

Projected Rockwood budget

# Trustees ask four mill hike to cover \$4,000 "deficit"

Rockwood village trustees are asking Eramosa township council to approve a 15 mill budget—four above last year—which they say will cover a \$4,000 deficit existing in the 1973 figures and look after additional expenses.

Trustee Gary Bateman said the trustee spent \$3,000 to \$4,000 above what was approved last year, according to the records they have scrutinized. Trustees last year budgetted for \$26,325 and spent \$32,579, \$6,254 above what was projected, but actual receipts were in excess of \$2,000 above what was anticipated. This reduced the actual deficit by that amount.

Mr. Bateman said there was no record of where the money was spent.

**Disputes contention**  
But township clerk Lloyd Hindley disputed Mr. Bateman's contention. He said all the money paid out had been done with the approval of the village trustees and records were available somewhere. Likely the new trustees were not familiar with the bookkeeping system between the township and the village. All village accounts are paid

from the township offices and auditors check both sets of figures, Mr. Hindley told the Free Press later, noting the deficit had been made up from the miscellaneous revenue surplus account. He said the fund had been established when the Valley Road was sold to the Conservation Authority for \$15,000. The old school property had been purchased with money from the fund and then the village had sold part of it to the Department of Public Works for the new Rockwood post office, which boosted the total again.

The village used the cash in the account for a "cushion" and to make improvements to the hydro office, sidewalks and some road

work from time to time. The surplus was approximately \$5,300 at the end of 1972. Mr. Hindley declared.

The new Rockwood budget which will stretch the rate to 15 mills allowed the police village, will wipe out the cushion.

Mr. Bateman felt the fund could not be touched without the approval of the trustees, which he said was never given, according to the records they examined.

**Is breakdown**  
"There's a breakdown there somewhere," the clerk said. "Nothing was paid unless there was a resolution from the village."

Mr. Bateman said the trustees were not suspicious of any mishandling but had set up a new ledger system which would allow them to check the village finances at any time, to avoid a repetition of 1972.

The village budgeted for a new truck this year at an estimated cost of \$5,000 and \$2,500 for sidewalks which would mean another \$7,500 to be raised. Present village equipment consists of a tractor and garbage

truck, he said, and the new truck would be used for road work, sanding and plowing, replacing antiquated equipment.

Mr. Bateman justified the expenditure saying the truck should reduce labor costs because of its efficiency. He said the village foreman couldn't do much sanding and road patching with a tractor and little cart behind which may have been alright at one time but now was woefully inadequate. He said residents of the village were also demanding more in the way of services.

Council scrutinized the budget briefly but said they would make a recommendation at a special April meeting with the auditor.

**\$9,000 for roads**  
The proposed budget estimated road expenditures of \$9,000 the same as in 1972, but estimated only \$1500 would be spent on the town hall this year as opposed to \$2,200 in '72.

Garbage expenditures were set at \$4,930, \$630 above last year while the estimated cost of street lights was down to \$4,200 from the 1972 actual figure of \$5,102.

Tractor and general administration costs were judged to be approximately the same but the trustees had included another \$2,250 in the sidewalk estimates for possible construction along 7 Highway.

Trustees budgeted for \$300 for street signs, \$500 for legal fees, \$1,500 for administration, almost \$1,000 above last year, \$650 for casual labor, \$5,000 for the new truck and \$903 for a contingency fund.

They judged the 15 mill tax rate would raise a total revenue of \$12,512 as compared to the estimated \$9,572 from the 11 mill 1972 rate.

Trustees were hampered in finalizing the budget by a \$38,034 drop in assessment but were encouraged by a population hike of 49 more people.

Subsidies of 50 per cent are available on the new truck. Total grants on roads, tractor and truck are expected to yield over \$10,000.



Happenings at Rockwood School

This Wednesday the boys' basketball team and the girls' volleyball team will be playing against Brisbane. The games are at Brisbane.

For three weeks the grade 5-8 students are working on a project concerning the Eramosa Township. We're going to find out about the services, clothes, furniture, expressions, farms, lecture, people, maps and transportation and communication.

## Overloaded circuits explained to U.C.W.

The March meeting of the Stone Church U.C.W. was held in the Sunday School hall with president Mrs. Pinder presiding. After a poem Ninety and Nine the meeting continued with a hymn and a circle prayer by members.

Mrs. S. Boc, secretary, read the minutes and, during business the following matters were discussed: Mrs. Cecil Nellis kindly offered the temporary use of her piano in the Sunday School; Cards of thanks and letters from church members who had been remembered by the U.C.W. and preparations of a barbecue to be held on June 16 as reported by Mrs. F. Barber with plans that the outing will be held at the same Conservation Park as last year.

Five attended Mrs. Loree then gave a report of the Presbytery meeting held recently which five members of the Stone Church U.C.W. had attended, and Mrs. Pinder thanked the ladies for participating in the Presbytery program by providing music and playing.

A treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. Patterson after which Mrs. May read an Easter poem entitled One Single Event.

Further business included a decision to accept the catering of the bowling banquet in April.

**Understand electricity**  
During the program Linda Nellis gave three musical selections on her accordion before Mrs. Florence May introduced Gordon Thomson who

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MEAL AT THE Rockwood Lionettes meeting was scrumptious—and so were the waitresses. Adding glamor to last Wednesday's event were George Day, Herb Saunders, Henry Hospes, Jim Greenis, Red Meredith and Freddy Nightingale. Four of them, above, gave the camera a somewhat suspicious stare.

