

# Turn down request to stop sewers, water

Eramosa council did the expected—turned down a request from Rockwood villages trustees to scrap the controversial water and sewer by-laws. The decision was based on recent information from the Ministry of the environment, which claimed the township would have to pick up the tab for \$68,000 preliminary work on the projects.

Although the figure was nowhere near the \$250,000 suggested at the previous meeting, the reeve, deputy-reeve and two councillors felt the \$68,000 represented an unfair imposition on township taxpayers who had nothing to do with projects.

Councillor Betty Lou Clark was the sole opponent of a motion which turned down the request.

Mrs. Clark had been advised by a representative of the Ministry of the Environment that if council requested the matter be held in abeyance the township would receive no bill for past services. She recommended council meet with Charles Coburn of the project development branch before any decision was made.

In the reeve's and other members of council's opinion, Eramosa would be billed if the township endorsed the Rockwood trustee motion.

The township council could have a reluctant ally on the village trustees. Newly elected trustee Gary Bateman appeared at last Wednesday's meeting, pleased that the provincial government was granting increased subsidies to small municipalities for sewage and

water projects, raising the subsidy from 50 to 75 per cent.

"It's a whole new ball game," admitted Mr. Bateman to council, suggesting that a new agreement must be hammered out with the Ministry which would give the village some control of costs.

As it is now Mr. Bateman feels the Department has a blank cheque and it "scars hell out of me," he told councillors.

He said there were many things he wanted answered before he could give approval. Cost, he said, was still a factor because what was reasonable in Toronto was not necessarily reasonable in Rockwood.

"What is reasonable?" he asked. Mr. Bateman said he felt the

conservation authorities should pick up the tab for taking the pipe around the conservation area and the Authority should have to hook into the system since the park was one of the worst polluters.

He also said he had heard that conditional approval from the O.M.B. for the Rockwood projects was based on estimated cost within 25 per cent. "Twenty-five percent of what?" he asked.

Deputy Reeve Duncan McPhedran replied that the OMB and the Ministry of the Environment must consider costs, and tenders would have to be comparable to other projects in Ontario. In his view the increased subsidy would cut down on ratepayers installation costs from \$1,000 to \$500. If

the conservation authority paid part of the bill it would be just shuffling money from one government department to another.

"Right, but they've got more," grinned the trustee, reiterating something should be done about the "fantastic" cost.

Reeve Parkinson said it was his understanding the pipe around the conservation area was not going to cost extra and he could not support the trustees' motion. "We would not be acting in good faith to the township to assess that \$68,000 because the trustees changed their minds."

"We have always passed anything the village asked in the past but this time it is different," said Councillor

Milne. He said the issue was now at the highest level—the Cabinet—and nothing had been heard from them so far.

However, the Minister of the Environment, James Auld, a member of the Cabinet, replied to a letter from the township declaring detailed costs of Rockwood water and sewers would be available in a few weeks, under the new agreement. His letter suggests Rockwood may soon have water and sewers.

In the meantime councillors decided they would like to meet with Mr. Coburn of the Department of the Environment along with village trustees. Village trustee chairman Bert Smith, an observer at the township meeting, told council the secretary had written to arrange a meeting.



**FUN ON THE RIVER** was what Saturday's skating party at Eden Mills was all about, when over 60 boys and girls, coaches and parents, all summertime ball-playing enthusiasts, donned skates to enjoy an afternoon of exercise, topped with doughnuts and hot chocolate. Coach Ev Barden is seen watching two young fry skirmish on the ice near the end of the afternoon when most players had left for home. (Photo by Lorraine)

## Ball teams skating party

It was hijinks and athletics as approximately 60 boys and girls representing seven tri-county ball teams of Eden Mills had a super time last Saturday afternoon at a skating party convened by members of the Eden Mills Community Club.

Donuts and hot chocolate topped off the activities which began at 2 p.m. and ran on to around four o'clock. Champs had received crests and, besides

outdoor exercise on a particularly cold day, everyone had had great fun some merrily with hockey sticks, others there for just straight skating.

Coaches, kids, and some parents, that's how it went with Donna Clifford, Ev Barden, Don Leggett, Don Peeling, Don Blacklock, Joan Levy, Eva Stevenson, and Wayne Chamberlain, the line-up of coaches out on the frozen river rink and, in charge of welcomed

refreshments was Betty Marshall, Jean Rinehart and Marg Peeling.

## Obituary

### George Ingles dies at 71

At the age of 71, George Frederick Ingles of R.R. 4 Rockwood, died in Guelph General Hospital on January 31. Mr. Ingles came to Canada from England 60 years ago.

