

Price property an historical site?

Plans are in the offing to designate the Vincent Price property in Rockwood as a historical site.

Heritage committee member Betty Lou Clark attended the Eramosa township council Monday evening to discuss the property. She gave a detailed background on the Strange and Price land, ending up with the present generation of owners. She also gave a short history on the village of Rockwood.

Councillor David Masson pointed out there are three

types of designation: the outside of the building; the inside of the building; and the surrounding property.

Mrs. Clark explained that if the site is designated historical, the owners will be allowed a tax rebate. The township, so they do not lose any money on the property, can in turn apply for a government rebate of their own. The barn on the Price property has been labelled the finest example of English architecture in the county, Mrs. Clark said.

She continued to say she

was not visiting council to ask for the designation, as the daughter of the late Mr. Price has to be notified and allowed her opinion. The property is at present up for sale. She is merely letting council know of her groups' thought.

Reeve Bill Adsett pointed out if the land is eventually designated historical, a plaque will have to be erected. Mrs. Clark said her committee had more than enough funds to purchase the \$49 plaque.

Mr. Masson noted to council the Heritage committee was the only group which raised their own budget, and did not ask council for money.

Mrs. Clark also said the committee was looking into the historical value of Rockwood cemetery.



SNOW IS PILED IN ROWS in front of the Rockmosa Centre, in plenty of time for next weekend's Rockmosa 100 snowmobile race.

Rockwood bowling

Rockwood Bowling News:
Team Standings: Kay's Feeds 41, Nortons 40, Pelters 40, Happy Gang 40, Optimists 39, Four Corners 36, Rowers 36, Guelphites 32, Countymen 32, Dynamites 30, Pimpals 27, Carneys 25.
Results of Games Bowled
Tues Jan 17: Pelters 5 points Erke Van Driel 687, Hank Van Driel 573; Pimpals 2 points Kathy Holman 541, Val Samuel 506. Optimists 5 points Gerry Birkholz 635, Mabel Wingrove 509.
Guelphites 2 points Sam Lawler 580 Jim Cerniuk 574. Carneys 5 points Jeff Parkinson 590, Doug Carney 538. Rowers 2 points George Smith 520, Gordon Ostrander 483.
Countrymen 5 points Peter

Bosch 619, Eva Bosch 616. Kay's Feeds 2 points Ruth Polo 559, John Polo 559.
Happy Gang 7 points Rick Seim 646, Dennis Death 579. Four Corners 0 points Marg McKersie 587, Ann Parkinson 494.
Nortons 5 points Ivy Ritchie 624, Glen Gray, spare 611. Dynamites 2 points Paul Holman 592, Tim Dales 540.
Men Over 600 Rick Seim 646; Gerry Birkholz 635; Peter Bosch 619, Glen Gray (spare) 611.
Women over 500 Erke Van Driel 687; Ivy Ritchie 624; Eva Bosch 616; Marg McKersie 587; Ruth Polo 559; Kathy Holman 541; Mabel Wingrove 509; Val Samuel 506.

Grand Rockwood garden envisioned by professor

by Barb Wynneck
Dr. Gordon Couling, retired Fine Arts Professor from the University of Guelph, spoke to a captivated audience of more than 50 people at last week's meeting of the Rockwood Horticulture Club.

In the middle of the blustery weather, he gave us something to look at, further away in miles and seasons, than snowy Eramosa Township.

On two screens, accented by the taped sounds of birds, bees, frogs and then Tchaikovsky's music, he provided the commentary to a tour of some of the colorful, unique gardens in North America.

From the Katie Osbourne Lilac Gardens in British Columbia, to the wild roses on the sand dunes of Cape Cod and to the walled gardens of Charleston South Carolina we travelled.

It was a most pleasant visual escape from the cold, and as one member commented, "Doesn't this give you itchy feet?"

According to Dr. Couling, the Botanical Gardens, so close in Hamilton provide excellent displays varying with the seasons, hard to be matched anywhere. The best time to view the West Coast Canadian Gardens is in May, he suggested.

