"why is there a need for drugs at

first step in curing the habit when we establish that one does

"This is the real problem" said the social worker, "and it is the

## News and views

By LORRAINE

The repercussions of the possible results of last Thursday's meeting in the Rockwood Town Hall regarding the new sewage and water plans, should be of concern to many people.

It showed a lack of communication between the village residents and its Board of Trustees inasmuch as the meeting was one which was, in effect, to present rates and plans on a new system which, according to many villagers, they really knew very little about.

makes its decision. Not only do I

suggest that they can but that it

is their right to do so for their

One of my own major

concerns is the fact of, as we

understand it, the additional

cost of from 20 to 60 thousand

dollars to extend the outlet of

the system to its proposed

location beyond the

conservation park rather than by

the shortest route. If this is for

the safety of the Grand River

Conservation Authorities and at

their request, then they should

absorb the additional cost rather

than charge the villagers extra

Somewhere comes into this

the question proposed by an

area engineer from Eden Mills

"Why not set the plant near the

bridge on the Main Street beside

the already established hydro

transformer? In this way the

excess flow would pass over

three natural falls before hitting

the conservation park thus

acrating and oxidizing the water

back to normal in a natural and

view, it would be foolish to

entertain considerations for such

a project without adequate

thinking for proper town

planning and, if this can't be in

conjunction with the Eramosa

Council, then steps should be

taken to seek the authority. The

whole idea of the sewage system

is not to line any speculator's

pockets but to fulfill a necessary

requirement in the village of

Rockwood and certainly to put

the village in a sitting duck

position for real estate mongers

would be against all the dreams

and principles of the dedicated

citizens and their ancestors who

have maintained this virgin

valhalla and kept it the green

Well, it seems from checking

up with officials that we are

adequately covered for growth

and everything is under control.

The powers that be are watching

out for Rockwood village and,

once the installation of sewers

and water is installed a Planning

Board is ready to spring into

action at the slightest moment,

In all due respect to Mr. Jones'

engineering know-how at last

Thursday's meeting, he did seem

to be rather light-footed and

fumbled the ball several times.

However, much of the

controversy which revolved

around the system itself waned

somewhat when Charles Letman

of the O.W.R.C. gave his

our Rockwood citizens which

we care about, our village, our

neighbors, and our area, and

sometimes it's the extra two

minutes, or extra \$2 in the bank

which can make the difference.

To be or should not be. Is there

On Thursday April 30 the

On Friday May 1 the grade 8

On May 8 Rockwood

another dance for the "elders".

Yellows 9-7.

position which made sense.

belt metropolis it is,

Somehow from my point of

less costly way".

would be ironic because one of the greatest discouragements of village office has been the apathy of its residents who, ordinarily, do not attend local trustee assemblies. However, with the people count of April 30 it could be said that maybe more publicity in the past would have done the trick. If it worked once it very likely would have worked before so it is hopeful that the trustees and citizens can out better communication Media with more publicity on what is taking place in the village. Thus, when important items do crop up as they have and will again, everyone will know what's going

As it is, this is probably one of the best trustee boards we have some time. for conscientious, willing, and trying very hard to establish the rights of the community. Certainly, their ambition to see a new and sewage system installed is one with the village residents in mind and, it must have been just as shattering to the trustees on Thursday night to realize that so few residents were acquainted with the facts re the new system, as it was for the residents not to feel that they were being pushed into something about which they had no control and at their own

on and be prepared for it.

expense. Many human elements and points of view were introduced which were also unexpected and, fortunately or unfortunately, depending upon one's point of perception, all of these views were valid. The irony of the whole thing of course, is that, no matter how it is all evolved, someone will be hurt and, sadly enough, it will come under the all-encompassing guise

"progress". Main Street citizens of long standing for instance who have been hopefully anticipating the new system, have every right to be concerned at any delay inasmuch as they have waited three years for fresh water to be pumped into their taps rather than continue being subjected to daily trips to nearby springs as their only fresh water supply. These are the residents who, statistic-wise, are owners of one of the 27 per cent of polluted wells. Their great concern is for their children, the potential outbreak of possible disease, and that their promise of an adequate supply of water pure enough to drink direct from the kitchen tap will be fulfilled.

There are, of course, those members of our older citizen society who, on fixed incomes, wonder how the new costs will affect them and whether they will be able to afford the new commitments, Many of them have no need for another well and their sewage system is adequate. Their anxiety is also plausible and to be considered, especially as they wonder how a village the size of Rockwood possibly accept the responsibilities of exhorbitant expense.

Another faction which make s just as much sense but about which less sympathy is extended, is from the point of view of the newcomers from larger areas and cities whose greatest considerations are, not to see the sewage and water proposal scrapped but rather delayed, until after Metropolitan Toronto and Regional Transport Study report has been submitted by Premier John Robarts this week.

