

# Eramosa budget shows decrease in '75 taxes

Although Eramosa township residential taxes will be down about seven-tenths of a mill from last year, the overall township rate will show ten percent rise over the 1974 levy. The increase is caused by the increased requisitions of the county and boards of education.

At a special meeting called to adopt the 1975 budget recently, council approved the various aspects of the grant structure and the estimates.

The township's residential and farm mill rate last year was 23.556. This year it will be 22.865.

**School supporters**  
The consolidated mill rate, including county, school board and Conservation Authority levies for a public school supporter in Eramosa will be 132.514, an increase of about ten percent.

The consolidated rate for a public school supporter in the village of Rockwood will be 136.711, an approximate 10.5 percent increase over last year.

The consolidated rate for a public school supporter in the village of Eden Mills will be 137.176, up about 15.6 percent over last year.

Total mill rate for

separate school supporters will be about six-tenths of a mill higher than that of a public school supporter.

The consolidated mill rate for public school supporters in the township will be about 12 mills over last year. The Wellington County Board of Education is asking for 8.2 mills over last year.

Many areas of township spending are up, including recreation. These costs are offset by higher grants covering increases.

It is expected that general administration costs, including township office staff, legal and auditor fees, printing, supplies etc. will increase to almost \$6,000. Costs of extra meetings of council are anticipated to be up \$1,200.

Although the county, school boards and conservation levies appear on tax forms, the local councils have no control over these government-authorized groups.

**TOWNSHIP OF ERAMOSA**

**1975 BUDGET**

REVENUE	1974	1975
Taxation - General	\$ 78,702	\$ 76,192
Police Villages	2,044	2,123
Fire	28,736	27,341
Recreation	6,347	6,400
Library	4,456	4,557
Payments in lieu of taxes	1,585	1,200
Per capita grant	22,518	23,618
General support grant	10,194	2,135
Resource equalization grant	19,098	12,804
Bell Canada receipt	3,554	4,548
Road subsidy	81,092	86,000
Licences and permits	9,540	7,500
Beverance fees	2,270	3,000
Penalties and interest on taxes	8,819	9,000
Interest on prepayments	6,169	5,000
Committee of adjustment	2,320	3,000
Wellington Co-op grant (medical centre)	15,000	-
Grand River Conservation excess levy	208	-
Bank interest earned	1,058	-
Tire drainage - landowners	13,207	48,300
Burplus	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,610	12,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$308,121</b>	<b>\$336,306</b>

EXPENDITURE	1974	1975
General Government	5,740	7,000
Members of Council	23,921	29,815
General administration	6,492	9,501
Unclassified	-	-
Protection to persons and property	-	-
Fire	20,848	27,341
Protective inspection	6,391	7,000
Roads and bridges	100,640	169,400
Parks and recreation	5,821	6,400
Library	4,348	4,557
Planning and zoning	6,989	10,705
Interest on temporary borrowing	-	600
Discount on taxes	605	1,200
Provision for working funds	3,518	500
Taxes written off	499	46,300
Tire drainage - landowners	13,207	14,000
Medical centre	17,811	2,000
Grants	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$275,706</b>	<b>\$336,306</b>

CONSOLIDATED MILL RATES FOR 1975

	R & F		R & C	
	1974	1975	1974	1975
Township - Public	132.514	151.295	133.120	151.959
Separate	-	-	-	-
Rockwood Public	136.711	156.234	137.317	156.998
Separate	-	-	-	-
Eden Mills Public	137.176	156.769	137.782	157.443
Separate	-	-	-	-

## Alterations for area schools

Three approvals for alterations to Wellington county schools was given by the Wellington County Board of Education on Monday, May 26.

Approval was given for a proposed alteration to the basement of the resource centre at John F. Ross college at an estimated cost of \$8,200.

This will provide the school with three new teaching areas for recreational activities including classes in dance, weight training, conditioning on the universal gym, rhythmic and general purpose.

**Cafeteria required**  
Alterations involving the ladies' staff room and student cafeteria were also approved at an estimated cost of \$4,300.

Although this school has increased in enrolment over the past several years no provisions had been made for additional use of the cafeteria. It is hoped that this new proposal will alleviate the problems.

Originally, the cafeteria of the collegiate was designed for approximately 800 pupils. The school's present enrolment is now approximately 2,200 students. To accommodate the large numbers during lunch hours, three separate lunch periods are required. Despite the adjustment, some students

are still crowded into the halls for eating space.

Erin district high school was also considered at the W.C.B.E. meeting. Approval was given to alterations of an approximate cost of \$15,700 which will provide new closed-teaching areas.

