

Community Telephone sale in doubt

Bell Canada's bid to purchase the private telephone exchange which runs the Erin-Hillsburgh exchange may be scuttled by a group of private companies.

The group of independent Ontario telephone companies met the chairman of the Ontario Telephone Service Commission and provincial Minister of Transportation and Communications James Snow last week, according to a committee for Better Service (CBS) spokesman.

Lions want their share

Rockwood and District Lions and Lionettes are asking for guarantees in a new document governing the operation of Rockwood Community Centre.

Lions' Club President Robert Noble and other club members detailed proposals they'd like to see included in a new agreement with Ermosa Township during a recent meeting of council.

Under conditions which would require a year's

notice of changes, the Lions would like to see the Lionettes remain as caterers to the hall.

The service club would also like to ensure its members remain as official bar operators and that both groups be consulted on changes to the structure to Rockwood.

Ospringe

Class trip to museum

by Doris Fines

Mr. and Mrs. George Grundy have returned from what they described as a fantastic holiday in Puerto Rico.

All sorts of prizes were floating around at the church euchre recently. High lady was Laurel Vlietstra, high man John Stubbington, low lady Irene Perry, low man Ward Bruce, lone hands Jean Jackson, hidden score Anna Stubbington, highest total score for two nights Margaret Hurdle.

Miss Vasil Berridge of Toronto, visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken.

Grade 7 of the local school enjoyed a trip to Wellington County Museum. Dividing into two groups there, they toured the galleries, did spinning and carding of wool, and helped prepare a pioneer lunch, which they ate before returning to the school.

Mr. Corbett, Superintendent of Erin Family of Schools, will be addressing Ospringe parents April 22 at 8 p.m. on "The Future of Erin Family of Schools."

A good attendance came out to worship at Knox Church on Easter Sunday, and joined in the special communion service. Rev. Noble Dean's sermon was on Victor, Victor, Victor. The Sunday School children sang two numbers, "It's Morning Now Peter" and "Jesus Christ is Risen". Heidi Schotisch favoured with a solo, "The Little Flowers Came Through the Ground".

The Ospringe Disastrous Decorators have finished their macrame and record books, and are tying up the loose ends preparing for their 4-H exhibit at Achievement Day, which will be held at Ross R.

MacKay school on the evening of May 5.

Mrs. Rose Steengaard and Mrs. Rose Bryon of Burk's Falls, visited with their son and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Max Schotisch, Heidi and Michael, over the Easter weekend.

Susan and Robert Bruce, David and Nell of Burlington, Brenda Bruce of Oshawa, and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce, were guests on Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce and Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lang and Mrs. Jack Wheeler visited over the weekend with George's brother Bill Lang, who is a patient in General Hospital, Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Craig of London, spent Easter Sunday with Mrs. Craig's parents Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Howard.

Two other motions they'd like to see in writing are: they be notified of any change in the contract and that the Lions operate the cloak room.

The community centre board is to consider the requests before they return to council for final decisions.

The only binding agreement so far is that Lions have a meeting place every Wednesday.

"What's being asked is permission to continue to use the facility to make funds to put back into the community," township reeve Bill Adsett said.

The proposals were jointly drawn up by the Lions and Lionettes.

Deputy-Reeve Dave Masson commended the club for discharging its debt—some \$51,000—so quickly.

"All it takes is to get a few people together and work," Mr. Noble said.

meeting because of the impasse at the commission.

There is one other possible hitch to the sale's completion.

During the March 20 commission meeting, on the subject of the sale, the United Steel Workers of America, which represents Community Telephone employees, sought assurances for the continuation of pay and benefits from the new boss.

About 40 people attended the meeting. Marie Cook urged people to keep interest in the committee and not to slacken support because Bell Canada may replace Community Telephone.

Jeanette Cox, of CBS, restated the group's goal as being the desire for service equal to Erin-Hillsburgh's neighbors, who are served by Bell, at equal rates.

Community Telephone subscribers are paying more for service than Bell customers in Acton and Georgetown.

"Bell has told us, if the sale goes through, it wants to hold public meetings once it has a policy set for the area," Mrs. Cox said.

"We're aware not all Bell customers are without problems," she said.

Tentative date for takeover is June 1.

Some CBS members urged the audience to pressure provincial politicians into blocking the effort of the private companies to beat-Bell to Community Telephone.

"The only way is to hit the politicians," CBS member Robin Searle said.

CBS successfully blocked an application by Community Telephone two years ago to raise rates by 10 per cent. CBS went on to research ways of expanding the Erin-Hillsburgh calling area. Research slowed when the group focussed its efforts to block a recent application for a 90 per cent increase in rates.

Mrs. Cox stepped down as CBS chairman after a year's service. She will remain with the group.

The new CBS executive is: Bob Trimble, Jo Schneider, Dave Wright, Frank Trotter, Bill Hall, Robin Searle, Marie Cook, Kathy Wynne, Bruce Fulcher, Scott Lawson, Dave Sararas and Ernie Wynne.



Quilt raffle May 12

Limehouse Beavers' mothers displayed this quilt at Saturday's Limehouse Scout and Guides Ladies' Auxiliary and Group Committee sale. The quilt will be raffled off May 12 and tickets are \$1. Beavers in front are Steven Little, David Lawrence, and Bobby Shoebridge. The mothers are Elaine Little, Sheila Foster and Glenda Benton.

Rockwood bowling

Women over 500 for April 8—Marg McKersie 587, Marjorie O'Kraffa 566, Leila Kingston 549, Marion Lush 538, Ann Van Milligan 532, Ellen Garner 529, Sue Nightingale 503.

Men over 600 for April 8—Rick Seim 677, Bob Lilley 648, Dick Halliburton 631, David Allan 617, Dennis Death 607.

Results of games bowled April 9—Henpecked 2-2 highest bowlers: Dick Halliburton 631, Tony Stokman 566, The Slaves 2—Marg McKersie 587, Joy Halliburton 486, Ivy Leaguers 4—Sue Nightingale 503, Alice Johnson 485, Up & Downers 5—David Allan 617, Leila Kingston 549, Latecomers 5—Marjorie O'Kraffa 566, Ellen Garner 529, Carney's 2—Bob Lilley 648, Howard Dunk 589, Guelphits 2—Jim Cerniuk 578, Ted Jestin 576. Unpredictables 5—John Dales 550, Ken Hunt 542.

Limehouse

Euchre, sale

by Mrs. A.W. Benton

Another in the series of Women's Institute Marathon euchres was held on Thursday evening in Limehouse Memorial Hall. Lone hands prizes were won by Floria Alcott and Isobel Thompson tied for ladies and Ronald Latimer and Campbell Sinclair tied for men. Muriel Müller and Phil Landry were highest scorers.

The Group Committee for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and the Local Association for Brownies and Guides held a successful craft and bake sale at the Memorial hall on Saturday.

Baseball registration for the Limehouse minor sports was held at the hall on Saturday April 12.

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