



DANNY EASON works meticulously at a candle making project along with brother John and Cheryl McMinn as Shirley Ritchie displays one of the decorated items she has prepared for the Saturday, December 4 afternoon tea and bake sale at St. John's Anglican church.—Photo by Lorraine.

Hydro poles to march down Rockwood Main St.

Representatives of the Ontario Hydro Commission were on hand at last Wednesday's Board of Trustees meeting in the Rockwood town hall to reveal plans for

a new hydro line which has been slated for the Main Street of the Village.

Bob Hanley was spokesman for the commission and along with

area representative Stan Roslyn, of Guelph, showed the planned route of the line which will stretch from Guelph to Acton, along the C.N.R. Railway allowance touching Rockwood in between, acting as an auxiliary line in case of power failure.

out yet," said Mr. Hanley who noted the new line was necessitated by greater use of hydro power and appliances and described the new poles similar to those now used on the Queen Elizabeth Highway.

Cost too high

Trustee chairman Don Hills asked the officials if they had considered the possibility of underground wiring, but Mr. Hanley said that, with a village of Rockwood's population, it would not be feasible as the cost would be exorbitant.

"Would it not be possible to consider moving the sub-station at this time to a more industrial area near the tracks while major changes are taking place, as many villagers have requested?" said one citizen present at the meeting.

Mr. Hanley said that this too would be too costly a venture until perhaps sometime in the distant future of the Village when, with growth, Rockwood would require more power and could afford it.

Hearing about complaints of

the unattractiveness of the present station, Mr. Stan Roslyn, the area representative of the Ontario Hydro Commission said that he was in sympathy with the aesthetic ambitions of the Rockwood residents and would look at the property with an eye to improving it.

"I will see if anything can be done to beautify the present surroundings," said Mr. Roslyn who feels that it might be possible to hide the transformer which, according to local hydro chairman Mr. O'Brien, was acceptable before it was enlarged a few years ago.

Mr. O'Brien feels the new line will be an improvement in the Village and the cost of installation should be minimal. Mr. Hanley explained that such costs will be based on the change over of street lights and new materials.

The overall plan, described as a utility corridor will include Fergus, Guelph, Rockwood and Acton. Studies of pole requirements are already being made in the City of Guelph.

Employee burned in station fire

A man suffered extensive burns to his face and body in a fire that completely destroyed a service station in Norval on Thursday. The injured person was Kenneth Sproule of Norval, an employee of the service station. He was taken to Brampton Memorial Hospital. An explosion ignited the fire. A paint shop at the rear of the

service station was also gutted. The explosion also knocked out several windows of a nearby church, witnesses said.

Three people suffered minor burns when they pushed cars out of the paint shop. The cause of the explosion is not known. Damage was estimated at \$35,000.

Milton OPP are investigating.

400 club

Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were, Doris Doby, Reg Hotham, Wayne Mason Ab Robinson and Heather Dumarsh.

Owners on hydro line said ready to negotiate

Eramosa township council and 12 property owners directly involved attended a meeting at the Township council chambers last Monday night at which three members of the Ontario Hydro Commission were on hand to explain the proposed 500,000 volt grid power system which will cross through their property.

The power line is part of a 140 mile long transmission line which will link Nanticoke and Pickering to tie in with a supply line from the James Bay area. It crosses 16 municipalities and, in a document released August 1971, the province indicated that the line will cross Nassagaweya Township, on through Eramosa and Erin Townships.

Hydro officials, Messrs. Sheddin, Ellis and Wedge explained the right of way would be a 610 foot wide swath with towers 120 to 130 foot high located approximately 1000 feet apart.

The three line plans, as explained by Mr. Sheddin, call for one line to be put in by 1975, one other in approximately 15 years and the third at a later date.

No complaints. Questioned as to the possibility of television, radio, and telephone interference Mr. Sheddin explained that a similar line had been put into the Barrie region some ten years ago and there had been no complaints.

"Twenty to 25 foot trees will be left under the lines", said Mr. Sheddin and on the fringe areas trees will not be touched. At road and river crossings a screen of trees 100 feet in width will be left in the valleys of the right of way he explained.

There was no apparent opposition at Monday's meeting and, at its conclusion those present expressed satisfaction at the complete explanatory description of the line, the general concept of which was

Form new club for snowmobilers

By Cecil Patterson
The first meeting of the Halton 4-H Snowmobile Club was held at Country Mart, Acton on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 8 p.m. Russell Murray of the John Deere Equipment welcomed the 20 members. Two films were shown—"John Deere Country" and one on testing John Deere machines to prove their strength and look for improvements where possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman treated the members to coffee and cookies. The next meeting will be held Dec. 8 at the Shell Service station in Norval when the Skiroule Snowmobile will be demonstrated.

Mr. Murray demonstrated rack adjustment and tension, pointing out the parts of the machine which should be checked often for wear. He cautioned to be sure of an adequate gas supply and to avoid burned belts by being certain the machine is not frozen to the ground. A check each time before using will keep the snowmobile in good running order for safety and pleasure.

Name officers
Paul Stewart on behalf of the club thanked the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Newman and leaders Russell Murray, Bill Wilson and Keith Ella.

The following are the officers for the club: president Paul Stewart, vice-president John Nixon, secretary Valerie Ella, treasurer Jane Nixon and press reporter Cecil Patterson.

Accept tender

Esqueing Council has accepted the tender of Ontario Culvert Metal Products for a multi-plate culvert at a price of \$2,990 for the bridge which collapsed recently on the Eighth Lane, near Silvercreek.