(Photo by Don Hills)

## Erma Hospes is elected new president of Lionettes

Last Wednesday's election night dinner for 30 Lionettes was no ordinary fare as beautifully served hot roast beef and ham was complemented by large sautéed omelets of tossed, grated, and mixed greens, steaming roasted potatoes, and all the trimmings comprising a delicious buffet cuisine and topped by two gorgeously decorated whipcream dessert cakes with "Good Luck Lionettes" engraved in icing across the top.

It was a fun night when ultra-beautiful waitresses handled their job with efficiency and graciousness as they served table after table with wine as melodious dinner music poured from the stereo.

Plans for the dinner had been kept under wraps for some weeks and, when the Lionettes first sat down they were presented with a cart of black charrings of burnt toast, singed sausages, and other replicas of a gruesome kitchen burn-outs of the night before when members of the Creative Art croquet classes thought the whole Centennial school was on fire.

those who wonder yet at what small hours they were finally completed.

Elections for a new executive was the main point of business for the enthusiastic Lionettes and, after Marjorie Saunders commended Leona Kingsbury for her excellent year of office, Harry Bonner then supervised the election which brought in an almost completely new slate of officers for the second year of Rockwood and District Lionettes.

Erma Hospes is the uncontented president who will take office in April on the fourth Wednesday of the month meeting

along with executive: Donna Greenis vice president; Betty Eason second vice president; Helen Hill secretary; Catharine Meredith treasurer; Helen Hills hair puller; one year director Marjorie Saunders and two year director Lois McRae with Peg Dyer the lady for publicity for both the Lions and the Lionettes.

Topic of the evening was the Ida Burns nite of Fashion and Fun to be held on April 19 and past president Leona Kingsbury urged her members to get out and sell so that the Centennial School will be packed with interested customers.

## Trustees ask sidewalk for Harris St. children

Concerned about the hazards children face crossing 7 Highway from Harris St., Rockwood village trustees have asked the Department of Communications for a sidewalk on the east side of the road and a crosswalk further down, near the town hall.

Trustee Gary Bateman appeared before Eramosa council Monday to ask the township to apply for the walks through road superintendent Bob Hamilton, channels the trustees must follow to get action from the Department. He said the increasing numbers of children made some action imperative.

Earlier, trustees had written to the Department asking for a crosswalk at the intersection of Harris St. and 7 Highway, but were refused. Then they wrote to the Wellington County Board of Education asking for a crossing guard. They were advised the board would look into the matter.

The trustees hoped to solve the problem if a sidewalk could be constructed along the east side of the road with a crosswalk on the north side of the bridge, near the town hall which would give motorists a clear view of pedestrians. A crossing guard would be extra protection.

It was decided to ask the township to apply and also find out costs, which they hoped would

be shared between Village and Department.

"Let's do it," Councillor Betty Lou Clark. "I can see where a crosswalk on the hill could be dangerous, especially on an icy day. It could give children a false sense of security." But Deputy reeve Duncan McPhedran wondered whether there would be adequate room for a sidewalk on the east side of the highway. He suggested the Department might have to add to the bridge at the

foot of "Vinegar Hill."

"We want some discussion on this," said Trustee Bateman. "We may find out it is impossible but the only way we can find out is to talk about it and go through the proper channels."

Later the township council passed a resolution asking a representative of the Department of Communications to meet with the Rockwood trustees to discuss sidewalks along the east side of 7 Highway.

Ermosa council referred a complaint from a resident about dumping of "raw lumber" on the Barden property in Eden Mills to the Grand River Conservation Authority.

A registered letter from Mrs. A. Chandler to Councillor Betty Lou Clark suggested the wood constituted a fire hazard and alleged it was a dangerous mess and pollutant.

Council discussed the complaint at some length before deciding it should be followed up by the village trustees or the conservation authority. They felt the matter was beyond their jurisdiction.

Councillor Jim Milne said the slabs of wood had been dumped

## Suggests slabs fire menace

on the town property for about 25 years and this was the first complaint he had heard. The wood comes from an operation where raw lumber is made into skids. "I don't think there is anything we can do about it," he said.

"It is river land," said Councillor Adsett. "The complaint should go to the Authority."

Council agreed but deputy reeve Duncan McPhedran thought it should first go to village trustees and then to the waste management branch of the Authority.

### THE WELLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION Schedule of Kindergarten Registration and Inventory - 1973

- INFORMATION**
1. Times—Registrations will begin at 8.45 a.m. in the City of Guelph schools (schedule A) and at 9.00 a.m. in the County schools (schedule B). Necessary afternoon sessions will begin at 1.30 p.m. in the City of Guelph schools and 1.00 p.m. in the County schools.
  2. Tax Support—Evidence of Public School tax support will be required, either by a 1973 tax bill or a current assessment notice (otherwise special forms will be on hand for completion and certification).
  3. Age—The child must be 5 years of age by December 31, 1973 to be eligible for enrolment for September 1973.
  4. A birth certificate or notice of birth registration will be required for proof of age.
  5. Personnel from the Wellington County Board of Education and the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit will conduct a pre-inventory for the 1973 Kindergarten children so that programs may be planned for the individual child.
  6. The Principals will contact the parents to schedule a registration time, but if any parents are missed, they are requested to 'phone their school.

REGISTRATION IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Schedule B	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
April 11	Ross R. MacKay	Victoria Terrace	Alma	Kenilworth	Harriston
April 18	Rockwood (incl. Eramosa)	Elera Jr.	Drayton Jr. (incl. C. Peel)	Arthur	Minto-Olifford
April 25	Brisbane (incl. Ospringe)	John Black	Maryborough	Mount Forest	Palmerston
May 2	Erin	Jas. McQueen	Salem	Marden	

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