Perhaps the most significant aspect of Dr. Couling's presentation was when he spoke of how, "not many communities ask for gardens like Rockwood." In his day dreams he says that he sees a rock garden in the old quarry in Rockwood, to surpass Hamilton's and Victoria's Butchart Gardens, both of which were originally quarry sites. He said it would be simple to make use of the rock outcrops, which can be planted with vegetation requiring a soil of a high lime content.

One area he pointed out which would take little effort to make beautiful, is in the hollow on either side of Highway 7, between Harris and

George Streets. Wild flowers planted to grow there, would bloom in profusion. "Stone Crop," a wild yellow flower with dusty foliage, grows rampantly in Rockwood he added. "A little bit would help a lot" to make Rockwood especially beautiful,

suggested Dr. Couling. Mary Coulter pointed out that the Rockwood Club had made a start this fall, using the stone out-crops in the area beside the hydro office on Church Lane. Ground work has been done for spring bloom.

Rockwood Roundup

by Barb Wynneck
It is hard to think of a parade of horses, kids and adults down Main St., Rockwood, or a high-flying bedrace down Queen St., when the roadways are clogged with snow, but the Eramosa Recreation Committee are now starting to plan this year's Pioneer Day. The tentative date is Saturday, June 24, 1978.

Last year's Pioneer Day was great fun, a most successful family event, despite the high hot winds, flipping off hats during the parade, and giving the crafts people and food booths anxious moments as they set up their displays. The individuals and groups who participated put in a great deal of effort to make one of the finest days in the village's year 1977.

Do you have any ideas of how to improve the fun? Do you wish to participate as an individual or as part of a group? Please call Henry Holman at 856-9643 or Barb Wynneck at 856-4854 with your suggestions. Welcome ideas from those in the age group 9-90.

Oops! there was an error in last week's date regarding badminton. It will be held each Tuesday evening, starting January 31 at Centennial at 7:30. Come, bring

your own racquets and birds if you have them and have a good, healthy time!

Community or private use of the Eramosa Public School may be arranged by completing an application form available at the school.

Some people from Rockwood plan to attend the Guelph Road Show's Production of the Eugene O'Neill play "Long Day's Journey Into Night." If you enjoy the theatre why not join your neighbours with a fellow interest tonight, January 25. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. The price is \$2. The theatre is located on York St., Guelph, at the corner of York and Harris St.

Rockwood General Radio Service Club held a meeting on Sunday January 22, and elected a new executive. President "Poncho", Rick Ricard; vice president "Little Farmer", Tim Kingsbury; secretary "Teacup" June Reid; social director, "Pocohontas" Karen Cayen; newsletter editor, "Country Girl", Becky Singer.

Rockwood United holds yearly meeting

The annual meeting of the Rockwood United Church was held after the church service on Sunday, January 22. Before the meeting members enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch under the convenship of Mrs. Grace Day. Rev. Henry Rees presided for the business meeting with Sandy McPhedran as secretary.

Gordon Ostrander presented the session report showing 17 new members in 1977, nine baptisms and five deaths. Total membership is 184.

Dr. David Cunningham reported for the Christian Education Committee showing a very active Sunday School.

was presented by Miss Gladys Hanna showing a balance of \$1,905. During the year insularation was placed in the attic and memorial windows were covered with protective glass.

Elders elected to the session were Miss Helen Bayne, Mrs. Audrey McGillivray, and Keith Black.

Elected to the Committee of Stewards were L.V. Hills, Elwood Tosh, and Ray Ingleson.

Public meeting next Tuesday

Speyside area parents are meeting Tuesday evening at the school to discuss the future possibility of the institution's closing.

Organizer of the meeting, Mrs. Pam Sheldon, explained that with decreasing enrolment in other schools, small schools now face being closed. The purpose of the meeting, she said, is to be prepared should word come through that their school would be boarded up. There is no suggestion at the present time of this happening she pointed out. Student-teacher

Jamboree planning

HILLSBURGH—Preliminary planning has already started for the annual Bluegrass Jamboree. The festival lost money last year, and support was dwindling. However a dozen residents met recently to get this year's festival on the right track. No dates have been set. A committee of nine festival organizers plus an executive was formed.

Board election

At the inaugural meeting of the Eramosa Planning Board Allan Osbourne was elected chairman and Max Storey was elected Vice Chairman, for the year 1978.

ratio and declining student enrolment will be discussed at this time.

The church financial report

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