



It's cold turkey at Harding farm

Unknown killer(s) stalks turkeys

A report from Roy Harding of R. R. 1, Rockwood, notified Eramosa Township Council that within the last two weeks approximately 200 range turkeys have been attacked and left lying mutilated in the open fields.

The Harding family, Mr. and Mrs. Harding and five sons, have been living on the farm belonging to Mr. George Gray for the past six years with Mr. Roy Harding acting in a managerial capacity of the 15 — 16,000 bird turkey farm during which time there have been few problems of animal attacks.

Last year a small number of turkeys had been killed but not enough to warrant concern. Approximately two weeks ago, however, Mr. Harding discovered that larger numbers were being slain and not consumed.

Suspect dogs
The Department of Lands and Forests were notified and it is suspected that dogs in the area are the culprits. The suggestion of coyotes, considered, was generally ruled out as it is the nature of the wolf only to kill when

necessary and to consume the food it requires.

Traps have been set in the wooded area behind the Fifth Line farm by Land and Forest officials as well as ones set by the local farm manager.

The present flock of turkeys receiving the most constant number of attacks are those raised by the Hardings from small chicks born in May.

Two other groups which Mr. Harding has raised since they were eight weeks old, bred from a different farm, have also been attacked and, with Thursday's expectancy of the arrival of 4,000 chicks to be housed in the barn for Christmas fowl, the flagrant killings of the birds adds greater responsibilities to the farm management.

The township council has assured Mr. and Mrs. Harding that an investigation will hopefully uncover the matter and owners of animals responsible for the wanton killings, penalized, providing of course that more precautions are taken by the owners. Otherwise the council will deny liability for the damages incurred.

At the present time protection for the birds is wire fencing with, in some cases, double fencing through which the marauders have found ways of making entry.

Bobcat? wolves? council uncertain

Speculation at Eramosa Council over the identity of the animal or animals which has killed 200 turkeys at the Harding farm half-mile north of Rockwood ranged from wolves and dogs to bobcats.

Dog controller George Martin attended the meeting where council decided owners of the birds should take more precautions to protect them if the township was going to accept any liability. Mr. Martin said the manager Mr. Harding had left his tractor running all one night in one field and put radios in another in attempts to scare the stealthy killer(s) away.

Scaring not answer
Mr. Harding said he wanted to

get at the source of the trouble. He thought scaring the intruders away from the farm wasn't the answer, since they would only go somewhere else and start again.

The dog controller also kept council informed on the latest provincial regulations about the impounding of dogs for 72 hours. He suggested dogs he caught in the performance of his duties could be lodged at private kennels for \$1 a day for the three day period and then bought by the University of Guelph for \$8 if unclaimed.

Fee for claiming a dog now is \$5. It was suggested the fee be raised to discourage residents letting dogs run at large.

Eramosa council questions 4th Line engineering costs

Eramosa township council thinks engineering fees for the proposed Fourth Line diversion around Rockwood Conservation area are too high.

At Monday's regular meeting of council the subject arose when sheets were passed round the council table with detailed projections on costs for the project. Total cost is estimated at \$205,000 with Eramosa's share amounting to \$93,000.

Grants amounting to 80 per cent are available to the township on \$79,000 of the cost. The Conservation Authority bears the remaining major share of the diversion's cost, but grants are not so liberal for them.

\$27,000 is high Successful bidder on the project was Cavasin Construction with a price of \$169,125.50, which the Grand River Conservation

Authority has approved. Township council studied costs and there was almost mutual agreement that engineering costs of \$27,000 seemed high.

"It is our privilege to enquire," Reeve Warren Parkinson reminded council and after several minutes more discussion it was decided to pursue the matter further before giving the project their approval.

Council wondered why the Conservation Authority had not questioned engineering fees and

it was decided to ask if Authority had more information on the project which explained the stamp of approval.

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Special meeting on OWRC proposals

Rockwood's proposed water and sewage system will be a subject of a special meeting at the village town hall Thursday afternoon, July 8, with representatives of the Ontario Water Resources Commission, Eramosa Council, the Trustee Board and Rockwood and Area Ratepayers' Association invited to attend.

