

Milton resident seeks help of Eramosa township

A Milton resident, living in Nassagaweya, feels like one of the forgotten people whose voice to the governments of either the town of Milton or that of Eramosa is too far away from anything to be heard by anyone.

Robert and Eileen Croft live on a 100-acre farm located on the Guelph Line. One side of the farm runs parallel to the Halton-

Wellington boundary road and Mr. Croft has a problem. As well as the farm on which his home is built, he also owns 150 acres of land across the road on the opposite side of the boundary road. His home farm once belonged to his father William M. Croft, who brought him and his family to the farm in the spring of 1906 when he was a year old. Mr. Croft says that, as long as he

can remember, both farms were worked with success with no problems until last year when he found himself faced with a difficulty, one which he feels requires immediate attention. But Mr. Croft is having trouble being heard.

Ministry story
The well-known district farmer tells a story of taking his problem to the Milton

town council which, with regional government, is his nearest council located 18 miles away. He said he has contacted the Eramosa township council, has written letters to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Ministry of Natural Resources and to his own parliamentary representative, John Root. Mr. Croft explains that Mr. Root tried to contact government departments which could help but, in every case, the buck was passed and nobody feels responsible for investigating his problem. The farmer is concerned; he feels the problem could accelerate and cause considerable damage if not alleviated soon.

What is Mr. Croft's difficulty? For years the farmer has watched spring drainage run off his farm property prior to seeding time, to flow easily through a culvert under the roadway into a field located immediately across the road. For years spring flooding was a natural course diverted through the culvert with water gradually disappearing into the ground.

Trouble came when a neighboring farm into which the natural seepage flowed was divided and sold as 16-acre parcels of land. Unfortunately the lot into which Mr. Croft's land flow was located, was purchased by a resident from Willowdale, Ont.
The resident apparently knew little about the ways of farm draining co-operation and decided to put in a large pond on his property. According to Mr. Croft the completed pond must centre out at approximately 15 to 16 foot depths. Sides of the pond have been meticulously and professionally built up all around the outside. At top level it appears to measure fully as high as the roadway which runs adjacent to the pond.

Embankment
Problems presented themselves when last year's spring run-off could no longer get away through the culvert but would hit the embankment on the opposite side of the roadway, resulting in a flooded road which lasted for a period of weeks.
Besides losing a number of valuable acres of farm land from his own fields, rendered useless for growing this year, Mr. Croft feels the hazards presented by the springtime flooding is very serious. He feels drivers coming along the roadway during early spring stand a good chance of hitting the wet highway which could be icy, and swerving straight into ditches located on either side of the roadway. He says he has placed his case with about every ministry and government he can think of but is getting frustrated at the prospect that, with winter coming on, a repeat situation will again present itself with no one taking the initiative to have something done.
He again presented his case to the Eramosa township council last Wednesday night. He explained how, during the period of last spring's flooding, part of the road embankment broke away, presenting a further danger to motorists who could easily hit the seeped-away portion of the road and have a serious accident. He explained that, at one point last year, a construction worker from Milton had noted the area and stuck a steel stake in the ground, marking the location as a warning to drivers. "At that time the man commented on the fact that it was a precarious situation," said Mr. Croft.

Hazard
Eramosa road superintendent Bob Hamilton told council he had investigated the roadway. He said that during the danger weeks the road ditch was filled with water approximately four or five feet deep, presenting further danger to drivers if their car swerved out of control on the wet pavement and into the ditch.
Mr. Croft told council that, on speaking to the owner of the property, Pietro Fiorina of 95 Sheppard Ave., Willowdale, "He just laughed and said the road was too low." All the farmer asks is that Mr. Fiorina be made to put a trench along the side of the pond which will carry excess water away as it has in the springtime for hundreds of years. "There's just no way else to solve the problem," said the frustrated farmer, who is beginning to wonder what governments and officials are all about. He suggests if representatives are not prepared to stand up for farmers whose land is being destroyed and for area residents who stand to be killed on the roadway, they're not doing their job.

