

Free Press district news

## Recreation committee canvass will provide needed facilities

Rockwood — The Eramosa Recreation Committee are doing something about the sad situation of children saying "there's nothing to do".

When canvassers call on you good residents of Eramosa for a donation in the near future, it is hoped they will be generously received. Last year some people were approached, but many homes are still to be visited.

The ball field was given a much needed face lifting last year, with many loads of fill brought in, grading done and seeds planted. Modern lighting was installed making night games possible for the first time. A new fence now surrounds the ball area.

A hard top area 70 x 135 feet was started last year and will

soon be completed. This will be used for roller skating, tennis, etc. in summer, then flooded and used for skating during the winter months.

A P.A. announcer's booth is on the way up and a new well being drilled. This well will supply a great need, lacking for years.

Soon to be erected is a two storey cement block building 20 x 30 feet. This will house a refreshment booth, change room for skaters, a meeting room and washrooms.

These are a few plans of the committee, and everyone knows

they are long overdue. Naturally they are going to cost money, and when the canvassers call, please open your heart and your purse.

This canvass will help all of the township, since it is a township project. Ball players, both senior and juvenile, will be from all areas.

These facilities will be open to all township groups such as Junior Farmers, 4-H, Guides, Scouts, etc.

Other communities have made such a project a success, now it is our turn to do it in Eramosa.

## Harris farm in one family for remarkable 146 years

Rockwood—How many farms have been in the same family for 146 years? C. H. Harris of R.R. 4 Rockwood, is the third generation to live on their farm, first taken as Crown Land by Harris, in 1820. At that time the farm consisted of between 200 and 300 acres, extending from the present site, south over the present No. 7 Highway.

The Rockwood Academy farm and part of Rockwood Cemetery were original Harris property.

The cemetery land was given to the Friends Church (Quakers). After setting up his home, John Harris married Jane Wetherald, and it was her brother William who bought the land from his brother-in-law and erected the historic Rockwood Academy.

Of their six sons two — Samuel and James Harris — divided and farmed the original land. The eldest son John Richard founded and operated the Rockwood Woollen Mill, assisted by other brothers.

Charles H. Harris took over the farm from his father Samuel, and although 88 years young, still has a keen interest in the farm. He is fortunate to have an interested and helpful family who supply much of the bran.

The Junior Farmers of Ontario are making a Centennial Project of locating and erecting a plaque at the gate of each farm which has been in the same family for 100 years or more.

The response has been very good in Wellington, but every one qualifying is asked to cooperate.

Contact the Wellington County Junior Farmer's Provincial director Wilbert Freeman, R.R. 5, Rockwood, or telephone 856-9797 as soon as possible. There are application forms to fill, and people already supplied with these are asked to hand them in by June 1.

The directors in each county are on this centennial committee.



LOWRY BOY 511 stands still long enough for his mistress, Mrs. Clarence Smith of R.R. 1, Wilsontonville, to receive the first prize ribbon after winning the Open Western Pleasure class Sunday afternoon at Style Acres Ranch horse

show. Presenting the ribbon are ranch co-owners Bruno Scisizzi and Mrs. Evelyn Hathaway. On Saturday the English riders' class competed.

## Provincial honors won by Jean Nellis

Rockwood — Jean Nellis from Rockwood 4-H group was one of four who took provincial honors at the Wellington County Achievement Day recently.

Held in War Memorial Hall, University of Guelph, the theme was "Accent on Accessories".

Provincial honors meant the completion of 12 projects while county honors is given to six completed projects. Local girls with county honors were Marion Bayne and Barbara Garner from Rockwood, with Conis Atkinson and Doris Tubman of the Utoka group.

Among the group exhibits was Rockalong's "Accessories for a basic costume" with the commentator being Greta McPhedran.

Utoka girls Kathy Osborne and Karen Reich took part in "Accent with accessories", one of the skits and demonstrations. Congratulations to all the girls for their fine work. They came home justly proud of their achievement pins and certificates.

