

# News and views

by Lorraine Root

A cutback in the budget of the Grand River Conservation Authority could result in discontinuation of swimming lessons unless the Authority's decision, made recently, can be reversed.

According to Norm Oldfield, director of land management division, the move to cancel lessons in all ten parks of the Authority was based on economics and lack of qualified instructors. "Swimming lessons require extra maintenance people, as lifeguards are used to teach where otherwise they could double for garbage detail," he said.

**Other parks lose**  
Mr. Oldfield pointed out that Rockwood was not the only area which would lose the facility but other parks with cancelled lessons include, Elora, Laurel Creek, Conestoga Lake, Elora Gorge, Pheasant, Brant and Byng Island in Dunnville. He said the Authority had to rule out the lessons as already costs are 40 percent over last year for salaries and equipment. "It would cost in the neighborhood of \$10 a child this year if it does go through," he said.

At a meeting being held at Authority headquarters in Galt today (Wednesday), executives of G.R.C.A. will discuss a petition which was sent from over 150 residents of Elora who are concerned at

the potential dangers for children living near water who have not had swimming instruction classes.

**Consider costs**  
Rockwood and district residents should consider what the cost could be for their own children if the opportunity is taken from them. Previous to the G.R.C.A. taking over swimming instruction classes, lessons for village area children were being conducted through a summer school program paid for by community endeavors. Summer school is now defunct and it looks as if the Grand River swimming courses could be too.

According to Mr. Oldfield, a great deal of the cost was because parents insisted on having "little cards and documents" proving certification for qualified courses. Well, maybe such extravagances are not necessary. But certainly it is, that children in the district have at least the opportunity to learn how to handle themselves in the water.

It is interesting to note that Eramosa taxpayers pay \$14,000 per year into the G.R.C.A. through a township levy as well as contributing to the grants which the Authority receives. The township receives back approximately \$3.5 annually from the G.R.C.A. in taxes. In privi-

leges, Eramosa and Rockwood residents receive the same ones as those from other areas who make no contribution, including regular car toll and camp fees and, during weekends when they are free to enjoy the park, it is too crowded and stays away. Parents have always paid for swimming lessons as well; they were never free.

**Public relations**  
It would seem to me that, for public relations alone, the G.R.C.A. should give at least something back to the residents who provide such support. Swimming lessons were great for area children and parents from the standpoint of safety as well as sociability between residents and staff.

If an Elora petition is worthy of consideration, why not one from Rockwood and district parents. It is essential that our children also learn to swim and, if people do care they should contact representatives immediately before summer is too advanced. "Go through members of the Authority who represent you," is the word of people in G.R.C.A. who feel public opinion is highly respected. They give names of: William G. Holman, (mayor) of Fergus, 145 Garafraza St., Fergus and Norm Roszell, R.R. 1, Cambridge, Hoopler, for contact. Make yours now and give your child a happy summer.



HOUSES ON George St. in the village were surrounded by water after Friday's heavy rains and run-offs. Overflow was from what is normally a small rivulet running through low land.

## Private home day care

According to Claudia Pincombe there is a need for more day care in north Halton and the region is trying to remedy the problem by getting a private home day care program off the ground.

Mrs. Pincombe, supervisor day care, Social and Family Services, Halton region, says she has one home day care operating in Hornby and another in Georgetown but more are on the way in Acton, Milton and Georgetown.

She ran the day care centre in Oakville prior to regional government and when the new regional municipality came into being she took over day care for all of Halton. Mrs. Pincombe noted that she did a survey last year and discovered day care services were lacking throughout the region, especially in the north. She said the survey consisted of talking to industry, public schools, Children's Aid department,

nursery schools, the public health department, and hospitals. Private home day care program will be a satellite of the larger day care centres which will be set up in the north. She noted she is processing some more homes

throughout the north and promised the service will grow soon in Georgetown, Milton and Acton.

Mrs. Pincombe suggested if anyone was interested in the program they should contact her through the region. They can reach her at 845-1061.

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## Council to check on hotel policy rulings

No final decision was reached Monday night by the Eramosa township council on the request by Itay Law, owner of the Colonial Hotel, that they not object to his application to the Ontario Liquor Licence Board to get approval for 270 dining hall seats.

