



FIRST MEETING of Eramosa township council in 1972 took place at the township council chambers Tuesday morning where new appointments were made, the interim levy set and routine by-laws passed to start the new year. Reeve Warren Parkinson centre (sitting) is flanked by Deputy Reeve Duncan McPhedran, left, and clerk Lloyd Hindley. Standing, left to right are Councillor Ken Fair, Councillor Dick Strong, Road Superintendent Bob Hamilton and Councillor Bill Adsett.—(Staff Photo)

Some frustrations

'71 accomplishments reviewed by reeve

Reeve Warren Parkinson said today that he looks back on 1971 as one of accomplishment mixed with some frustrations.

He said he was especially pleased with the completion of the new Rockwood-Eramosa fire hall which was opened up last June and praised the men on the brigade for their co-operation and selflessness in giving of their time to perfect the structure of which the township and Rockwood residents are so proud.

Reeve Parkinson said he felt that the diversion of the 4th Line and its new bridge was a step in the right direction which, although not completely in accord with some residents' desire to prove to be of greater future advantage.

Sponsor club
He felt that the Eramosa Recreation Committee had moved ahead during the past year branching beyond the usual round of sports activities and sponsoring the Eramosa Senior Citizens' Sunshine Club which was badly required and a tremendous contribution to the area.

"I am happy about the new Creative Arts program which the Recreation Committee contributed to," said Reeve Parkinson and referred to the necessity of preparing oneself for future leisure time. He could see the possibility of minor mill rate increases for the purpose of property procurement as an insurance that residents will have enough play area and the possibility of recreation buildings in the future.

Land fill site
Mentally viewing the new year of '72, Reeve Parkinson is of the opinion that the Eramosa Council should consider the necessity of a sanitary land fill site which might require partnership with another Township rather than the annual Guelph garbage dumping facility renewal.

He said: "This year council intends to make stiffer

regulations on our building by-laws and, if residents don't adhere to them there will be no permits allotted." The Reeve was referring to some of the misdemeanors which had occurred during the past few years in which permits had been allotted without enough descriptive information required, resulting in grievances which could have been alleviated.

Local government
Regarding local government: "I'm not sure it's for the best," said Warren Parkinson, "and I'm not necessarily advocating it, but the township might be forced into amalgamation with other townships in the near future with one government for two or three townships. This year I feel that Eramosa Township Council should be discussing this matter more as a preparation so that they will have views on how it will affect them and what area they would want to move in with." The Reeve felt that Erin Township was environmentally closer than any other and favored that area for Eramosa if it were a necessity.

Roadways?
"This year the council hopes to have the 4th Line of Eramosa converted into a development road," said the Reeve and we have already requested the Minister of Transportation and Communications to consider it as a paved roadway from the Campbellville 401 cut-off right on through to Highway 7 which would alleviate truck traffic currently directed through the village of Eden Mills."

Village split
Referring to the dilemma of Eden Mills which is located partly in the County of Halton and partly in that of Wellington, Reeve Parkinson, in consultation with Trustee Chairman Norm Marshall, shares the villagers' concern as to what will happen if and when regional government moves in. He feels that the trustees should petition through

both the Nassagaweya and Eramosa Councils and these will be forwarded to the O.M.B. for consideration. "I feel tremendously responsible for this community," said the Reeve, "and our council will do all it can to help."

Landwise, the Reeve is aware that much of the land in Eramosa could shortly be absorbed by the Conservation Authority and, although he hopes that consideration will be given to preserving more land with lake areas kept smaller and small dams utilized rather than larger ones absorbing green belt regions unnecessarily, he recognizes the necessity for conservation and feels that, with discussion, township residents will be prepared for such future possibilities.

"More extensive communications between Council and residents keeps everyone better informed and able to cope," said the astute Mr. Parkinson and passed on the well wishes of his Council and himself that the residents of Eramosa Township have a prosperous and Happy New Year for 1972.

Life is a good deal more than not dying. One in 10 Canadians suffers from respiratory disease. Give to Halton County Christmas Seals.

