

# 10 mill increase in township taxes

Ratepayers in Eramosa township will pay \$10 to \$35 more in residential taxes this year as the result of a 10 mill increase in the township tax rate.

The increase is due to a two and a half mill hike in the county rate, a five and a half mill raise for education and a two mill jump for the Grand Valley Conservation authority.

Council was able to hold the line on other expenditures with a surplus of two mills from last year, originally designated for the Fourth Line diversion.

Average residential taxes last year amounted to about \$334 per residence, said township clerk L. T. Hindley, and this will increase to between \$345 and \$350 in 1971. A basic shelter exemption grant of \$63.40—up from the 1970 figure of \$52.27—

also helped keep the tax hike to moderate figures.

The tax rate is based on a township assessment of \$3,883,465. Broken down, the township must raise the following sums:

General purpose	\$ 66,361
Fire protection	19,417
County purposes	107,421
Elementary public schools	145,421
Elementary separate schools	6,194
Secondary schools	86,701
Police villages	19,287

The township council passed the budget without comment at Monday's meeting.

## Comin's and Goin's

Mischievous swinging monkeys and stalking lions captivated their Centennial School audience last Monday when two kindergarten classes, and the grades 4 and 5, bussed down to the African Lion Safari in Rockton. It was monkeys on the roof tops and lions at the windows according to the tall tales of the children who loved every minute of it. New experience, that's what it's called, and the youngsters and their teachers enjoyed it together.

athletes and may the pins fall where they may!

Fred and Vivian Nightingale and daughter Patty had a terrific holiday when they spent a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gordon (Gwen, Vivian's sister) in Ottawa, Mrs. A. Hill (Vivian's mother) in Morrisburg, and also Vivian's brother Fred and his wife and family and another brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hill, also of Morrisburg.

Friends of Pearl Hamilton who haven't seen her about lately should check in at the Guelph General Hospital where she is a patient. Reports are that she's recuperating quickly and her Rockwood cohorts are glad about that. Just take it easy, Pearl, and we'll be watching for you.

The "put and take" speckles and rainbows which were dumped recently into the Eramosa by the Department of Lands and Forests are drawing many new faces into the area. Every evening a long line of fishermen are lining the bridge to drop their line and are having expectations fulfilled as hapless herring, happily hungry, hearken to hearty bait and are being pulled in large numbers from the River. Although size and quantity are unlimited, littering however, is an offense, and heedlessly pulling fish from the water and leaving them on the banks is punishable by law. So enjoy yourself, sportsmen, consume as you will but don't waste.

Reporting ice floes which extended a quarter of a mile from shore through which hundreds of fishermen had to literally bang their way, the Rockwood trio of Al Nichol, Dennis and Gary Bruce, returned home Sunday evening from a weekend jaunt in Thornbury, Ontario, which netted a cache of eight nice fish. Seven rainbows of 2 to 3 pounds, and one white fish giant weighing 8 lbs. Rockwood friends are keeping their frying pans sizzling in the hopes that the sportsmen would rather share than fare.

It's still May 24th for the Trail Riders Fireworks Display at the Rockwood Ball Park. Dusk is the hour and the entrance to the park is on Inkerman and Balaclava Street for the annual village bang-up. Everyone will be welcomed, say the local club members, and they hope to see all of Eramosa residents and outsiders on hand for viewing.

The highlight of the month long trip of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Bell during which they spent time with family and friends in both England and Spain was when Christina, 8, made her first Holy Communion at Stonyhurst College in Lancashire where she was originally christened. Stonyhurst, the Catholic Public School was the very one which five generations of the Bell family have attended and it was an exciting occasion for the Eden Mills travellers but could not be matched with the delight of having visited their home lands to return to their own community which they now feel really is "home". Welcome back from their Rockwood friends and every village should have folks who feel that way.

