



Rockwood Sunshine Club won first prize float in the Eramosa Pioneer Days parade held Saturday in Rockwood.

**Ospringe**

**India Ladies' Aid topic**

by Doris Fines  
 Congratulations to Aleck Leitch and Mary Kuepfer, who were married on Saturday, May 31, in Forest Hill United Church, Kitchener. Aleck is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Leitch of Ospringe, and Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kuepfer of RRI Atwood. Bill Frost of Ospringe, attended as best man. The reception was held in the Knights of Columbus hall at Maryhill. Among guests was the groom's grandmother Mrs. Elgin Bayne of Guelph. The young couple will be residing in Kitchener.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lang, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Millis, attended the Leitch-Kuepfer wedding in Kitchener. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis of Guelph former residents of the area, were guests also.

Hostess for the Ospringe Ladies' Aid June meeting was Mrs. Bruce W. Smith. Nine ladies answered the roll call by naming a book or article they had read.

The president, Mrs. Ward Bruce, opened the meeting and led the Devotional; giving readings on "The Best is Yet to Be", "Keeping a Balance", and "A Sermon on Trees." Two hymns were sung, "For the Beauty of the Earth" and "We Plough the Fields and Scatter." The devotional session was closed with prayer.

The study was taken by Mrs. Gordon Aitken. Her topic was "Freedom of Religion," speaking on India's Anti-conversion Bill and The Right to a Place of Worship, and other problems in India.

The program was convened by Mrs. George Lang. A menu contest was won by Mrs. Byron Bruce. A reading by Mrs. Ward Bruce was enjoyed.

**CBS gets 'long distance feeling'**

by Diana Waltmann  
 The 35 Erin and Hillsburgh area telephone subscribers who attended last week's hearing at Brisbane Public School probably thought they were listening to a recording.

And a broken one at that.

The subscribers and members of the Committee for Better Service (CBS), were told by two Bell Canada representatives that the company has no plans to extend the toll-free area after purchasing Community Telephone this spring.

CBS, a two-year-old citizens' group, has been lobbying for cheaper long distance rates and larger exchange area. Ideally they say, they would like to be included in either Guelph, Acton, Georgetown or Orangeville exchanges to receive the same services as these centres.

As it is now, anything beyond the Erin and Hillsburgh boundary is considered long distance and calls are charged an extra 85 cents per quarter-mile on top of the basic rate.

Bell spokesman W.C. Salmon said last Wednesday things wouldn't change much.

"We don't see an immediate future for Guelph (to be included toll free) at all. There is a possibility for Orangeville, but we have to conduct a canvass. Their rates are involved too."

He said they were planning to extend basic Erin area beyond its present boundaries along highways 24 and 25.

He also said Bell has submitted a proposal to its governing body, the federal Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission, establishing a criteria for extended area service (EAS).

"We told them there is a demand but it's costly to serve. We outlined revenue problems and said at least 60 per cent of one exchange should call the other once a month over a four-month period."

Salmon added if this criteria were met, Bell would then set a new rate to include the new exchange toll-free and canvass the area for 60 per cent approval.

Those attending the meeting were not pleased.

"What we're looking for is the same rates and services as our neighbors," said one CBS member. "I get the feeling you're not going to improve our service at all, by setting a criteria we can't possibly meet."

Later chairman of CBS, Ernie Wynne, said the committee got "nothing" out of the meeting, except the possibility of adding Orangeville to the toll-free list.

"They have been giving us an answer," Wynne said, "but whether their answers are sufficient..."

Wynne also complained about the lack of a concrete financial plan. "From what I understand, the takeover has been in the works since October. They should have some idea of future plans."

Salmon did say regular Bell Canada rates will apply to both Hillsburgh and Erin exchanges, based on the number of services provided.

Also he added, some of the facilities and hardware will be changed and updated. There will be four-party service along with two-party and individual, and there will be a number of rate changes.

Automatic number identification will not be put into effect and no changes were planned for the directory.

Salmon said Bell only bought Community Telephone because it was evident that company wasn't willing to provide even basic local service, besides extended area service.

Including Hillsburgh and Erin in another exchange or joining them as one would be even more costly than EAS rates, Salmon stated, and something the company can't afford, although they spent a reported \$20.7 million to purchase Community Telephone.

He said even EAS was a money loser.

CBS says they are discriminated against because they are rural and not urban. One suggested Bell could afford to drop EAS rates if they didn't spend so much on commercials. "Believe me," she said, "We've got that long distance feeling."

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