Alterations proposed for the Sunnydale school in Guelph will cost approximately \$3,500. The school is used for the retarded children in this area of Wellington county. The W.C.B.E. granted approval for the alterations.

## Cock crow

A delightful sound-awakening early risers these days is a cock located on Alma St. Listeners feel he's a little off kilter in his crowing time with one crow every two and one-half hours but the sound is one of childhood remembrances for many and he's a popular bird in the Rockwood village.

## Nursery school

Registration for nursery school was held at the Rockwood town hall last Wednesday, May 21. Student enrolment for next year's classes is almost completed but teacher, Anne Vos of Eden Mills says there are still openings for the three-day classes.

Parents are advised to apply soon.

## Complaints

Several complaints of fire-crackers were investigated by the police during the past week.

## Trustee meeting this Thursday

Several matters of important village business will be discussed this Thursday evening, May 29, when the Rockwood village trustees hold their regular monthly meeting at the town hall starting at 7.30 p.m.

Items to be discussed will include the Rockwood medical centre and fate of the town hall. A benefit dance is slated for June 6, where proceeds will be put towards renovations of the building if the board makes the decision to complete required repairs.

## Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons at the Rockwood conservation park will also be discussed. Letters sent to both the township and village councils by the G.R.C.A. requested that either or both boards share half of the \$1,500 cost required for the program. The author-

## Peewee take another win

The Rockwood soccer team is moving ahead. The Peewees managed to beat out the Fergus team last Thursday night in a struggle which ended with the local team showing a final score of 1 to nil.

Tommy Mance was scorer in the game held in Fergus. It is the team's second game of the season with the local team playing in the Halton and Peel minor soccer league.

OOPS! Trail horses aren't supposed to knock over jumps, Gord Cox of Rockwood tells his mount Red at the Rockwood Trail Riders first horse show Sunday. The event attracted many contestants and spectators taking advantage of the beautiful weather.



## Rockwood and District Bowling league wind-up is banquet and dance

Two minutes of silence in honor of bowler, the late Harold Theaker, followed the grace given at the Rockwood and district bowling club's annual banquet last Friday evening. The banquet and dance was held at the village town hall; grace was said by Ward Bruce.

Approximately 135 team members, spare bowlers and husbands or wives attended, representing 16 six-member teams as president, Tony Stokman extended his words of welcome and pleasure at a five year completed.

Lionettes entered after the dinner, entered by the Rockwood Lionettes, several awards were presented. Dave Gray presented the league champ trophy to the Norton Bluebirds. Members were, Ivy Ritchie, Fred Nightingale, Vivian Nightingale, Nancy Gordon, John Gordon and Gwen Gordon. Runner-up trophy was presented by Tony Stokman to John Carney, Diana Carney, Danny and Lorraine Renaud, Nancy Ferguson and Bob Lilley. Play-off champs of the Carney's team, received their award from Frank Carney. Receiving were, John and Diana Carney, Danny and Lorraine Renaud, Nancy Ferguson and Bob Lilley.

High average trophies were taken by Vivian Nightingale with 196 points, Ted Justin with 221; high triple flat went to Nellie Stokman with 747

and Sam Nyholt with 812. Nancy Ferguson with 863 points received the high triple with handicap along with Tom Fair with 903 points. High single was taken by Lois Justin with 351 points and Ross Gordon with 339. High single with handicap trophy was taken by Eva Bosch with 377 points and Elmer Allan with 380. Most improved since Christmas award was presented to Betty Law and Sam Lawlor. Trophy for the oldest participating bowler with regular attendance, went to T. D. McCutcheon of Everton.

Consolation prize  
Taker of the consolation trophy was Alf's number 16 team. Members receiving were Doug Carney, Jack Dunk, Hanna and Dave Cleland and Harry Sanderson.

Over 300 Three Hundred Club pins were presented to women and men with games over 300. Women receiving were, Lois Justin 351, Viv Nightingale 346, Eva Bosch 321, Ivy Ritchie 317 and Nancy Gordon with 300.

Men with games over 300 were Ross Gordon 339, Ted Justin 337 and 330, Elmer Allan 335, Sam Nyholt 334 and 301, Fred Nightingale 324, 306 and 302, Bruce Millar 322, Harry Justin 319, Sandy McPhedran 316, Con Murray 316, Clarence Hilton 314, 310 and 301, Glen Gray 308, Lloyd Marsden 305, Danny Renaud, 303, Tony Stokman 303 and Dunc Kingsbury 302.

