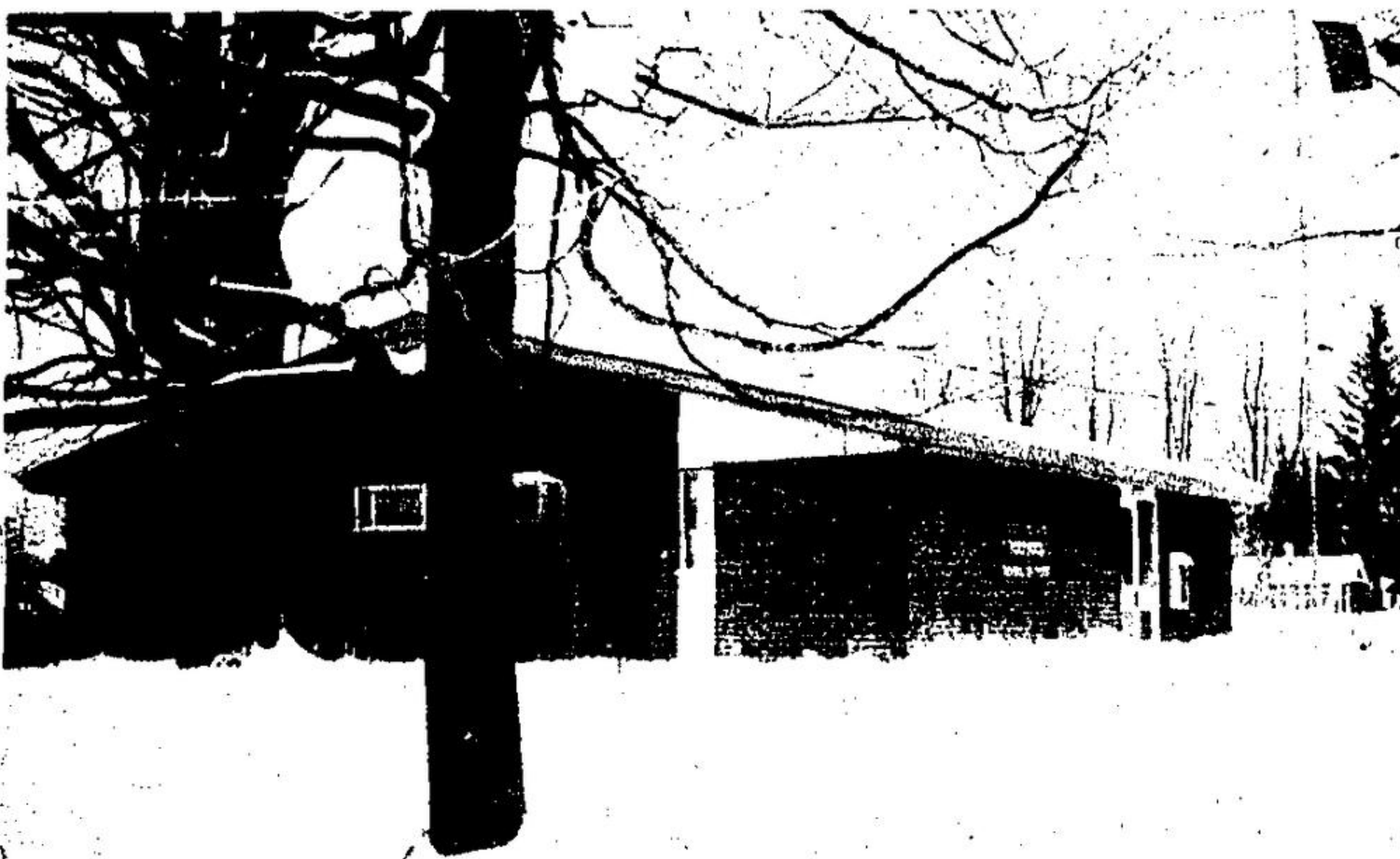




RETIREE POSTMASTER George Day and his wife were honored at the official opening of Rockwood's new post office Saturday. They were presented with a set of matched luggage by Township and village officials and Canada Post Office gave a 1972 Christmas stamp presentation set. Left to right are

Eramosa councillor Bill Adsett (kneeling), Reeve Warren Parkinson, M.P. Alf Hales, Rockwood trustee chairman Don Hiltz, Deputy Reeve Duncan McPhedran, and Mr. and Mrs. George Day. —H. Coles Photo



