

# News of the district

## Plan community centre

MILTON — In an unprecedented spirit of co-operation, three of Milton's most active service organizations joined forces last week in order to spearhead the building of a Community Centre within the town.

At a joint dinner meeting on April 2, members of the Lions, Optimists and Rotary met to discuss tentative plans for a Community Centre which would be part of the Milton Arena complex.

A million dollar expansion program which would add 80 beds to Milton District Hospital was revealed to Milton Council recently. The hospital board chairman and the administrator appeared before council and requested a grant toward the addition — throwing out a suggestion of a one mill levy on local taxes.

Faced with an eight mill increase already, Milton councillors left the matter over for pre-budget considerations next year.

Councillors were told by the board chairman that the hospital needed money worse than the schools needed an auditorium which might only see a few hours of use each week. Milton School budgets are being blamed for the healthy hike in the mill rate anticipated.

## Credit Authority under fire

GEORGETOWN — Criticism that Georgetown is getting nothing from its substantial grants to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority was expressed at a recent meeting of Georgetown council by Mayor Joe Gibbons and Deputy Reeve Spelght.

"We've paid over \$110,000 to date," said the mayor, "... why is all the money being spent in Orangeville?"

Mayor Gibbons also asked why money is being spent on Fairy Lake in Acton, "when it is not even part of the Credit River."

Councillor Roy Ballentine reminded the mayor the Authority had acquired property at Limehouse and that a planned system of restoring dams must start at the head of the river. The Acton project, explained Mr. Ballentine, is a pilot program in which the Ontario government is picking up much of the tab.

The deputy-reeve's criticism was directed at the slow approach to a Georgetown dam. "We were told the Georgetown dam would be third or fourth on the list," he said. "Now it has been pushed back to eighth or ninth. I certainly would like to have this explained."

Mr. Spelght thought the Authority could have made better use of their money with a dam at Georgetown rather than spending it in Acton. "It would recharge our water table and put us in a much more favorable position to deal with demands being created by rapid growth."

Georgetown's public school board foresaw the possibility of staggered classes in their schools this fall and blamed "stalling" for the situation of too few classrooms for the increasing number of pupils. Council took a large part of the blame, Trustee Harry Shortill charging the town fathers with stopping the money from the O.M.B. from getting into the hands of the board. He said council wants more houses and more industry but doesn't want to recognize the need for schools because they cost money.

Board chairman John Minern predicted the staggered classes would come this fall, remarking the Board was fortunate in having three members familiar with the staggered class system.

## Fergus students on Quebec exchange

FERGUS — The party of grade 12 students of Fergus high school, who went on a two-week exchange visit to Paul-Hubert high school in Rimouski, Quebec, returned to Fergus enthusiastic about their trip and the staff member who accompanied them, Herbert F. Clute, declared that arrangements all went well.

A film crew from the National Film Board of Canada spent some time with the Fergus and Rimouski students and recorded their classroom activities, conversations with the community and, on the lighter side, a sugaring-off party at which a "grabe-battelle" of snowballs took place.

Last week, parents here got some word about their visit. Each Fergus student was given a free phone call home, courtesy of the Quebec government which owns the telephone company.

These exchange visits have created a great deal of interest in other parts of the country. Many daily newspapers have written feature articles on the exchange.

## EDEN MILLS

### Good Friday breakfast served by Young People

By Mrs. R. Wright

Mr. Jim Bardon of Markham was home for Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lawson, Toronto; Miss Pat Wright, Hamilton; Mr. Rudy Constantino, E. Rochester were Easter guests in the Wright home. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hodnot, Niagara Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Handerson, Hespeler; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sutherland, Galt.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hamer were in Blind River for the Easter holidays.

Mr. William Lowrie and daughter Isabella are spending holidays in E. Rochester, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Daniels and family.

Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lasby was christened Heather Jean in Eden Mills Presbyterian Church with Rev. Fred Williamson of Guelph assisting Rev. D. R. Sinclair. A family gathering at the home for dinner after, included Rev. and Mrs. Sinclair and the Rev. Fred Williamson.

The Young People of Eden Mills again served breakfast on Good Friday morning in the Church Sunday School room. The event is becoming more popular every year and it's a means of raising money for their projects. Menu included juice, cereal, ham and eggs, Hot Cross buns, jam, tea and coffee.

Easter service Sunday morning conducted by the minister Rev. D. R. Sinclair was well attended and special music from the Choir was rendered.

Mrs. Mary Woodhouse has returned home from hospital. Still confined is Mrs. William Miso.

Visitors for Easter with Mrs. Kaye Stevenson and family were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stevenson and family, Hamilton, and Dr. and Mrs. Jim Henry and family of Kemptonville.

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BRONZE WINNERS of Ospringe school's centennial Athletic Awards were back row, left to right, Harry Warrington, Nancy Dearing, Sydney Auster, Patti Ellis, Garnet Hawksley, Donna Mae Milton, Debbie Stewart, Ricky Hodges, Ellen Faulkner. Front row, Judy Stewart, Gary Medland, Rolf Seiz, Barbara Upshall, Dan Ferguson, Gordon Cole, Robert Feenstra, Mary Zábder. (Staff Photo)

## Present Centennial Athletic Awards at special assembly Ospringe school

Principal Bruce McPherson held a special assembly at Ospringe public school last Wednesday morning to hand out Centennial Athletic Awards.

