

More than expected at Bible school

The first year of the Rockwood Bible school was dubbed a success in every way by its organizers.

Thirty-three children from Rockwood and area between the ages of four to 12 attended the week long session in the Rockwood United church from Aug. 25 to Aug. 29. Some youngsters came from Mimosa church.

Because of the great number of children attending, it was necessary to make two groups. Six years and under were the juniors and seven and over were the senior students.

Same theme
Mrs. Syske Drijber held the children's attention all week with a mission story about William Carey. This was studied a little each day. Miss Dana Lodge was the instructor of the Bible lesson stories. Using the theme lost and found, Miss Lodge used scripture, songs and memory verses to get her ideas across.

Craft time for the junior class was held by Mrs. Janet Cunningham. Miss Susan Tush was the pianist for the week and helped Mrs. Diane May with the recreation period. Mrs. May was also in charge of the snack time.

Felt need
Mrs. Ellen Thomson was the initiator of the whole project. She organized the event, which was a first in at least 12 years. She felt there was a need for such a school in the area.

According to Mrs. Thomson, only 15 children were expected which in itself would make the week very worthwhile. When more than twice the amount expected turned out, it gave the organizer the encouragement to have a Bible session next summer.

A voluntary collection was made each day. By the end of the week there was more than \$15 in the jar to be donated to the Bible Society.



ROBBIE BATEMAN joins in the sing-song at the Rockwood and area community Bible school which ended August 29. Robbie was one of 33 children who helped make the week-long session a success.

Will request planner, L.I.P.

Rockwood trustees will submit an application for a student planner for next summer. Applications should go in now and trustee Pat Smith is drafting the submission.

Trustees agreed this is an important time for planning with the decision made the night before to request sewers and water for the village.

Trustees will also be sending in an application for a Local Initiatives Program contribution, for work on repair and changes at the town hall. Trustees talked over man-hours required, the kinds of skills needed, and the possible total request of over \$14,000.

Medical Centre occupied soon

The medical centre should be finished and occupied in a month, trustee Pat Smith told the other village trustees at their meeting Tuesday of last week.

I'm disappointed... it's another square box with no thought to how it will look in the village, he added.

A recommendation will be made to the medical committee that some landscaping

be done. There had been delays while changes in parking and design were pursued. However, the original design will be adhered to. Parking at the post office has been refused, so the parking will be at the front of the new building.

The first step is to get them (the doctor and dentist) in there, Mr. Smith commented.

Here and there

Mrs. E. Conway, Scarborough, visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ingleson of Rockwood, had a very pleasant experience while here. She took her first plane flight in her life from Guelph Air Park and viewed Rockwood and surrounding area with great enthusiasm. On landing, the comment from the 75 years young great grandmother was "It was great, and I'd like to do it again."

Kristina Louise Ingleson of Weatherall St., Rockwood, was three years old on Sunday, August 24. Helping her celebrate at a party were

friends who attended from Toronto, Brantford, New Lowell and Rockwood. Twelve children shared a birthday tea.

The Rockwood Sunshine Club are starting their meetings with a pot luck supper Thursday, September 11 in Rockwood town hall. The entertainment is being provided by the Belwood Swingers of the Belwood Golden Age club and members of the Sunshine club, Rockwood. Everyone is welcome to come to enjoy the entertainment at 7.30.

Free Press Rockwood and District

New controls for village lights

Individual controls on each Rockwood street light should eliminate what Len Hockey called "a long history of failures." Trustees, meeting Tuesday of last week as hydro commission, decided to have

the work done on the lights so repairs can be made more easily.

Mr. Hockey recalled there have been problems for as long as he has been here, three and a half years. The

August 12 storm this year "played havoc," he said. Ontario hydro paid six visits to Rockwood and the street lights are still not all working. The last bill was \$700, he pointed out.

Council is interested in historical buildings

Eramosa township deputy reeve Betty Lou Clarke is interested in the preservation of historical buildings.

At the August 25 meeting of the Eramosa township council, Mrs. Clarke asked council for permission to make inquiries of local residents to

find out who would be willing to serve on a committee to preserve such historical buildings as Horlop's Mill at Everton, Wheeler's Mill and dam and other buildings in the municipality.

The suggestion received favourable response from council members.

Suggest contrast
In a new development, Guelph area hydro wrote Rockwood to say they have not enough man-hours available to do this kind of work in Rockwood, and they suggest the use of contractors who will maintain the lights.

There can be as many as 15 lights on each relay now, and when the lights go out, a man must climb each pole before he discovers the problem.

After the changes are made, only the pole affected by lightning would lose its light.

About 80 units must be modified, at a cost of about \$1,478.

A contractor is willing to do the job and "it shouldn't take long," Len Hockey said. "Three storms should pay for it," commented Pat Smith.

Wintario funds grant

The possibility of receiving money from a Wintario grant is being looked into by Eramosa township councillors.

David Masson brought the subject up at their August 25 meeting in regard to the Rockwood recreation complex. He stated the Wintario organizers had \$10 million dollars in the bank for sports and recreation.

Mr. Masson also told council they could receive a grant

of as much as one third the total cost.

It was suggested that council get in touch with the present member of parliament and the two nominated candidates for further information.

Will attend

Rockwood will be represented at the district 6 meeting of the Grand Valley Municipal Electrical Association in Waterloo. Bert Smith and Len Hockey expect to attend.

Road repairs, village contract

Rockwood trustees decided to make the same arrangement for contracted road work as last year. Bill Wingate will do grading, plowing, winging, ice cutting, etc. as directed by the village foreman. His pay will be increased with new hourly rates, effective September 1.

Foreman Wayne Doby may also call on others for road work as required.

Trustees discussed with Mr. Doby moving the road allowance on Bridge St. to its true alignment. Owner of material on the actual roadway will be asked to move it. Tony Smith suggested planting a row of poplars.

Top soil
A letter will be sent to Fred Nightingale Sr., who had suggested if he were given two loads of top soil, he would level it to improve the appearance of his vacant lot. Trustees said they appreciated the offer but the estimated amount—between \$60 or \$70—was not budgeted for. They will keep the site in mind if topsoil becomes available, say through highway reconstruction.

Foreman Doby reported he was planting grass seed at the cemetery now.

He was instructed to cut weeds at Rockwood park. Various road problems were discussed with the foreman.

Land fill
Mr. Doby reported the land fill site is operating well and being properly used. There is no unauthorized dumping there, he said.

A hydro pole on Division St., damaged as a result of a car accident, will be replaced by Ontario hydro, trustees learned.

No slow
A phone call asked trustees' reconsideration of a "slow" sign to try to curb vehicle speeding. Trustees had talked to police and decided not to take any action. Attending the trustee board meeting were chairman Allan Osborne, trustees Bert Smith and Pat Smith and secretary Len Hockey, with village foreman Wayne Doby.

Rate increase for cemetery?

Cemetery rates were discussed Tuesday of last week by Rockwood village trustees.

The assets have dropped, secretary Len Hockey reported, and perhaps a rate increase should be considered. He compared rates at

Rockwood, Acton, Guelph and Georgetown cemeteries, which showed Rockwood lowest in plot purchase price.

After some discussion trustees decided to have monthly reports from now until January, and make a decision then.

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