

# Water contaminated — blame vandals

An act of vandalism has caused George Bruce of Eden Mills and some of his neighbors considerable inconvenience. A line leading from a 200 gallon tank of stove oil was cut, allegedly by juveniles. The oil seeped into the ground and onto the water table. The seepage contaminated at least two wells in the area. However Bruce's was the one receiving the most damage.

The incident occurred in mid-January and the water is still not suitable to drink. According to

Halton Emergency Measures Organization co-ordinator Ron Beatty, several governmental agencies have been involved in the case.

**Provide water**

The Ministry of the Environment investigated the matter and EMO provided containers so the affected persons could draw water from neighboring wells.

Health Unit tests of the water showed that at one point there were four parts per million of oil

in the water and that is considered absolutely unusable.

The land around Bruce's well has been dug out and replaced with fresh soil and the water level in the well has been pumped out. Damage is estimated at close to \$1,000.

According to Beatty it is difficult to get all of the oil in this

condition. "It's not an easy job." Apparently it is the first time the Ministry of the Environment knows where oil contamination has been caused, through vandalism.

## Rockwood bowling

**Men's Singles**  
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## Ball team registration

The Eramosa Ball Association came up with new innovations in the game of ball last season and, for the first time, youngsters were introduced to ball at their finalizing Fun Day last September.

Big kids, little kids, girls and boys, the new game will be implemented into the round of baseball activities especially for the younger players.

Registration dates for all aspirants in Eramosa have been set for Saturday, February 24 between 10 a.m. and 12 noon at the Eramosa School and, for Rockwood district players 2 to 4 p.m.

Atoms, Squirts, Peewees, Bantams, and Midgets will include a wide range scope for all boy athletes and, for the girls there will be a range from 8 to 19 with divisions showing 8 to 10 year olds, 13 and unders, 16 and unders and, for intermediates 19 and under.

This is the first year for the Eramosa Ball Association to be operated autonomously with only minor affiliation with the Eramosa Recreation Committee. They hope to be a self-supporting unit through the aid of monthly ball sweepstakes which will cover expenses such as equipment, uniforms, and trips.

## Eden Mills church camp asks reduction in tax

A delegation from Camp Edgewood, the 48-acre summer camp at Eden Mills operated by the Lutheran Church, asked Nassagaweya Council this week to pass a by-law exempting the camp from taxes, except school and local improvement taxes.

Spokesman T. H. Kramer, camp director, told council such a by-law is legal under Section 4 of the Assessment Act, for a property owned by a religious institution and used solely for recreational purposes.

From the time the church camp was established in the early 1940's, until two years ago, Nassagaweya charged no taxes on the camp. But when the regional assessment department took over assessing in the township, the camp was faced with an annual tax bill of \$1,300. Kramer stressed the camp is a non-profit venture and that about one-quarter of the people who used its facilities were non-Lutherans. School groups and the

Children's Aid Society are among the users of the camp, he said.

**Non-profit**

Camp rates are purposely kept low (\$27.50 per week per camper) because the church is not attempting to make a profit on the camp, it was explained.

Council decided to have the clerk contact other camps in the area to see how tax levies are handled, and promised the camp delegation they would have an answer to the request for an exempting by-law by budget time. Councillor Art Gibson suggested Nassagaweya was being "gobbled up" by non-taxpayers such as hydro lines, conservation and county forest properties, but Councillor Cal McIntyre reminded him all these facilities pay a fixed tax rate and are not tax-free properties.

Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur said even if the municipal taxes on the camp are dropped, the annual levy for education would still be about half the present tax levy.



THE HUB of community activities, Eden Mills Community Centre is up for renovations in a co-operative village project labelled "Project Over-Hall" which is already under way with government LIP grants and Community Club sponsorship. Adding on and restoration of the old building which was originally erected in 1917, will put it up to fire and health requirement standards as well as provide more adequate area for recreation. (Photos by Lorraine)

### Eden Mills

# \$20,000 LIP grant to renovate centre

A group of 28 enthusiastic and avid Community Club members met on Monday evening in the Eden Mills Community Centre to refresh "Project Over-Hall" in which their present building, erected originally in 1917, will be renovated under supervision of a special committee appointed with complete "go ahead"

sanction of all Community Club members. Travis Clifford, the spearheading club president, has been credited with much of the work in drawing up plans for the project. Also on the committee are Harold Tomlinson, project supervisor; David Masson, manager and trouble shooter; as

well as Lorna Tomlinson, Lally Masson, Betty Marshall, Kay Stevenson, and Mansell Lowrie.

**Under the knife**

Already "under the knife" the lower floor of the building is upside down with cupboards being pulled out and walls broken through under Mr. Tomlinson's supervision.

At Monday's meeting plan changes were discussed with front entrances to be relocated and investigations made as to how much area is contained in community club property for a rear addition.

Recently awarded a \$20,000 Local Initiative Grant to cover all labour costs, several Eden Mills Club members have committed themselves to bank-loan backing to procure building materials to get the project moving and completed at the earliest possible date.

Plans were also discussed at Monday's session for raising funds to pay back the loan and several community activities have already been slated for the springtime agenda.

Wednesday witnesses saw the last of the ancient cement front entrance steps as they crumbled under the heavy weight of an air hammer.