Many of these newer Rockwood citizens watched the usurping of other small areas by big business manipulation and some of them feel that this report could give a greater insight into the Happenings at provocations of how such a system could affect Rockwood. They reason that a few days' delay and consideration could well diminish the extent of the grade 8 boys had a floor hockey ravaging of just another small game. The teams were Reds with town. These same people came captain Charlie Allen and here for pretty well the same Yellows with captain Charlie reason that many earlier residents took up their abode in this delightful village and they, too, have special attitudes for its boys had a floor hockey game. preservation and consideration The teams were Reds with for its potential progress, captain Charlie Allen and They've been there and they Yellows with captain Charlie know that once the string has McRae. Yellows defeated the been cut there's no turning back Reds 8-7. and they worry lest Rockwood The Button contest put on by could become just another large the grade 8 girls to earn money hunk of the metropolis of for the Quebec Trip was won by Guelph city, with its wonderful Gary Law. He received a 29c terrains and hills making chocolate bar. potential dumping pits and its sleepy streets, heavily trafficked Centennial School is putting on roadways.



JOHNNIE PROVIS, five, stands happily with his rescuer, Dennis Déath. Johnnie fell into the cold deep water of the river last Friday.-(Photos by Lorraine)

## Johnnie Provis, 5 rescued from river

Quick thinking on the part of two Rockwood lads saved the life of five-year-old Johnnie Provis of Main Street last Friday evening.

While crossing the bridge about 7.30 p.m. Dennis and Romie Death, two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Death, heard screams coming from the bank of the river and two small children stood looking into the water, Shelly and Chad Crooks had been standing on the embankment with Johnnie when he had fallen into the cold water which, at that particular spot, was approximately seven feet deep.

Johnnie Provis recuperated quickly but is now suffering with a bad cold from exposure in the water.

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### Increasing drug problem topic at Home and School

COMIN'S AND GOIN'S

the day.

Horse club.

At last Thursday evening's Rockwood Home and School meeting the use of drugs was discussed with approximately 125 teachers, and parents who, although not closely involved with the problem per se, were

Several young lads spent a

great deal of time last Sunday

afternoon swimming and diving

in their attempt to retrieve the

glasses which Dennis Death lost

during his rescue of little

Johnnie Provis, To no avail

however, and, unless consumed

by one of its numerous fish the

glasses are presently lying at the

Friends of Winnie Hilts are

sorry that she has been quite ill-

lately and hope that she'll be in-

minimal charge, they may see a

display of volleyball prowess

bottom of the Eramosa River.

also not naive enough not to realize its proximity and possibility.

The symposium composed of youth counsellor for the Wellington and Dufferin County Drug Addiction service, Dave Coleman, a sergeant

with competitions for Juniors,

Senior English and Senior

Western. There'll be a snack bar

on the premises so plan to spend

A group of riders from Ken

Tuck's stables from Eden Mills

were to be seen on Rockwood

Streets last Sunday. It was a

Police, Joe Clark, Dr. Gerry Omelon, of the Acton Medical Group, Grant McRae, principal of the Centennial Public School in Rockwood, and a grade 11 Centennial school student, Miss Barbara Marshall of Eden Mills, was an informative one in as much as it relayed to its audience the fact that, regardless of no actual personal contact with drug situations, all society had a special role to play in its rectification.

Sergeant of Detectives, Joe Clark presented a gray picture of the number of young addicts in the Guelph area and it was established that no one high school in the city had any more problems than the next and the trend of general usage was on the increase with the trafficking of parcotics showing a 1200 per cent increase from 1969.

great day for riding and that According to Dave Coleman particular group were all part of who was in a position of direct the Rockwood Trail Riding contact with the social aspects of the reasons why so many young people and adolts are Teenagers and mothers. becoming involved with such an .watch for Operation May Day expensive "reality escapement", It'll be a great day for for Saturday, May 23. Keep it the problem is not as much what volleyball spectators when, for a open! You'll be glad you did! drugs are being taken but rather

exist," Joe Clark, when asked to what detectives from the Guelph City extent the various drugs affected a young person and how they were detected said that, "In the city of Guelph at least 10 per cent of the violent crimes are connected with users. They start off with marijuana and continue on until they are taking stronger drugs and, to support their habits they are forced to resort to stealing." The sergeant of detectives said that anyone who thought that drugs were not

> readings of "severe brain damage". One member of the panel pointed out that the difference between taking alcohol and drugs was that, in the case of the former, the water content in alcohol and its method of evaporation in the blood stream was known but, in the instance a spree, alcoholic consumption versus drugs, alcohol would wear off whereas drugs could cause indeterminate

dangerous didn't know what

they were talking about because

even young people between 11

and 16 years of age were

occupying beds in mental

institutions with prognosis

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In a matter of seconds, Dennis had reached the bank and, fully clothed, had jumped in and grabbed the little boy as he was bobbing up and down, and pushed him backwards through the water to his younger brother Ronnie who had followed quickly behind Dennis and jumped into the water directly after him. Ronnie carried his young charge to the shore and transported him home to his parents who had no idea that their youngest son was anywhere near the

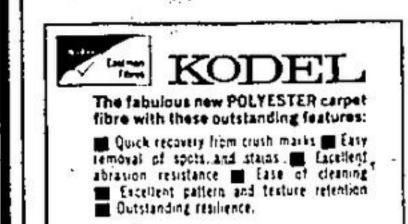
#### between the Eramosa Pire Brigade and the Grade 8 Centennial School girls at the School gymnasium. Save your sheckels and be there at 8:30 p.m. and all returns will be put towards the Public School Tour to Quebec. San Diego, Disneyland, and

better health soon.

