



DISPLAY OF CANDLES at the Rockwood Octoberblast attracted Jonna, Belinda and Veronica Ofsenka and Alice Volpe. Donna Hill of Rockwood was selling the candles.

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Rockwood and District

October blast warms grey day

Steerburgers and hot punch took the bite off a cold, grey day last Saturday when the Anglican Church sponsored Rockwood's second annual October Blast at the Parish Hall. The event is planned as a fun-filled day for the village and not as a fund raising project. Local people volunteered their handicrafts, baking was supplied by the community and the entertainment was volunteered by Gordon and Archibald, a well-known folk group in this area and in Guelph.



DEBBIE BURECHAILS continues with her painting, surrounded by her work on exhibit at the Rockwood Octoberblast on Saturday.

Community spirit rose when threatening weather forced everyone inside. An atmosphere of warmth and good cheer prevailed throughout the day, drawing sightseers. People from Acton, London and Oakville joined in as they made their way through the village. Offered for sale A bake table supplied by Betty Eason, Betty Jones and Ivy Ritchie tempted people, and all looking for Christmas decorations were delighted with the selection made of felt, by Pat Shaniewski, or by the many beautiful items Heather Benham and Lindsay Jones had to offer. Joy Lord, who will be taking up residence in Florida in the near future, had a fantastic array of hand knitted goods. Mrs. Anna Van Dijken of Acton had attractive handwoven pillows in unusual designs and a selection of dried flowers on sale. Barb Bonner representing the Lionettes, offered a beautiful harvest table of fresh fruits and vegetables and an assortment of children's clothing. Hand-crafted candles in unique shapes and colors by Donna Hill, were another popular item, and Maureen Hughes, a local potter, who has recently opened her own shop on Quebec St., had a varied selection of her talented work. Lillie Masson was the answer to any antique buff and artist Debbie Brijails of Guelph did charcoal sketches on the spot for a captive audience. Debbie also had some of her oils on sale.

Music, games enjoyed by Club

The Rockwood Sunshine Club had a most pleasant afternoon Thursday, with Mrs. Vera Black, the president, in the chair. After Mrs. Black welcomed everyone she took her place at the piano and everyone joined in a sing-song. Victor Smith brought Kazons and passed them around and this really improved the music. The business part of the meeting was taken care of and then Mrs. Alma Bink with Mrs. Vera Black accompanying her sang a medley of old songs in her beautiful soprano voice and also gave a little insight into their origin. Mrs. Cecil Nellis gave a reading of Our Ranch at Crooked Creek and Mrs. Margaret McNabb read The Hookworm. Everyone enjoys these humorous readings. After a most enjoyable program euchre and crokinole came next. The prizes for euchre and crokinole were given out while refreshments of fruit bread, cheese and cookies were partaken of by all. Mrs. Anna Wilson, Bert Davidson and Mrs. Nordwell took the euchre prizes and Mrs. J. Little and Wm. Hayden the crokinole. Next meeting is October 23 at 2 p.m.

Rockwood roundup

Sewers a reality
John Slater, superintendent of the Rockwood water and sewer project, assured me that no one will be covered in debris when blasting starts this week on Division St. Mr. Slater explained that drilling has already begun to make way for blasting and that the first sewer crew arrives later this week. The blasting is done in small sections at a time and moves ahead slowly. Black blasting mats are placed over the areas to prevent the rock and earth from flying in all directions. Once Division St. is completed the crew will head north to the northern limits of the village and then swing east. Traffic flow will be maintained where ever possible and the business area of the village will be avoided until after Christmas to prevent disruption of the Christmas trade.

Rockmosa Park is the base for operations, under an agreement made with the Lions Club, and construction trailers and equipment have been moved in.

Roy Schermerhorn, Senior Inspector of Woodstock Engineering Consultants Ltd., is currently calling on every residence in the village. He and his men are discussing access details, outlet levels and various hook-up requirements with homeowners.

As of October 16, according to Village Secretary Len Hockey, 74 people in the north end of the village had signed up for sewer and water hook-up. Fitzsimmons, Martin and Associates, consulting engineers, will be checking the structural condition of all homes before blasting begins.

in each phase.
Will the project be finished around this time next year as planned? Mr. Slater will wait until blasting begins and he has an idea of what is ahead before he answers that question.

