

Water, sewage: facts followed by dissension

Many areas of contention contributed to the dissension last Thursday night at what was intended to have been a cut and dried open Trustee meeting with two consulting engineers and an OWRC representative on hand to inform the citizens of the progress and expected rates which would be the result of the proposed installation of the new water and sewage disposal plant.

board secretary, acting in the capacity of chairman, introduced Harry Jones and D. R. Baker, the consulting engineers working on the Rockwood project, and Charles Letman, the OWRC representative teamed up with trustees Ken Murray, Bert Smith, and Lloyd Waddell, to answer questions and present the rate structure.

"The best that money can buy" is how Harry Jones described the sewage tertiary treatment plant which will, supposedly eliminate all bacterial growth and most nutrients effectively including 95 per cent of the phosphates, and he proceeded to point out from an aerial map of the Rockwood area what course the pipe lines would take through the village.

representative Charles Letman, the sewage disposal system would cost the ratepayers an estimated \$840,800 of which 50 per cent would be paid by the Provincial Government. The cost of the water lines and system, a further \$551,000 of which more than \$264,000 would be borne by the government with the amount of monies left for the ratepayers, to be paid through their rates over a 40 year period.

years ago when health authorities said that 27 per cent of the village wells were polluted and could result in health problems and, according to the Rockwood board of trustees, 44 wells in the village are producing water not fit for consumption.

A water rate of \$5 per month has been estimated and an additional \$9 a month would be charged for sewers. Sewers without water would cost \$1.64 per foot frontage on each bill. "No water can be supplied without installation of sewer facilities to replace the septic tanks now being used" Charles Letman told the village trustees, and the plan will now go before the Ontario Municipal Board for approval and having future opposition, should go into the first construction phase next spring.

Other residents, outside of Rockwood, anxious about pollution problems in the Eramosa River said that they could foresee the death of a river unless the OWRC reconsidered some other disposal method of the filtered effluence. Members of the Board of Trustees tried later to appease such dissenters by pointing out that already in various ways, the water was being polluted and that the new system could well alleviate problems rather than adding to them.

the decision for at least 15 days so that we can all think about it" said one resident who also felt that he would be very disappointed if Rockwood citizens didn't care about those in Eden Mills and their attitudes about the plant and the Eramosa River about which, as one resident said, "It's our river too!"

Trustee Lloyd Waddell said that, if the sewage system is not installed as soon as possible, it would cost additional monies to hire another consulting engineer and also that such delay could, according to the Wellington County Board of Health, result in some type of epidemic.

As it stands now, if the plans go through, Rockwood will have a prefabricated steel enclosed plant of which there is not another in Canada, as stated by consulting engineer Harry Jones, and it will be situated on the farm land of Frank O'Grady, totally enclosed and housed beyond the Conservation Park area.

It will not, however, be a completed deal until the proposal has gone before the Ontario Municipal Board at which time any letters of disagreement from any source will be read and hearings for the dissenters set up and, not until the Board establishes the absolute necessity of the project will the O.M.B. give its approval for the Village to have its new sewage and water system.