Forest Lawn Cemetery were only a few of the sight seeing attractions which Miss Pearl Hamilton and Mrs. Wilfred Flewelling of R. R. Bellwood, visited on their two week trip to southern California. Arriving in Los Angeles on the American airlines Pearl and Mrs, Flewelling took the five day California parlour car tours and had a wonderful time seeing orange groves and many other colourful sights, returning home last Thursday.

Check your calendar for next Sunday, May 10, when Pat-Dales' Farm will be the scene of the Rockwood Trail Rider's 1st horse show of the 1970 season. Hours will be set at 10:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and riders on horseback or on foot will be welcomed to the 16 class show

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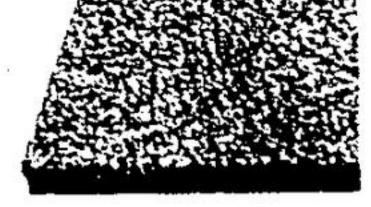
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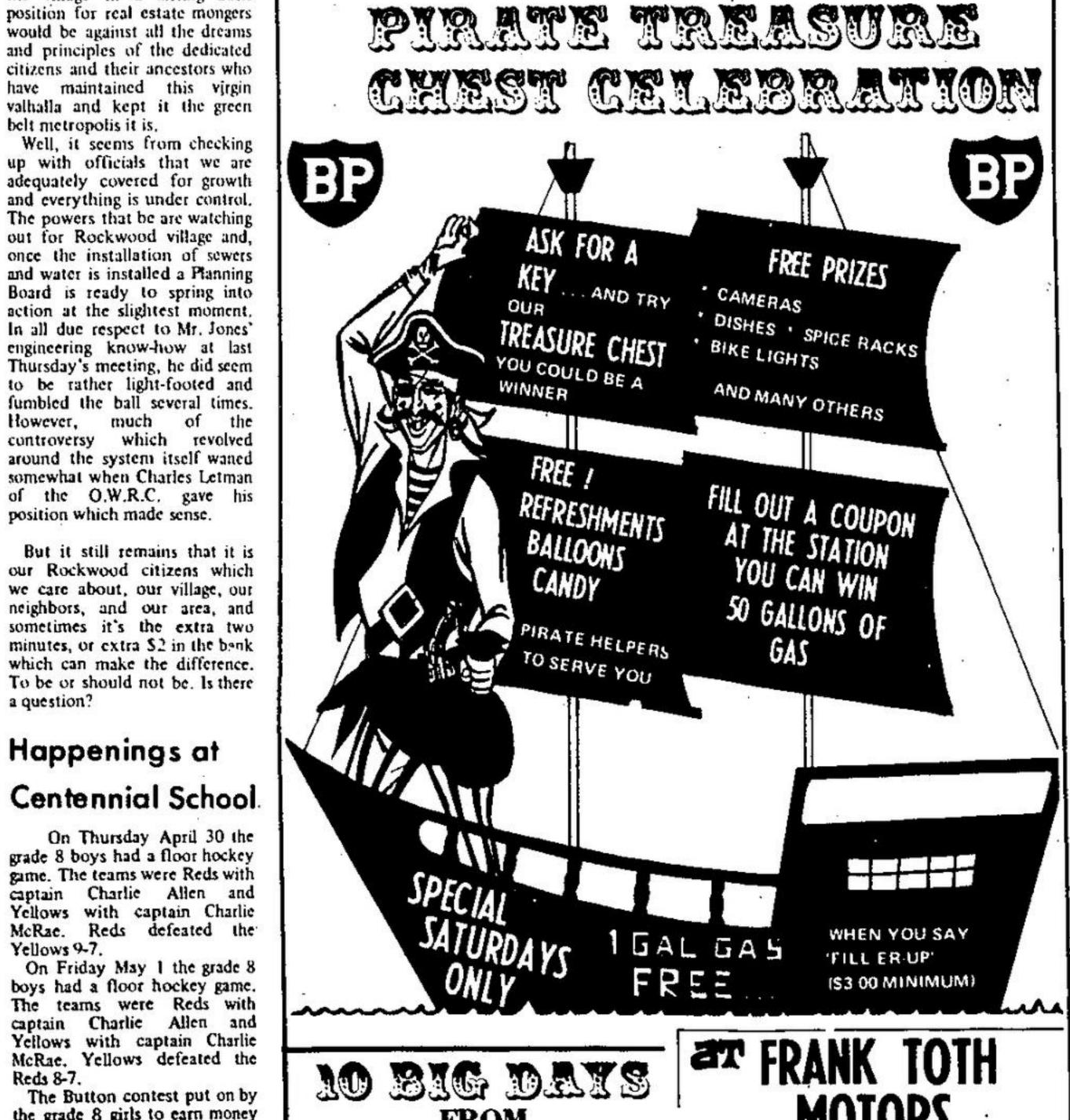
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