New proprietors operate Spinning Stone snack bar

The big red and white sign hanging in front of the Spinning Stone restaurant in Rockwood reads, "under new management" and already local and distant residents are flocking to the establishment to see if the "home-cooking" reports are on the level.

Jackie Hodge describes herself as the "chief cook and bottle washer" of the snack bar department. Her husband Jim is a Stelen employee who lends himself to being in charge of the antique sale-end of the new endeavor. The couple have five children, three boys ranging in age from three to 18 and two girls, one ten years old, the other six.

The snack bar is a first for the family who moved to the Rockwood area from Mississauga in the summer of '73. They lived for a short while on the Fifth Line above Hwy. 24, later moved to Jackson St. in the village and now are the proud owners of their Alma St. business.

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"I just had to get into something," she said, and her husband feels the snack bar is the ideal set-up so that his wife can work at home but away from home. The family live above the business in one of the three apartments included in the large white building.

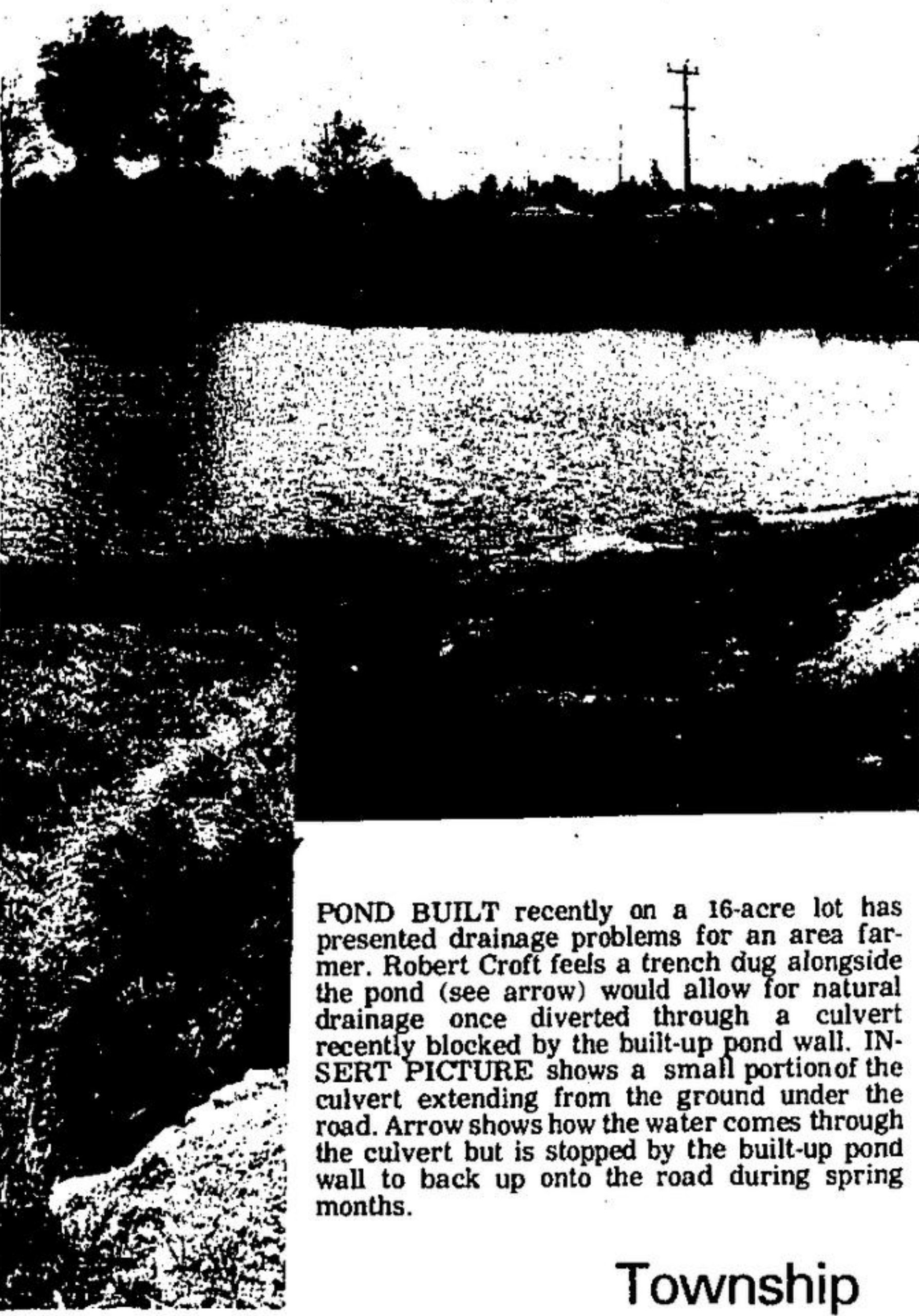
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In the antique department Jim admits he is no specialist as yet but, with many of his friends auctioneers he has had a hankering to get into the field for some time. With his copy of Complete Antiques Price List plus a philosophy of never selling chipped or damaged articles, plus his attitude of fair play to customers, he feels his business in the antique area should also be a success. Jim says, "I don't know that much yet but I'm a good listener and I listen to

