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Rockwood DIGEST



The Reverend Carrie Doehring was inducted Sunday as minister of the Rockwood and Eden Mills Presbyterian Churches.

Sunday June 22 was a big day in the history of Rockwood and Eden Mills Presbyterian Churches. The Rev. Carrie Doehring was inducted as permanent minister after spending two years as minister by appointment from the Board of World Mission with the two churches.

A full complement of parishioners and visiting clergy turned out for the event held at Eden Mills Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m.

Order of service, led by the Rev. Alan Beaton, moderator of Waterloo-Wellington Presbytery, included narration of the steps by the Reverend Norm Young, charge to the minister by the Rev. Terry Ingram, and the charge to the congregation by the Rev. Ken Wilson.

A solo was sung by Barb Bonner and the Junior Choir, the Do Re Me Kids, a singing group led and trained by Rev. Doehring entertained. Instrumental music was supplied by Margaret Blacklock on the organ and Steven Blacklock on the trumpet.

A lively reception followed the service. Visitors included the M.P. from Waterloo and former Presbyterian minister himself, Walter McLean, and two United Church ministers, Rev. Robert Hyde and Rev. Hank Dykman.

Rev. Doehring is a graduate of McGill University in Montreal with Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Theology degrees. She and her husband Mark Jones, a computer scientist with the University of Guelph, reside in Rockwood. This is Rev. Doehring's first call.

Apologies to Circle S Range Tug-of-War team. It seems I got so carried away with community pride last week in reporting our Pioneer Day Activities, I declared the Rockwood Fire Department winners of the great Tug-of-War. Actually Circle S Range won and our Fire boys came a worthy second.

Computer gremlins caused a type error to appear in Miss Jean Gopsill's name (giving her a "1" as well). Miss Gopsill won second prize in the Eramosa crest contest announced at Pioneer Days recently.

Drexler Construction Fastball Team have done it again — two wins, no losses in their most recent games.

On June 9 they travelled to Hillsburgh to beat that team 4-0. Jerry Thatcher pitched 9 innings, scattering five hits. Gary Barden led Drexler with a double and a single while Dave Buttenham hit two singles.

June 15 saw Fergus visiting Drexlers in Rockwood for an afternoon game. It was a see-saw battle with Fergus leading 4-3 going into Drexler's final frame. Two walks by the Fergus pitcher and a timely hit by Albert Kelly (yes, Albert) gave Drexlers a 5-4 win. Albert Kelly pitched 9 innings for Drexlers allowing nine hits. Drexlers was led at the plate by Buster Shrive with three singles and Albert Kelly hit a triple and a single.

My thanks to Tom Rockola for writing these fastball reports (except for editorial touches). I don't speak baseball.

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Church anniversary

by Doris Fines

The weather didn't cooperate too well for the Knox church outing last Sunday. The outdoor service was cancelled, but the picnic took place as planned. The spacious grounds of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce was the ideal setting for the event, which began with a bar-b-que lunch.

The results of the children's races were: 5 years and under—Valerie Sinclair, Jamie Stubbington and Rosanne Vlietstra; 6-8—Janet Sinclair; 9-10—Robbie Vlietstra; 11-13—Karen Jackson; 14 and up—Danny Johnston; 3-legged race, Jr.—Janet Sinclair and Tara Cargill, sr.—Heidi Schotsch and Glenda Sinclair; wheelchair, girls—Heidi Schotsch and Tara Cargill, boys—Shayne Adams and Jeff Jackson; plate races—Debbie Sinclair and Janet Sinclair, Heidi Schotsch and Glenda Jackson, Shayne Adams and Jeff Jackson, Mark Jackson and Vicki

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Nassagaweya wants self-determination

By Jane Muller
Citizens of the former township of Nassagaweya want out of regional government and the town of Milton.

A meeting June 6, organized by Maurice and Elva Newton saw crowds of local supporters rally at Nassagaweya Town Hall for the cause which led to a subsequent meeting one week ago. While the initial meeting was organized to sample support, the second meeting at Brookville School gymnasium resulted in a plan for action with the formation of committees to deal with separate studies to be presented to Queen's Park.

Elva Newton will act as overall co-ordinator with Maurice as a back up. She selected her husband and herself for these positions out of immediacy and for continuity, she said.

Four task teams were formed, each to report separate findings. The areas of research were defined and citizens volunteered to head the task groups.

A research and resource group to include those with access to information and resource material will be headed by Bill Pearson.

Ginty Jocius and Elizabeth Hoey will serve on the public relations and communications group which will organize flyer delivery teams, fund raising activities and social events.

A third group will evaluate property tax comparisons to make recommendations as to the best features and options open to Nassagaweya. D. Browne, G. Griwatz and Phillip Mayes will comprise this task group.

A study of local government structures

will be headed by John Newton and Isobell Madill and will again examine Nassagaweya's options in this regard.