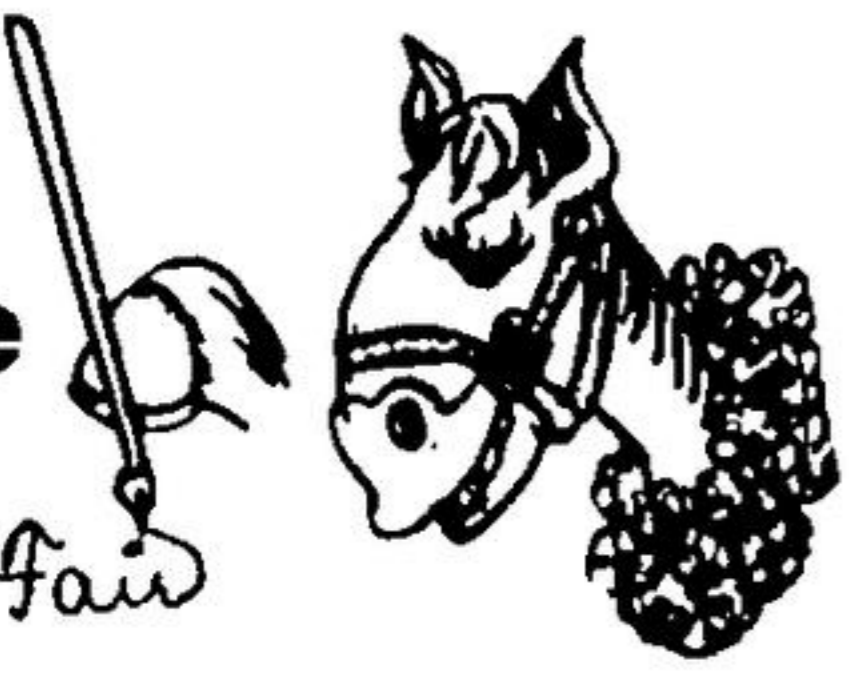
Nursery class tours Rockwood fire hall

A lesson in local civic affairs brought the young nursery school class and their teacher Cynthia Luckman of Eden Mills,

to the firehall last Wednesday morning when Fred Nightingale of Main Street showed them through the building and they

viewed first hand the fire-fighting equipment and engine used by the Eramosa Fire brigade.

Horse sense



by Pretty Fair

Wal howdy thar, folks. Fer all yew guys who didn't make it to the openin' races at Orangeville last Sunday I might's well tell yew that I was the 9 to 1 favorite but, as luck would have it I only came in second by a length on a half.

prize money an they wuz reel pleased wot with me comin' up from behind n'all. Incidentally, it might surprise yew sum 'knew that Sunday's race was first one in wch I ever cum up that way. Thets one o' the things th' guys wuz always bellyachin' about I used t'be in the lead but would fall back. On Sunday tho, I just tore rite through them black-hearted varmints an' if I hadn't been so tuckered out before I even started th' race I'm tellin' yew that I woulda won.

kinda tryin' wot with that yammerin' new baby colt around an ole Apple's expectin' her off-spring tomorrow sometin' too, so don't think thet's not somethin'. She's moanin' around all over th' place an' I heard ole Jim say thet tomorrow's the day. Better be too, 'cause she shore is gettin' hard t'gt along with - kinda jealous I reckon 'cause I'm goin' all over the place an she's stuck close t' the barn all the time.

I've been able t'run all around an' have a merry time wot with this nice green pasture all turned brighter n' brighter. I gets gobs o' sentiment all through my bones when I gits out in thet field with th' sweet smellin' grass n'all. Wal, Dick sez I'll maybe be racin' agin this Sunday so, I'll canter along fer now an' I think I'll moosey over t' the back stretch 'cuse if ole Jim Thatcher's paintin' my second-trailer yet an' if'n he is I sher hope he remembers t' put my name all along th' side of it. Meantime, be reel good t' yerself. Yer friend, PRETTY FAIR.

Plan annual meeting Bible Society branch

The 113th annual meeting of the Rockwood and Everton Branch of the Canadian Bible Society will be held in the Eramosa "Stone Church" on date of Sunday, May 10 at 8 p.m. at which time Rev. H. Zurbrig, the new Hamilton district representative will speak and also show a new film on the work of the society in South America.

Bible-of-the-Month Club, or by legacy from one's wills. A special annuity plan is another attractive feature of the Society which is headed up by B. Hill as president, Miss Pearl Hamilton, treasurer, and Mrs. F. J. Hosking of Guelph Street is the secretary.

Grass, anyone?

Applications will be received at the Eramosa Township office for a grass cutter for the lawn at the Municipal building and the Osborne cemetery at a paid rate of \$2 per hour. The applicant must apply before next Monday, May 11 at 5 p.m. and supply his own mower.

Rockwood News



GUELPH GRADE 13 students were delighted by a tour through the Rockwood Academy. They are pictured with their host Yosef Drenters. (Photo by Lorraine)

Guelph students tour mill, Rockwood Academy

A group of grade thirteen students from the Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute toured the Hortop Mill owned and operated by Jimmie Milne, and then proceeded on to the Rockwood Academy last Wednesday afternoon.

and its beginnings with Yosef Drenter's great knowledge providing the necessary stimulating links.

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