

# County residents appeal to preserve Hortop mill

The "save the mill" attitude of residents in Eramosa together with members of the township council and the Wellington County Historical Society could dissuade the present owners, the Grand River Conservation Authority not to tear down the vintage Hortop Mill in Everton but, instead, to restore it.

Dating back to the early 1800's the Hortop mill was to have been given the axe by the GRCA under a winter works grant. It had been purchased approximately 5 years ago reportedly with the understanding that it would be retained.

Spokesmen for the GRCA have said that the mill was purchased with the land with speculation for recreation only and that, although it had been considered for restoration decisions had been reached to tear it down.

Deputy Reeve Duncan McPhedran, a long time resident of the Eramosa district living near the village of Everton, describes the mill as a perfect example of what people think an old mill should be like and felt that, when it was sold people believed it would be kept as a tourist attraction. "The water wheel in the mill," he said, "is the only one of its kind left in the province and indicated that the previous owners, the Hortop family, had looked to its preservation."

At a request of Mrs. Allan Blyth of the Wellington County Historical Society, a meeting was held at the Eramosa Township council chambers with Reeve Warren Parkinson and Duncan McPhedran representing Eramosa, and members of both the Historical Society and the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA).

A petition signed by residents of the county and an original crown deed for the land dating back to 1818 were shown to members of the authority by Mrs. Blyth. She pointed out that Peter Stokes of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario said a continuing maintenance program would preserve the mill.

Members of the GRCA staff had reported to the Authority that the mill was almost beyond restoration and would require approximately \$50,000 as a minimum cost to repair, based on a 1970 figure.

It was pointed out by the chairman of the authority, James Bauer, that the province was receiving many similar requests for restoration of old mills and there was a question as to how many they could assist.

"Local support" was the key word on Mr. McPhedran's tongue when he explained the meeting to Eramosa Township Councilors at their last Tuesday night meeting. He said that the province could pay 60 percent which is the standard grant set-up for such projects with the township paying 32 percent and the GRCA the remaining eight percent.

Mr. McPhedran said that, at the meeting with the authority, Mr. Bauer had asked why the sudden interest in restoration of a building which had been purchased in 1968 about which the GRCA had heard nothing.

Reportedly Mrs. Blyth had informed Mr. Bauer that the Wellington County Historical Society had been visiting the site for a number of years and it was only recently, four years, that residents in the area had begun to take an interest.

Willing Mr. Bauer told Mr. Parkinson, that, if the township and others were willing to support the plea the GRCA would be willing to consider spending time on the project. He said there was not

much time as they would have to move fast to get it into the budget for the annual meeting next month. Mr. Bauer explained that, although a sum could be included in the '74 budget he did not think much more than maintenance could be done prior to 1975 due to various governmental tie ups.

A suggestion was made by Mr. Bauer that a committee comprised of executive GRCA members, along with Eramosa Township and Wellington County Historical Society representatives should be set up to meet and to make proposals. A meeting had been set for date of Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. with members to represent the Eramosa Township, Reeve Warren Parkinson and Deputy Reeve Duncan McPhedran.

At the Eramosa Township Council meeting on Tuesday evening Councillor Clark requested that, in the case of either one or both of the two proposed representatives not being able to be present at the meeting with GRCA she would like to have her name stand to make certain that Eramosa Township was properly represented.

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## Comin's and Goin's

For those who knew her well, Rockwood residents were deeply saddened at the sudden passing of Edna Guild last Thursday. Sympathy is extended to members of her family and, in Rockwood, villagers feel that, with her gone, they have lost a very dear friend.

Remember the night - it's this Thursday, November 8 with a deadline of 7:30 p.m. sharp when Rockwood residents are invited to a short meeting at the Rockwood Centennial Public School where a colored sound movie of Victoria Falls and slides will show the places where Christine Sinclair and Marian Drijber visited including slides of the rescue operations. Questions will be welcomed and a period has been set aside for this. The girls' families invite everyone in the community to attend and understand what accomplishment is being attempted.

