

# New grants from province Eramosa saves four mills

The new Property Stabilization grants from the province have saved Eramosa township taxpayers approximately four mills in 1973.

The township council was faced with a five mill increase—four of them from the Board of Education and one for recreation—when the new grants were introduced. This gave the township an additional \$16,000 to work with and reduced the levy by four mills.

Taxes still went up by a minute, 8 of a mill. The mill rate for residential and farm properties stands at 19.979 while the business and commercial rate is set at 24.80, over general purpose areas which the township controls.

Although the Wellington County Board of Education levy was up only two mills, there was no provision made for two extra mills the township had to provide at the end of 1972, so it meant a four mill hike.

Eramosa council passed the rate at a special meeting recently.

Following is the table of consolidated mill rates for the township and the villages of Rockwood and Eden Mills:

## CONSOLIDATED MILL RATES

	Residential & Farm	Commercial & Business
Township:		
—Public School	118.762	130.400
—Separate School	120.272	132.078
P.V. Rockwood		
—Public School	125.410	137.048
—Separate School	126.920	138.726
P.V. Eden Mills		
—Public School	117.732	129.370
—Separate School	119.242	131.048

Total revenue for the township in 1973 totals \$1,216,172 comprised of \$485,410 (39.91 per cent) from taxes, \$668,813 from the province (54.96 per cent) and \$62,149 (5.11 per cent) imposed for other municipal and school board purposes.

The province contributes \$1.51 for every dollar of realty and business taxes imposed by the township.



SPINNING A DISC at the Senior Citizens' Eden House Nursing Home is Bertha Nelles of Acton. The record player was procured for the home through Dominion Store tapes and has provided hours of enjoyment for the residents. (Photo by Lorraine)



TEA TIME AND MRS. MARGARET AIDIÉ of Guelph enjoys afternoon refreshments with Mrs. Janet Woodward, also of Guelph and Mrs. Nelles. Nursing home week this year was one of visiting, local entertainment, sing songs, and dancing. (Photo by Lorraine)

## Sunshine Club bus trip to Goderich enjoyable

By Ralph Williams  
All aboard - 89 passengers and two drivers!  
Last Friday the Rockwood Sunshine Club with a number of friends filled two chartered buses to capacity. The weather was beautiful, the scenery was all that could be desired, and the spirit, not the "spirits" within each bus was "terrific".

As per schedule we arrived at Victoria United Church, Goderich at noon. We were welcomed by the minister and a very knowledgeable representative of the local Senior Citizens Club, who later served as our guide through Goderich.

Tour museum  
We enjoyed a delicious cold luncheon served by the local U.C.W., in company with a number of the members of the local Senior Citizens. After some free time we were guided to the Huron County Pioneer Museum. The museum is an old building completely renovated for this purpose. We wandered through

## Anniversary No parking signs raise trustees' ire for church

Rockwood's United Church was packed to capacity last Sunday morning when, with Rev. Dr. G.A.B. Moore in the pulpit, the congregation celebrated the 105th anniversary of the village church.

"God is not a Christian" was the subject of the former Rockwood minister who related the importance of recognizing God as not merely a God for Christians but rather as a father of all mankind over all people.

Choir sings  
The sermon, meeting with old friends, and the music all combined to make it a wonderful celebration. The Eramosa Choral Society under the direction of Mrs. Haberta Hoy were superb in their musical renditions and after the service a social was held in the church hall.

Rev. Moore, who is well remembered by many of the Rockwood residents of whom he made great friends during his stay on Guelph Street, is, at the present time serving in the field of communications on the staff of the University of Guelph.

### Organizers

Alex Pitt, Karen Pitt and Leah Murchison arranged the production of Jesus: Christ Superstar at the Anglican parish hall.

Seventy-five percent of Canada's forest products are exported to world markets.

Joint problems shared by Rockwood and the township of Eramosa were publicly aired at a special meeting of the township council Tuesday night as village trustees and councillors sorted them out one by one.

The trustees—chairman Bert Smith, Bob, Bob Leslie and Gary Bateman—produced a long list of mutual concerns and the two bodies ironed out difficulties some of it the result of inadequate communication.

Large on the list was the posting of "No Parking" signs by the Department of Transportation along Rockwood's main business section. The signs were put up last week but trustees wanted to know who authorized them. They had never been approached. Spokesman Gary Bateman said it

### Story right

quarry wrong

In a story last week about pits and quarries under the new Niagara Escarpment planning area the Free Press named the industrial quarry near Milton as one which was relocated.

This was in error. The quarry named should have been Dufferin Aggregate.

The story suggested the case was a pilot for the government study which has decided some quarries must be relocated if they conflict with the goals and objectives for the escarpment.

