



1979-1980 ERAMOSIA TOWNSHIP Council was inaugurated in office December 1. They are left to right, front row: Deputy Reeve David Masson, Reeve William Adsett, Township Clerk Lloyd Hindley. Back row: Councillor John McLeod, Councillor Allan Burnett, and Councillor Murray Cox.

Late buses available for twp. high schoolers

by Barb Wynneck
Get involved—ask questions—find out what is going on. These were the messages that the student panel members sent home with parents and students from this year's first Eramosa-Rockwood Home and School Association meeting.

The panel, consisting of three high school students, one high school teacher and one mother, fielded the questions on the topic "What is High School all about in 1978-1979?"

The music room at Rockwood Centennial was jammed with about 80 students, parents and teachers, most

ready with inquiries. In Jan. 1979, present grade 8 students will choose the subjects they wish to take when they enter high school in September. Panel members pointed out the importance of reviewing the option sheets carefully and making the right decisions.

Home and School President Jim Goring pointed out the work executive members Betty Jones and Ev MacKay had put in, engineering and conducting the installation of the Eramosa Public School Creative Playground.

The Association is also supporting the new Block Parent program and the Eramosa Wolf Cub Pack.

Rural High School students can take advantage of "late bus runs." This means that the students can participate in after school activities or receive extra academic assistance and with a special pass board a homeward-bound bus at 5 p.m. instead of the usual 3.45 p.m.

George Day, local school board trustee, explained to this writer that the Wellington County School Board finances 74 late bus runs per high school per year at a total cost of about \$19,000.

Each school decides when they will run the late buses. Most schools implement the service nightly, in the fall and

spring when outdoor sports programs are in full swing. During the winter months, the service is reduced anywhere from one to four nights per week.

If parents or students wish more than the 74 runs provided by the board, they are responsible for the funding. Apparently at Guelph's Centennial Collegiate, students sell citrus fruit to finance extra late buses.

Trustee George Day commented that he favors equal opportunity for the rural students. It is one of his priorities to convince fellow Board members that there should be late bus runs every

night, he said. Mr. Day noted that the Board's current transportation costs are above the provincial ceilings. He said that extra transportation costs for this year would have to come from the local taxpayer.

When there are no late buses in service, students can travel on Guelph city buses from the high schools to the Quebec St. bus terminal. A Gray Coach is available from there to Rockwood at 6.15 p.m. The total cost for the rides is \$1.20.

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Rockwood and district

Eramosa council discusses future

by Barb Wynneck
Roads, wages and benefits, planning, culture and recreation and attendance were the areas Eramosa township reeve Bill Adsett stressed in his inaugural address to Eramosa Township council.

The Guelph-Eramosa township line is hard-topped and that project finished. Completion of the Fifth Line redevelopment north of Hwy. 24 is a priority this term, he said.

"Watch the budget," were the keywords Reeve Adsett used dealing with the costs of wages and benefits. The municipality can expect less in terms of provincial grants, he noted, and the alternate funding source is the local taxpayer. To carry on with the municipality, there must be some increase to ratepayers, he said. The reeve plans to investigate the county system of a group rate regarding disability insurance coverage, he stated.

"If there is to be development, let us have it at no costs to existing residents," he stressed.

Reeve Adsett commended the Lions and Lionettes, clubs with a strong sense of community spirit, he noted, for work well done. He added that he would like to see other groups, independently financing their own projects and using the Rockmosa Community Centre facilities.

Reeve Adsett said that he recognizes the time demands of local government and emphasized the importance of prompt attendance at meetings.

Deputy Reeve David Masson is concerned that the taxpayer get the best value for his dollar.

He sees only Rockwood ratepayers financing the water and sewer system. Council's job is to maintain services and keep taxes in line as the province reduces its subsidies, he noted.

Councillor Allan Burnett underlined his interest in township roads. An annual hard-topping of specific road parcels, he sees as a cost saving project in the long run. Completion of the Rockwood water and sewer project this term, is another of his concerns.

