



Christmas is coming
And the geese are getting fat;
Please put a penny in the old man's hat;
If you haven't got a penny,
Then a ha'penny will do,
And if you haven't got that—
Then God bless you.
—Wendy Thomson photo

Read by-law for recreation area

After discussion of dates, Eramosa council gave first and second reading to a by-law which would allow Bob and Keith Hamilton to proceed with construction of a privately owned recreation area adjacent to the Rockwood Conservation Area. Councillor Dick Strong thought plans the Hamiltons showed council should be better marked by a survey but it was decided the prohibitive cost ruled it out. "It would cost thousands to survey the property," Bob Hamilton told the meeting "and then there was no assurance the project would be approved".

A store on the property, it was made clear, would be only accessible to trailer and camp site residents. Dates which would have allowed operation only between May and October were deleted in favor of year round operation if the need warranted. The by-law is subject to approval of the Ontario Municipal Boards.

Wolf killers in cars collect \$25 bounties

Wolves are being spotted occasionally in this area and two have been killed by cars in northern Halton and Peel counties in the past two weeks.

What appeared to be a large dog killed by a car near Georgetown two weeks ago turned out to be a brush wolf. Last week a 40-pound brush wolf was killed by a car on Derry Rd. just east of Highway 10.

Drivers of both vehicles will be able to collect the standard \$25 bounty for killing a wolf despite the unorthodox method. Carcasses were disposed of by police.



A Christmas story:

My donkey Anna Belle

By Jennifer Barr

Anna Belle Part 3

Anna Belle was allowed to run free while the horses were out from morning to night. Our large, old fashioned barn was just made for a skipping, hopping baby donkey exploring the many aisles and hidey-holes.

Nothing was safe from that velvet nose. Six quart baskets full of old screws; plastic bags with old iodine rags in them; pieces of inertube used for poultice bags; feed sacks; these were dragged out and attacked with feet and teeth accompanied by excited groans. When the objects were dead, she'd turn her attention to the cat kibble, her favourite dish. If it were seasoned with milk and canned meat so much the better—my carnivorous herbivore.

Plenty of help
All the while I was cleaning the stable. I could count on lots of help opening bales, spreading straw and tipping over water pails, usually in the wrong places, of course. Lots of playful kicking and bucking went on when I'd pretend to sweep her into a pile of straw.

At one point, I sneezed in a particularly uninhibited fashion. Anna Belle gave a delighted hee haw "Mama!" and raced over to greet me. I must learn to sneeze daintily.

A favorite game was called "I'm a fierce donkey and I'm going to eat you all up". It involved creeping up behind me with her huge ears pinned back and a malevolent look on her face. The minute I would turn around, up would go the ears and a startled "whome?" expression would transform her face.

This was definitely a game as she never once offered her teeth. In fact, I frequently got licked very thoroughly on every available part.

Belle was intrigued by the dogs, our two mongrels, a foolish shepherd bitch called Jane and even more foolish collie pup called Mickey. She loved to chase them up the barn stairs threatening destruction.

We had one long box stall with two doors on the same side. This had been divided into two stalls by a series of planks, the lowest of which was roughly two feet above the ground. One day, Belle darted into one stall and Jane peered round the door after her. Meanwhile, Belle crawled rapidly on hands and knees under the partition, bounced out the other door and banged Jane's very surprised bottom. This became a popular game guaranteed to puzzle a not-too-bright Jane.

Hee Haw
My friends heard these stories in detail and would rush to visit Belle, stare fixedly at her, while

Esquering Council plays Santa Claus

Esquering Council played Santa Claus to their neighboring towns Acton, Georgetown and Milton at the final regular council meeting of the year Monday afternoon.

Recreation grants totalling \$1350 were approved for payment to the three towns. Georgetown will receive \$700, Milton \$425 and Acton \$225.

Council also granted \$200 each to the Georgetown Agricultural Society and the Acton Fall Fair Board and \$50 to the Milton Fall Fair Board.

Other donations approved by council included \$15 to the Poppy Fund, \$25 to the Mentally Retarded School, \$25 to the

Canadian Mental Health Association, and \$800 to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and \$20 to the Georgetown Christmas Welfare Fund.

Request for the welfare fund donation was made to council by Councillor Len Cox, on behalf of the Georgetown Lions Club. Councillor Cox explained there a number of Esquering names on the fund's list.

Before payment of the \$20 was approved, Reeve Tom Hill reminded council similar organizations in Acton and Milton could also approach council with the same request. He felt council was paying a good share to the county for welfare purposes.