Comin's and Goin's

Little birds enjoying the fresh white snow and sunshine saw such Rockwood athletes as Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Root, Mr. Joe Stump, and Mrs. Ralph Williams and Miss Helen Bayne out hiking through the Conservation Park last Monday afternoon. Mr. Max Milne is also out enjoying his wintertime snow prelude this week and everything is fresh and crisp all over. What a wonderful way to start off a New Year

Speaking of the New Year - how's about this for a pre-spring surprise. Mrs. Douglas McNabb of Harris Street was amazed to look out of her upstairs window last Sunday to see a crow. "I was looking for pheasants which I have been told are in the neighborhood", she said, "when I saw this big, black crow." "I couldn't believe my eyes and thought I must be seeing things until it flew into the air and, as it disappeared gave a loudly proclaiming "Caw, caw". Now, who can refute that spring isn't just around the corner and who says we shouldn't enjoy our short spell of snow when it will soon be melted with morning sunshine.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Milne of Eden Mills over Christmas included Mr. and Mrs. D. McNabb, Miss Isabel Daymond of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNiven of Malton, Mr. and Mrs. John McNiven and children of Guelph, Mr. Earl Hamilton of Orillia and Mrs. Linda Abram and children of Gananoque. It was a marvellous family gathering which happens annually when Santa presents good food, and warm hospitality prevails and all the guests enjoyed a very Merry Christmas.

Rockwood friends who knew him well, will be sorry to learn of the sudden pre-Christmas passing of John Lloyd of Port Credit, formerly of Rockwood. He and his wife Ruby were outstanding members of the St. John's Anglican Church when they and their two daughters lived here, as well as being interested in many facets of the community life. We send you our sad wishes, Ruby and the knowledge that Rockwood is thinking of you at this time.

A new crop of machine-happy snow-mongers are harrasing the villagers since the first post Christmas snow crop, and, like the proverbial bad apple, they are spoiling the image for those who conscientiously enjoy the

sport for sport's sake. Over lawns, whizzing up side streets, and skirting parked cars they are a worry to pedestrians, home owners, and little kids. Come on, friendlies, make like good citizens and move to open country where there's more room, more fun, and less chance of accidents.

Well, now. Listen to the happy comments about the brand new street markers which Rockwood citizens are so pleased about. It's like a Christmas present from the Village trustees and, although there were no holiday lights the signs do a great deal to brighten up the corners and let people know where they're going.

Overnite New Year's Eve guests at the home of Mrs. J. Hamilton and Pearl in Rockwood were Kerri and Kelli Swanston the two children of Mr. and Mrs.

Clifford Swanston of Guelph. It was return visit and dinner for the lucky Hamiltons who enjoyed a fun visit with Mrs. Hamilton's daughter, Mrs. Swanston and her family.

Rolling and frolicing, New Year's holiday guests at the home of James and Margaret McNabb family of Acton's Cobble Hill Rd., were, John McNabb and his wife Sherry, Alan and Trudy McNabb from Queen's University, Kingston, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McNabb, Rockwood. Great day, great dinner, terrific company - and it was a Happy New Year's for everyone.

One after-Christmas present that everyone looks forward to especially those with teenage families, is the annual telephone book renewals which Father Bell distributes every January. Word has it that we'll soon be seeing the new ones so we can put away the scotch tape and paper glue for another month or two. Thank you, Mr. Bell and Merry

Christmas to your company, too
Checked in to hear if there were any New Year's babies from the local vicinity but it's a woeful tale St. Joseph's Hospital gives. A few just before Christmas but nary one from Rockwood or from anywhere since December 31. Guelph General gives a slightly more hopeful story - five babies born since New Year's day but still none with the Rockwood label. Ho hum, it looks as if the 985 sign on the village outskirts will have to stay at the same population toll. No little strangers in our community.

Chucked full of New Year's energies? Check this page and see the Creative Arts Course enrollment plans and make sure your name is listed for January courses in upholstery, art and design, needlecraft, sewing, or yoga. See you at night school, anyone?