Councillor John McLeod commended the strong experienced township staff for their assistance to council. He listed the items he feels demand attention in the upcoming term:

Completion of Rockwood's secondary plan and the adaption of a meaningful plan which council can use for guidance when approached by developers;

A recommendation that council take a hard look at the water and sewer frontage charges inequities and the financial hardship facing some ratepayers with the hookup;

The number of dollars

spent on roads should be carefully assessed, he said; He sees Rockmosa Park Development as a priority. The involvement of groups to financially take charge and carry out activities on the playing fields, as the tennis club has done with the courts, he sees as important.

He suggested that council examine exchanges with similar municipalities, within or out of the province, to better understand how township administration can be improved.

Murray Cox "New at the job," said that he appreciated the township operation in the last few years, especially the good roads. Rockwood's water and sewer installations and the fact that the rural residents will not be burned with that expense.

The 1979-1980 Eramosa Township Council was inaugurated December 1, with Father Elinsky conducting the invocation.

This is William Adsett's fourth term in the reeve's chair. David Masson served two terms as councillor and begins his position as deputy reeve this term. Councillor Allan Burnett returns for his third term, and Councillor John McLeod his second term. Murray Cox is the newcomer to the council seat.

Meals on Wheels for Rockwood's ill, elderly

By Barb Wynneck
Rockwood's Meals on Wheels program has been on the road for two and a half years now, and the hot noon day meal is appreciated by local customers.

Volunteer drivers pick up the dinners from St. Joseph's Hospital Guelph, and deliver soup, salad, meat, vegetables and desserts to village and

township residents. Special containers guarantee that the bill of fare is served steaming hot or frosty cold.

If customers require a special diet—for example a salt-free menu, the hospital dietician looks after the details. The customer just enjoys the dining and no dishes to wash!

The meals are provided

year round, four days a week, Tuesday to Friday. Most recipients are in the elderly age group.

Customers may choose the days they wish the deliveries. The diners report that the value can't be beaten at \$1.50 per meal.

The service has many advantages. It means that fewer grocery bags have to be carried home. The problem of cooking small quantities of different food varieties to maintain a healthy diet, is diminished. Patients just out of hospital can receive meals on a temporary basis. They can cancel the deliveries when they feel ready to rustle about in their own kitchens.

Volunteer drivers look forward to seeing the customers on the route and "keep an eye out for how everyone is feeling."

Local residents are the faithful drivers who make the deliveries: rain, sleet or snow. The program is supported by the Red Cross and the Rockwood and District Lionettes.

Mrs. Mary Coulter, who set up the service with Dr. Jane Hoshil of the Rockwood Medical Centre is the present volunteer program co-ordinator.

Mrs. Coulter is being married in mid December and is leaving the village as a year round resident. She will turn over the position to Mrs. Joy McKee. Mrs. Betty Eason will keep up her duties as assistant co-ordinator.

Presently a total of 19 meals are being delivered weekly but there is room for more customers on the route.

Arrangements for meal deliveries can be made by contacting Joy McKee at 856-4735 or the Rockwood Medical Centre at 856-4811.

Roundup

by Barb Wynneck
The 4H Clubs Award Night will be held Dec. 13, 8 p.m. at Rockwood Centennial School.

Please note a change in the Rockwood News deadline. In future the deadline will be Mondays at noon. Looking forward to hearing your news. Call 856-4854.

The Horticultural Club's meeting will feature local Horticulturist Murray Haigh showing slides and discussing early Canadian gardens. He will present a survey of historical gardens in Ontario. Plan to attend the Dec. 13 meeting.

Euchre parties revived in area?

by Barb Wynneck
How about a good hot game of cards to pass a long frosty winter night?

A revival of the "Old Time Rockwood Euchre Parties" is what local card enthusiasts have in mind—entertainment, brain work, socialization and lots of neighborhood fun.

They invite players of any age—kids to senior citizens to attend the first progressive euchre party, to be held Monday evening, Dec. 11.

Lunch and prizes will be provided with the minimum admission fee. Proceeds from the event will be donated to local charities.



LIONETTES BETTY Eason (left) and Barb Bonner (right) baked behind the scenes, shuttling a steady supply of steaming fruit pies from the oven to their Christmas Bazaar bake table.

Shoppers find bargains galore

by Barb Wynneck
The delectable aroma of baking bread, beckoned Christmas shoppers across the crunching snow to the Rockwood Lionettes Bazaar.