those who are authorities. Gradually my knowledge on what's good and what isn't is increasing." Goodwill is the main essential as far as the industrious dealer is concerned and Jim frequents the local auctions to procure much of his wares.

Hours open
From last Tuesday to Sunday the lunching place has been busy. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily with all-day Monday closings. "My home-made gravy is what seems to go over well," says Mrs. Hodge and her husband verifies she's a wonderful cook.

Already truckers, surveyors and a truckload of servicemen have stopped in at the recently purchased business. Spinning Stone has been retained as the name on the front.
Jim Hodge has a background of first-class butchers in his family and likes to make all the meat choices himself. "He knows good meat and that's why hot roast beef sandwiches will always be a specialty," says wife Jackie. She admits that, for the first day, it was friends who visited to sample her meals but, now that seven days have elapsed, word is spreading and many of her customers are already regulars who drop in daily for dinner repeats.



POND BUILT recently on a 16-acre lot has presented drainage problems for an area farmer. Robert Croft feels a trench dug alongside the pond (see arrow) would allow for natural drainage once diverted through a culvert recently blocked by the built-up pond wall. INSERT PICTURE shows a small portion of the culvert extending from the ground under the road. Arrow shows how the water comes through the culvert but is stopped by the built-up pond wall to back up onto the road during spring months.

Township considers proposal

Rockwood trustees and secretary Len Hockey attended the Oct. 2 Eramosa township council meeting where councillors and M. Toza of the Ministry of Environment discussed the latest work on the water and sewer proposal for Rockwood.
Mr. Toza said the lowest tender received was 100 percent over the estimate which would mean the yearly cost of a 66 ft. lot and dwelling would be \$376.26 as opposed to the original estimate of \$248.
Discussion took place on various alternatives. It was decided the township clerk, Lloyd Hindley would contact the Minister of Environment to arrange a meeting between council, village trustees and the minister in an endeavor to obtain additional subsidy from the province.
The meeting has since been set with deputy-minister E. Biggs for Friday of this week.