## CHURCHILL

### Family gathering on 85th birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hamilton and Mark of Georgetown spent Sunday at the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Blake and family of Stratford visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton on Monday.

A family gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson on Sunday in honor of her sister, Mrs. Teresa Keeler of Erin, who celebrated her 85th birthday. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Howard McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. William McArthur, all of Erin; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Martin of Vineyard; Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Davidson; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall and Steven; Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, all of Acton; Mrs. Margaret McPhail, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robertson and Neil and friends of Campbellville, Alliston, Mr. and Mrs. J. McDonald called to wish her congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Agnew, Helen and Carol of Brantford, Mrs. Mary Agnew of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Don McGill of Nobleton, visited on Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr and Robert. Mr. Arthur Swackhamer visited on the weekend at his son's home with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Swackhamer and daughter Brenda. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Saunders attended the Delaney-Barden wedding in the United Church, Erin, on Saturday.

Master Norman Saunders spent the weekend at the Wolf Cub training camp at Camp Samac at Oshawa.

Mr. Paul Hamilton spent the 24th of May weekend on the Junior Farmer bus trip to Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Wesley Johnson of Brantport spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Leach of Erin visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Leach and Beverley.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner and David, Mr. Clarence Denny, Joyce and Ray spent the holiday weekend at North Bay with Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Turner. Fishing was the order of the day. The North Bay waters were busy with successful fishermen catching mainly pike and pickerel.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacArthur spent Sunday at their cousin's home with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin and Mrs. Keeler in Erin.

## Ratepayers' protests defeat wrecking yard

Armed with a lengthy list of complaints, more than 20 Nassagaweya Township ratepayers helped deal the final blow to a proposed wrecking yard on Wednesday last week.

An application from Laverne Warden of Milton for a wrecking yard to be built on the Guelph Line, north of Mohawk Raceway and south of Brookville, was refused by Township Council after hearing opinions by neighboring ratepayers.

Previously, the Township Planning Board had registered its opposition to the project, citing the probable increase in traffic on the Guelph Line due to the project, and also the possible devaluation of adjoining homes, as its reasons.

Mr. Warden and his solicitor, H. C. Funk of Milton, presented their case and pointed out in their opinion, the wrecking yard wouldn't be a nuisance to neighbors and wouldn't devalue neighboring homes, as was feared. They presented a complete plan for the property, stressing the fact that the wrecking yard would be enclosed by a six-foot high fence and a new \$25,000-\$30,000 home would be built on the property. Two buildings would have been constructed within the fenced-in area with a probable value of \$40,000.

Ratepayers, cited several reasons for objecting to the wrecking yard. After more than an hour of discussion, each ratepayer in the immediate vicinity was asked whether or not he or she favored the granting of the licence. Eight people were asked and all eight objected.

A letter from a ninth ratepayer, H. K. Neave also indicated he opposed the granting of the licence, and Reeve William Coulter told of a meeting with a 10th ratepayer, who also opposed the project.

After hearing the discussions, members of council quickly passed a motion refusing the application.

## Herd management 4-H club's topic

The second regular meeting of the Acton 4-H Calf Club was held on Wednesday, May 18, at the Acton community centre. President Walter Trysenaar opened the meeting and all members recited the 4-H pledge. The minutes were read by secretary Carolyn Spear, and the roll call was answered by 17 members.

Geoff Taylor, assistant agricultural representative for Halton, presented a lesson on care and management of both beef and dairy cattle. Members learned that care must be given to the cow before calving. She should be in a warm, dry, disease-free area. Advantages of fall calving mentioned were, calves avoid heat and flies; there is more time for labour and longer milking period gained.

Spring calving offers less labour, less shelter, pasture, and the calves will be prepared for the cold winter. When the calf is born it should be left with the cow for at least 2 to three days so that it will receive the rich colostrum which helps fight disease. The proper feeding programs were discussed as well as methods of dehorning, grooming and registered cattle.