In the kitchen, Lionettes shuttled a steady supply of delicious rolls and steaming fruit pies from the oven to the bake table. The industrious Lionettes sold their hand knitted, crocheted, and home sewn articles. Other club members served fruit bread, cheese, coffee from the lunch counter.

The Leo Club offered brightly decorated pencils as well as white elephant items.

Precious porcelain dolls, created by Verna Brown of Orton were available at Joy McKee's antique booth.

The Catholic Women's League offered rummage articles at very reasonable prices. The "Pull the String Game" was a highlight for the youngsters.

Rockwood potter, Maureen McLeod, had many festive gifts to tempt the customers. Among them, delightfully fragrant sachets, ideal for kids to stuff in Mom's stocking, beautifully glazed planters, and unusual carthy straw wreaths, decorated with nuts and bound in gay ribbon.

Sacred Heart Church's Altar Society presented hand-made Christmas decorations and tickets for a charming calico fabric yuletide wreath. Baby Nadine Iacocca, R.R. 1, Rockwood, will have the wreath to hang on her nursery door as hers was the winning ticket.

Betty Lloyd, R.R. 3, Rockwood, displayed an assortment of colorful handwoven and hand knitted items at her table.

Attractive plates,

especially designed with a Christmas theme were among the holiday gifts ceramic worker Ann March of Rockwood offered.

Rockwood woodburner Elizabeth Gathof had a wide selection of her crafts available.

Mrs. Esther Callen, R.R. 4, Rockwood, spent numerous hours stitching the gorgeous Garden Poppies quilt, won by Pat Downes, R.R. 2, Guelph. Many a hopeful ticket holder was willing to change their bedroom decor to accommodate this quilt.

The Lionettes' sister club from Guelph featured surprise packages, popular with the kids. Delicious Nova Scotia barley candy was a hot sweet selling item at shopkeeper's Shirley Cleary's booth.

For the first time, the Rockwood Juvenile Girls' softball team, set up a table at the bazaar, part of their fund raising ventures. The girls worked away many a winter night, creating Christmas decorations to sell at this event.

Coach Dot Polo sent a message to her team, "Merry Christmas Groovey Juveys." She mentioned the great help that Dianne Fatt and Grace Britney had been to her throughout the successful ball season. She thanked her team for their support in the Christmas project, with an added appreciation to Laura Milbourne, Jennifer Britney, Shirley Osbourne and Heather Britney.

The Rockwood team submitted Dot's name for a Provincial Women's Softball Association Award. She proudly received the award at a recent Association Meeting in Toronto, the first time a coach had been so honored, she said.

Trustees stand firm on secretary position

Following a petition by some Rockwood residents concerning the hiring of an out-of-town person to fill the vacant village clerk's position, a special trustee meeting was held in camera. An official statement has since been released:

As promised, here is a further statement on the petition presented to the Board of Trustees of the Police Village of Rockwood.

The Board wishes to convey to the residents of the Village that they are convinced they made the right choice for Village secretary. The selection was based on information gathered from three sources—written resumes, in-person interviews, and recommendations from an impartial third party—an accountant from Ontario Hydro. The gentleman from Hydro was

asked to sit in on the interviews for two reasons. First, because Rockwood Hydro pays 75 per cent of the secretary's wages, and second, to provide the Board with opinions on ability from a qualified professional accountant who is in no way connected with the Village.

After much discussion and consideration the selection was made. Martin Adema began a one month orientation period on December 1 and will assume full responsibilities of secretary on Jan.

1, 1979. He and his family will be moving to the Village as soon as possible and we hope that they will be well received as new members of the community.

The Board would also like to take this opportunity to thank the people of the Village for the support they have given us over the past two years. It has been an interesting, educational, and, at times, very rewarding period, and we wish the village and the incoming Board of Trustees the best for the coming year.



THEIR LISTS are already printed! The Rockwood Kindergarten class post their letters to Santa, in the special Post

Office box. December 1 was kindergarten teacher Marlon Nichol's last day on the job.



MRS. ROSE DYER has been a satisfied customer on the Rockwood Meals on Wheels route, since the program started 2½ years ago. Mrs. Dyer, now 83 years of age, appreciates the variety in the meals, delivered by the volunteer drivers. Joan McCann made Friday's delivery.