

# Rockwood sewers, water cross word puzzle



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## Comin's and Goin's

It's best wishes and get well soon to Mr. Stanley Stewart presently in the Guelph General Hospital. A 25 year resident in the Rockwood village Mr. Stewart is well known in the district and his many friends hope he'll be home soon.

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It'll be Christmas merrily we sing, come Saturday, December 2 when the Cub-Scout-Brownie-Girl Guide parent committee holds its first gala Xmas bazaar for which a tremendous agenda of bake goodies, sewing creations, decorations, plants, white elephants, candy a la homemade and books is being prepared for sale from 2 p.m. until 4 with coffee and tea bars open for chit chatting customers.

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'Get better soon' are the words of Fred Kingshott's friends who wish the Harris Street resident the best for recovery from his recent heart attack. If it's cards you'll be sending it's the Guelph General for the address but hopefully not for too long.

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Friends of Mrs. Lucy Linfoot of Harris Street send their love and hope that a special person recuperates quickly after her recent fall. X-rays show no break but right now the patient is not too well and everyone hopes she will be about soon, and her old perky self.

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Lest we forget; the Cenotaph meeting time for the veterans' wreath laying ceremonies on Sunday, November 12 will be at 10:45 a.m. followed by a march to the Rockwood Centennial School where Rev. Tom Appleton of St. John's Anglican Church will

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## Department will call tenders in March—letter

By H. Coles

Rockwood's controversial sewer and water project, supposedly settled by the decision handed down by the Ontario Municipal Board after a series of long drawn out hearings, is still very much a crossword puzzle.

Monday night, Eramosa Council received a copy of a letter from the Department of the Environment to Rockwood Village trustees informing them that tenders on waters and sewers are expected to be called in March, 1973.

Construction on the projects is expected to start in June, 1973.

Meanwhile, a petition allegedly signed by 416 people opposed to water and sewers in the village has been sent to the provincial cabinet following an appeal of the O.M.B. decision by the Rockwood and Area Ratepayers Association.

Bob Leslie, president of the Ratepayers' Association, appealed to the cabinet in July but so far it has not been dealt with, although there have been rumors that much in-fighting is taking place between the Attorney-General's office and the Department of the Environment over the installations.

The Ratepayers' Association claims that 188 people in the village who are property owners have declared against water and sewers. This figure is claimed to represent 205 households or business connections.

But Don Hills, chairman of the Village Trustees, says that two petitions taken up in the village show how confused the people are.

The first petition opposed the water and sewer installations. The second supported the O.M.B. decision to have them installed.

"It shows the confusion when half the people in Rockwood signed both petitions," Hills claimed, in an interview with the Free Press.

There were people on the first petition from places as far away as Guelph, the chairman alleged, and many from nearby communities of Eden Mills and other hamlets.

The Ratepayers' Association expects that now the figures they submitted have been received by the Attorney General's office that a hearing will be granted later this month between the appellant, the village and some members of the provincial cabinet.

According to the Ratepayers' spokesman the cabinet's decision will be binding upon all parties, in spite of the O.M.B. decision.

Time is fleeting, the trustees allow, and in consideration of this they also passed a motion and despatched it to the Department suggesting they were also no longer in favor of the proposed water and sewers if the cost exceeds by more than 10 per cent the estimates outlined at the hearing.

They soon had a reply from the Department, naming March as the date for calling tenders, and June for getting the project started.

"This has been going on since 1966," declared Don Hills, "and I feel it is time we got on with the job."

The village chairman said that other police villages in Ontario with populations of less than 1,000 are being more or less told to install water and sewers after a survey is taken on polluted wells. And Rockwood has more than its share of them, Hills said.

Perhaps some taxpayers don't realize that the more the projects are delayed the more it is going to cost. If we had acted promptly and got the job done when it was first realized it had to be done we would have saved enough in time lost, salaries and lawyers' fees to have the foundations in for a nice indoor skating rink, he said.

There are those who claim that if the village waits the well educated professors at the university will come up with some alternative solution.

"Well," Hills asks, "Where are these alternatives everyone is talking about?"

Why are the ratepayers association so vehemently opposed to the installation of water and sewers, then? this reporter asked.

The chairman admitted he was mystified especially since he personally knew of many health hazards in the village which made a solution imperative.

And now the spectre of elections looms up. What if the residents decide the present board of trustees should not return?

Hills threw up his hands. "I don't intend to run again," he said, hinting he was sick of all the criticism he has received and the abuse suffered because he believed the village really requires these projects.

However, he modified his statement later, admitting he was still undecided about whether to run for re-election.