The junior and senior members were divided for separate lessons and quizzes. Club leader Russell Murray explained to the juniors the different breeds of dairy and beef cattle noting individual characteristics of each while Mr. Taylor explained to the seniors how inheritance occurs between different generations of cattle. The meeting was then adjourned.

## 11 at meeting

### Urban Board won't fold up

The future of the North Halton Urban Board seemed a little more stable last week, when 11 councillors from Georgetown, Milton and Acton showed up for the May meeting in Milton.

A month earlier the Board nearly folded up when only two councillors attended a regular meeting. The Board was established in the 1950's for councillors from the three towns to get together — informally — and discuss common problems.

In recent years, however, it has become more difficult to find an evening that suits most councillors, as many of them are tied up on council or committee meetings or other community service endeavors.

Chairman Jim Young of Georgetown warned a month ago the Board would have to quit if the attendance did not increase. Last week's meeting saw five from Milton, two from Georgetown and four from Acton in attendance.

The meeting discussed a variety of problems, including am-

bulance service, garbage dumps, the method of selling, town-owned lands, centennial projects, the Central Ontario Regional Development Association, tax collection methods and library services.

Acton Mayor Les Duby thanked the chairman for what he termed "a very successful meeting — once again we have proved the worth of our Board".

Members decided to tour Georgetown's centennial project during the summer months.

## Tanhardt pup best junior at London

Another Tanhardt Kennel pup is well on the way to making a name for herself in the show ring.

Tanhardt's Ouida, known affectionately as Casey to her owner, C. D. Chapman of R.R. 2 Rockwood, won the large junior puppy class at a German Shepherd Booster Show in London on Saturday, May 14 and then took best puppy in breed honors, and best of working group honors in a Sarnia show the next day.

Miss Laura Treble, who operates the R.R. 1 Georgetown kennel handled the pup in both shows.

## County will buy reforestation farm

Purchase of the 200 acre George Robertson farm on Lot 11 Concession five in Nassagaweya was approved by County Council on Tuesday.

The farm, purchased for \$20,000 will be used for reforestation and will be operated by the Department of Lands and Forests.

\$2,610,318

## County sets capital budget

A capital budget outlining anticipated major expenditures for 1969 and totalling \$2,610,318 was presented to Halton County Council Tuesday.

The budget outlines by years the anticipated projects on which debentures will be necessary.

In 1966 capital financing of \$671,318 is anticipated for construction of the new home for the aged, Martin House, under construction next to Halton Central Mental Manor.

Estimates for 1967 include \$264,000 as the county's grant for the expansion of the Milton District Hospital and \$375,000 as the county's anticipated share of the new regional jail current

ly under discussion with Peel County. Amounts of \$650,000 are included in 1968 and again in 1969 as the county's grant to the expansion of the Burlington Hospital.

In the report from the finance committee to the county council, it is noted the need for an addition to the Administration Building within the next five years has been suggested, but an amount has been included in the five year forecast.

A table detailing the projected assessment increases and the mill rate required to cover debt service issues planned, shows a mill rate rising from a low in 1966 of 1.569 to a high in 1970 of 1.939.

## Deportation to Yugoslavia postponed for ship-jumpers

A last-minute reprieve saved two young ship-jumpers from deportation to their homeland in Yugoslavia. Ante Ivanovic and Slavko Smoljan were to be deported Thursday of last week but the Canadian Immigration Department postponed the deportation for further study for at least two weeks.

Now it is hoped the young pair, who jumped ship in Montreal on December 14, might have an indefinite stay in this country if they show good faith and character.

After jumping ship, the pair went to Toronto, where they reported to the Immigration Department and asked for release in Canada in order to escape their Communist country. While

waiting investigation by the department, the young men, both 21, worked at White Laverie, R.R. 4, Rockwood, west of Acton.

George Manos, owner of White Laverie, told the Free Press Wednesday the young men are remaining in Toronto in order to keep in contact with their solicitor. He hopes the pair will be allowed to return to their placement.

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