

# Committee donates \$1,000 for complex

Eramosa recreation committee took a long look at '73 accomplishments at their wind-up meeting held last Thursday at the township council chambers.

With a surplus of \$1,000 remaining from last year's budget a motion was raised and carried that the monies should be set over for the Eramosa Community Club complex presently underway by the district Lions Club.

The committee agreed that any assistance to get the

project on the road would be worthwhile. With the recent sale of the Four Corners school deleting one ball diamond in the district, the Eramosa committee felt that the monies given to the Lions Club should be designated for ball diamonds and soccer field.

\$600 for tennis

Already allocated in the '73 budget of the township committee was \$600 set aside for tennis courts as shown on the complex ground plans.

Under a brief presented last May by a delegation of tennis players, it was decided that the courts should be included in the plans, the costs to be subsidized by the Eramosa Recreation Committee and paid back by tennis club members, through fee collections and other fund raising activities.

Eramosa Recreation Committee were in agreement that the \$600 of the '73 budget could be the first of a series of established

amounts to be set aside annually until the courts were completed.

The secretary was requested to send a letter to the Rockwood and District Lions club informing them of their decision.

The matter will be further discussed at a meeting proposed by the Eramosa Recreation committee with the Lions club and interested organization representatives of a prospective date sometime this month.



THE GIRLS WON EIGHT TO FIVE in a rip-roaring inter-class match with the grade eight girls and boys preparing for the district championships to be held sometime in early spring. The pictured match was held during a school phys. ed. class with teacher Bob Love officiating.

## Board sanctions softball

In a recent letter received by the Eramosa Recreation committee from Mel Gilmour of the Wellington County Board of Education, utilizing the grounds of the Eramosa School for summer ball games was sanctioned.

Minor softball in Eramosa has increased in popularity to an extent requiring more facilities. The Recreation committee has contacted Mr. Gilmour requesting use of grounds and permission to install bleachers.

The Recreation Committee will level off the diamond, add top soil and put up a cage. Mr. Gilmour said in his letter that Principal Hake of the Eramosa School should be contacted for approval.

Committee chairman Rodney Bell expressed his concern about accident insurance coverage for children using facilities. It was decided council representatives would get information from township council at the first meeting in January.



MEMBER OF THE CAST and stage hands pose for a group picture during practice time of one of their stage productions for the Rockwood Centennial School play as directed by teacher Amy Nicholl.

## Hopes said premature for French Immersion

Expectations for a French Immersion program in the Wellington county district are premature, according to George Day, Rockwood representative on the Wellington County school board.

"Nothing has been definitely set" he said. "It has been decided in principle only and is still under consideration." Mr. Day explained that to finance the course would require enough

students to make it worthwhile in which case, the most likely place for the program to be started would be in Guelph where there is concentrated population.

Reportedly, the board had said earlier that, if possible, the program will be started in three areas: Guelph, at the King Edward public school, Erin area to serve the Erin-Rockwood-Eramosa region, and Alandree public school for youngsters in central and also north Wellington.

Increased costs

"The 'if possible' are the key words" said Mr. Day and reiterated that nothing definite had been set. "Costs will be the big feature," he said. "The administration's view point is to start the student in kindergarten to grade three with total immersion. If this happens our costs will increase as each new class starts up, doubling the outlay as it progresses."

"My personal opinion is that I am not certain that the program should be undertaken," he said. "I am more concerned that we are experimenting with five year old children. I'm worried as to how the total immersion plan will affect their learning in the English program."

The Rockwood man said that, in board discussions, some of the members felt there could be children dropping from the course

## Centennial school

by Judy Finley

On about the second day back to school the kids were again well adjusted after having a two week holiday. On Monday grade 5-8 students had an enjoyable morning when they listened to the C.C.V.I. band play various types of songs.

On Monday afternoon was the try-out for the girls' volleyball team.

Strutting next Monday grade 7-8 students who picked Instrumental Music on their option sheets will be playing R.C.S.'s instruments which they got recently.

## See potential park location

Projected thinking of the '73 Eramosa Recreation Committee has resulted in investigation of property on the fifth line of Eramosa as potential park grounds for picnicking, hiking and casual recreation in the north end of the township.