"It all depends," he admitted.

Village trustees must answer to the township council for many areas of power and a copy of the motion which opposed water and sewers was despatched to Eramosa Council for Monday's November meeting.

"We have no jurisdiction any more," commented Councillor Dick Strong.

"I agree," said the reeve, "It is not relevant."

The hot potato motion was declared ambiguous. Council took no action either to endorse or oppose it.

It was another tangle in the ball of yarn that will neither unravel or be shaped into anything concrete on the Rockwood sewers and water projects.

The ratepayers association claims the projects are too costly and will force long time residents out of the village.

The trustees assert if there are many more delays in the installation of water and sewers it will be too costly for residents. They want to get on with the job.

centres in some larger schools."

Recently retired as the district postmaster Mr. Day said, "I feel that I have the time available to properly carry out the numerous duties which a trustee is called upon to do. In an organization such as our educational system, trustees are expected to attend many meetings and, because I can assure that I will do my best for the education of our children in this country, I wish to state that I will be a candidate in the next election to represent Eramosa and Guelph Townships.

## Keep 'em down on the farm

LIFE ON A FARM and how it operates is what the grade three'ers of Rockwood Centennial School were learning first hand in social study class at the Alex and Jean McNabb farm at R.R. Rockwood last Wednesday morning. Shown about milking, from milking machine to the tanks, to the truck, for delivery, the children were fascinated; ploughing and making furrows and they watched with interest; cows, cats, and kittens, all the excitement of farm living were experienced as the children and parents and teachers together listened to the explanations of Alex McNabb as he took his assignments about on the farm tour. Afterwards it was chocolate and homemade goodies prepared by Jean, all consumed at the top of the hayloft while sitting on the hay wagon. What a day for the children, what fun for their chaperoning mothers and what a great way for the teachers to come across to their students. It was back to the school via bus and letters to the McNabbs said "Thank you for a wonderful learning experience." —Photos by Lorraine

## Seeks board seat

Redistribution changes of the Wellington County Board of Education require that only two representatives be elected for the Erin-Eramosa-Guelph area this year—one from Erin and the other from Eramosa-Guelph.

Announcing his intention to seek re-election to the board in the December 4 municipal elections George Day of Rockwood said: "First I wish to thank

## Happenings at Rockwood school

By John Smit

This week the boys from Eramosa Public did not come to Rockwood School. The weather seems to be playing havoc with our outdoor plans but the Osprings Team will be our opponents this week and the score for that game will be mentioned in the next issue.

The noon hour soccer teams Rupp and Sno Jet have tied for first place; both with seven points. They will play their last game on Wednesday of this week and that score will also be in next week's publication.

The soccer players here at Centennial are hoping the snow will hold off until our games are over but the smaller students can't wait until snowball time is here.



the ratepayers for giving me the opportunity to serve on the Wellington County Board of Education during the past two years. This has been a great challenge to me and I hope that I have served the education system to the satisfaction of everyone involved."

Good relationship

Mr. Day pointed out that, during his term of office, he had served on various committees dealing especially with property and negotiations. "Taking part in negotiating sessions has been a pleasurable and rewarding experience" said the enthusiastic candidate who said that he was more than pleased with the excellent relations between employer and employee which emanated from these discussions.

"Your county board has continued its policy to update school facilities in various sections of the county and particular attention is being given to improve library resource

## The Corporation of The Township of Eramosa

### REVISIONS TO VOTER'S LIST THE LIQUOR LICENSE ACT

All persons having been residents in the Township of Eramosa two months prior to December 4th, 1972, who are eighteen years of age or over and are British Subjects or Canadian Citizens, are eligible to vote on December 4th, 1972, or if necessary, at the Advance Polls on November 27th and December 2nd, 1972.

Revisions to the Voters' List may be made at the Municipal Office, R. R. 1, Rockwood, on Thursday, November 23rd, 1972, from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

A copy of the Voters' List has been posted on November 6th, 1972 at the following locations:

- Municipal Office—R. R. 1, Rockwood
- Stratton-Dupuis Store—R. R. 1, Guelph
- Duffield's Store—R. R. 1, Rockwood
- Hume's Service Station—R. R. 1, Guelph
- Rockwood Post Office—Guelph St., Rockwood
- Rockwood Hydro Office—Guelph St., Rockwood
- Turner's General Store—Eden Mills
- Thomas' Service Station—Eden Mills

Please check the Voters' List to determine if your name is listed therein. Unless corrections are made during the revision period, persons not listed will be unable to vote.

L. T. Hindley, Returning Officer.

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