



FIRST PRIZE WINNER Jack Hogan of R.R. 4 Acton is congratulated by BP representative Joe Seymour as Frank Toth pumps part of the prize of 30 gallons of gasoline into his car Saturday. Second prize winner in the lucky draw at Frank Toth BP Motors was Neil Charette, right.

Recommend all of Eramosa twp. be in Guelph high school area

Rockwood — The Eramosa Township Council met in the Council Chambers recently for their regular February meeting with all members present and Reeve Lush presiding. Following the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and special meetings, several items of correspondence were read and discussed.

E. Winter of the Wellington County Assessment Department, discussed with Council proposed changes in the polling sub-division boundaries, that would enable the assessor to more clearly define boundary lines. After discussion and minor changes, the council instructed the clerk to have a by-law prepared for the next regular council meeting, designating the polling divisions and boundaries for Eramosa Township, as recommended by the Wellington County Assessment Department.

Three land severances were recommended by council to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. It was moved that council appoint Robert Darou to the Eramosa Planning Board for the years 1967, 1968 and 1969 and that a grant of \$30 be made to the Wellington Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

An item brought to council's attention was the large pile of earth along the side of the road at the third line bridge and a request that it be leveled this coming year. Council promised that it would be given consideration in this year's road program.

Applications for the position of dog controller would be left in abeyance until the next meeting. The clerk was instructed to order the dog tags and the dog licenses. The 1967 dog licenses will be available at the clerk's office, Rockwood Town Hall and Marshall's general store, Eden Mills.

The Department of Highways, a copy of the designation of the Valley Road money and a copy be sent also to the Stratford Division.

The treasurer's fidelity bond, having been examined and found in order, the clerk was instructed to file same in the township vault. The clerk was also instructed to have the solicitor draw up a by-law to license door-to-door peddlars or have the present by-law updated.

A by-law to appoint pound-keeper, fenceviewers and livestock valuers to serve in and for the Township of Eramosa and to provide for their remuneration was read a third time, passed and numbered 3-1967.

It was moved and carried that a by-law to appoint a Board of Management for the Eramosa Recreation Committee for the year 1967 and to respect to the approval of 7-1966, be given the necessary readings, passed and numbered 4-1967.

The road superintendent was authorized to obtain prices on a steel building-pole construction, and a steel building with a foundation, the cost of insulation, the cost of the cement floor and notify council of the same.

Mrs. Harry Bonner hostess to Institute

Rockwood — The February meeting of Rockalong Women's Institute was held recently at the home of Mrs. Harry Bonner. The president, Mrs. Norman Harris was in the chair and opened with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Mrs. Harvey Bayne presented a most interesting motto, "No one is ever poor who has a garden at his door."

Current events were given by Mrs. Lloyd Dyer. In spite of the frosty weather, a good attendance answered the roll call, naming the national flower of a Canadian province.

During the short business session, it was decided not to send a delegate to the spring convention. Final arrangements were also made regarding the short course on quilting which will be held in Acton on March 7 and 8.

Mrs. Bonner's mother, Mrs. Cunningham, was the special speaker for the evening. Mrs. Cunningham and her husband were members of the conducted tour taken to the eastern provinces last summer, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. A most interesting account was given by the speaker, who also showed some slides and picture postcards of places of interest visited. Mrs. Harry Bonner was program convener for the meeting and made arrangements for Mrs. Cunningham to come and share her enjoyable memories with the Rockalong members.

The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. Garner. During the social half hour, a lovely lunch was served by the lunch committee of Mrs. D. Parker and Mrs. D. McNabb.

Local club to mark Senior Citizens' Week

The Golden Age Club had a fair attendance on Thursday night considering the icy conditions prevailing.

Senior citizens' week in Ontario will be from June 18 to 24, and an effort will be made to bring a general awareness of the older people in the community to the general public.

According to the latest census there are 502 persons living in Acton over the age of 60 years and a great many should be interested in any special events planned.

It was suggested an Open Air Church Service be held in the park. It was decided to hold a bake sale and afternoon tea during the week and invite the public.

A petition from the Women Against Soaring Prices (WASPS) was circulated for signatures. All are aware of the reports of increased profits of major chain stores and processors and of the rising prices which cut the value of the purchasing dollar to an alarming degree. There is enough proof that prices can and must be reduced to enable Canadians, especially pensioners, to live, without get-

ting into burdensome debts. Excessive prices can undermine the health and welfare and are creating a deepening crisis which must be challenged.

Mrs. Evans and Mr. Winton were in charge of the program. Mrs. Shoemaker and Mrs. McCutcheon gave readings.

With Miss Jean McLean at the piano, Miss Dorothy Simons and Mrs. Velchus sang two delightful solos, "Whispering Hope" and "Flow Gently Sweet Afton". Miss McLean played a beautiful instrumental.

A short film, "A Step in the Right Direction" was shown by Doug Copeland, who gave a re-run on general request. The club would enjoy seeing more of these safety films.

The lunch committee served a lovely lunch of sandwiches, pickles, light and dark cake, "Happy Birthday" was sung for Sweet Afton. Miss McLean played a beautiful instrumental.

The next meeting will be held March 2. Mrs. Herrington will be lunch convener with helpers Mrs. Cutts, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Wilds, Mrs. DeVries and Miss McGregor.

Our Readers Write

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR MAYOR, MR. LES DUBBY
178 Longfield Rd., Acton, Ontario

Dear Sir:

After reading your left handed compliment to Councillor Ted Tyler for his action in having a fire in our local dump promptly doused with snow, you will have to stand corrected on your statement the matter could have been left in the hands of the superintendent. Please be advised, Mr. Mayor, that we the taxpayers of the Glenlea subdivision have received many promises of action from Committee Chairmen, Councillors and many others but with no results.