The meeting has been called by trustee board chairman Don Hiltz to review the present plans and discuss alternatives to them proposed at various other meetings.

Major objections to the O.W.R.C. proposals have come from the Ratepayers' Association which has pinpointed cost and possible pollution of the Eramosa River as areas where they feel more information was needed.

The meeting is closed to the press and public.

Mess should be cleaned

Nassagaweya Councillor J. C. McIntyre is bewildered and a wee bit angry with the Department of Lands and Forests which cut poles on the Esqueping-Nassagaweya Town Line and left a massive pile of wood chips and debris when they were finished.

"It seems strange one government department sees fit to organize roadside and creek cleanups and another does just the opposite," Mr. McIntyre said. "They should be told to darn well clean it up. It's disgraceful," he advised township council.

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ONE, TWO, THREE, lick, and another Grade one class enjoys the end of a perfect term with a line up at the local ice cream bar. Cathy VanRuijn, Sharan Green, and Shaun Murphy crunch away in front of Laurie Church, Kevin McGilivray, Corinne Gooyers and Ruth Stump.

Comin's and Goin's

Saturday was a delightful scene at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown of Rockwood when family members gathered together to visit, chat, renew acquaintances, and reminisce.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil K. Gordon from Sarasota, Florida, former residents of Rockwood and Guelph vacationed with their daughter Mrs. Sybil Gordon and family of Guelph this past week and the family reunion was planned in conjunction with the visit.

A tour of the Rockwood Academy, a picnic lunch on the lawn and a game of knock-out ball was included in the festivities in which many local and former Rockwoodites were included. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hosking of R.R. Rockwood, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gordon and family of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sinclair and family of Guelph, Miss Bessie Gardner of Guelph, and Mrs. K. Morrison of Guelph were those attending from the vicinity and from a distance came other family members including Mr. and Mrs. John Hosking and family of Oakville, Mr. and Mrs. S. MacCallum and family from St. Catharines, and Mr. and Mrs. Wes Passingham and family, also of St. Catharines.

watering fresh, red, fruity, berries.

Drop in at Schlagel's Elderly Citizen's home in Tavistock this weekend and you'll find Sherry Guild of Brady Street visiting with Yvonne Noble of MacKenzie Street. Yvonne Noble is spending the summer working at the home but Sherry will be back in town come Friday.

It's a great and congratulations to Mary Coulson from her many Rockwood friends. Mary is a community spirited gal who, before leaving the village for her nursing course, made many contributions to local activities. She has been missed while away from Rockwood but everyone sends their best wishes for the girl who graduated on May 8. Nice going Mary, we're proud of you!



SCHOOL'S OUT but ice cream cones are always in. Celebrating with their Grade one class of the Rockwood Centennial School are Vicky Louttet, Eddie Scott and Paul Hudson with Anne Masson and Randy Schoenfeld in the background. —(Photos by Sandy Root).



MARY CHRISTENA COULSON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Coulson of MacKenzie Street, Rockwood is a recent graduate of the St. Mary's General Hospital School of Nursing in Kitchener, Ontario. A graduate of Eramosa Public School and John F. Ross Collegiate, Mary, will continue to stay on at St. Mary's and is presently employed in the Staff Emergency Centre.

Traffic jams hinder Dept.

People hurrying on foot and in cars to gather at the scene of fires is proving a hindrance to the Rockwood-Eramosa fire department, making it difficult to carry out duties as efficiently as the brigade is capable.

A memorandum was recently printed requesting the co-operation of the public in avoiding traffic problems at fires.

The parking space at the fire hall when an alarm rings is also presenting delay problems for the firemen trying to get on the job and Rockwood-Eramosa Fire Chief, Carl Meadows reminds residents that, under Section 79 of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, Part 2, "No driver of a vehicle shall follow a fire department vehicle when responding to an alarm at a distance of less than 500 feet."

Chief Meadows also referred to Act. No. RSO 1960 c 172 S80 which stipulates that any vehicle blocking a road or driveway can be charged with obstruction.



DECORATION DAY ceremonies at Rockwood recently honored the dead of two wars and the many interred in the well kept village cemetery. Acton Firefighters Norm Price and Lloyd McIntyre were among those taking part. —(Photo by Don Hiltz)

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