

Link sewers to Guelph Ministry urges Rockwood

Rockwood's sewage system should be linked with Guelph's, according to Ministry of the Environment spokesman Modris Toza.

Toza, while meeting with Eramosa township council last Wednesday, proposed a 12 inch sewer line from Rockwood, seven miles to Guelph to link with Guelph's existing tertiary treatment plant.

This met with objections from Rockwood village trustee Bert Smith who said he was under the impression the sewage would be treated in Rockwood and the effluent pumped into the Eramosa River. He said he had not heard of any discussion about a hookup with Guelph until recently.

Toza pointed out the effluent dumped into the river could affect the drinking water of Guelph, which comes directly from the river.

Smith countered this was a direct reversal of what he had been told before. He said he was "led to believe the effluent wouldn't affect the river. It was to be a top quality plant."

Deputy Reeve Betty Lou Clark said there is no treatment for bacterial and viral infections in the water yet. She asked Stewart if he didn't wonder about the condition of the water when the Grand River Conservation Authority said the effluent from the plant would have to be routed around the Rockwood Conservation Area, rather than go through the area as the river does.

Toza said a more recent study had been made of the river over the seven miles between Guelph and Rockwood and it was the Ministry's opinion the effluent would definitely harm the river.

He also said there would always be the possibility of a machine malfunction in the treatment plant and the sewage might have to be dumped into the river with just chlorine added.

Smith was instructed by the council to meet with his fellow village trustees and discuss the proposals for the Guelph link up. He said though "we can meet but I doubt if the decision will change."

Toza's proposal indicated a 12 inch sewer line would be laid along Highway 7 from Rockwood to Guelph. The system would be a gravity flow system which would not

need a pumping station for the line between the village and city. There would be a pumping station needed though for the village itself.

Toza had met with the City of Guelph officials before the meeting and negotiated what he thought were excellent conditions for the handling of Rockwood's sewage.

Guelph has indicated, he \$150,000 lump sum for providing the capacity as well as a 15c per thousand gallon charge for maintenance. This lump sum would cover a twenty year period while the gallonage charge would be renegotiated every two years, he thought.

The City would accept up to 165,000 gallons per day during the first ten year period and 250,000 gallons per day for the second ten years. This would be well above the required capacity for Rockwood. The 250,000 gallon figure would make possible the estimated growth of Rockwood to 1,700 people within the next 20 years.

Toza mentioned the estimated cost agreed upon with Guelph was far below the average of \$3 per gallon which it costs to construct and maintain a treatment plant.

Toza also stated the city of Guelph would extend their sewerage line to the city limits, about a mile to connect with the Rockwood line. The 12 inch line from Guelph to Rockwood would provide no hookups for people in either Eden Mills or Guelph Township. It would be a totally self-contained system.

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building a plant in Rockwood, but as was pointed out, there are long term expenses in the Rockwood plant, not indicated in the figures they have, as well as possible damage to the river. There would also be the threat of legal action against Rockwood and Eramosa township for damage to Guelph's drinking water source.

The Ministry of Environment and the Provincial Government will subsidize 75 per cent of the work. A CMHC loan and grant are also available for work to be done, under recent legislation. The work being done in Rockwood at the present time doesn't qualify though since it was started just a month before the CMHC grant became available. The grant is provided by CMHC to areas providing it will promote growth.

Toza estimated the homeowners' cost would not go up with this new service, in fact it might go down, he admitted. The costs of sewer and water main work seem to be going down instead of up because work is becoming scarcer, Toza stated.

The matter has been left with the township to notify the Ministry, hopefully within the next two weeks, on a decision. The trustees of Rockwood will meet before this to discuss the situation and forward their recommendations to the township council.

Deputy Reeve Betty Lou Clark was in favor of postponing the decision until December and election time to get some constituent reaction, but was told the Ministry of Transportation and Communication had postponed reconstruction of Highway 7 between Guelph and Rockwood until next spring so the sewers could be put in before the reconstruction.



THE NEW TOPS OFF the old on a country road. A television aerial rises above the roof of a log cabin.

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Many draws Woodcutters' ball to aid renovations

By K. Chalmers
Come one, come all to ye old Town Hall on Saturday night, June 5 to fund-raising dance sponsored by the Rockwood Town Hall renovations committee. The basic cost of the ticket is \$8 but there is an added bonus if you'd like a few chances at winning double your ticket money!

Throughout the evening there will be two draws at 15 minutes to every hour. To be eligible for this you must increase the cost of your ticket by one dollar for every draw you want to be included in. For example, if you buy a \$9 ticket you will be included in the 9:45 draw but if you buy a \$10 ticket you will have a chance at the 9:45 and the 10:45 draw and so on up to a \$12 ticket enabling you to take place in all four. This is just one of the many draws planned for the evening.

An "early bird hour" will be another highlight of this June dance. This hour begins at 8 p.m. and all ticket holders for an added admission price of 25c will get a chance to see the master

plans drawn up by the architect and brought up to date on what changes have been at the hall and what is in store for the near future. At 8:45 p.m. the admission pot will be split with half going to the renovation fund and half to some lucky resident.

The dance starts at 9 p.m. to the music of Rocking Horse and a variety of Country, Rock and 50's music will be featured. Anyone who wishes a ticket may obtain one from

Al Osborne, Julie Brace, Pat Smith or from the Village Office as of this Monday May 17.

The only thing that is preventing the completion of this worthwhile project is lack of sufficient funds. As you will see at the "early bird hour" the renovation will enable the whole village to use their Town Hall. The committee urges all residents to come out and join in this evening of fun organized to help finish the village hall.