Four young Rockwood lads got special ovation last Thursday and Friday evenings at the Centennial C.V.I. "Music Knights" when they played before a capacity audience in the auditorium. The Rockwood Philharmonics are fast becoming a popular addition to any display of stage artistry and, with David Brown on the piano, Jim Gordon the Trumpet, Peter Boarder the bassoon, and Blair Sinclair playing bass clarinet, they reportedly "brought the house down". Recently this same group received top billing at a dinner of the Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. board members and families who were delighted and impressed at their ability and youthful exuberance. Nice going, kids, people are saying "They're the greatest" and Rockwood believes it.

If it's bowling scores you are after, next week will give the tally of the scores based on total pin falls. In two weeks it will be trophy time and the wrap up of the season will be the annual banquet to be held at the Rockwood Town hall. Loads of luck.

## Eramosa council briefs

At the regular meeting, Monday evening, Eramosa township council:

—Accepted the recommendation of Rockwood trustees, appointing Cecil McGinnis as assistant dog controller at \$2.50 per hour and incidental expenses. He is to work under dog controller George Martin and the township council.

—Received a letter complaining of unsightly looking cars along Victoria St. in Everton but decided they could take no action as cars were in condition. Councillor Ken Fair suggested council should try and find some means of cleaning up the township admitting that in most cases they were bound up with legalities.

—Passed a resolution that the township would sell the road allowance between Lots 10 and 11 for \$1,000. Owner of the adjoining land offered \$500 for the approximately six acres.

—Received correspondence from the Grand River Conservation Authority advising them the township levy was much higher this year because of the proposed \$3 million dam program. The township levy was almost \$6,000 more for 1971 than for 1970.

—Received a letter from A. E. Welch complaining of the patching job done on the Eden Mills road. Mr. Welch said hardtop was dug out of holes and left at the side of the road. Council felt it was a Nassagaweya problem, not Eramosa's.

—Was advised by road superintendent Bob Hamilton he intended to repair a tile at the Fourth Line and Lot 29 as soon as it is dry, following a letter of complaint from residents of the area.

—Endorsed a resolution from St. Catharines asking the provincial government to hold back on implementation of regional government until a more critical examination is available to assist in local government reform. The resolution suggested implementation made was premature and has not proven its worth.

—Approved purchase of a chain saw at a cost of \$175 to assist in the tree removal program initiated by the provincial-municipal incentive program. Workmen employed from Manpower will be working from May 13 to June 11 cutting down trees in the township, including Rockwood and Eden Mills.



MRS. BETTY MARSHALL OF Eden Mills waits while Mrs. D. Hartman of Rockwood mounts the bus with her charges before entering herself. The ladies were two of the chaperones attending the recent trip to the Galt Lion Safari with the Rockwood and Sterling students last Monday morning.—(Photo by Lorraine)

## Society anniversary

# Bibles replace people in mission fields

The traditional first Sunday in May marked the 114th anniversary of the Canadian Bible Society and, at last Sunday's meeting which was held in the Rockwood United Church Hall, several members were present to hear Burton Hill, president of the Everton and Rockwood branch, introduce Rev. H. Zurbrigg, as guest speaker.

Mr. Zurbrigg, secretary of the Hamilton branch of the Society succinctly outlined the work of the organization after which a film depicting life in New Guinea was shown portraying the importance of the Christian Bible to the Aborigines.

The speaker outlined several ways in which bible placements

have and are playing an outstanding role in today's life in the Christian and non Christian regions of the world. He referred to the bible-month plan in which Sunday schools could supply a bible for a needy person overseas.

He related instances where missionaries have been drawn from mission fields and the bibles, which had been left behind, present the only Christian literature to which these people can refer. Collecting ordinary stamps and re-selling them by the pound was another way of assisting the Bible Society in some of its several functions.

Year's collection During the business session of the meeting Mrs. F. Hosking, of Guelph Street, and secretary of

## Golden Age club sought

The establishment of a Golden Age Club in Rockwood is one of the latest ambitions of the Eramosa Recreation Committee.

The much-needed community activity was sparked when a letter from Mrs. Sitska Drijber relayed to the committee the combined requests from many senior residents for such a club to be set up and sponsored. Two centrally located buildings are presently up for consideration as the headquarters for the project with the town hall and the St. John's Parish Hall the ones in question.