### Deficit fair

Georgetown fall fair showed a deficit this year, blamed on early morning rain and higher programming expenses. Gate receipts were down. A dinner preceded the annual meeting and Albert Hunter, R.R. 2, Norval, was elected president.

tail and became frantic with worry.

Out of the gate we bounced and off on our jaunt. I was glad I'd put Mac's hydro parka over my ski jacket and purple toque because it was the coldest day of the year—or so it seemed, blown to bits in the open truck.

AnnaBelle moaned softly with indignation and kept trying to thrust herself upright. This necessitated my sitting on her most of the way grinning helplessly at cars travelling behind us.

It must have been a startling sight—an Eskimo-garbed human flopping around and a donkey head surfacing like a great whale.

Four years and three months later we reached our destination. AnnaBelle was tipped out. I was carefully picked out and set on a hay bale to thaw.

We are both recovering but if anybody else compliments me on the interesting life I must lead, I'll SCREAM!

## Let's talk about HORSES

with Jennifer Barr



This week's column is about that lovable donkey, AnnaBelle, and how she came to be sitting in the back of an open pick-up truck with me riding through Rockwood last Tuesday.

I feel I'd really better explain for the startled residents and bug-eyed people driving behind us.

AnnaBelle has paid for herself three times over in stories and this episode was no exception.

### Kidding anyone?

It all started when I went out to feed the horses their breakfast and found a gasping brown lump on her back, knitting pearl—one plain one, with her legs through the manger bars. One foreleg was impossibly caught in a tiny crack in the front part of the manger where no hoof was supposed to be able to reach.

How she managed to get into that fantastic position, I'll never know.

But there was no time for speculation. AnnaBelle was in deep trouble and would not last much longer. (Horses and cattle cannot survive long on their backs because the weight of their intestines presses too heavily on heart and lungs). Trying hard to swallow the panic, I managed to free her leg and much strenuous pulling moved all unco-operative 400 lbs. into a more comfortable position. A 15 minute rest gave her the strength to struggle to her feet eager to tell the ponies all about it.

Her triumph was short-lived, however, as she fell flat on her face unable to walk. The previously trapped foreleg was not functioning and seemed to be asleep. Several vigorous massages, liniment, etc. failed to produce results. AnnaBelle was not in pain but was most puzzled by this truant leg that refused to do its job.

A professional was called; diagnosis—stretched knee ligaments that were unable to activate the muscles; treat-

ment—stimulation, massage and complete rest in a stable.

### Flipped

Problem—our horses do not have a stable but are loose housed in an old barn, too cold for an immovable donkey. A call to dear friend Mary provided the solution. Nothing fazes Mary, even inheriting a lame donkey on two hours notice.

"Bring her over" said our equine Florence Nightingale. "I'll have an extra stall."

Problem two—how to get three-legged AnnaBelle the six miles to Mary's farm.

Mary's trailer was out of commission, several friends offered to trailer her but they were tied up that day and a trailer would not have been wise because AnnaBelle should travel lying down. So we thought we'd try the pickup. That's how we came to be rolling through Rockwood with a donkey in the back of a truck.

AnnaBelle was maneuvered alongside the lowered tail gate and casually flipped onto her side on the truck.

Easy—right? Wrong! AnnaBelle did not want to be flipped onto a truck tailgate and objected. She objected a lot, I still have the bruises to show for it.

At one point, AnnaBelle was sitting on her haunches with forelegs on the tailgate like a begging dog.

However, we eventually succeeded in getting the wee lady horizontal and, quick as a wink, we had her flipped over, feet tied, and tail-gate closed.

I decided to ride with her, "just in case", and cuddled down in the straw and blankets among the hooves.

The horses were most upset by all these goings on and wickered plaintively to their smallest. My, a shetland mare who had spent two months taking great pieces out of Belle's hide, turned



IT'S RECESS TIME and little Kevin Larson gives a one, two, three kick on the ice patched soccer grounds at Rockwood Centennial School while his pals gather round for the kick off, during last Monday's spring weather break. (Photo by Lorraine)

## NASSAGAWEYA Township Council NOTES

During a regular meeting Monday, Feb. 5 members of Nassagaweya Township Council:

- Advised Ken Jensen he will have to appeal the township's refusal to pay a \$50 sheep claim as the township continues to deny any liability.
- Gave Guelph Rotary Club permission to sell tickets on a draw.
- Learned the Ontario Jockey Club has notified Milton OPP of the council's concern about Mohawk Raceway traffic

through the village of Campbellville. All complaints will be forwarded to the OPP.

- Received an application for a taxi licence from Oakville Taxi Co.
- Tabled a quarry licence request from Milton Quarries until the council has time to view the site.
- Renewed membership in the Association of Municipalities of Ontario at \$45.

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## Councillors get raise

Members of Nassagaweya Township Council voted themselves a raise in pay Monday—but the township is still paying its members less than any other councils in Halton County.

Over the objections of Councillor Cal McIntyre, who did not feel the raises were warranted, council voted in favor of giving the reeve a \$300 raise to \$1,800; the deputy reeve a \$250 raise to \$1,500; and the three councillors a \$250 raise to \$1,250 per year.

"Every meeting we are getting requests for dollars for here, dollars for there," McIntyre told council. "I don't feel this is warranted and I want to be recorded as such."

Deputy Reeve Jim Watson said it had been three years since salaries were increased and "everything else has gone up."

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