



CONCERNED citizen was alarmed to find a garbage dump directly behind Old Quarry Road.

Dump due for burn-off states village secretary

by Kerry Chalmers

Village Secretary Len Hockey stated in a telephone interview Tuesday afternoon that the land referred to in the letter on this page is in fact a landfill site used for organic dumping by the village and that the present policy of Rockwood Village Trustees dictates that this dumping will continue.

The University of Waterloo was deeded 17 acres of land adjoining the conservation area, by Domtar Industries, some time ago and the village made arrangements at that time to rent the portion of land the village had been using as a dump for years.

There is a village by-law governing the use of the dump prohibiting indiscriminate dumping and restricting dumping to organic material only - no glass, plastic, metal etc. is allowed.

Unfortunately people abuse

the by-law even though the gate is locked at all times and the key must be obtained from either Village Foreman Charlie Glendenning or Mr. Hockey. Loads are checked but if by chance an infringement of the by-law occurs, the trustees can demand that the person responsible remove the material.

"It is impossible for us to post a guard at the dump," Mr. Hockey explained, "although we are aware that people are littering the area with unsuitable garbage."

"There is a problem at the Guelph dump as well," he added. "People leave their garbage along the roadside when they find the gates locked."

He asks people to report such vandalism to the village office if they witness it.

Periodically, when the foreman feels it is necessary, the garbage is burned-off under the supervision of the

fire department. The problem recently has been the incessant rain, making such a procedure impossible. This will happen as soon as weather permits, assures Mr. Hockey.

The trustees have maintained this landfill site for the use of taxpayers because they feel it provides a necessary service. They contend that it is impossible for many village residents to easily get into Guelph without renting a truck or trailer and that the regular pick-up is not geared to handle large items.

"Many people doing house repairs or clearing of underbrush have found this dump an excellent thing," commented the secretary.

If residents do find the dump objectionable and would like to register a formal complaint Mr. Hockey asks them to contact the village office and arrange to attend a meeting.

Rockwood Roundup

by Kerry Chalmers

Approximately 50 people turned out for the recent Eramosa-Rockwood Home and School meeting at Rockwood Centennial Public School. Audience participation made the panel discussion on, The Role of Various Agencies in Special Education, an enlightening and interesting experience.

Lambert and family in Sarnia over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Fire Chief Carl Meadows and Deputy Chief Frank Allsop visited Rockwood Centennial Public School in honour of Fire Prevention Week and showed films and discussed fire prevention in the home with the students.

Hallowe'en wouldn't be Hallowe'en without the Lionettes annual "Mr. Pumpkin Dress-up" planned for Saturday Oct. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Rockwood Community Centre. This year there is an added attraction—a township-wide pumpkin pie baking contest. All pies must be in by 11 a.m. Children will be judged for their costume and their pumpkin. Moms are reminded to let the children do their own pumpkin. There will be lots of sitting room for all, with coffee and pie and free eats for children under 16. For further information contact Judy Dunne, Betty Eason, Helen Hills, Marie Milne or Marion Nichol, the committee members.

Gord and Marg Cox thank residents for their support in the recent ride to raise money for the Central Ontario Developmental Riding Program. Organizer Dorrie Murdoch Greig is looking forward to at least \$3,775. In proceeds from the successful day. The CODRP is a non-profit organization that provides a horseback-riding program for all ages with riding disabilities.

Worried about your houseplants? Pat Tucker from the University of Guelph will speak on the Care and Culture of Houseplants at the next meeting of the Horticulture Club on Oct. 26 at 8 p.m. at the Town Hall. All interested residents are invited.

Rockwood Centennial Public School grade five students will attend a music program presented by Woodwind Quintet, Kitchener Symphony being held at Ospringe School on October 27. This is one of many musical programs planned for students. All grade five students in the area will attend this afternoon performance.

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Academy to become cultural seminar centre

Joseph Drenters, owner of the Rockwood Academy, would like to move from his historical home and donate the house to Canada, with the ownership of the property still being his.

