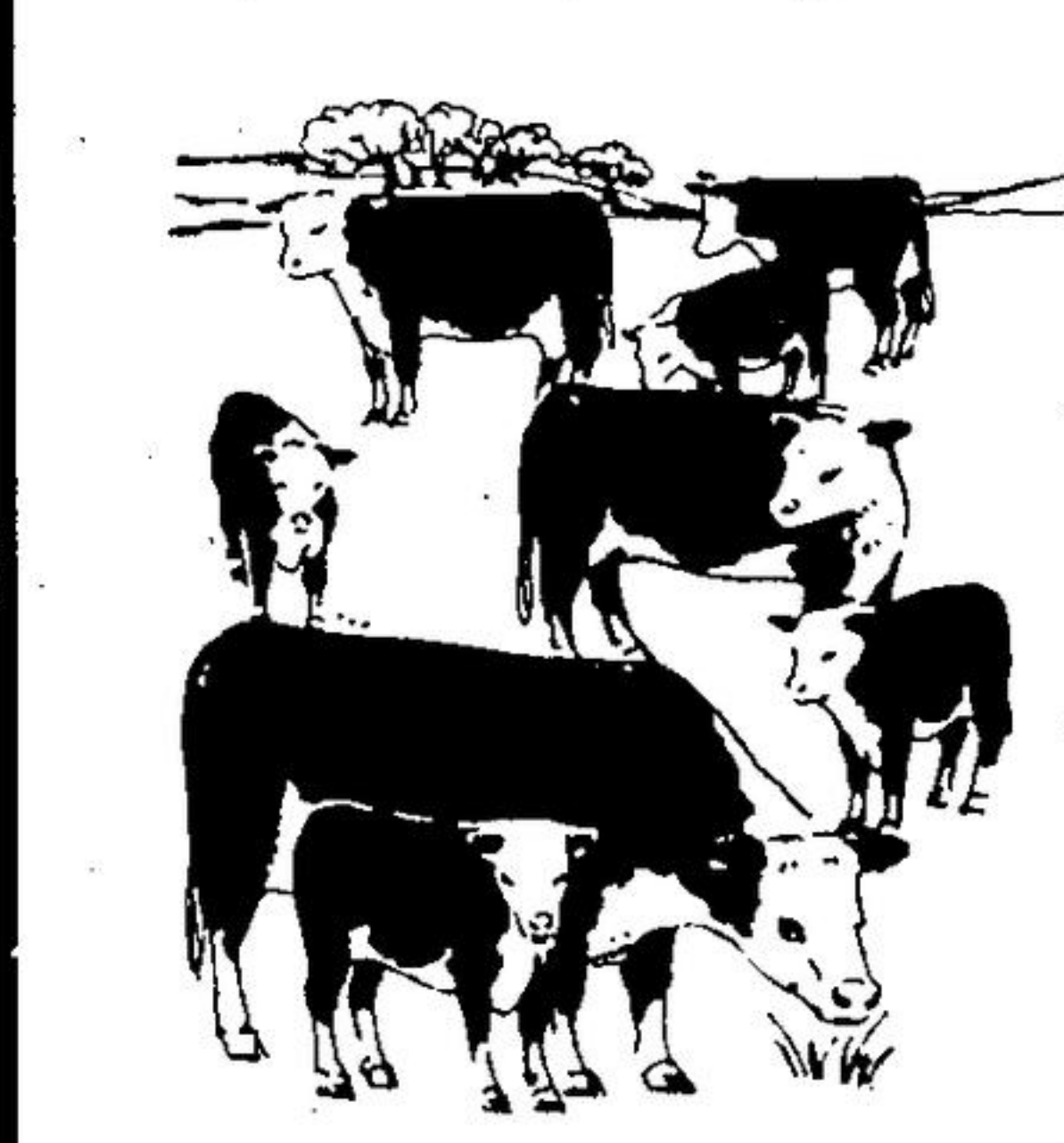
Plans for a remodelled town hall were submitted and accepted in principle, at Thursday's village trustee meeting. Engineer chairman of the Rockwood board, Allan Osborne had made the drawings and presented them for consideration. Viewers were impressed at their practicality and adaptability to the standards laid down by the L.L.B.O. to accommodate 105 people. In the drawing displayed, main entrance to the hall will be directly from the Main St. sidewalk. The present entrance and foyer, located at the side of the building, will be incorporated, along with the corridor and former bydro office, into larger washrooms. Inside entry into the kitchen from the hall area, will be made near cupboards on right of clock; a rear entrance will be placed at back of building through the kitchen. Overall dimensions of the kitchen will be unchanged; the portable stage could be placed anywhere in the hall. The chairman pointed out that additional cupboard space will be installed on either side of the main-entrance doors. Areas completed In a letter received from the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit in March, several items were referred to as necessary if the hall was to continue in use. Most of these have been completed, others are in process. A recent inspection of the Health Unit revealed that the septic system is adequate and useable. The Unit recommended that parking in the area of the tile bed should be discontinued. The location will soon be fenced off. A third sink has been installed in the kitchen as requested; the plans show that wash-room requirements will also be carried out. As it stands, speculation as to cost of renovations have not been made. Mr. Osborne is in charge of the project and it is the hope of the trustees that most of the work will be done by volunteer labor. It is expected that the first stages will begin soon.

Dennis Street

Village residents will soon see a new sign on the former Station St. above the railway tracks in Rockwood. At a recent meeting of the Eramosa township council, a by-law was passed to be ratified by Rockwood village trustees, officially changing the name from Station St. E. to Dennis St. A road recently opened south of the tracks, extending on the east side of Main St. and running parallel with Station St. W., will be named Station St. E. A sign will also be placed in that vicinity of the village as discussed by the trustees at their July 24 meeting.

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