Councillors Clark and Adsett, on behalf of the

recreation committee, had talked with Bruce McDuffe, owner of the property. He had given a speculated cost per acre and the matter is to be taken back to the township council for consideration.

Mr. McDuffe had specified earlier that his land was not for sale except to the recreation committee to be kept as a natural park. The committee, recognizing the importance of long range speculation for future parklands, is anxious to procure the property.

As well as ideal recreation grounds, a river on the farm lends itself to swimming. With the Centennial Park being absorbed by the Guelph G.R.C.A. dam, the committee felt it even more feasible that the lands be considered for purchase.

## Mrs. A. Croft is remembered

Because her many friends and neighbors wanted her remembered, this is an obituary report on a lady who slipped quietly away from the Rockwood scene a number of years ago to move into a nursing home in Guelph but not before she had made a mark on the residents in the village including both adults and children.

Mrs. Charlotte Croft was laid to rest on Dec. 22 with Rev. Ralph Williams officiating at the service when she was laid beside her husband Alfred who was buried in the Rockwood cemetery in 1945.

Mrs. Croft would have been 97 years old on March 27 but she passed away after a short illness. She was a daughter of one of the district's early pioneer families from Britain the William Stoville family and was raised on a farm on the third line of Eramosa. Predeceased by two sisters and two brothers the interesting lady could, reportedly, entertain with many stories of early days in Eramosa and she well remembered when Indians had inhabited the district.

To village

After her marriage to Alfred Croft they lived on the family homestead until the beginning of the second world war when they moved to a home on Mary St., Rockwood. They had been staunch members of the Stone United church and Mrs. Croft had been an enthusiastic worker in the Sunday school and a W.M.S. member.

Always keenly interested in education Charlotte Croft had attended the first school in Eramosa which she said was in the vicinity of the present Mill End store in Rockwood.

later replaced by the school house now owned by George Ingle of Harris St.

Young friends

She used to enjoy the neighboring children dropping in and when they would prod her, recall on the early days in Rockwood. She would play crokinole and cards with her young friends.

Bright and astute she left Rockwood a few years ago for the Cutten Senior citizen nursing home in Guelph and, on Friday, Dec. 21 she died. Attending her funeral as pallbearers were family relatives Prof. Gordon Couling of the U. of G., Art Stoville, Donald Croft, Leslie and Harold Allan, and George Mitchell, of the Eramosa district.

Many of her younger friends at Stone United will remember her keen interest in church affairs; in Rock-

## Drug film available

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**Demolition**

Milton council ordered clean-up work to begin at the site of the fire-gutted Milton Inn, Hotel, costs to be charged to the owner. The owner had not begun work himself. The hotel was destroyed by fire Oct. 12.

wood she will be remembered as a very Christian lady who enjoyed children and a rich life

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## Comin's and Goin's

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trees (if they have them) to their park next Saturday at 7 p.m. for a rip-roarin' fun time with snowmobile rides, fenced off tobogganing for the kids, and socializing around the tree-burning bonfire. It's free for everyone with hot chocolate and donuts "on the house" with a sincere welcome for everyone.

The Ray Death home sported more visitors this weekend when Mr. and Mrs. Joe Snidle from Larkhall, Scotland, repaid their last June 4 visit when they went overseas last year.

Welcome to Rockwood to the Scotland visitors.

Lucky, lucky 13 was the number of the most recent Rockwood New Year's Eve party held Dec. 31 at the town hall. Only six couples could boast of having been at the original affair. It was to the tunes of Al Fisher and his Electrons that the ball was jumping with activity from 9 until 2. 60 couples attended with only seven new guests, the others all former party goers to the annual dance.

Winners of the door prizes were Clarence Hillon and Bob Horwood who took home crisp new \$5 bills. For supper a marvellous display of feasts for furnished figures culminated the festive finale. Ray Death was master of ceremonies and thanked all guests for attending. He and his wife Betty together with Winnie Hills and Don have convened the celebration since their inception 13 years ago. Thanks were expressed to Marg Hart, class room attendant for the event.

A terrific night for the crowd and it's only 365 more days until the next one.

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