

Free Press

rockwood and district

Rockwood Digest

Senior citizens' apartments in Eramosa will only be built if there is enough community response and, so far, response seems to be very slow.

A meeting held last Wednesday, at the Rockwood Town Hall attracted only an estimated 20 people, plus members of Eramosa Council.

The meeting was chaired by deputy reeve David Masson. Ms Gibson of the township hired consulting firm Gibson Bahrynowski and Associates Ltd. of Toronto spoke to the assembled few concerning the need for resident response if a senior citizens' residence is to be built soon.

It was brought out that the planned apartment building would be different from former Ontario Housing Corporation systems. Size of individual units would be larger—590 square feet instead of the usual 460 square feet. Local input on apartment needs would be the basis for determining style and appointments of the building.

Other attractions of the planned 25 unit low rise building will include one and two bedroom units, wider doors to accommodate wheelchairs, safety bars, etc. a lounge and a laundry room. Rent will be geared to income.

However, it was stressed that a senior citizens apartment building would not even be considered for another five years or more unless resident response indicates a more urgent need. Organizers are adamant in their request for people to fill out their questionnaires.

Deadline for completed confidential questionnaires to be sent to council was August 10 but an extension may be granted. If still interested, residents should contact any council member or township clerk Lloyd Hindley as soon as possible. All seniors and residents over 55 are asked to respond, immediately.

A Rockwood resident who has been a part of Rockwood History since 1930 celebrated his 90th birthday recently.

Alvin Burt Root who started Root Hardware, now Rockwood Pro Hardware, 50 years ago, and then started Root Home Centre in Guelph eight years ago is bright and lively as he reaches his nonagenarian status.

Born in Wiarion, Mr. Root had many years involved with farming and other types of work until he moved to Rockwood in 1930 and started the hardware store in the building that now houses Foodtown grocery store.

About ten years later he bought out George Lawrence who had a grocery in the present hardware store building, moving his business to larger quarters.

For many years Bob Leslie managed Root Hardware and was a partner in the business. He now manages Root Home Centre in Guelph while Mr. Root is still president of the company. Walter Mitchell bought the Rockwood store five years ago.

In the 50 years Mr. Root has seen the hardware business change from strictly dry goods to a combination hardware, housewearing, gift and sport centre.

For most of the time he was in business in Rockwood, Mr. Root also acted as a local con-



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tractor employing a team of up to 13 men building houses, bridges and making bowling greens out of Anglican Cemeteries.

Now living in Guelph, Mr. Root and his wife Verna enjoy an active life. They have one daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson, grandson Kenneth and two great-grandsons Philip and Randy.

Observe the happy smiles on the faces of Rockwood mothers this week. Yes, youngsters are back to school. No more endless peanut butter sandwiches, no more juice stains on the counter, no more moldy towels behind the closet door, no more tripping over fourteen pairs of runners in the vestibule, none of which you recognize.

Hurray! Thank you Rockwood Centennial and various Guelph High Schools for making life worth living again for so many harassed mums.

Sunshine Club executive wishes to remind members their first meeting of the season will be held Thursday September 11 at the Rockwood Town Hall with a pot luck lunch at 1 p.m. New members are welcomed.

Members also wish to extend get well wishes to Mrs. Ethel Craig who is presently in St. Joseph's Hospital undergoing surgery.

A car accident Saturday at 4:45 p.m. at Marsden's Corners (the Eden Mills corner on

Highway 7 south east of Rockwood) sent Stewart Jamieson, 30, of 196 Churchill Street South, Acton, to Guelph General Hospital with minor injuries.

Guelph O.P.P. investigated the accident which involved Jamieson's 1947 Plymouth. The car rolled into a ditch when it appeared to fail to negotiate a corner.

An ambulance was called and Rockwood Volunteer Firefighters were called out at 5 p.m. to wash gasoline off the road.

The Plymouth sustained an estimated \$2,500 damage.

Please call Jennifer Barr, 853-2010 or 856-9096 with Rockwood news, personals or coming events for non-profit organizations.

Eden Mills

Donation to Bible School

by Mrs. W. MacDougall
Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Cole were Mrs. Selena Cole and daughter Janey from Baden, Germany. Mrs. Cole's husband Jim is serving with the Canadian Armed Forces there.

Any ladies interested in Bowling on Tuesday nights, please contact Ivy Ritchie at 856-9041.
Mrs. Ted Barden

opened her home for the August meeting of the Presbyterian Women Eight members answered the roll call by naming a blessing. A donation was given to the Vacation Bible School.

Plans were made to serve a hot dinner to a busload of Seniors from Rochester, N.Y. on October 9. The ladies were reminded of the WMS Retreat to Crieff Hills in October. Pennies for the Fellowship of the Least Coin were received and dedicated by Mrs. H. Rarden.

A chapter on Human Rights titled "Native People: What Rights?" was read with discussion following. Readings were given by Anne Wilson, Alma MacDonald and Maisie Lasby. A social tea was served by the hostess, assisted by Wilda MacDougall. Mrs. Anna Wilson gave the courtesy remarks.

A pretty wedding took place on Saturday evening at the United Church when marriage vows were exchanged between Miss Renne Tarrant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randell Tarrant and Jim Tolton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Tolton. A reception followed in the Community Hall. Congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds who will be residing in Guelph.

The Acton Industrial Ball Teams held a tournament at the park here over the weekend. Even the rain didn't dampen their happy spirits.

Tara and Troy Macdougall spent the weekend at their grandparents trailer at Puslinch Lake.

Ospringle

Ferguson clan holds reunion

By Doris Fines
A family reunion of the Ferguson clan was held last Sunday at the home of Sadie and Jack Ferguson, when 42 relatives enjoyed a delightful day together. All members of Jack's family were there, and Orma and Ross Ferguson and all their family. Katherine Smith, Marjorie and Gray Rivers, Ruby Laughlin, and some of their families made up the total.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jackson, Mark, David, Karen, and Jeff, had a good time camping at Lake Bernard for two weeks, near Sundridge. Mr. and Mrs. George Lang enjoyed a week's vacation at a cottage at Parry Sound. Todd and Kim Jefferson of Fergus visited over the week-end with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Boyd.

Mr. Tom Hawks of Kelowna, B.C. has been visiting for three weeks with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stewart and family. The family of Blanche and Byron Bruce treated them to an evening at the Stratford Theatre, to see "Twelfth Night", to celebrate their wedding anniversary. Attention! All children in the community! Sun-

day School is starting September 7, at 10:45 a.m. at Knox Church, Ospringle. Come and join us for Bible stories, singing, crafts, games, and lots of fun. For further information call 853-0109. Registration for Ospringle Guides, Brownies, Scouts and Cubs, will be on September 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Ospringle School.

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Tour West

Mr. and Mrs. Max Schotsch, Heidi and Michael, spent five enjoyable weeks touring the western provinces, as far as Vancouver Island. They went salmon fishing to see how it was done, and caught a salmon.

They saw the Calgary Stampede, and some rodeos, and called to see Mrs. Wesley Bruce at Whitewood, Sask. They say the weather was hot and dry in the west, but perfect camping weather.



Everton reporter

The latest addition to the editorial staff of the Acton Free Press is June Janzen (nee Given) who will be bringing readers news of Everton. Mrs. Janzen has lived in Everton since December, 1978 and worked in the production department of the Free Press for nearly a decade. A native of Ballinacree she is familiar with Eramosa and Erin Townships and area having lived seven years in Rockwood and also in Ospringle for a time. Mrs. Janzen and her husband Dirk, have two children, Laura and David.

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