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Councillor McPhedran expressed at the meeting and he explained that the cost to the township could be considered minimal if authority could be given so that the Hortop mill area could be set up as a tourist attraction with paid admittance costs to go

through the mill. "Have it restored and in working condition", he proposed suggesting further that, with possible volunteer help from members in the district it could quite conceivably be a money maker which would cover its own costs.

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## Consider future land for parks

Looking ahead, the Eramosa Township Planning Board in conjunction with the Eramosa Recreation Committee, has delegated two members of council to investigate the possibility of procuring 50 acres of land to be set aside for future park lands.

"We must plan ahead", said councillor Betty Lou Clark acting in the capacity as a member of the Eramosa Recreation committee. "We must have an overall plan in order to salvage something in

the township for everyone", and Mrs. Clark indicated that the park consideration would be one, not necessarily for a sports centre but more for an outdoor and family picnic type parkland incorporating casual baseball diamonds but without organization. "If we plan ahead now we will know what to put in for the '74 budget" she said.

The motion was passed and Councillors Bill Adsett and Clark were requested to make the investigation and learn the costs of the land situated across from the Eramosa Public school in the northerly location in the Township.

## Erin township council briefs

At the regular meeting November 5, Erin township council:

Passed a motion to pay the balance of the 1973 Credit Valley Conservation Authority levy. It was \$4,517. Received a \$545 grant which was turned back over to the Community Centre.

Was informed of the quarry permit issued to Bill Wragg. Not more than 15 thousand tons is to be removed in one calendar year.

Was asked to reconsider a decision not to permit a second house to be built on the Silverstein property at the 5 Sideroad and Town Line. Mr. Murray Silverstein and his farm manager Bruce McCormick, Rankin and Associates Ltd. of Port Credit was chosen. The bridge will relieve serious traffic congestion in Elora and will be built on Conservation Authority land.

Was presented with a petition of 35 names, requesting additional police protection on Hallowe'en next year. John Tocher, who brought in the petition, told council of the numerous fires set in Hillsburgh. He said residents were becoming extremely concerned, that with the use of gas to start the fires, it was a dangerous situation. "We were lucky it was raining this year," he added. Council agreed that there was nothing wrong with additional protection, but they didn't know where the authority lay. It was suggested that Mr. Tocher discuss the problem with the OPP.

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Was informed that all lived-in trailers and mobile homes

with any degree of permanency would be assessed as taxable in 1974. Reeve Lang pointed out that if it was assessed to the property owners, it would be "a good way to clear up the trailer problem."

Spoke with Ed Barbour regarding his 100 acres just north of the village. Mr. Barbour told council he was looking ahead four or five years and requesting rezoning of the property to estate residential lots.

He added that he'd like to set high standards and work away at it slowly and properly. Reeve Lang suggested that he leave the change in zoning until Mr. Barbour is ready to carry his plans all the way through. "I don't know how council could justify a zone change five years ahead of time."

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GUY FOX as prepared by the Eden Mills brownie pack escaped last week's burning due to inclement weather. He is happily being hugged by Amanda, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Chesworth.

## Two worlds n'est ce pas?

Various meetings are being held in Wellington county concerning French immersion classes in public schools. Erin village residents met last night (Tuesday).

Many from Erin and Erin township attended a previous meeting in Arthur. Parents with children in an immersion French program shouldn't expect their children to "say something in French", Toronto principal Ed Rutherford told the audience. The goal of the program is to maintain two separate worlds, one English and one French.

FRENCH HUMOR Reported by the Ontario Safety League: "The smile has the right of way." Bumper sticker, in France. "No Hospital for 50 Miles". Highway sign.

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## Rockwood bowling

Ramblers 5 points vs Barley Smith 24, 185, 180, 81; George Smith 219, 195, 183, 579.  
Barley Smith vs Charles Milne 249, 282, 285, 787; Bill Robinson 215, 185, 165, 807.