Call with all news

Appoint inspector

Eramosa Township Council appointed a new chief building officer and by-law enforcement officer without debate at a meeting last Wednesday.

Glenn Creba got the job at \$5.75 per hour plus 18c per minute. He was also recently appointed to the same position in Erin Township.

Rockwood roundup

by Kerry Chalmers
The annual fireworks display put on by the Rockwood and District Lions Club will be held on Sunday, May 23 in the same place as last year, in the proximity of Rockwood Park. Everyone is invited.

Alice Hills was visited by friends and family on Mother's Day and treated to a lovely dinner at home by the family. A special treat was a visit from her former neighbours and close friends Des and Sheila O'Rourke who now live in Tara, Ontario. The O'Rourkes were down for the christening of their grandchild here in the village and stopped in for tea on Sunday with Mrs. Hills and again on Monday before leaving for home.

The Sunshine Club will not meet this Thursday because of the renovation at the Town Hall. The next meeting will be on May 27 at the usual time and place. Members are reminded to please get their names in to Robena Peacock or Jessie Dunk if you are interested in the bus trip to Woodbine Race Track on June 17.

Mrs. Alice Duby was a guest of her granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shannon of Acton on Sunday.

Lionettes

The Lionettes bought a ticket recently on the Bishop Macdonald Lottery with their own personal funds. The women had decided that if they won they would put the money in club funds.

The ticket held by Margorie Saunders was a winner and the Lionettes are thrilled! They are now waiting for the check for \$1,000 to be presented by the lottery personnel.

An invitation is extended to Rockwood and area residents to see the grounds of the Rockwood Academy and to socialize with other gardeners on Sunday, May 16 from 2-5 p.m. at the Rockwood Academy. This afternoon is sponsored by the Rockwood Gardeners and memberships will be available.

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Clean-up day

By Kerry Chalmers
The village will have a clean-up day this Saturday, May 15. A truck will follow the garbage vehicle to collect items too heavy for normal disposal. All items must be placed outside at normal collection points. This is a one-shot affair so residents are reminded to have garbage ready for normal pick-up time.

This may be the time people come across items that they don't want cluttering up their attics or garages but feel the article is just too good to throw out. If this is the case the Lions and Lionettes remind village residents that their auction sale is May 28 and they will pick up any item, just contact any Lion or Lionette.

That old chair or lamp may be just what someone is looking for and will help raise money for the Rockwood project.

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Challenge presented to Unit One Women

The women of Rockwood Unit One United Church were challenged to "be ambassadors for Christ" by Mrs. Jessie Dunk, as she read from Second Corinthians at their May meeting.

"When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand-new person inside. He is not the same anymore!" This portion of Scripture spelled the difference in the life of a young man who is now a new brand of missionary in Japan. Rob Wittmer and his Japanese wife, uses many types of outreach to pass on the "Good News" of the Gospel. Through a coffee house, through teaching English to both professors and students, through his own music, he reaches people in out-of-the-way places. He also preaches, and visits the rural areas, also speaking to prisoners in jails; but he can pass on God's word in his daily life to everyone he meets, which is his interpretation of the word "missionary."

Mr. Wittmer feels everyone should be a missionary all his life; people should all be ambassadors for Christ, if they realise Christ died for everyone individually; and they should pass on the message.

Mrs. Dunk read from the new Living Bible translation to give a dramatic light to the statements. During the discussion which followed, it was felt today's decline in church attendance is due in great part to failure by Christians to spread the knowledge they have. Today, other sects and cults are filling the hunger of people, for God's message of reconciliation.

This void is also being filled by some Christian groups outside the church through special women's treps which are having a tremendous growth. They also stress the Gospel of God's offer to Man's hunger for reconciliation to the Father.

Previously Mrs. Florence Trowsdale in her devotional study on the Gospel by Luke, stressed the need to be active in spreading the Good News as well.

Helping her in the study were Mrs. Verna Root who used the Phillips translation account and commentary, to show the beauty and accur-

acy of Luke's writings in his own Gospel and the Acts. Mrs. Alvina McDougall using Professor Barclay's comments showed that Luke was a strong defender of the new group of believers, when they came under attack from the established church, soon after Christ's death.

Mrs. Lois Tash read portions from Luke to show his good opinion of women and

their work for the coming kingdom. Mrs. Daisy King-shott told of Luke's insight into that kingdom, and the responsibility of believers to bring it about. Mrs. Drijber added that His kingdom is not the end of history, but the joyous beginning. It is everyone's duty to add to the number of subjects. He will claim for His own, by spreading the message of His love for all.

The great outdoors studied at two camps

Again in 1976, the Grand River Conservation Authority is sponsoring a Resource Management Camp. If you are between the ages of 15-17, interested in conservation and wish to learn more about the great outdoors, the Resource Management Camp is for you.

Unlike the normal version of summer camps that highlight recreation, the Resource Camp stresses people and their impact on the natural environment. During the week, campers will be exposed to a "hands on" learning situation whereby they will obtain a better understanding of the various

careers open in this field.

The site of the Resource Camp is to be the Taquanah Nature Centre. Located around a man-made dam near Cayuga, the area contains marsh, meadow, hard and softwood habitats that are ideal for this type of study. In addition, field trips will be made to the Fairbank Wildfowl Management Area where the Conservation Authority raises water and game birds. Applications may be obtained by writing the Community Relations division of the Grand River Conservation Authority, Box 729, 400 Clyde Rd., Cambridge.

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