Seek to veto Rockwood P.O.

The state of the s

conditions.--(Photo by Lorraine)

at the back. At the present time if left as is, it

will require considerable indoor lighting

installations to allow workable lighting

examining it for possible changes .- (Photo

It was a chagrined project supervisor who braved the blizzardous weather of last Thursday morning to confront two councils and a number of irrate citizens at the quarters of the new municipal post office under construction on Inkerman

ROCKWOOD'S POST OFFICE in its finishing

stages is built of red channel plywood. It has a

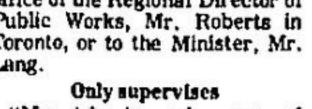
glassed in door area in front, two small

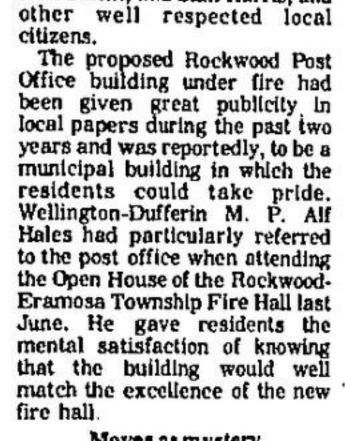
windows on one side and two other small ones

and Guelph Streets in Rockwood. The time of the meeting was thwarted somewhat when Mr. Greenless of the Department of Public Works in London, explained to those in attendance lang. that he had little control over variations in the post office

building plans and referred the Reeve, Warren Parkinson, to the office of the Regional Director of Public Works, Mr. Roberts in Toronto, or to the Minister, Mr.

> Only supervises job is only one of





Moves as mystery

However, when excavations began in December, no plans had been presented to the local or township council. No building permit had been requested and the entire operation moved in as a mystery except for the sign which read "A New Post Office Building", and everyone wondered.

Within weeks something had

At a cost of \$43,000 it is one of community.

Some notification?

"Should we not have had some notification or choice of what this building would look like? said Trustee Chairman Don Hilts who said that his board had expected to view the plans before the construction began. "No one in London has any hand in the policy of building," said Mr. Greenless who agreed that building bylaws in every community have to be adhered to and was surprised that neither Township or Village Council had not been consulted. He further commented that the plans had not been ready until sometime last August and this raised questions from those present as to why, if the plans were basic, they had not been ready all along.

Could be glamorized

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supervising," sald Mr. Greenless who had expected a quiet consultation with the township reeve and was surprised to see the avid concern expressed by members of the township present as well as trustees Don Hilts, Bert Smith, and Stan Harris, and

taken shape and to date the red channel-plywood building stands, arousing comments of disdain from villagers some of whom threaten to burn it down.

five basic plans which the federal government uses for post office buildings with minor variations according to the needs of the

At a previous meeting with a member of the Public Works Department Trustee Chairman Hilts had been told that the building would resemble that of the Erin Post Office and the Rock-wood Board had been in accord, however, according to Greenless, the one under construction in Rockwood is more comparable to one built fairly recently in Tavistock, Ontario. He said that the particular plans used for the local post office had caused disgruntlements when used in other areas and that the narrow outer edge which is to be seen on the outside of the building was a safeguard in case residents complained too bitterly and, if funds could be made available, the plainess of the building could be glamorized by outside bricking.

"Better we bulldoze it down and start over again" sald one Township Council member and Deputy Reeve Duncan Mc-Phedran questioned Greenless as to whether they'd dare to put up such a building for Parliament Hill.

Larger Volume

"We have a much larger

accomplishing factor as, he himself claimed, his authority does not extend to the variations required by last Thursday's assemblage. As Bob Leslie put it, however, "We've at least put a nick in their minds about how we feel about it and that's good for a

Alf Hales, who is presently holidaying with his wife in Australia, will not be returning to his official duties in Guelph and Ottawa until mid-January. Before departing he had not been able to procure either copies of the plans or pictures of a post office similar to that proposed for Rockwood.

district, it's ridiculous!"

devaluation of property.

meeting.

starter."

Like a barn

between the Council boards and

Mr. Greenless and it was decided

that, after meeting with the

Township Council, Reeve Warren

Parkinson would draft a letter to

be sent to the Minister of Public

Works requesting more windows

and outside bricking with such

innovations following the

authorized architect. "They've

just put this in without

considering the people in the

community at all," said Reeve

Parkinson who felt that the whole

Good for starter

The meeting with the project

supervisor had not been a great

project was a shocking one.