Neighbours 7 points vs Unruh's 0, Neighbours Doug Bultman 245, 208, 208, 661; Dunc McPhedran 181, 197, 238, 610; Unruh's Tom Parkinson 214, 200, 208, 620; Phil Shrive 189, 248, 187, 576.

Four Corners 5 points vs Jr. Farmers 2  
Four Corners Nellie Stokman 245, 200, 195, 639; Tony Stokman 245, 182, 217, 587;  
Jr. Farmers Brian Garner 344, 232, 172, 645; Glen Gray 208, 178, 188, 592.

Optimists 5 points vs Carneys 2  
Optimists Gerry Birks 154, 228, 221, 601; Orma Ferguson 488 triple.

Carneys May Swackhammer 210, 191, 222, 633; Bob Lilley 194, 199, 212, 605.

Outstanding 2 against the old Barley Sandwiche's last Tuesday night with that outstanding lady athlete Rambler Milne Smith whooping in a 615 triple with 264, 185 and 194 single scores. Allan Burnett rambled in a 265, 186, 180 and 611 triple and George Smith the renowned bowling star brought in a 579 triple. Barley Sandwiche's Charles Milne singled in a 767 score with 242, 282, and 282 singles; Bill Robinson bowled a 609 with 215, 215, 171 single scores.

Neighbours took 7 points straight against the Unruh's with Neighbour Doug Bultman bowling a 611 with 245, 208 and 208 scores. Dunc McPhedran singled in a 610 with 191, 197, and 238. Unruh's had a 609 with Parkinson bowling 214, 200 and 208 to triple. 620 and Phil Shrive made a 576 with 189, 248, and 181 single scores.

Four Corners were the tops over the Junior Farmers and the 5 to 2 score showed Nellie Stokman hitting in with 628 triple from 245, 200 and 195, and Tony Stokman made a 205, 183, 217, triple in for 587. The Junior Farmers' Brian Garner bowled 445 and Glen Gray, 549 triples.

Optimists Optimists took the 'ad against Carneys with 5 to 2 final score and, for the winners Optimists Gerry Birks brought home a 601 with 154, 228 and 221 singles and Orma Ferguson bowled a 488 triple. Carney's May Swackhammer bowled 623 with 210, 191 and 232 and Bob Lilley made a 194, 190, 212, to a 603 triple.

It was Pacers 3 and Country Men 4 as Peter Bosch made a 537 triple from 209, 147, 201. Ted Klaver bowled 574 with 220, 147, 208, to triple 573. Pacers Paul Waddell made a 608 triple with 177, 218, 218; Gordon Burnett brought in a 173, 212, 200 and 385 triple, and George Urarouki made a 583 triple with 265, 178 and 200 singles.

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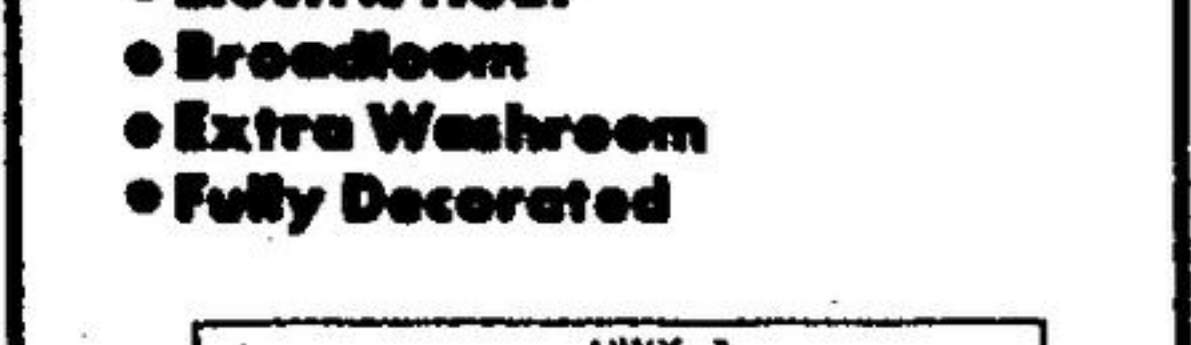
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