Survivors are his wife Kathleen, R.R. 4, Rockwood; daughter Bertha (Mrs. Robert Plummer) Guelph; sons Harvey at home and Bill, Acton; sister Elsie, Birmingham, England and brothers Percy, Labrador, and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife Dorothy Burnside, brothers Ernest and William and his parents the late Harvey and Bertha Ingles.

Services: Funeral service was at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Feb. 3 conducted by Major McNeely of the Salvation Army.

Pallbearers were Bing Ramsden, Jim McEachern, Douglas Guthrie, Gordon Diamond, John Cole and William Ingles. Acting as honorary pallbearers were Robert Turner, Fraser Plummer and Frank Hill.

Mr. Ingles served in the Second World War.

## Interest in school is merely academic

Eramosa Council asked clerk Lloyd Hindley to find out particulars of the sale of the Four Corners School, located along 24 Highway in the hamlet of Eramosa, although the interest might be merely academic.

Council was requested to find out about sale by recreation committee member George Smith who envisioned the building and grounds might be used for a community centre and athletic field.

## Eramosa council briefs

At special meetings Wednesday and Friday afternoons, Eramosa township council:

—Accepted the budget of the township planning board for 1973 which has remuneration of \$20 per meeting and \$5 expenses for the chairman, \$15 and \$5 for members and \$25 and \$5 for the secretary.

—Decided to send letters of acknowledgement and explanation to John Hill of Speedside, John Clark of R.R. 5, Rockwood, and J. D. di Grandis, R. R. Rockwood, regarding their comments on the Guelph and Suburban official plan. Mr. Hill's comments were on separations, Mr. Clark recommended the word "airport" be deleted from the official plan and Mr. di Grandis suggested utility corridors and airports should be included in the official plan. Copies of the letters were also to be sent to the planning board.

—After consultation with project supervisor Harold Tomlinson Friday when it was revealed the Eden Mills community centre was 11 feet four inches from the sidewalk, instructed the building inspector to issue a building permit to make alterations to the building providing a letter is received from Ted Barden releasing rear yard allowance. At the Wednesday meeting plans for the community hall were explained by Eden Mills community club president Travis Clifford and councillors gave the project their stamp of approval, providing the committee could find the building setback and conform to regulations.

—Passed a by-law setting the remuneration for fence viewers at \$10 a call and livestock evaluators the same. Also raised the pay of postman Ozzie Meadows to \$20 a month from \$15 and caretaker's wages from \$2 to \$2.25 per hour.

—Passed a by-law for a roads program study in co-operation with the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

However, both Councillor Jim Milne and the reeve were concerned about the cost of the building and who would pay for its upkeep. The reeve felt that since a new community centre was being planned in Rockwood the school would never acquire more than a secondary use.

Delving back into the school's history, the deputy reeve noted the school had been used for only about six months when the county board of education took it over,

which was unfortunate since it would have been handed over to the township if it had never been used.

"It's always been a sore spot with me," the deputy said, "Everything was nearly brand new and hardly used," much like all school property Eramosa handed over to the county board. He thought it was a robbery Peter to pay Paul proposition but doubted that he could vote for its acquisition with a large community centre in Rockwood being planned.

Councillor Betty Lou Clark suggested the recreation committee should look after enquiries since the building would be their responsibility if council did decide to buy it, or work out some deal with the county board of education.

Council vetoed this suggestion, however, after Councillor Bill Adsett stated he could see no real use for the two room school in the absence of a bonafide recreation club in the area. He suggested the school ball diamond might be useful in the township recreation program.

The school is owned by the Wellington County Board of Education which took it over a few months after it was opened and then never used it for anything but storage and administration. Cost of the school was approximately \$50,000 which was completely paid off by the township board before the takeover.

There were many disillusioned officials at the time but hands were tied, clerk Lloyd Hindley told the Free Press.

## New school and library

Expenditures totalling \$1,126,000 for new schools, additions and school sites were approved Thursday by the Halton County Board of Education.

Among those projects considered were a new school for Milton at \$22,000 and a library resource centre for Acton High School at \$101,000.

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## Best year yet for 4-H

The 1972 president of the Wellington County 4-H Club Leaders' Association, Doug Anderson, brought the meeting to order at the Steelworker's Hall in Fergus last December 7 and expressed his thanks to the leaders for their assistance also saying that he looked forward to a great year of accomplishment for '73 for all 4-H endeavors.