Mr. Drenters appeared before Eramosa township council Monday evening and explained the house has become cumbersome and after 20 years of working on it, he would like to have someone else do the work. He, himself, would live in an existing log cabin on the property.

Another smaller log cabin, approximately 600 square feet, will be occupied by an architect. He said the academy itself, once the restoration is completed, could become a cultural seminar building similar to the Banff School of Art. However, he said, someone has to live in the Academy full time also for safety reasons. He explained that such an old building could not be left unattended in case of fire or vandals.

When the sewers and water were installed, Mr. Drenters said, he asked for, and received, two inlets. Councillor Dave Masson explained he was perfectly within his rights to receive two hookups because he has two lots.

Mr. Drenters explained \$65,000 has been set aside by Heritage Ontario to restore the house. However, he says, he has not signed the final papers yet as he is not totally satisfied with the restoration plans. He said one quarter million dollars worth of work is needed.

Mr. Drenters said that because of the unique situation in having such a historical site, which he assured council was officially designated by the Canadian government, he was wondering if more than two residences could be on the property. He pointed out the hydro pioneer Sir Adam Beck and a Prime Minister of Ontario had been educated in the building when it was a boys' school along with several other famous people. He also explained that the house is like a European cathedral with work constantly being

done to it, and scaffolding always being set up.

Council discussed the matter later in the meeting, when it was pointed out that what Mr. Drenters was asking for was against township bylaws. Council however, recognized that the situation was unique.

Reeve Bill Adsett pointed out that the building would be ramshackle if it weren't for Mr. Drenters' work, and the building is now a credit to the community.

Councillor Dave Masson resigned himself to the fact "that we are damned if we do, and we're damned if we don't."

Councillor John McLeod said council would almost have to make a special zoning bylaw to accommodate the historical building. Mr. Adsett pointed out he would like to see Mr. Drenters accommodated in anyway possible.

Due to the late hour, Council decided to discuss the matter further at a later meeting. In the meantime, members would speak to Heritage Ontario about spot zoning.

Plowing match

Wellington county would like to see the International Plowing Match return to their county.

Eramosa township reeve Bill Adsett explained to council members Monday evening that the Match was booked up until 1979, after which time Wellington has a good chance of hosting the event. Mr. Adsett explained that the Match was not cheap to put on, but it might be good for Eramosa township.

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Letter
Horrified by dump

Mrs. Chalmers,
 Yesterday I walked my dog across the beautiful property directly behind Old Quarry Road that adjoins the Rockwood Conservation Park. I was horrified to find that it is being used as a garbage dump. I thought dumping here was no longer allowed. Surely other residents are not happy with the situation. We could well do without this eyesore.

Signed
 Concerned Citizen

Sunshine club plans

by R. Peacock

Mrs. Vera Black welcomed 40 members to the meeting of Rockwood Sunshine Club on Oct. 13. It was opened in the usual manner with O Canada being sung and then "It Isn't any Trouble just to SMILE" which put everyone in a good mood for the community singing. The secretary and treasurer read their reports and then arrangements for the Winter Fair were made. The bus will leave Rockwood townhall at 9:30 a.m. November 11 and pick the Acton members up at the Presbyterian Church at 9:45 a.m. So don't forget the date and time. The bus is now filled up.

The Christmas dinner came next on the agenda and it was decided to have it in the Rockwood Community Centre with the Lionettes supplying the meal and that will be December 22. Mrs. Mary Milne was program convener in the absence of Mrs. Irene Davidson who is sick. Mrs. Milne asked Mrs. Annabel Leachman to come forward and she read a most humorous piece entitled Old Age. Just a Song at Twilight and Brahms Lullaby were sung by Miss Gladys Hanna and this was truly beautiful. Mrs. Black played the accompaniment on the piano. A reading about Thanksgiving came next by Mrs. Robina Peacock.

Birthdays greetings were sung to Mrs. Ann Smith, Mrs. Margaret McNabb, Miss Hazel Dalton, Mrs. Annie Lambert, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Sadie Richardson, Mr. Cecil

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