



RECESS IS OVER time and the pupils at Rockwood Centennial jam up for a moment to smile a hi to Rockwood readers who like to see pictures of village children at their favorite school grounds.

Free Press Rockwood

Eramosa sanctions centre

Several matters of business were considered at the last meeting of the Eramosa township council and, included in business were motions:

That T. A. Benham, building inspector, would take the necessary steps to prevent construction of a dwelling on lot 17, concession 7, until such time as the owner complies with the permit he received from the Wellington-Dufferin Health Unit.

That the drainage commissioner be requested to attend the drainage seminar to be held at the University of Guelph on Mar. 12, 13 and 14, and he will be paid \$25 per day and his registration fee of \$20 paid by the township;

That the Eramosa Council are in agreement with the honorariums set by the trustees of the police village of Rockwood which are as follows:

Honorariums
Trustees \$300 per annum, chairman \$400 per annum with the rate calculated on 15 meetings per year. For each meeting there-after above 15 meetings, the rate shall be \$20 per meeting for each trustee and \$25 for the chairman. \$20 shall be deducted for each meeting missed Council's certification of the aforementioned honorariums is subject to the approval of Ontario Hydro.

That the clerk be instructed to notify Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell that council are agreeable to them using the west half of the adjacent road

allowance until such time as the township may require the road for public;

That the Eramosa Council, having examined the treasurer's bond and finding it satisfactory, instruct the clerk to file the bond in the township vault for safe keeping;

That the following remuneration, registrations and mileage for attending the convention in Hamilton of the Ontario Association of Rural Municipalities be accepted:

Reeve Warren Parkinson \$50 plus registration \$20; Hotel \$40.66; councillors W. Adsett, registration \$20, mileage and parking \$14.75; Betty Lou Clark \$50,

registration \$20, mileage and parking \$25.50; Jas. Milne \$25, registration \$20; clerk L. T. Hindley \$20, hotel and mileage \$52.91.

That a by-law to establish a community centre in the corporation of the township of Eramosa be given the necessary readings, be passed and numbered 7 - 1974;

That a by-law to appoint the board of management of the Eramosa recreation committee be given the necessary readings, be passed and numbered 6 - 1974;

The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m. to meet on Monday, March 4 at 1 p.m. or at the call of the reeve.

Notes from Centennial School

By Judy Finley

Easter exams are just about here. They start on March 8 and will end on the 15th.

On February 15 there will be an Easter school dance with teachers Mrs. Tremain and Miss Wilhelm acting as chaperones.

For options this year the instrumental music group is doing very well and already most of the students are able to play Mary had a Little Lamb.

Last Thursday when Rockwood and Brisbane basketball teams challenged each

other, the game ended 28 to 20 for Rockwood on their own home grounds at the Centennial Gymnasium. Brad McFarlane and Kevin Murdoch were the heroes of the day with the most baskets for Rockwood.

\$50 damage three charged

Three youths were charged, following investigation of willful damage at Acton Flour Mill Sunday. Damage was estimated at \$50. They'll be appearing in court Feb. 27.

Public library to open soon

River run-offs

Eramosa residents could soon see their long-awaited public library in operation of plans proposed by board chairman John Gallin at last Wednesday's township council meeting get under way.

The newly-appointed chairman of the Eramosa library board attended the meeting to present a budget. He requested an advance for the purchase of books and to cover immediate general expense.

Expected receipts on the township library were estimated on a 1 mill return per resident from the township which would be approximately \$4,300, plus a \$1.35 per capita provincial grant which would be about \$4,985, with the combined total of money to operate the library estimated at approximately \$9,285.

Cost increase
Mr. Gallin explained that, to get the library into operation as soon as possible, it would be necessary to order books immediately and, and the board, at the present time does not have any working capital, he requested that council consider advancing \$6,000, to be paid back as soon as the provincial grants come through.

It was pointed out that provincial money would not be available until May. Duncan McPhedran said he understood that costs of all books would be going up 15 percent after March and suggested that, in such a case, the

council should consider authorizing a cheque for \$7,000 to the secretary-treasurer so that purchases could be made.

