

**Eramosa decides**

**10 calves on 2.7 acres constitutes a feed lot**

Eramosa township council decided that 10 calves in a 2.7 acre field constitutes a feedlot and violates the zoning by-laws. They gave William Ritchie of R.R.5, Rockwood, 10 days to move them and a portable feeder from property he rents abutting the Indian Trail.

Council came to the decision after listening to interpretations of the by-law by ex-councillor Dick Strong, who filed a complaint about Mr. Ritchie's use of the land. Councillor Betty Lou Clark would not support the resolution because she said there were other violations in the township which were more flagrant and had never been brought before council.

building permit was necessary for the mobile feed rack, since the by-law states there can be no building on a lot of less than 10 acres, only when there is a residence and accessory buildings are allowed. "I'm concerned with the interpretation of the by-laws," he told council. "If we don't enforce them we might as well throw the whole damn thing out."

Councillors generally sympathized with the Ritchies before Mr. Strong spoke but agreed he might have a case. Deputy-reeve Dunc McPhedran said there were no by-laws to prohibit pasturing cattle but this case could be called a feed lot and that was a question which concerned the township. Now the number of calves is limited, he said, but tomorrow someone else could move on with many more and the use would have been established. Feedlots are prohibited by the by-law, he said.

Neither Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie and Mr. Strong spoke to council, letters were received from Mr. Strong and five other nearby residents objecting to the use of the land. The property is leased by Mr. Ritchie from Donald R. Teskey who now lives in Australia. His father administers the property. Mr. Ritchie had erected a fence around the property and moved a feed rack and hay rack on it.

Mr. Ritchie said he had no idea he was contravening the by-law although he said he was supplementing the pasture with other feed, which is not uncommon with growing livestock.

Ex-councillor Strong said he was not really concerned that someone chose to graze a few cows but it was symptomatic of township enforcement of the by-laws. He pointed to a part of the by-law which showed there must be 10 acres before any farming operation is carried out and suggested Mr. Ritchie might procure a variance to continue the operation.

He said the township should have a by-law administration officer to check into violations. He also said a

**Rules, fine for dumping**

Indiscriminate dumping has been pestering and providing the local trustee board with problem headaches recently and, at the last Rockwood trustee meeting a by-law registered as By-Law No. 3 was read a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd time wherein regulations will impose substantial restrictions. The by-law reads:

Now therefore, the Board of Trustees for the Police Village Rockwood enacts as follows:

1. The landfill may be used only for burning organic materials and clean fill.
2. The hours of use shall be Monday to Friday (holidays excepted) from the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment only with the village foreman.
3. Dumping can only be done at the land fill site under supervision.
4. A fine of \$50 will be imposed for unauthorized dumping on prosecution and conviction.

The modern forest protection organization with Canso water bombers was developed in Newfoundland following disastrous fires in 1961.



**THIS OLD DEAD WITCH ELM** on Valley road was a quiet witness to Monday's tragic drowning when 17-year-old William Ronald Whitehead of Richmond Hill, was overcome by cramps in the cold Eramosa River water and slipped into a drop off only a few feet from the shallows. —Photo by Lorraine

**Student drowns on school tour**

A busload of happy exuberant students from Richmond Hill High School in Toronto saw their day of cave crawling, hiking, and outdoor exploration brought to a tragic end on Monday when 17-year-old William Ronald Whitehead of Richmond Hill was overcome by cramps in the cold water in which he and several other students were wading.

It is not unusual for buses to stop at that particular part of the Rockwood village, just off No. 7 highway on the old Valley Road, down from the Hortop Mill. During the summer many buses and cars park just outside the conservation park boundary fence, to unload passengers who climb over the stile and visit in the area of the Valley Road caves.

assistance was futile. The Rockwood Fire Brigade was summoned at 3:45 p.m. and upon arrival Chuck Milne located the boy and brought him to the surface assisted by Darryl Nichol, both of the Brigade and of Rockwood village. He was pronounced dead by Dr. Jane Hosdill.