Bees sacrifice life for colony

by Florence Trousdale

"You have bees in your bonnet" was a retort of former days, to one with whom you did not agree. To have a colony of bees lodged in the side of your house, though not as disturbing as in your bonnet, still can be rather disquieting.

A retired beekeeper of Rockwood recently took on the task of removing a well established colony from the wall of a house in Erin Township.

100 pounds
Removing a section of inner wall of the second floor of the house was necessary to uncover the honey bees in their chosen retreat. The task of dealing with a large colony of bees and removing their sizable amount of honey comb, well stocked with honey, was laboriously carried out. The salvage process netted over 100 lb. of honey.

Those who work with honey

bees never lose a great respect for these wonders of nature; their instinct and industry in collecting the nectar from the summer blossoms, storing it in comb made by themselves, if necessary, as in the event of this 'house wall incident'.

Long days

The nectar from the blossoms must be reduced to one quarter its bulk, which is carried out by fanning. No eight hour day for a honey bee in blossom time. The life of a worker bee in the busy season may be three weeks; wings wear out and they fall by the wayside. Loyalty is a strong instinct. The bee that falls under its last load of nectar and the one that stings the hand that interferes, each sacrifice their life for the colony.

Man has skillfully propagated this provision of nature and now Canadian Honey for home consumption and export is a large business.

Ebenezer

Gifts signify purity

By Mrs. Ron McLean

Sheena Clegg and Jay Kitching lit the third Advent candle in church. Shirley Moore and Sandra Early read the scripture. Mrs. Mervyn Thomson told the story of Christian symbols.

Mr. Finley dealt with the origin of the White Gift Sunday. Years ago, people wanted to let their good king know that they appreciated him. Their gifts must all be white, the symbol of the purity of their intention.

People came in crowds; they took the occasion to show off. Finally a little boy gave something he really loved and treasured, a white alley. The king smiled.

Greatest gift
The Christmas tree is a symbol of something everlasting, the Son

of God. We should enjoy giving more than receiving. God is infinitely patient. 1,000 years in His sight are but as yesterday. The greatest gift we can bring is peace and good will.

Elected
Members elected to the session were Earl Ward and Don Simpson.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Finley in the sudden death of her brother at Cobourg.

The choir carol service will be held next Sunday evening, and the Sunday School concert is to be Wed., the 22nd.

Mrs. John Henry is a patient in Milton Hospital.

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NASSAGAWEYA Township Council NOTES

At their meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 8, Nassagaweya Township councillors:

—Passed a resolution permitting Dufferin Quarries building permits for its proposed new holdings behind the Niagara Escarpment.

—Approved a by-law changing the name of Upper Base Lane Rd. to Steeles Ave.

—Decided Councillor Arthur Gibson would accompany Reeve Anne MacArthur and Deputy-Reeve Don McMillan to the Christmas dinner Halton Region Conservation Authority is holding at the Mohawk Inn, Dec. 16.

—Decided to send a letter to Bell Canada, complaining of the road allowance Bell is leaving, when it is burying cables.

Destroy dog or pay bill

An R.R. 5, Rockwood man, will be advised his dog must be destroyed within 48 hours or he will receive the bill for dead sheep it is alleged to have killed.

Dog control officer George Martin told Eramosa Council Monday he has been frustrated by the attempt of the owner to protect the dog after it had been found killing sheep on the farm of Reeve Warren Parkinson. The Reeve hurled a stone at the canine while it fed on one of his animals, causing a serious head injury. But the dog escaped.

The dog owner took his pet—a Red Setter—to the University of Guelph for treatment. It was convalescing there and Mr. Martin feared the owner would spirit the dog away before the livestock act could end its life. He had been advised to get a court order so he could claim the errant

HAPPENINGS at ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

Constable Rieley is visiting our school on Monday, December 13. He is talking about safety signs on containers.

We have two student teachers in the school teaching in the primary grades.

I would like to remind you that canine but time favored the dog owner.

The Reeve said he had a lamb killed last week and another Sunday, when he caught two dogs slaughtering. He told council that when a dog kills it won't stop and could move from his place to someone else's.

It was decided to send a registered letter to the dog owner with instructions to destroy the pet or face a large bill for damages.

There is a Christmas Concert in the school on December 17, this Friday night.

Candidates will speak

Trustees of the Halton County Board of Education will have the opportunity of electing a chairman this year after hearing three minute speeches from the individual candidates.

In other years speeches were not made. Ballots were cast simply on the individual's performance at the board meetings.

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