Sunshine Club
The Ontario Jockey Club issued an invitation to all senior citizens in the area last week to a day of racing at Mohawk Raceway. The Rockwood Sunshine Club hired a bus and members and friends enjoyed a day at the races. This was a first time event for many which added to the outing. The Sunshine Club and their friends would like to thank the Jockey Club for an enjoyable time.

Happy birthday
Mrs. Alice Hills celebrated her 73rd birthday October 9 surrounded by friends and family who dropped by her Harris St. home with gifts and best wishes. A visit from Vince and Doris Sisker, former neighbours, was an added surprise. The Siskers now live in St. Catharines, Ontario, but drove all the way to Rockwood to wish an old friend a very happy birthday!

Mrs. Hills also received calls from Vancouver and California.

Pumpkin Contest
Don't forget the annual Mr. Pumpkin Dressup this Saturday, Oct. 25 at St. John's, on the bowling green.

The Lionettes remind everyone in Rockwood and district community that entries must be at the church by 11 o'clock. Judging will be from 11 to 12 and if rain descends, the pumpkins will be judged in the parish hall. Halloween games for the children will start around 7 o'clock, weather permitting.



KERRY CHALMERS is the new Rockwood correspondent and she'll be happy to hear from you ... at 856-4890.

Back again
Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne have just returned from a two week trip to Columbus, South Carolina. While in Carolina they visited with Mrs. Milne's sister Jean Chapman and her husband Jack.

Fears stem from restructuring idea

The fear of becoming like the northern parts of Halton was discussed at the Eramosa township council Monday evening.

The Wellington Planning Board has requested a meeting with council to discuss any future restructuring of the county. Councillor Dave Masson said if restructuring is done, there is a possibility the area will become like Milton is now, with regional government. He said all the population is concentrated in one area, and the rural areas are left out.

"We should not lose our rural way of life or become like the north end of Halton," he stated.

Fewer
Mr. Masson said that they now have eight elected members to represent Eden

Mills and Rockwood. If restructuring was done, "we would be lucky to have two," he said.

The council discussed what the new boundaries would be, should the idea come into effect. They decided they definitely had to go in with Erin village and Erin township, but would prefer not to go in with Fergus. Mr. Masson said this would be a sure way of ending up with a Milton situation. He pointed out that the population would all be in Fergus.

They are planning to meet with the Rockwood and Eden mills trustees, and the Erin village and township councils to go over what they are going to say to the Wellington planners.

They will be meeting with this group in late November.

Medical Centre finish next month

The Rockwood-Eramosa Medical Centre is nearing completion, according to Eramosa township Reeve Bill Adsett.

He told his council that the medical doctor's portion is "virtually completed" and the dentist's part, the last time he saw it, was roughly partitioned in. He expects it to be fully completed by the end of November.

Roads superintendent Bob Hamilton told council that sod has been set around the building but as of yet, no shrubs have been planted. He explained that because of upcoming road graveling for several weeks, he would not have the time to do the job.

Shrubs
Council agreed to buy shrubs from a nursery and have the store put them in. Councillor Dave Masson suggested leaving it until the spring, because of winter coming, but Deputy Reeve Betty Lou Clark said she was told that fall was the best time to plant them so the smaller roots can take root.

Mr. Adsett said that different people say different things.

Mr. Masson said they may have to spend as much as \$200 for a dozen shrubs.

Mr. Hamilton is going to shop around and take prices and report back to the Reeve.

L.I.P. grant chances look dim in Ottawa

The possibility of being granted a L.I.P. grant from the federal government to restore the Everton Mill looked dim at the Monday evening meeting of the Eramosa Township Council. Clerk Lloyd Hindley said that all the applications sent to Ottawa, including theirs, applied for \$10 million, vying

for an available three and a half million.

Councillor Dave Masson said that the government goes partly on the unemployment figures in that particular area, which, in Guelph, are low.

The council is awaiting further word concerning the grant they requested.

Use hot water wisely Save energy... Save money



Apart from home heating, a family usually consumes the most energy in producing hot water. Here are just a few small things you can do, that can add up to a considerable energy saving. Turn off hot water taps so they don't drip, fill clothes washers to match the size of the load, wait until you have a full load before using a dishwasher and remember showers usually require less hot water than baths. Try not to use more hot water than you need.

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