It took almost an hour to present awards which varied from sports bars to crests for intramural floor hockey to basketball and volleyball.

The 'senior boys' basketball team were champion of a three team league comprising Eramosa and Rockwood and they never lost a game. They, along with the school champions received crests.

Crests were also presented to the grade seven and eight girl volleyball champions and the

school's senior girls' volleyball team received sports bars. They also competed with Eramosa and Rockwood.

Centennial Athletic Award crests were also presented. Gold medal winners were John Vandersluis, Brenda Bruce, and Ross Mitchell. Former student Rowland McCulloch, now living in Acton, will also receive the gold award.

Silver awards were presented to Bill Upshall, Bob Paulsen, Oscar Feenstra, Barbara Gates, Robbie Fuller, Ruth Faulkner, Stephen Ellis, Stephen Taylor, Susan Hodge, Jody Johnson, Christine Burnett and Jeff Shields.

Bronze awards went to Harry Warrington, Nancy Dearing, Sydney Auster, Patti Ellis, Garnet Hawksley, Donna Mae Milton, Debbie Stewart, Ricky Hodges, Ellen Faulkner, Judy Stewart, Gary Medland, Rolf Seiz, Barbara Upshall, Dan Ferguson, Gordon Cole, Robert Feenstra, Mary Zábder.

Students who graduated into high school will also be presented with awards. They are: Gold — Susan Eckertich and Frances Hodge, Silver — Graham Frame, Stuart Gregson, Linda McKenzie, Bronie Fran Tchorszawski, Laura Trysenar.

OSPRINGE SCHOOL gold centennial athletic awards were presented to John Vandersluis, Brenda Bruce and Ross Mitchell. (Staff Photo)

The outstanding athletic program at Ospringe school has been made apparent when competitions with other schools were held with Ospringe students excelling.

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## Award grant Everton dam

M.P.P. John Root has been advised by the Minister of Energy and Resources Management that approval has been given for a grant for phase one of the proposed Everton Dam and Reservoir.

The provincial grant of \$5,250 has been given to the Grand River Conservation Authority for preliminary engineering study on the proposed dam.

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## Festival play, programs of music draw crowd to Rockwood school

A play, which will be Rockwood Centennial School's entry in the Kiwanis Inter-County festival at Stratford April 1, was presented Wednesday evening of last week in the school to a packed house.

A cast of over 40 young people appeared in Cinderella's Slipper. About 350 Eramosa Township and Rockwood students, teachers, and others will travel by bus to this event.

Cinderella was played by Corinne Knogt; cruel stepmother was Brenda Smith. Charlotte and Javotte were played by Mary Ann Waddell and Marie Ellen Saunders. Fairy godmother was Helen Craigie.

The Prince was Alex Walker; Lord High Chamberlain was Alan Nightengal; Thimble Bonnet was Walker McLaren. First and second guards were Stephen Kelly and W. Kupferschmidt.

Opening number was a song Somewhere a Child is Singing, by a girls' choir of 75 members. The stage was too small and the girls lined up three deep across the full width of the room. Uniformly dressed in white blouses with pale blue neckties, and dark blue skirts, they gave a pleasing rendition under the direction of Mrs. R. Hoy, the township's school musical director.

Second number was by the 60-member boys' choir with seniors on the stage and juniors down in front. The boys made a smart appearance as they sang Jim, The Carter Lad.

A Grade 6 mixed choir of 24 members sang O Worship The King, conducted by Ronnie McRae.

A highly pleasing number by the Rhythm Band was titled Humpty-Dumpty. Boys with gold tunics and girls with silver blouses, all with gold crown hats, did rhythm steps and curtsies, to piano music.

The visiting Eden Mills choir, dressed similarly to the Rockwood groups except that they wore turquoise neckties, gave a brisk rendition of Will You Walk a Little Faster?

School principal Grant McRae paid tribute to organizer and director Mrs. Hoy; to her guest

**BELL LINES**

by L. G. Denby  
your telephone manager

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Often in chatting to different subscribers in this area I am asked questions about telephone companies other than Bell Canada. Many people seem unaware that there are many independent telephone companies which serve thousands of subscribers within Ontario and Quebec. In fact, at the end of 1967 there were a total of 241 telephone companies or telephone systems other than Bell Canada serving 425,484 telephones in the two provinces. Largest of these is Quebec Telephone which operates 138 exchanges, and serves 125,625 telephones. Many of the companies are quite small. Indeed, we refer to them as systems, for they have their own lines and telephones but they terminate on the switchboards of other companies, including ours. Usually these small companies or systems serve fishing camps, game clubs, mining enterprises or lumbering camps. In Ontario there are 113 telephone companies other than Bell Canada; in Quebec 128 such companies. Included in the figures is one company in Labrador, Newfoundland, which serves 2,400 telephones.

In our immediate area around Acton there is one independent telephone company, operating the Erin-Hills, burgh exchanges. As with Bell Canada, growth of the number of telephones served by the independent companies has risen greatly over the years. In 1945 there were 924 independent companies serving 189,343 telephones in Ontario and Quebec. At the end of last year there were 241 independent companies serving 425,484 telephones. We work closely with the companies which provide service within the two provinces in which we also operate. Through our association we all work to provide the best in communications services to our subscribers.

*Lloyd Denby*