The chairman said the tentative budget had been based on: telephone costs \$250, office supplies \$400, staff \$2,000, caretaking services \$200, with \$6,000 set as the required amount for books. Complete annual costs totalled \$9,950, but the board chairman felt the most expedient issue was the purchase of books.

After discussion the Eramosa township council voted to forward the amount of \$7,000 to the secretary-treasurer of the library board immediately.

No date set
The Eramosa Township library board is comprised of volunteers plus an advisory committee. Volunteers are Barry Dryden, Burton Hill and Jack Gallin. Advisory members on the board include Grant McKee, principal of Rockwood Centennial public school; George Day, representative for the Wellington County board of education; Georgina Kelsa, as assistant public librarian; Rita McPhedran, public school librarian and secretary-treasurer of the public library board, and Reeve Warren Parkinson.

As it stands there has been no definite date for the opening of the public library. It will be housed at the Rockwood Centennial public school with tentative hours

set as Tues. and Thurs. from 4 to 6 in the afternoon and 7 to 9 p.m. in the evening, with Saturdays from 9 to 12 noon.

"It stands to reason," said the chairman, "as the library grows and everything becomes better organized, we will require longer open hours for the library."

Mr. Gallin says he hopes to see the opening date decided on at the next meeting of the library board slated for Feb. 20, but that a great deal depends on delivery of books. He said the hope of the board is that, with the immediate ordering they will be able to make the purchases before the 15 percent increase or that, if there is a hold-up, the board will be involved at the pre-ordering cost.

Opinions requested
The new chairman, a reader himself who enjoys regular visits to local libraries, feels the scope of reading should be varied and broad. He knows that, at first,

it will be slow growth in procuring the variety of reading required in a large municipality the size of Eramosa but says the board will be anxious to have requests and opinions on what type of books the residents will want to see in the library.

He stipulated however, that because certain books have been requested, they will not necessarily be chosen.

An important item discussed at the township council was the fee of the library to residents of Eramosa. The library chairman said he expected there would be no cost to township residents for belonging but, to outsiders, there would be a set fee which, as yet has not been established.

The chairman said that initially, most of the books purchased would probably be paperbacks but as the library progressed, the better ones would gradually be replaced

by well-bound hardbacks with a hope of acquiring some of the less expensive reference books.

Identified
Purchasing the books which will get the library into operation are the secretary-treasurer Rita McPhedran and Georgina Kelsa.

Included in the 1 mill from Eramosa Township to the library is a \$600 book purchase to be donated annually to the Rockwood Centennial school in lieu of rent costs to the Wellington County board of education.

All books donated will be marked with the school name and kept at Rockwood Centennial school property. Books procured and belonging to the Eramosa Township public library will be similarly marked, returnable to the public library headquarters at the Centennial public school until such time as the library should change status or be moved to another location.

Periodic overflows during flash floods have caused havoc to unprepared river dwellers on the Eramosa river and this year the Grand River Conservation Authority is attempting to remedy the problem.

A letter sent to the Eramosa Township council requested names of responsible persons willing to relay messages of flood warnings to river residents.

Councillor James Milne of Rockwood and J. E. Barden of Eden Mills, both mill operators, were designated as contacts who notify people downstream that floods are occurring and warn them to be prepared for overflows.

Reportedly, approximately every four years the Eramosa floods its banks and, in the case of unsuspecting residents, considerable damage and inconvenience can occur.

The Ontario Safety League asks motorists to treat kids on bicycles as if they were driving cars.

Community canvass helps handicapped

An automobile accident which left him paralyzed from the waist down was not a straw to break the back of Bob Prebles of Barrie, Ontario.

Confined to a wheelchair, he is one of many thousands of handicapped persons who have, reportedly, had the strength to pick themselves up and move ahead despite their disability.

Director of Ability centres for the Ability fund, Bob and disabled adults like him, have developed a philosophy that has aided them in conquering even the most difficult obstacles and it is with the organized assistance of allies throughout Ontario, they can fight to make their lives worthwhile.