Gerald Townsend, extension assistant, reported that 389 4-H members had completed projects in 1972 for a completion percentage of 90 per cent. Assistant agricultural representative Roger Shantz reported on new clubs and said that Veterinary, Welding and Leadership were very successful and would be continued this year. Associate agricultural representative Art Lawson reported on plans for the judging competitions at Guelph, Fergus and Erin and he revealed plans for a field crop trip for deserving senior 4-H's to the corn area of Essex and Kent counties. He pointed out that several companies had shown great interest in the trip and that, also of interest to 4-H members was the week long exchange to North Dakota for approximately 35 members. "The exchange," he said, "will increase 4-H member's awareness in other parts of the county and added that further particulars will be made available at future organization meetings."

New leaders Arnold Carter and Bob Harper were then welcomed as new leaders for 1973 and a special congratulatory was extended to leader, Dave Woodside who won the Junior Farmer U.K. trip. Arnold Carter and Bob Harper were then welcomed as new leaders for 1973 and a special congratulatory was extended to leader, Dave Woodside who won the Junior Farmer U.K. trip. New clubs to be offered for the 1973 agenda are the horse club, artificial insemination as a particular part of the veterinary club, and a judging club.

Leaders to represent Wellington County in Toronto on February 23 and 24 at a special leaders' conference are Gordon Crow, Leonard Patterson, Frank Gordon, Paul Hamilton, Morley Trask, and Bob Skerritt.

New slate A report was presented by Morley Trask with the following slate of names for the nominating committee: past president Doug Anderson; president Bob Skerritt; vice-president Ron Storey; and as secretary Gerald Townsend.

Already the '73 4-H year has begun as one filled with enthusiasm and optimism. "This will be the best year yet" say the leaders whose plans and ideas for 4-H members should prove both interesting and worthwhile and casual observers, looking at the Wellington County 4-H workers, applaud them for their display of genuine interest in community endeavors.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The office of the Court of Canadian Citizenship will be opened in the Town Hall, Main Street, Second Floor in Milton for the month of February on the following dates: Friday, February 2, 1973, Friday February 16, 1973 (and alternate Fridays thereafter).

A Citizenship Officer will be in attendance to supply information about Canadian Citizenship and to take applications for Canadian Citizenship from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. (Lunch hour 12:00 Noon to 12:30 p.m.)

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## \$11.4 million GRCA budget

An \$11.4 million budget will be recommended to members of the Grand River Conservation Authority at the Feb. 28 annual meeting.

The budget total is up \$3.2 million over last year but \$2.2 million of the increase is earmarked for buying land and starting construction of the \$10 million Guelph dam.

The \$11.4 million budget represents the amount proposed to be spent by the Authority during 1973 but provincial grants will contribute \$7.1 million. The general municipal levy, which is included in local tax rates, is proposed at \$1.85 1/2 per person, up about 6 1/2 per cent from last year's \$1.74. This will raise \$277,144.

Municipal contributions to the Guelph dam project will total \$1.4 million and are based on a complicated cost-sharing formula. In addition, some municipalities will pay \$820,000 toward specific projects in their own areas.

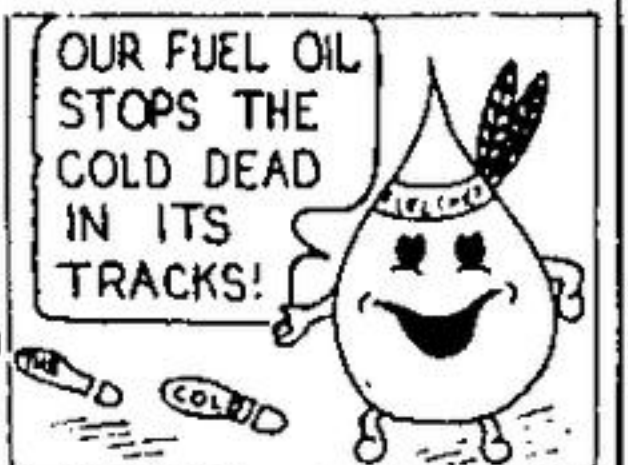
Revenue is anticipated at \$1.16 million and includes fees collected by the Authority from park users and cottagers at Belwood and Conestogo lakes.

A general increase in park fees

was approved by the executive but higher cottage lot rental fees were left until after discussions are held with representatives of the nearly 800 cottagers at the two lakes.

In summary, the Authority's budget looks like this: provincial grants \$7.13 million; municipal payments for Guelph dam \$1.40 million; municipal payments, special projects \$62 million; general municipal levy \$87 million; revenue from parks, etc. \$1.17 million; total budget \$11.39 million.

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