Susan and Ian Stone and Ray and Rabs Ellis had another (Continued on Page 11)

Eramosa interim levy is set at 35 mills

After several minutes of discussion, Eramosa township council decided that the interim tax levy for 1972 will be 35 mills instead of the 1971 figure of 30. The levy is payable by March 31 and default carries a penalty of 1 per cent for every month in default.

Council decided the interim levy should be close to one-third of the total taxes since two instalments would follow the interim levy and balance payments through the year. Last year's mill rate was 115.

After several minutes of discussion council reappointed H. W. (Ted) Cargo to the Committee

of Adjustment for 1972-73, recognizing his talent as chairman of the committee.

Council also decided to borrow \$200,000 from the Royal Bank at Rockwood to meet expenses until taxes are collected.

Illegal
A letter from the district engineer of the Department of Transport advised council they had not obtained proper approval to open the Fourth Line diversion onto 7 Highway and their action was illegal until an Order-in-Council was received. The district engineer said no entrance permit would be granted until legalities were all complete.

Council showed little concern over the letter, noting they had applied for an Order-in-Council but the application was somewhere in transit between Department offices.

Some consideration was given to the forming of roads and finance committees as a result of a suggestion by Councillor Dick Strong and support from Deputy Reeve Duncan McPhedran and there seemed to be general agreement on the aims of the committees.

All members of council were present for the Tuesday morning meeting.

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Mrs. Dora Kennedy, Ken Murchison, Clare Mathies, A. Porter, Doug Mason, Monica Howell, Annie Saunders, Nancy Frost, G. Graham, Des Clendenning, Mrs. E. A. Pratt, Lucy Petric, Les Duby.

Doug Mason, Ruth Miller, Mrs. Laura McEachern, Carolyn Priestman, Mrs. W. Little, Elliott Neumann, Mrs. B. Anderson, Mrs. J. Ingles, Lucy DeBoer, Thos. Hill, F. J. Blain, Mrs. K. Hall, R. Toth, Maggie DeForest, Adele Nolan, Jean Jackson, Mrs. S. Draycott, Mrs. S. Pringle, Mrs. Ramona Storey, Harris Stuckless, Susan Allen, Mrs. H. Patterson.

Willa Hewitt, Nancy Abram, Mary Papillon, Dianne Butler, Evelyn Hamilton, E. Freuler, Mary Ann Freuler, Mark Rowe, Mrs. F. J. New, Elliott Patterson, Hugo Schmidt, Wayne Kelly, Robena Clark, Mrs. M. Nellis, Mabel Heatley, Mrs. F. J. New, Eddy Couture, Ed Leatherland, R. J. Braida, Mrs. H. Bealey, Sam Tennant.

Elmer Roszell, Barb Lower, N. Merrin, Alan Parnal, Mrs. Wayne Kelly, V. Henderson, Keith Wellwood, Rose Gentles, Mr. Weirmer, F. Pope, Mrs. M. O'Brien, Bob Collier, Robert B. Hanley.

HAPPENINGS at ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

The grades 7 and 8's had a Christmas Dance at the school on Friday, December 22. We had a very good turn out. The students did not think our holidays were long enough and were disappointed that there was not enough snow. This week the teams for volleyball and basketball will be made up. We have cheerleaders who are also practicing for the future games. Public speaking starts on Friday, January 7 and there will be more information about the speeches in next week's edition.

My donkey
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near fatal heart attack. She recovered remarkably, but very affectionate afterward as if she were making the most of her borrowed time. During her recuperation, she was stabled in a box stall next to Anna Belle and slowly, a friendship blossomed. By April, the attachment became obsession and Jingle refused to let Belle out of her sight. I hoped she would act as a protector for Belle when time came for her to meet the big horses. By early summer Jingle, Anna Belle and another pony, Earl Grey, were a little clique within the herd, both ponies acting as protective parents to the donkey. To be continued.

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