As a volunteer, non-profit organization it operates special workshops in 10 Ontario communities and, in 1972, over 350 adults benefited from the therapeutic work-recreation in this sheltered employment atmosphere. The employees work on a regular basis receiving reimbursement based on productivity and for many, this program is a stepping stone to competitive employment.

Travelling orthopedic clinics, summer camps for

the disabled, hospital restoration and medical restoration programs, artificial limbs, and supplying wheelchairs and other items of equipment are only a few of the services provided through the March of Dimes Ability fund, now into its 23rd year of helping the handicapped adults in Ontario.

This year's drive in Rockwood will, again have Julie Brace of Guelph St. at its helm. Sometime during the next week one of her canvassers will be knocking at your door.

Julie says, "Please be generous when our canvasser calls on you," and adds that everyone's contribution large or small is an investment that could go a long way towards helping some handicapped individual feel useful, be useful, and enjoy life like the rest of us.

Tractor pull for carnival

Two new names appear on the 1974 roster of the Eramosa township recreation committee as recent appointments by the township council.

Present at last Thursday's meeting were Betty Eastwood of Rockwood and Sally Hamilton of Eden Mills. Also attending the 8 p.m. meeting were Mike Kelly, George Smith and Betty Lou Clark. Absent members included Lloyd Dyer, Bob Shaw, Frank Hindley and Bill Adsett.

Acting as the evening's chairman, George Smith outlined the working of the committee, giving a run-down on last year's budget. He acquainted new members regarding last year's proposals and accomplishments.

The decision of the committee to tie in with the Rockwood district Lions carnival weekend over the Queen Victoria holiday, was an important matter of business. The committee decided to assist by procuring professional tug of war teams with local teams from the villages of Rockwood and Eden Mills vying against them.

Local teams
Sally Marshall was requested to check into an

QUICK AID
St. John Ambulance notes that the greatest factor in the recovery of a casualty is the speed and efficiency with which correct First Aid is given.

Eden Mills team and George Smith volunteered to look after a Rockwood entry.

The committee also decided to investigate and organize a modern tractor pull where 115 h.p. tractors will compete to pull steel trays of heavy weight. Reportedly, the tractor pull is an innovation of an old-time horse pulling contest where horses completed the job the tractors now do.

Object of the activity to be held on the Sunday May 19, afternoon is to round up the weekend Lions Springfest carnival. The recreation committee feel that the tractor pull should be a drawing card creating local color as well as interest.

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The Town of Halton Hills wishes to establish a Recreation Advisory Committee for Ward 1 (Acton Area) and Wards 3 & 4 (Georgetown Area).

Each Committee will consist of seven (7) citizens, whose function will be to advise Council, through the Recreation Department on matters pertaining to Recreation & Parks in their respective areas.

Citizens interested in serving on these committees should submit an application indicating their background and interest in Recreation by 12:00 noon, Thursday, February 21st, 1974 to:

Town of Halton Hills,
Recreation & Parks Department,
Cedarvale Community Centre,
Box 62,
Georgetown, Ontario.

Don't let George do it township recommends

Although township employee salaries took a ten percent pay hike for 1974, Eramosa Township council took a dim view of a recent recommendation from the township planning board.

A letter from the board was read regarding honorariums and remunerations at the last township council meeting. Members of the planning board had agreed to accept the same amounts as set last year with \$15 per meeting plus \$3 for expenses, \$20 for the chairman per meeting, and \$5 for expenses for his duties as secretary to the board.

Three times

Discussing the proposal from the secretary, council members could not see why he would request the 50 percent pay revision. "It's three times as much as the previous secretary and he's only been on the board for 13 months," was the comment.

The entire council was in agreement that the request to have his salary raised was premature. They felt it should remain the same as last year with a \$5 increase for extra expenses incurred for home typewriter use and office supplies.

The clerk was instructed to send a letter to the Eramosa Planning board objecting to the proposed remuneration for the secretary. The letter

will read, "Council would recommend that the secretary be paid \$25 per meeting plus \$10 for expenses. This recommendation keeps all township officials and

employees on the same increment basis." The 1974 budget of the Eramosa planning board set at \$5,000 was accepted by the township council.

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