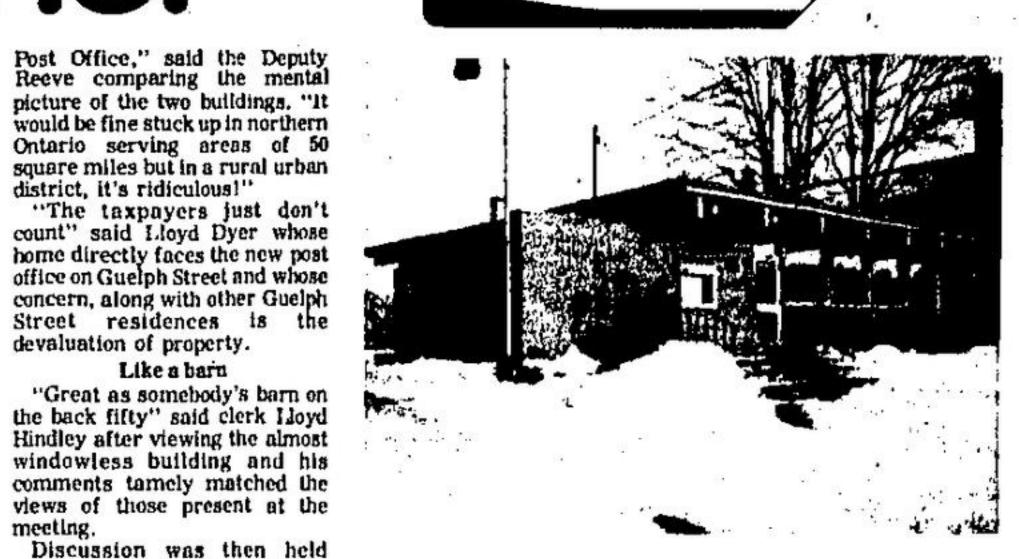
recommendations

Reeve Warren Parkinson recognizes the necessity of quickly completion of the building when it will be too late. "Let's not get stuck with that for the next 100 years" was the remark made by Louis Hilts and everyone agreed.

The letter to the Minister requesting vetoing of the construction was drawn up at Tuesday's inaugural township council meeting. The Council

hopes to see early action. Along with the complete Trustee Board, members of the Township Council present at the Post Office site session were Reeve Warren Parkinson, Deputy-Reeve Dunc McPhedran, and Bill Adsett. Village residents included Herb Saunders, Bob Leslie, Louis Hilts, H. Hospes, Lloyd Dyer, and George Day, The new municipal post office will, reportedly be open for operation in March of this year when Post Master George Day will move into the building with his present staff Marg Cox, Carolyn Wingate and Babs Ellis.

Free Press Rockwood



ERIN POST OFFICE, built approximately five years ago, is a source of public pride. The brick building has numerous windows, an attractive appearance, and projects community stolidity as a public building. Trustee Board Chairman Don Hilts had been told by an official of the federal public works department that Rockwood's post office would resemble that of Erin. However, it is understood that, instead, it is similar to one built recently in Tavistock, Ontario.-(Photo by Lorraine)

Welcome '72 at town hall

Eleven years of going strong and the Annual New Year's Eve Dance held at the Rockwood Town Hall is still the best party in the village according to those who attended.

Everyone was merry as they beat out the tunes of the Montgomery's from Eden Mills, Simple attire, vivacious garb, holiday greens and reds and the ladies looked lovely as the bounced to the New Year music with their escorts looking dapper and gay.

Win prizes Four prizes found their way to

lucky ticket holders as Freddie Nightingale Jr. and his date captured one of the lucky stubs. Bert and Mary Kelly won a prize, Muriel and Doug Buttenham another and Doug Hume and his wife won another of the priceless possessions.

A tremendous party, when old friends, new friends, and just about everyone in the Village attended ringing out the old year and singing in the New. Many of the original group who started off 11 years ago were in attendance last Friday night and special guests from Nova Scotia were Lois and Arnie Maw. Lois is the sister of Georgina Kelso and so is an old Rockwood girl who had never before attended the New Year's party. This time she went with Frank and Georgina and they had a marvellous time.