Councillor Tyler did everyone a favor as this dump situation has grown so bad that action will have to be taken promptly or it may have to become a public health problem and referred to a higher power than Acton town council.

For the past three months this dump has been burning 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Most of our children don't even know the taste of clean, sweet, fresh air as we never receive any, except from everyone else's garbage.

We strongly suggest that you folks who make our laws, spend some time in this area appraising the situation first hand, or are you all afraid of getting lung infection.

Seeing as how last year, our town council saw fit, without asking the taxpayers, to vote themselves a two-year term, I'd say we need a few more doers like Councillor Tyler, then maybe there'll be some hope for Acton.

Disgusted Housewife,
Mrs. E. Wilton

B. Hindley and R. Landoni presented a petition to council showing the majority of the ratepayers in the Centre Wellington High School District wanted to join the Guelph Suburban High School District. As a result, a motion was passed by council to recommend to the Wellington County Council, the inclusion of the whole of the Township of Eramosa in the Guelph Suburban High School area.

Council appointed the following as their representatives on the Guelph Suburban Planning Board: Lloyd Marsden for 1967 (replacing G. Cox who resigned), John Benham for 1967 and 1968, Cameron Lush for 1967.

D. Gamaby, P. Eng., is to be instructed to prepare plans, profiles and specifications on a round corrugated steel pipe culvert at No. 20 Sideroad (Cook).

Council concurs with the Rockwood Village trustees' resolution and instructed the clerk to forward to the Minister of Municipal Affairs a copy of the designation of the Valley Road money and a copy be sent also to the Stratford Division.

Film on Expo

The rousing good fellowship of the last Y's Men's dinner meeting was rounded off with the showing of an excellent film entitled "An Expo Thrill", paying homage to the achievements of man, to be viewed at Canada's Centennial Exhibition at Montreal this summer.

Favor instituting kindergarten in old Rockwood school rooms

Rockwood — The Eramosa Township School Board met recently in Rockwood-Public School. Several organizations in the township had been requested to send representatives to this meeting to give their views on the disposition of the old Rockwood school. A delegation of interested parents were present from Eden Mills with several others from Rockwood and district.

Chairman Murray Smeltzer welcomed everyone and asked Grant McRae, principal of Rockwood school to explain some aspects of kindergarten which seemed to be the popular demand with retention of at least the two new rooms of the school.

Mr. McRae stated that kindergarten was not a convenient baby sitting service or all play time, but a good educational program is carried out including mathematics, grammar, phonics, music, physical education, etc.

Mrs. T. Osh, representing Home and School, stated that of the 25 ballots received during their last meeting, 20 were in favor of kindergarten. The retention of the old school was also mentioned, at least for a time, in order to take care of the overflow in future.

Lloyd Marsden spoke for the planning board, Jim Milne for Council and Mrs. K. Duncan for the Recreation Committee. All were in favor of retaining at least the two new rooms and starting kindergarten. This was also voiced in a letter from the Village Trustees. While kindergarten was generally accepted, everyone realized that a great deal of planning would be needed in order to insure adequate transportation of the children, especially those near the top of the township.

Many interesting aspects were brought up and discussed by the group, after which the Board retired to continue their meeting.

Old dolls depict past century

Mrs. R. Wright opened her home for the February meeting of Eden Mills Women's Institute on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. R. Roy, the president, presiding.

After the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect and old business attended to, Mrs. Roy called on the guest speaker, Mrs. Ina Drisdale who had on display a collection of dolls depicting the past 100 years. Presenting the costumes worn which might have been worn by women in this area some 100 years ago. They would have been hand-sewn and mostly by candlelight.

After the war of 1812 there was an exodus from Pennsylvania to the area around Kitchener, Waterloo and Preston. A Conestoga wagon was the means of travel. When they reached their destination long hours were spent clearing and tilling the land.

The men proceeded to build log cabins for their families and erect barns for their livestock. Later better homes were built. The tools used would be crude, making the work hard. The women worked in the fields near the cabin cultivating a garden growing vegetables to feed her family during the long cold winters.

Baking bread, making soap, quilting, hooking rugs, weaving cloth — a busy rewarding life made from necessity, strange to us today used as we are to an easier way of life with electricity, telephones, packaged food, radio, television etc.

We take for granted our cars and magnificent highways.

The stores in those days were crude by our standard, but people would meet at the general store to talk about crops, the weather etc. It was a warm and friendly place to meet around a pot-bellied stove to talk over their daily life, their trials and joys. Smells of apples, spices and cheeses would greet the nostrils.

And so the women who pioneered in this great land of ours helped pave the way to the life we now enjoy and so often take for granted.

Mrs. Drisdale closed with the words from the poet Wordsworth "Enough if something from our hands have power. To live and act and serve the future hour."

The Scout Mothers group held a very successful dessert party on Tuesday evening in Eden Mills hall. Many were the different desserts which tempted the ladies to sample them. All diets will have to be re-adjusted.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jennings left Friday to motor to Florida and will return the end of March.

Centennial service for February set

Rockwood — The month of February was designated to Eden Mills Presbyterian Church for their special centennial service. Word has been received from their pastor Rev. Sinclair, that on Sunday evening, February 26, a special film on Expo 67 will be shown at the Church along with other special features. They are hoping for a good attendance.

Each Church in the Township of Eramosa is planning a special centennial service during 1967.

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Correction

Due to an error, the Free Press reported last week that Mrs. J. Toebes took part in the World Day of Prayer service. Our apologies; this was not correct.

Old age: when you do more and more for the last time, and less and less for the first time.

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"RODEO ROUNDUP" CARTOON — "RUN RUN ROADRUNNER"

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