Council felt they needed some guidelines and, after discussion, instructed the clerk to contact It. Pickering, executive officer to the registrar, and invite him to a special council meeting on Monday, April 28, to discuss limitations of a licensed establishment as it relates to the quality of life within a community.

In a plebiscite taken in 1972, township residents voted that liquor with meals should be allowed. In November, '74, council learned that a dining lounge licence meant liquor can be served as long as kitchen is open. The licence made the allowance that the hotel could accommodate 112

people. At Monday's meeting Mr. Law requested that his entire premises be licensed, banquet hall included. Council questioned whether parking facilities were adequate to accommodate required number of cars. Mr. Law said that many of his patrons walk. "It's surprising how many people walk these days," he said. He told council that some come in chartered buses so parking doesn't mean a great deal.

Councillor Manson felt there were a lot of unanswered questions. Mr. Law told council that getting the individual licenses was getting to be a lot of expense and a lot of red tape and he'd like to have himself the trouble of getting the 3 banquet hall permanently licensed. "I'd like to get some answers instead of coming back all the time," he said. Reeve Adsett told Mr. Law he'd have information for him after the special meeting.

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**In books**  
There were four liquor seizures and three impaired drivers in the police books this week.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Dr. A. Mikelenas, D.D.S.** has opened a new Dental Office in the **Medical Centre 93 Mill St. E. Acton.**  
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## Rockwood bowling

League games are over for the Rockwood bowlers; next week, play-offs begin. Last week's games showed bowlers trying hard to bring up team standings with final results showing Nortons in top spot with 129 points and All's standing in 14th place with 71.

**Team Standings**  
Final ratings for the local teams show: 1. Nortons 129 pts.; 2. Carneys 122; 3. Country Men 118; 4. Guelphites 115; 5. Four Corners 113; 6. Gooyers 106; 7. J. Farmers 108; 8. Optimists 106; 9. Unruhfuls 106; 10. Trotters 102; 11. Rockies 100; 12. Unpredictables 98; 13. Alley Cats 94; 14. Ramblers 85; 15. All's 71.

**Women over 500**  
Lois Jettin 618, Nancy Gordon 536, Olga Sanderson 530, Lorraine Renaud 529, Jerry Hilton 537, Diana Carney 536, Nellie Stokman 526, Ivy Ritchie 522, Winnie Hillis 521, Marion Allan 517, Ellen Gardner 515, Muriel Nuttenham 510, Betty Law 501 and Mary Lush 500.

**Men over 600**  
Clarence Hilton 772, Sam Nyholt, Peter Hoach 693, John Gordon 690, Harvey Peart 668, Bill Atkinson 664, Fred Nightingale 657, Sandy McPhedran 626, Harv Jettin 625, Jim Hoach 624, Ted Jettin 609, Jan Loof 609, Dunc McPhedran 600, Roy Jefferies 605 and Doug Cross 600.

Unpredictables were on the move and took a point win over Jr. Farmers as unpredictable Jim Hoach brought in a 624 triple score with singles 161, 207 and 256. Joan Springer bowled 187, 151 and 179 to triple in at 487. Bruce Miller was the farm boy with the 361 triple showing singles, 202, 190 and 187; Glen Gray bowled 544 for triple with singles 169, 211 and 184.

Carneys took the lead over Rockies with a 7 to nil score. Carney's Bob Lilley made a 384 triple; singles were 148, 238 and 198. Lorraine Renaud was the Carney teamster with the 538 triple; singles were 182, 190 and 167. Harv Jettin rocketed in a 633 triple with

singles 187, 233 and 213; Jola Jettin bowled 618 for triple with singles 176, 210 and 230.

**Optimists win**  
Seven points were the win of Optimists over Alley Cats as optimist Sam Nyholt bowled a 717 triple with singles 222, 204 and 291; Jerry Hirkhois bowled 527 with singles 188, 150 and 191. Marion Allan was the cat with the 517 triple; singles showed 162, 149 and 206. Elmer Allan brought in a 511 triple with singles, 173, 158 and 172.

