

Free Press
Rockwood and District

Charter Night Saturday for Rockwood Lionettes

Saturday night at the new Rockmosa Community Centre in Rockwood, a crowd of approximately 240 people gathered to help celebrate charter night for the Rockwood Lionettes. Each Lioness received a certificate of membership and an official pin.

Dignitaries at this special event were District Governor of Lions International, Douglas Campbell; Reeve Bill Adsett, MPP Jack Johnson, Dave Monkman the incoming District Governor and Warren Wicks the Lioness Charter Chairman.

The Lionettes originally formed to cater to the Lions at their dinners but they have been an independent body with their own source of income since February of 1972.

President Barb Bonner

presented the official club banner to Leona Kingsbury who was the original president.

It wasn't until a year ago that the Lionettes were recognized as an international body. They are responsible for many community betterment projects and work with the Lions and alone. Each year the girls do the Blind Canvass, they assist with Christmas hampers and are responsible for sending area children to free skating in Guelph all winter. They assist with meals on wheels as well as many unpublicized acts of kindness to needy residents. The Lionettes do extensive catering in the area and are already lining up their program for next fall.

A sum of \$4,500 was loaned to the Lions by the Lionettes for the basement section of

the Rockmosa Community Centre.

Following a dinner catered by Cedar Hill and the official ceremony an enjoyable dance to the music of the Don Singular Second Generation took place.

LIONETTES GATHERED Saturday for their Charter Night at the new Rockmosa community centre. About 240 people attended.

—Photo by Don Hills

Phones face rate boost

Bell Canada subscribers in the Rockwood telephone exchange will soon face a slight increase in their monthly phone bills, ranging from 20 to 40 cents a month.

Bell's Oakville-Milton manager William C. Barnes appeared before a meeting of Milton Council Monday to explain why Rockwood phones are going to cost more. The current rate level in the Rockwood exchange is group 7, which allows free calling to up to 35,000 other customers, he said. But local customers can call 37,276 phones for free now, and this means moving into rate group 8, Barnes said.

A private line will rise from \$5.95 per month, by 40 cents. Two-party phones will cost 20 cents more, and multi-party phones 35 cents more, he said.

Rockwood subscribers can call Acton and Guelph phones without a toll charge now. Barnes said the rates, if approved by the CRTC which governs phone rates, would probably change in July.

Councillor Gordon Krantz wondered if free calling from Rockwood to Milton would be introduced soon, but Barnes said such a move has not yet been proven necessary. Only 17 per cent of the Rockwood long distance calls go to Milton phones now, he said, and the higher rate would be a penalty to Rockwood subscribers.

Mr. Barnes had some good news, however. Rockwood's rate level should not jump until Rockwood phone users can call 75,000 other subscribers—double the current number.



BARB BONNER presents the official Lionettes banner to Leona Kingsbury at the charter night on Saturday.

—Photo by Don Hills

Rockwood Roundup

by Kerry Chalmers

Reminder to area residents that the 4th annual Strawberry Social on St. John's Bowling Green will take place Saturday, June 25 at 8 p.m. Entertainment will be provided.

Attention—the annual bike-a-thon sponsored by the Rockwood and District Lions

Deer hits passing car

A car and deer collided on Line Five of Nassagaweya Monday evening.

About \$500 in damages was caused by the run-in to a car driven by John McFadden of Palmerston.

Police say the deer darted out in front of the car, and the driver was not able to stop in time.

Club and the Eramosa Ball Association will take place this Saturday, June 25. Cash prizes are being offered this year as well as the usual free refreshments.

Correction—the Pioneer Beauty Contest is actually a pioneer or oldtime costume contest. Emphasis is on the costume and high marks will go to the person who uses imagination. Organizer Mary Coulter stresses the fun side of this event and urges people to enter into the spirit of the thing.

Pioneer Day July 2 is just around the corner. Community involvement in activities such as the Bed Race, the parade and the Pioneer Costume contest will make the day a real success. If you are interested in joining in, call Evelyn Eason re your bed entry; Carl Meadows about the parade, and Mary Coulter about the costume contest.

Council insists on lifeguards

Eramosa township council has rejected a proposal by the Grand River Conservation Authority concerning supervision of the beach area at Rockwood Conservation Park.

Councillor John McLeod, at a previous meeting, had told council he had heard that the

park was offering no lifeguards on the beach. He stated that he felt this was inviting trouble. Councillor Dave Masson, angered at the thought of no lifeguards, suggested the park either close down or drain the lake until such time as guards are provided.

At Monday evening's meeting of council, Reeve Bill Adsett read a letter from the Authority stating that they were going to have foot patrols with spot telephones. The letter suggested that supervision was not going to be as much as in previous years so parents would have to keep a closer eye on their children.

Mr. Masson said he did not feel the idea was acceptable. He emphasized the beach should be supervised whenever the park is open.

Mr. McLeod pointed out there are going to be a lot of youngsters who are camping in the park and just decide to go in swimming without their parents' knowledge, and the swimmers who have been dropped off at the park for the day without their parents. He said the Authority's plan was lowering the degree of safety.