ROCKWOOD'S NEW Post Office was officially opened Saturday morning by the Assistant Deputy Postmaster General Lionel Barriere, M.P. Alf Hales, and village and township officials. The appearance of the building was the

subject of a nation-wide controversy when first built and plans were changed to give it a more pleasing effect. —H. Coles Photo

Dog owner to be billed for dead sheep

These are dog days for Eramosa township council. The dog is dead but the case is still very much alive. Larry McDougall appeared before the township council Monday declaring he refused to pay \$20 he was assessed for damages it was alleged his dog had done destroying sheep in the township. Evidence to prove the dog destroyed the sheep was circumstantial, Larry told council.

Two volunteer trackers followed tracks in the snow from the bodies of the sheep from the Leslie farm to the McDougall barn, but no one saw the dog killing or molesting the animals. "We are dealing with circumstantial evidence and it would be hard to prove in court," declared Councillor Dick Strong. "He had the dog killed, and to my mind slacking him for \$20 damages is not fair."

But the deputy-reeve Duncan McPhedran reminded council they had a responsibility to the sheep owners in the municipality and he thought council had already been particularly lenient in this particular case. Mr. McDougall had been forewarned previously that his dog was suspected of killing sheep. The reeve told him his own conscience would have to be his guide.

Councillor Ken Fair said he sympathized with the dog owner but it was very disheartening for a sheep rancher to find animals with their "guts hanging out" from attacks by dogs, an experience he had gone through several times.

"Send him the bill. If he won't pay, then it should go to Division Court for collection," he suggested, if for nothing else to prove council was a responsible body.

Councillor Strong suggested the young man thought a lot of his dog and disposing of his dog was a hard task.

The deputy-reeve said he liked animals too, but "I think more of my neighbors that I do my dog."

A resolution authorizing the clerk to send a bill for \$20 was passed. Earlier Mr. McDougall had received a copy of the resolution asking him to pay the \$20 in damages.



WITH A HO, HO, AND PONY CART, Santa arrived on Sunday for the Rockwood and Oustie Sunday School party at Sacred Heart rectory when 60 children and parents gathered to sing carols, view movies and talk Christmas, before refreshments and goodies culminated the annual celebration. —Photos by Lorraine

SYMBOLS
Before the Christmas era, evergreens were used in traditional ceremonies. Egyptians, celebrating the winter solstice (shortest day of the year) brought green date palms into their homes as a symbol of "life" triumphant over "death".

The evergreen bough was used by the Romans in their observance of the feast of the Saturn. The Druids believed that a sprig of evergreen in the house meant eternal life; early Scandinavians paid homage to the fir tree, and the Norsemen saw in evergreens the revival of their sun god, Balder.

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Comin's and Goin's

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Dennis LaFleur of Ottawa. Happy visiting, folks.

Also on the "Home for Christmas" list are York University students Stephen Leslie and Kevin Root. A special welcome goes to all Rockwood business young people including Wendis Gray from Peterborough. See you around, kids, and it's really great to have you back.

Special visitors at the local Sunday School, Church, Centennial School, and the children's parties are Santa Claus of all shapes and sizes. Welcome to Rockwood, Santas, but don't wear out your eloomes so that we'll miss your visit on December 25. Your Rockwood friends will leave cookies and drinks for you to consume after

Ask police assistance on task force brief

Milton Police Chief Ray Andress and an official of the Milton OPP will be asked to meet with Nassagaweya Council to help councillors prepare a brief for the Task Force on Police Matters.

This provincially organized body is studying the role of police in Ontario. At a council meeting last week councillors endorsed a provincial request to submit a brief examining policing in the township.

However most of the councillors admitted they were lacking in knowledge on police matters. They felt assistance from Milton Police and Milton

OPP would be beneficial. During the discussion councillors expressed concern over the enforcement of township by-laws.

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Residents of Eramosa Township
It looks like there won't be another election during 1972.
The ones we did have caused an increase in the flow of adrenalin in many a person's system. They also helped us become more aware of the business of living together in a country and community with a variety of problems to be sorted out and understood.
Before we begin the next step of pooling our ideas and energy to tackle the work ahead, may I thank everyone who supported and encouraged me during the past municipal election!
Betty Lou Clark
Councillor-elect,
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