Supper time And then it was supper time. An amazing spread of buffet

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with program to commence January 18

surprises were the delight of the hungry celebrants as salads.

meats, exciting dishes all had been pre-prepared by diligent Betty and Winnle Hilts who, with their husbands are the annual cordinators of the terrific affair. Before the dancing began Ray

showed films of the parties of the previous ten years and everyone enjoyed them, chuckling over the newer styles and staid appearances of the party goers. By 2:00 p.m. it was all over.

Nothing left but the remains of balloons, noisemakers, and favours which had been part of the New Year's Eve festivities. 125 people had attended and to them was the most fun-packed way to say goodbye to whiskered old '71 and greet the new year of

Resigns to form new Lions Club

The resignation of Jim Greenis from the Eramosa township recreation committee was accepted with regret at the first regular meeting of the township council Tuesday morning when Councillors learned the Rockwood bank manager was attempting to form a Lions Club In the village.

Mr. Greenis explained the work load in forming a service club would be too much in addition to his duties on the recreation committee. Councillor Bill Adsett said the new club would attempt to raise funds for a community project.

"Jim did an excellent job as secretary. He was right on the ball at every meeting. Hopefully we can acquire another secretary as good."

Guides end First Aid course

The Guides of the First Acton Company have completed their First Aid course successfully. On December & Frank Tyrrell of St. John Ambulance, Georgetown, made up Mrs. John Rowe as the victim of an accident for the girls.

On Dec. 22 they entertained the Scouts for a Christmas party and

Skating tests here Tuesday

Figure skating tests were held at the arena Tuesday. This was the first of two dates this year for

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MEMBERS OF THE trustee board, township

council and local citizens pore over the

construction plans of the new post office,

A Christmas story:

My donkey Anna Belle

by Lorraine)

took on the appearance of a wellloved toy poodle as she started, with intense relief, to shed her long wooly winter underwear. She was so-o-o itchy!

At every opportunity a long scratching would take place-it didn't matter on what or on whom. The mobile feed box was a usual choice. Many times, I saw it lumbering along the aisle with a tiny donkey behind, scratching ecstatically.

One day, she was rubbing her shoulder so avidly, that she fell over. Instead of jumping up, as a horse would have done, she lay there surveying the underside of the feed box. It looked like a good scrtaching post, so with much grunting and groaning, she wriggled under it, still on her side, and proceeded to have a glorious belly scratch accompanied by such blissful

moans I was tempted to join her. A big event in Belle's life was being clipped. Have you ever want to be clipped?

bucked, kicked, and threw Mack and I all over the barn. But her coat was so long and matted it had to come off. Besides, once clipping was started it had to finished or you were left with something that resembled a well worn buffalo robe.

Finally, with me alung on my chest over Belle's back hanging

on to any available part and avoiding the teeth; Mack holding on to her tall from under her legs and practically sitting on her bouncing back end, we accomplished the chore. We swept several tons of donkey hair out to the yard and surveyed the result. What a sight!

Despite an extreme overabundance of good food, worming and a clean bill of health from the vet, Anna Belle was positively skinny-all ears, eyes and bones. Closer inspection revealed that she really wasn't too bad, just very delicate and small-boned. After a few weeks on pasture, she plumped up but stayed weedy looking like a donkey rather than a well-fed pony. Must find out what kind of donkey she is-she is unlike any of the usual donkeys one sees at fairs or as pets. She has a look of quality about herrather aristocratic-except when

she plays the professional All donkeys are very good at this and Belle is no exception tried to clip a donkey who doesn't Whenever convenient she puts on a long dog air; a poor-little put That tiny 150 lb. animal upon donkey air; an I'm beaten and starved when visitors aren't around air. But when the sympathetic visitor turns to me, Belle usually tries to nip their backsides, all in the fun of the

game, you understand. The spring brought something else for Anna Bellecompanionship. I had worried all winter, over the fact that our

horses still hadn't accepted Anna Belle. The geldings and colts thought she was adorable, but the mares were all teeth and feet. Even Jingle Belle, the ancient pony, spent every moment trying to bite the donkey. Friendly lot. these equines! I didn't know when I could safely introduce

"smallest" to the gang. In March, Jingle suffered a

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