He further stated that the people had gotten used to a certain degree of service, and

lifeguards is one of them. He said the telephone idea would not work because by the time someone was reached on the phone, a person could be drowned. "You are talking about minutes and seconds," he retorted. "The phone is of no use."

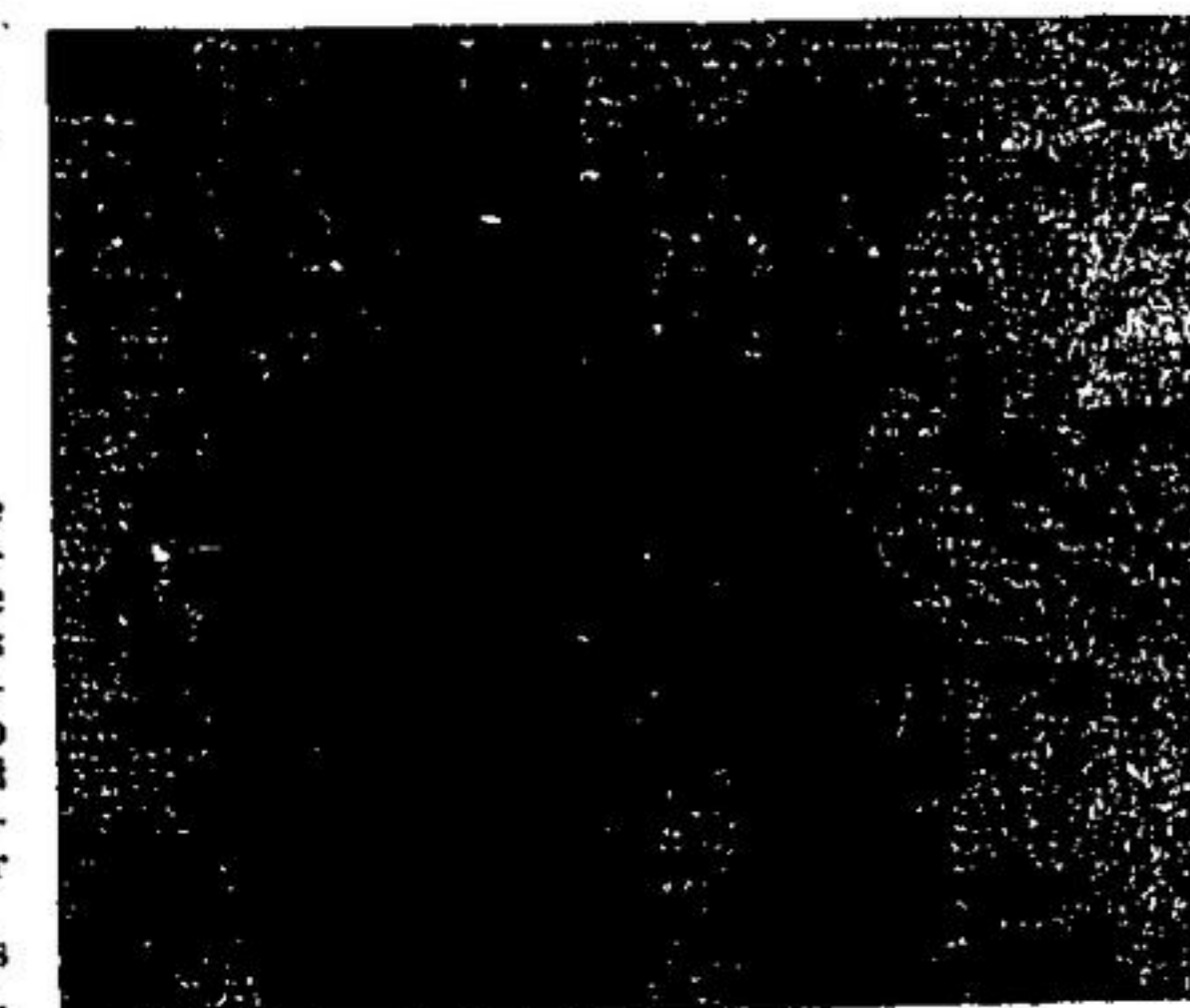
Council agreed to send another letter to the authority telling them their plan is insufficient.

Dine at HARROP OF MILTON 878-8161

Playground equipment for park

Rockwood children are going to benefit from a township budget this summer. The recreation committee is "way below budget", according to Eramosa township councillor Dave Masson, and as a result, playground equipment has been ordered for Rockmosa Park.

At Monday evening's meeting of council, Mr. Masson said right now the parents come to the park to play baseball, but the children have nothing to do. He explained a merry-go-round was ordered also.



WINNERS OF the annual bicycle rodeo at Rockwood Centennial Public School are Robby McMullan and Margaret Thomson. Constable Murray Kidd checked the participants bikes for safety, gave them a written test and had them ride their bicycles through an obstacle course.

Tool thief

An Oakville man reported the theft of a tool box containing assorted tools, while it was parked at the Dominion Hotel, Halton Regional Police say.

With summer here, many families will be soon taking vacations. The Free Press would like to hear from readers for the Personals column.

Accepting bookings

Environmental education programs for students are completely booked for the balance of this school year and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority is accepting bookings for the 1977-78 program season.

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