The Free Press regrets any inconvenience the story might have caused.

could cause considerable hardship to the business community.

Not aware  
Reeve Warren Parkinson said the township council was not aware of them and had certainly not issued any authorization. He said the Department had juris-

### Call tenders

sewer, water

late in 1973

Tenders for the Rockwood sewer and water project will likely be called the latter part of 1973 or early in 1974, Eramosa township officials were informed this week.

Delay of a Cabinet decision regarding the feasibility of the Rockwood and Area Ratepayers' objection to the projects stalled the tender calling. It was earlier set for March of this year and construction was due to start in June, if possible.

Eramosa council was advised last week that the Cabinet had backed the decision of the Ontario Municipal Board which approved the Rockwood trustee sponsored project on the condition costs "are not substantially greater than the estimated cost of \$1,391,000."

The decision came after four O.M.B. hearings where reams of testimony was presented by those opposed and those for the project.

diction along 7 Highway and likely the order came from there.

Trustee Bob Leslie said he had asked the O.P.P. to quit tagging cars in the posted area until such time as the trustees sorted the problem out and he noticed they were re-operating.

The township council agreed to contact Department of Transportation officials to find out reasons

for the signs.

"In fairness to the businessmen it had better be a real reason," opined the deputy reeve Duncan McPherson.

Trustee Bateman agreed, noting that if Rockwood's wide thoroughfare had to be posted, then Acton's narrow business street should have signs on both sides of the street.

## Comin's and Goin's

Directors, stage hands, artists, prop men, actors and actresses, are all called to get in on the act of the Rockwood up and coming Little Theatre group. First meeting held last week held only a minimal attendance but organizers are running a "bring a friend" meeting on Wednesday evening to get things "off the ground". Potential play maker? Call Leslie Ferguson or Rodney Bell and get in on the ground floor now!

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It's close-up time for the cubs, scouts, guides, and brownies this month and June 1st weekend saw a number of short panted cub types taking off for a weekend at Harber camp site in Guelph for a three day session of hiking, swimming, fishing, outdoor cooking, fires and marshmallow roasts. Oh what a time! Casually was when Daniel Guest became over exuberant and required a three stitch surgical job after chopping his leg with a hatchet but all in all it was a wonderful time and the last one for the summer season. Thanks Mavis and V. Johnson, Claire McDougall and Gordon Tosh, and Dan and Leslie Ferguson as well. You're all terrific working with kids like that.

Scouts too, had a finish up with a chicken dinner from the Millstone Restaurant and, for Brownies, a hike was held on Saturday when Laurie Greenis and Shelley Spence organized the field trip to pass their test for flying up to Guides next year. Nice going, kids, and thanks again. Tawny Owl, for going along.

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Mrs. Little is still in the General Hospital and room 220 is where you can drop in or send a card to cheer up a special person.

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It's hats off to Miss Judy Brain of 1 Morton Avenue, Guelph, the granddaughter of Mrs. Alice

Hills of Harris Street who has now won her gold medal for Highland dancing. An industrious girl, Judy is taking bagpipe training and expects to procure her pipe in September which means that, at a young age she will soon have chalked up to her credit, Highland dancing, Scotch dancing and bagpipe playing. Nice going, Judy, your grandmother is proud of you, your family is proud of you, and your Rockwood friends are also pleased to have you around anytime, especially if you'll display your talents in public.

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So you're a parent and like to get behind the district kids. Well, next Tuesday at the Eramosa Public School there'll be a public speaking contest for some of the younger students in Eramosa Township with the primary students saying poetry and stories and the intermediate contestants giving three to five minute prepared speeches. Parents, friends, and interested spectators will be encouraged to visit the school and listen in on the Eramosa speakers of tomorrow. And to the speakers? Lots of luck, kids we hope you'll all win.

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Get out the string roll and remember that this Sunday is Decoration Day in the village when services will be held on date of June 17 as sponsored by the Acton Legion and held at the cemetery at 3 p.m.

Lineup time for all marchers, will be 2 p.m. in front of the Academy and, at the cemetery, graves of veterans, Lions, firemen, and citizens will be decorated by the legion and family and friends of deceased. Executive members of the Legion will have placed wreaths of commemoration at the base of the village cenotaph on Main Street previous to the service. Everyone is invited to attend the cemetery service.

### Tour town

From there we were driven to the Goderich Park situated on the shore of Lake Huron where we saw the harbour with some grain vessels, an elevator and many small boats. We enjoyed a period of relaxation while many lined up to be served from a one man refreshment booth. On the commencement of our trip home we saw a lighthouse, and we were given a brief tour of Goderich, an attractive town of about 6,000 people. Our volunteer guide left us and we returned to Rockwood, tired but happy.

The Sunshine Club meets on Thursday at 2: p.m. See you there!

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