Although two other prices tendered that of Armo Canada Ltd. at \$2,818 and Westeel Rosco Ltd. at \$2,231.26 were lower, council accepted the Ontario Culvert tender because of the urgency of the situation. Ontario Culvert guaranteed delivery in one week, while the Armo tender called for delivery in five to six weeks and the Westeel tender guaranteed delivery in three or four weeks.

Snow dance thanks all

Halton East MPP Jim Snow, Minister without Portfolio in the Ontario government, held a "thank you" party Thursday in Oakville.

A dance at the Galaxy Club was held to express his appreciation to all those who worked for his re-election in the October provincial election.

Obituary

Bruce Pargeter Beardmore gardener

Gardener at Beardmore for over 50 years, Bruce Pargeter of 129 Crescent St. died in Milton District Hospital on November 19.

Mr. Pargeter was retired, but was well-known for his gardening skill. A plaque at Beardmore, in the beautiful grounds there, attests to the esteem in which he was held.

Mr. Pargeter was also people's warden at St. Alban's church for 10 years. He was a life member of the Originals club of Toronto and a member of the Men of the Trees.

Funeral service was Nov. 22 at St. Alban's church conducted by the Rev. Harry Dawson. Interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were Herb Ritchie, Bern Van Fleet, Eddy Thatcher, Gordon McCutcheon and grandsons James

Ketrick and Brian Farrell.

Mr. Pargeter was born in 1884 and was married in 1919 at Warwickshire, England, to Lillian Brooker. They came to Canada in 1920 and had lived here since.

Surviving are his wife, daughters and sons Mrs. John R. Ketrick (Ethel) and Bruce, both of Toronto; Gerald and Mrs. Joan Farrell, both of Acton, and 11 grandchildren. He was predeceased by four brothers and three sisters.

Defective heater

A defective space heater at Universal Tire on Highway 25, south of Acton, was the target for Acton Firefighters Thursday morning at 8 a.m.

The blaze was confined to the heater.



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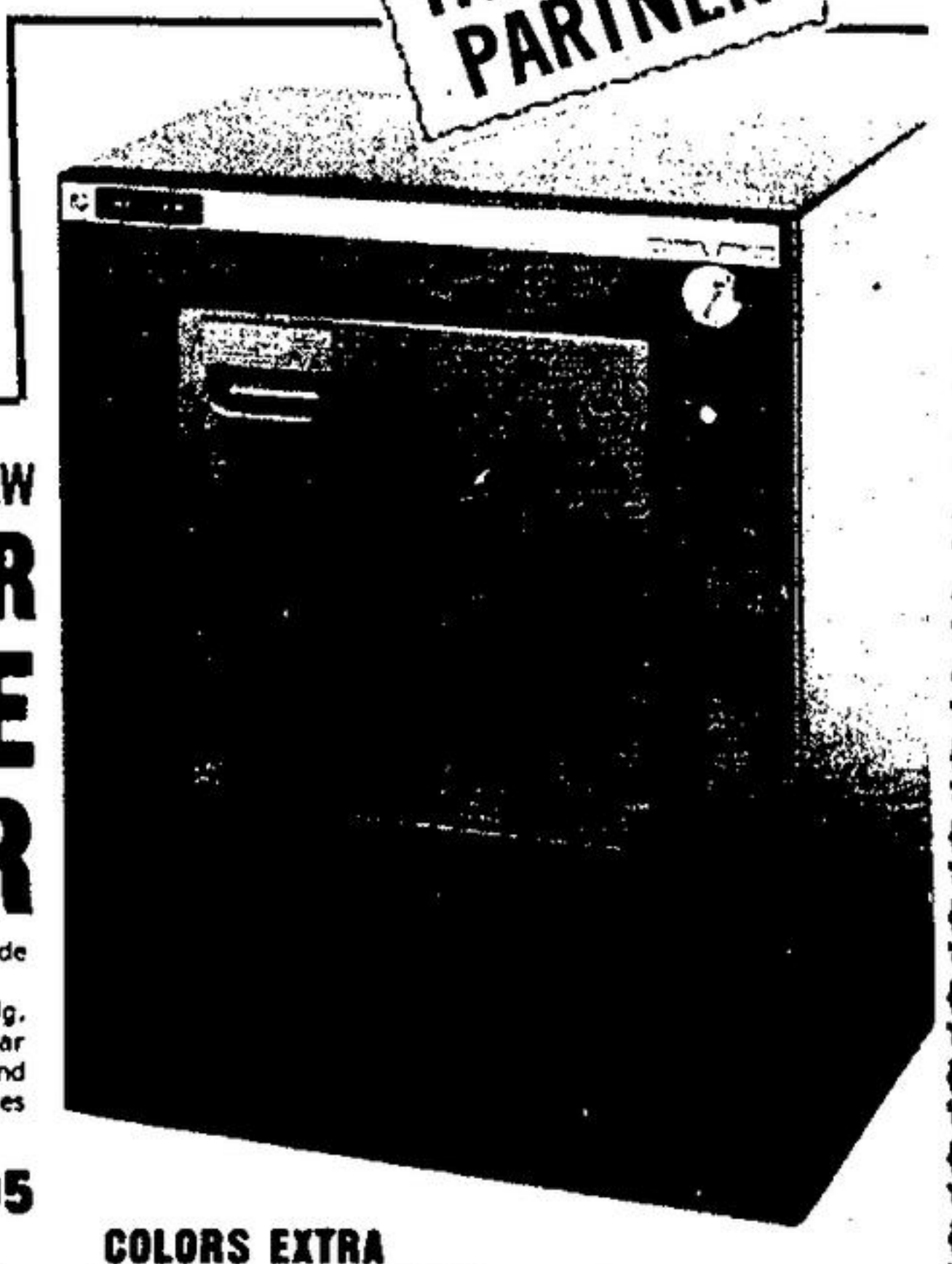


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