



Right: Humphrey Carver sketch of rocks for the centennial garden circle, 1966.

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VIPs At Unveiling of Rockcliffe's Centennial Project

Hundreds of Rockcliffe Village residents, the Prime Minister and Mrs. Pearson and Opposition Leader and Mrs. John Diefenbaker attended a gala barbecue Wednesday night, and heard the Governor-General officially open the Village Green—the Village's centennial project.

The Pearsons and the Diefenbakers chatted with residents and partook of the barbecued chicken. Following the official ceremonies, the Governor-General and Mrs. Michener had an informal chat with Rockcliffe Village Reeve and Mrs. A. O. Gibbons (centre).

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The rain stopped and even a bit of the sun came out Thursday in time to cast an auspicious light on the opening of Rockcliffe's Village Green at the corner of Mariposa and Springfield Roads.

Hundreds of village residents encircled the stone-flagged centre to hear the Governor-General — standing on the "Humphrey Stone" — compliment them on the attractive-

ness of their residential area.

"Today Rockcliffe stands as the envy of most Canadian municipalities," the Governor-General remarked.

"I hope that the rest of Canada in time will attain these qualities of beauty and comfort," he added.

Once the formal ceremonies were over, children dashed to where 1,700 pieces of chicken were cooking over a specially-

constructed barbecue while the Governor-General, Prime Minister Pearson and Opposition Leader Diefenbaker and their wives chatted with residents.

Sprinklings of flowers in a natural rock and tree setting give the centennial project village green a simple charm.

The rocks and boulders strewn in clumps on the grass and at the base of trees are original Rockcliffe.

Many of the flower beds, trees and benches, as well as the light standards were donated by interested individuals.

The "Humphrey Stone" in the centre of the green is named after Humphrey Carver, who designed the park.

There was street dancing following the barbecue, with a fireworks display adding a colorful ending to the centennial celebrations.