"We must go (to Queen's Park) with irrefutable facts that regional government doesn't work," Mrs. Newton said. She added the formation of regional government was one of the worst mistakes made in the 34 years the Conservatives have been in power.

Along with the comm-

tee reports to be organized for a presentation to Queen's Park, Mrs. Newton hopes other townships in the province including Caledon and Cambridge will join with Nassagaweya at Queen's Park.

Letters have been sent to these townships where they have expressed similar dissatisfaction with regional government to invite them to go "shoulder to shoulder" with Nassagaweya to the provincial government.

"We know we can't go it alone," admitted Mrs. Newton and said an umbrella government was needed.

She is looking to a county government which would allow the township the representation it enjoyed before regional government was formed in 1974.

If Halton County were to be reformed, Nassagaweya would be a part of it, or it may attempt to join the existing Wellington County, according to

Mrs. Newton. The meeting served to establish fees for membership cards to be sold at the next public meeting. The rates proposed by Mrs. Newton were thought too low by Nassagaweya citizens, who voted to raise the proposed fees. Glen McCleary will be treasurer to oversee the funds obtained through membership fees.

The group of Nassagaweya citizens remains without a title after several suggestions were rejected. Axe to Tax was a name which was accepted by the crowd, but later it was suggested this name did not represent the group's true cause which should be defined in the title.

Mrs. Newton asked the group to submit suggestions for a name which will be voted on at the next meeting. She could not give the crowd a date for the next gathering as she was told the Brookville School gymnasium is not available for evening use following the end of the school year. During the summer, janitorial staff does not stay on into the evening and this is the reason the gymnasium will not be available.

Mayor Don Gordon also addressed the crowd, saying Milton has not been unjust to the taxpayers of Nassagaweya. At the last meeting the mayor asked the citizens of Nassagaweya to stay with Milton and join with its attempts to opt out of regional government, but his suggestion was met with disapproval.

With committee objectives defined and a name for the group in the offing, the group realizes

it must become incorporated as a legal body and legal counseling may be sought to achieve this end.

A determined lady, Mrs. Newton, the group's co-ordinator, promises to fight to her last breath to see Nassagaweya return to the way it was before regional government.

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Eden Mills village 50 years

by Mrs. W. MacDougall
As the trustees and the Community Club have planned a full program to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Eden Mills being incorporated as a Police Village, here is a brief history of the picturesque hamlet.

In 1842, the village was established in the lower limits of Eramosa township adjoining Nassagaweya township. The village was originally called Kribbs Mills. On April 14, 1842, Daniel and Aaron Kribbs started work in the dense cedar swamp which covered all of the present village. There was sufficient fall in the bed of the Eramosa River to raise an eight-foot head of water and they cleared the ground for a mill dam.

By October 1842, the dam was completed and the saw mill operating with water power. In 1843, the brothers started a grist mill and there was also a fine oatmeal mill.

In 1846, the Kribbs brothers sold the property to Adam Argo and he renamed the community Eden. Shortly after the post office insisted that Mills be added so it became Eden Mills. The historic old mill, now owned by Ted Barden, was gutted by fire in 1968 and again in February of this year, and there are no plans for restoration so the hamlet has lost a landmark.

Because the village was situated on the boundary of Wellington and Halton counties, some of the residents thought the community would do better if Eden Mills could be made a

Police Village. Norman S. Marshall and Duncan Macdougall worked diligently towards this goal and in 1830 the hamlet became a Police Village. The Board of Trustees held their first meeting on January 20, 1830 and the first trustees were Norman S. Marshall; David H. Wilson and James Gilbertson. Mr. Marshall, (the only survivor) was village secretary for 23 years and postmaster and storekeeper for 40 years.

Electricity came to the village in 1929. Some folks may still recall the Toronto-Suburban Railway that ran from Toronto through the village at Edgewood Park and into Guelph. It began operation in 1917 and ceased in 1931.

On January 1, 1974, the divided village became one. About one-third of the hamlet was in Nassagaweya township but is now joined to Eramosa township, making it all in Wellington County. The present trustees are Harold Tomlinson, Elwood Snow and Rod Blair. The secretary is John Turner. The first place of worship was the First Congregational Church



A strawberry delight! That's Art Diamond of Ebenezer, who's enjoying strawberry shortcake and juice at Ebenezer's strawberry social Friday.

Ebenezer

by Mrs. R. McLean

Mr. Finley's topic was "Lord, for tomorrow. Consider the lilies." They cover the hillsides like the heather in Scotland, and last one day. The sparrow is blessed because he has no anxious thoughts. Take a positive course; seek the Kingdom of Heaven first.

Communion will be observed next Sunday.

July 6 and 13, the churches will be closed for the minister's holiday.

In August, the three churches share joint services.

Sunday school services are suspended until fall.

Next Sunday, at 2 p.m., an outdoor worship service in Eden Mills begins the celebration of the village's anniversary of incorporation.

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