At the present time plans for the organization of the club are being considered and the Recreation Committee, at a recent meeting, set aside certain funds to aid in the financing of the venture.

## Sunday school concludes season

The last Saturday in May marked the end of the Rockwood Combined Sunday Schools for this season and children who arrived to find closed doors are reminded that, until next fall there will be no further classes. Evaluating their work to date the teachers and ministers involved in the curriculum still feel that the idea of co-ordinative Sunday Schools is a good one but a meeting together could produce other ideas which would relate as to the success or otherwise of the two year old venture.

Rev. Peter Tucker, the United Church minister who recently moved to Dundas, was one of the original instigators who truly believed that unity at the Sunday School level was a good one. He was assisted by Don Sinclair and Ken Cardwell with teachers, Ellen Thomson, Betty Eason,

KINDERGARTEN children all neatly tabbed with name "Rockwood Centennial School" are being lined up ready to mount the bus heading for last Monday's jaunt to the Lion Safari in Galt, Ontario.—(Photo by Lorraine)



## Happenings at Rockwood School

The Love-Marian Award will hopefully be awarded Thursday May 6. This award is for the Rockwood and Eramosa Volleyball and Basketball tournament. These games will be

held at Rockwood Centennial Public School.

Grades four and five travelled by bus on May 3 to the African Safari and had a very good time.

## Letter urges council action

A letter from well known resident Max Storey, read at Monday's meeting of Eramosa

township council, urged councillors to weigh facts and figures carefully and then make their own decision on the proposed water and sewer projects in Rockwood.

Nothing beneficial is ever done without criticism, the letter stated, expressing amazement at letters of protest from businessmen of Rockwood whom the writer felt were well able to afford the proposed system.

Mr. Storey said if his water was in poor condition he would go to any expense to see it was corrected, noting that the pensioners who were most liable to find it difficult to pay for improvements, were not making much noise.

He suggested council stick with the Ontario Water Resources Commission decision on the best solution and then get on with the job.

There was no comment from council or spectators.

You can't fool all the people all the time... but those highway interchange signs come pretty close.

## Figure our figures are wrong

M. C. Schuller and D. Rowe have advised the Free Press they think information supplied the Free Press about the percentage of village residents protesting the proposed water and sewer projects in Rockwood is still incorrect.

In a joint statement to this newspaper they said they personally delivered form letters protesting the projects to the township office that accounted for 90 separate households. Add that to the 60 from individuals and the figure is 150.

They estimate the number of ratepayer households at 260, not 280, and feel this makes objectors still in the majority, not a minority as has been indicated.

## Approve Recreation budget

Eramosa township council accepted the Recreation Commission budget of \$5,000 Monday night, after discussing it with four members who appeared at the regular meeting of council.

Spokesman Jim Greenis told council the Commission had several problems which they hoped to solve with the extra money in the budget. It was proposed to have someone run the booth at the Rockwood ball park this year instead of depending on volunteer help. Salary for the person or organization hired was set at \$700, while another \$500 was to be set aside for a year-round park caretaker.

Need \$3,000 He explained approximately \$2,000 of the budget was set aside from last year, leaving \$3,000 the commission requested from council. It was hoped that as much as \$1300 of that amount would return to the township coffers from profit at the booth and the annual carnival at Rockwood which would also be granted \$500 to get going.

Mr. Greenis explained the commission had been approached by the senior citizens to start a program and some of the amount requested would go towards one. Senior citizens now must go back and forth to Guelph.

Councillor Ken Fair was enthusiastic towards the setting up of a Golden Age club, stating the idea certainly merits support. He suggested the township should put more value on recreation.

Cr. Fair, also told the meeting there had been no further word about Eden Mills representation on the commission and he was not sure they wanted a representative. Bob Love, considered an Eden Mills representative, resigned recently.



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For an appointment please phone 853-1790 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday to Friday. In case of an emergency or no answer phone 877-2258.