**Termed accidental**  
The teacher, in charge of the group, had made several dives in his attempt to locate the boy in

the water and, when he was found, his body was curled between two shelves of rock, only a few feet from shallow ground. Investigating the accident the O.P.P. termed it as accidental drowning with no further inquest. William Whitehead was a resident of 157 Oxford Street, Richmond Hill.

On hand watching her brother drown had been his 18-year-old sister, also on the educational field trip.

**Good swimmer**  
Reportedly an exceptionally good swimmer the Toronto boy was with his group, wading about the rocks in the river bed coming from the direction of the Valley Road bridge proceeding toward the park. As they progressed the water became deeper and William lost his balance to slip into a drop off and, as he fought, became winded and suffered stomach cramps from the coldness of the deeper water. Vain attempts to help him back to shallow ground were made by a fellow student but, because of William's frantic efforts and heavy weight the smaller boy's

**Hydro billing form approved**

Delinquent hydro accounts came under observation at the last meeting of the Rockwood Hydro Committee composed of the trustee board and hydro manager Len Hockey. It was concluded THAT:

1. Each hydro customer will be billed as of the first day of the month subsequent to reading of meter.
2. Last discount day will be the 10th day of the month in which the billing is made.
3. If account is not paid by the

15th of the month a reminder will be sent out.

**Further notice**  
4. Further notice of the account due will be sent by registered mail on or before the 25th day of the month giving notice of disconnection of an unpaid account after five days upon receiving notice.

5. The service will be disconnected on any unpaid accounts after five days (five business days Saturday, Sunday and holidays excepted).

**Local equestrians shine in 25-mile Caledon ride**

Local equestrians won honors at Caledon's competitive trail ride on Sunday, May 27. Nine members of the Rockwood Trail Riders came home with awards after the challenging 25-mile ride.

Many of the successful horses were young and in-training. Jean Pettit of Rockwood won the middleweight trophy on Harje's Nicole, a half-thoroughbred mare, endurance ridden for the first time. Di Lindblad, also of

Rockwood, was second on Rocklea Treysabara, a young Arabian mare in training.

Buchanan place Sheila Buchanan of Rockwood was fifth while her husband, Fred, won the second award in the heavyweight division on Misty. Also placing in the heavyweight division were Mo McGlance, third on Montego Red, Jim Cook of Guelph fourth and Pat Dales of Rockwood tenth on Brassat.

Another successful horse was Scheri Rose, owned and ridden by a longtime R.T.R. member, Dave Taylor, and winner of the heavyweight trophy.

In the junior division, John Dales came fifth on Cassie.



**JEAN PETTIT OF ROCKWOOD** with Harje's Nicole, winners of the middleweight trophy at the Caledon competitive trail ride on May 27. — Jennifer Barr Photo



**RUSTIC BEAUTY** of Rockwood's Conservation Park will be screened next week as the C.B.C.'s location for the "Hand of Man". Local scenery will substitute for the Ontario northlands as the home of the Indians. An advance party of 18 crewmen and women visited the park on Tuesday to view the area in which they would set up for their next week's film making with the C.B.C.'s Trudy Young scheduled for a top role. —Photos by Lorraine

**Puppet show ends story hours**

A lively half hour at the library Wednesday, May 30, ended the story time sessions for this year. The first puppet production by the library staff was launched to the delight of the pre-schoolers and their mothers.

Mrs. Merrin of the library staff, with wonderful creative ability had made and dressed five beautiful puppets as well as decorating a puppet stage and writing the script for Little Red Riding Hood.

**Staff puppeteers**  
The other puppeteers were also part of the library staff. Esther Taylor, Barbara Pratt, Jane Dougan and Becky Baxter.

After the show was over Isabel Watson and Eileen New distributed the marigold plants that the children had planted a few weeks ago.

The half-hour story hours are over now until the first Wednesday in October when the fall program begins.

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**Extend time works program**

Ontario treasurer John White has extended the time limit on the provincial municipal winter employment program until June 30 because excessive rainfall has delayed outside projects.

No new projects will be approved and there are no additional funds for the \$35 million program.

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