Five to 2 was the Guelphites win over Unruhfuls as Harvey Peart bowled a 669 triple with singles 190, 211 and 190; Gary Parker's score showed 190, 183 and 208 for a 508 triple; Bill Atkinson was unruhful with his 664 triple from singles 205, 293 and 166. Randy Peart bowled in a 588 triple with singles 151, 207 and 208.

## Eramosa briefs

Delegations, correspondence and by-laws were important matters of business at Monday's meeting of Eramosa township council. Reeve Bill Adsett was in the chair with

**\$2½ million in 1975**

Increased provincial support for police grants will see Halton's provincial grant for police protection jump from \$1,449,427 to \$2,557,476 this year.

Halton Regional Treasurer Don Farmer told the Region's administration committee the money is put into general revenues of the region and is used to reduce increases in taxes.

The grant was increased in the recent provincial budget from \$7 to \$12 per person. In making the announcement Provincial treasurer Darcy McKough said the increase was to offset increased police costs and to aid those areas which didn't rely on Ontario Provincial Police for police protection.

He noted some areas pay for their own department while others rely on OPP. OPP costs are distributed across the whole provin-

Halton municipalities will receive \$409,883 in density grants this year. That money is credited back to individual municipalities. Milton will get \$81,910, Halton Hills \$164,040, Oakville \$65,961 and Burlington \$97,972.

**Ask restraint**  
"The Provincial Treasurer is requesting municipalities to exercise restraint in their entire budget program during the current year. At the same time, they are providing an increased level of support to dollar figures as a result of the Province's on-going program of 13.2 per cent. This means that the 1975 budget exceeds the minimum level of support to municipalities and local boards and commissions which was indicated in the Edmonton commitment which was made to Ontario municipalities in October, 1973. This is done in recognition of the fact that last year's transfers fell short of the level dictated by the Provincial Revenue Growth R ultimately realized.

all members of council on hand as well as clerk, Lloyd Hindley.

A by-law was passed to provide for drainage works in the township of Eramosa, to be known as Greenspan Drainage works.

Council accepted the quote of 16c per gallon by G. Peres, Fergus, to supply and apply oil for dustlayers of township roads subject to approval of the Ministry of Transportation and Communication.

Council authorized A. Gerrie of Forsythe and Gerrie Limited to contact the township solicitor, Braida and Valerite, concerning the legal liabilities of the township concerning the various boards and commissions for insurance programs.

Len Hockey, John Turner and Lloyd Hindley were authorized to be paid 10 per cent of the 1975 dog license fees which they have collected.

A by-law was passed for making a grant to the Federation of Agriculture (Eramosa branch), in the amount of \$600.

The 1975 budget of the Rockwood Board of trustees was passed in the amount of 15 mills for general, five mills for street lights and five mills for garbage collection.

The meeting was adjourned until Monday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. or at call of Reeve.

**Nortons are victors**  
Nortons were victors with a 3 to 2 win over Neighbors, Nortons' John Gordon bowled 234, 231 and 215 for a 680 triple; Fred Nightingale bowled 567 triple with singles 219, 239 and 199. Dunc McPhedran bowled for Neighbors to show a 609 triple with singles 239, 199 and 171; Harvey Bayne bowled 567 with singles 159, 235 and 203.

**Hamblyers 5, Four Corners 2**  
show Bruce Farr with a 579 triple for the winning team. Singles were 152, 190 and 237; Olga Sanderson bowled 540 for triple with singles 191, 185 and 164. Four Corners' Don McKeate made a 522 triple with singles 228, 208 and 120; Nellie Stokman bowled 528 with singles 183, 188 and 177.

**Country Men** bowled to the Trotters for a 5 to 2 score as Peter Bosch bowled in a 663 triple with singles 175, 289 and 249; Jan Loof bowled 609 with singles 192, 188 and 229. Trotters' Sandy McPhedran bowled 638 for triple with singles 241, 221 and 174; Ted Jettin made a 609 triple with singles 248, 200 and 161.

**Old quarters like new**

Sparkling and bright are the restored quarters of the Rockwood Hydro and village office on Guelph Street. On Friday last, clerk Len Hockey moved back into the office which was damaged by fire some weeks ago.

Inside, everything is brand new but the window dressing; drapes still have to be hung. "But business goes on as usual," says Len Hockey who is delighted with his new surroundings.

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