Rockwood bowling

Time moves on and Rockwood and district bowlers are already in the running trying to get into top positions. Standings last Tuesday night showed the Goeyers in first place with 22 points, 2 Alley Cats 6 pts., 3 Jr. Farmers 19 pts., 4 Rockets 17 pts., 5 Comphites 6 pts., 6 Unruhoffs 5 pts., 7 Trotters and neighbors with 15 pts. each, 8 Country Men 14 pts., 9 Nortons 13 pts., 11 Ramblers and Four Corners 12 pts., 14 Unpredictables 9 pts., 15 All's 6 pts. along with Optimists, both in cellar positions, low, low, down!
Goeyers took a 7 pts. straight win over Unpredictables with Jerry Hilton bringing a 532 triple score with singles 185, 186 and 139; John Goeyers bowled 364 with 155, 203 and 206 singles. Unpredictable Jim Heard made a 493 triple and Joan Springer 458.
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Unruhoffs were victorious with their 5 to 2 win over the Four Corners as Randy Peart bowled 627 triple with singles 279, 178 and 170 and Sandy Fair bowled 534 with singles 142, 240 and 172. Don Mckerale was the Four Corner man who brought in a 546 triple with singles 155, 235 and 158. Nellie Stokman bowled 532 with singles 181, 133 and 236.
Scores were in the 500 triple region for the Nortons win against the Ramblers with 5 to 2 the final score. Viv Nightingale bowled 585 for her triple with singles 167, 247 and 181. John Gordon bowled 583 with 143, 236 and 184 singles. Allan Burnett bowled 573 with singles 194, 216 and 163. Peggy Ellis brought in a 553 triple with singles 214, 198 and 141.
Four to 3 was the Alley Cat win over Trotters with 3 pts. as Alley Cat Mary Lush brought in a 502 triple with singles 145, 158 and 200. Ken Lush bowled 580 with singles 276, 141 and 173. For the Trotters Ted Justin bowled 671 triple with 273, 180 and 209 singles as Roy Jefferies bowled 630 with singles 249, 181 and 200.
Guelphites and Rockets battled throughout to see the Guelphites taking a 4 to 3 lead as Gary Parkeo bowled well to a 629 triple with 200, 179 and 253 singles and Sam Lawlor bowled 202, 187 and 187 singles to triple 576. Harvey Justin was the Rocket with the 670 triple with singles 202, 185 and 263. Lois Jesting bowled 649 with singles 243, 274 and 132.
Women over 500-Lola Justin 649, Viv Nightingale 585, Mary Lush 582, Ruth Kingsbury 577, Rika Loof 560, Peggy Ellis 553, Jerry Hilton 552, Betty Brydges 539, Ivy Ritchie 537, Nellie Stokman 532 and Barbara Murray 528.
Men over 600-Sam Nyholt 612, Ted Justin 671, Harv Justin 670, Fred Nightingale 632, Roy Jefferies 627, Gary Parkeo 620, Randy Peart 607, Rick Roadsnight 625, Glen Gray 618 and Harvey Allan 608.

Bible Society canvass

The annual October canvass is getting under way for the Canadian Bible Society. History of the Society in Canada dates back to 1894 although actual Bible Society work began in the Atlantic provinces as early as 1807.
According to Pearl Hamilton, treasurer and convener of this year's drive in Rockwood, the Society provides scriptures for the churches, missionaries and people in 150 countries. Miss Hamilton points out that, in travelling throughout the world, people find that, for many people in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the South Pacific, the sole source of Scriptures is the Bible Society.
Rockwood's canvass will



NEW PROPRIETORS at the Spinning Stone snack bar are anxious to serve new customers with home-cooked foods the specialty of the establishment. Along with the snack bar the industrious couple sell antiques. Seen behind the counter at their newly-purchased business are Jackie Hodge and her husband Jim. Business opened up a week ago and already customers are catching on and are dropping in for snacks and light lunches.

Plowing match slated for Oct.

Wellington County plowing match will be held this year at Wellington Place, (former county home on County Rd. between Elora and Fergus), Saturday, Oct. 19 is the date, set for the event and, besides open and county classes a special class will be held this year for reeves and deputy reeves with 3 p.m. the time planned.
Plans are for the Queen of the Furrow competition to be bigger and better this year and the hope is that extra interest will be shown. All interested entrants are requested to contact president Howard Dunk by Thursday, Oct. 17.
Horse shoe pitching will also be part of the day's activities with competition getting underway by 1 p.m. This year sees keep competition accruing as various clubs vie for top honors and capturing prize monies.
Lunches and refreshments will be provided on the grounds by Living Springs Women's Institute. Plowmen organizing the event look forward to tremendous crowds participating as both competitors and viewers.

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