Averages over 200  
Bowling averages over 200 were Ted Justin 221, Fred Nightingale 219, Sam Nyholt 218, Con Murray 210, Dunc Kingsbury 209, Harry Justin 208 and Dunc McPhedran 200.

On completion of award presentations, president Stokman thanked the secretary and treasurer for their work of the past year. Names of the next season's executive were then announced. President will be Elmer Allan; secretary, Glen Gray assisted by Ruth Kingsbury; treasurer will be John Carney and vice-president,

## Farmer's wagon is burned by vandals

A hay wagon was completely demolished Tuesday night, May 20 when a young man deliberately set it on fire.

The incident occurred on the Eramosa-Garafraxa town line about 9 p.m. when Byron Stauffer, of R. R. 4, Belwood was proceeding north on his tractor, pulling a wagon load of hay.

Witnesses working in a nearby field saw a car pull up behind the farmer and a passenger jump out and climb onto the wagon. He put a match to the hay before jumping back into the car and taking off.

All that remained to be done was the clean-up. The firefighters levelled the hay off the road with aid of a grader. Chief Carl Meadows could give no estimation of damage to the tractor and truck.

Witnesses ran  
The people in the field ran immediately to their car to warn the unsuspecting farmer when they discovered their vehicle had a flat tire. They ran to the roadway and hailed a motorist who hurried them to the farmer's wagon which had proceeded some distance down the road with flames growing rapidly. The farmer went back with them to their house and called

the Rockwood-Eramosa fire brigade. The local firefighters arrived just after the Fergus firemen were on the scene. As it was on the Fergus territory the Rockwood-Eramosa men only assisted the Fergus brigade although both had arrived too late to save the wagon. It was completely burned out.

False alarm  
Rockwood-Eramosa firefighters answered a false alarm last Thursday afternoon. Someone turned in the alarm when they saw smoke at the Pfander farm on the Fourth Line of Eramosa. On arrival the firefighters found a grass fire under control and promptly turned around and headed back to the village.

# Comin's and Goin's

Friends of Ann Vos of Eden Mills will be sorry to know she's a patient in the Guelph General Hospital, in traction for a pinched back nerve. Her many Rockwood and district nursery school pupils are especially missing their favorite teacher and everyone looks forward to her speedy recovery.

Guide captain and assistants of the Eden Mills Guides are proud of their young athletes of the Guide division. Twelve girls com-

division volleyball tournament on Friday, May 16 and came in a close second to winners of last year's tournament, the 18th Guide Company of Guelph (Salvation Army group). It was a first-time entry for the local girls in the second tournament held. Games began at 7 p.m. and ran through to 10:30 p.m. at the Centennial high school.

The girls confiscated the village boys' softball sweaters and spectators were able to easily identify the Eden Mills Guides by sweater labels as well as playing proficiency.

Nice going, girls, even better luck next year!

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It's congratulations to a popular young couple well-known in the district. Wenda Gray and Brett Hodson plan on being married June 14 and everyone wishes them the best of everything for a terrific future.

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Many area young people have graduated from universities during this past month. If you have a celebrated member in your family or someone you know who has recently graduated, let's hear about it in the Free Press.

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It's a first come, first serve basis for community residents interested in taking a trip to the Toronto exhibition on Saturday, Aug. 16 to see the Scottish World Festival at the stadium. Rockwood Lionettes are sponsors of the bus accommodation with Marjorie Saunders and Winnie Hills the contacts.

According to the organizers the bus will leave Rockwood Centennial School at 2 p.m. sharp and return home about 12 p.m. "Tickets are available now" is the word of the lady planners who remind everyone interested there are only 50 tickets available. "So get yours now," they say.

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Eden Mills showed their abilities with community efforts once again Saturday evening when the Queen's birthday of May 24 was celebrated in the usual manner of fireworks. Large crowds jammed the village park grounds and everyone had a delightful time, with the community club footing expenses.

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It's really great to see little Carol Meadows home from the hospital and back to kindergarten again. This is her second week back in school and reports are that she's happy as a lark. Her family and friends are elated.

## Holiday response pleases Lions

Although the annual ecumenical church service held Sunday, May 18, for Rockwood and district residents over the May 18 weekend, was not as well attended

as in other years, the sponsors of the event were well pleased with the numbers who did attend.

The Lions Club estimate that approximately 100 people were at the service and collections totalled slightly more than \$100. The amount will be split 50-50; half to be sent to the Farm for the Deaf at Milton and the remainder to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Sunday fireworks  
Lions club members were equally enthusiastic over the success of the evening fireworks display held on the same date. A tremendous crowd of village and district residents parked in cars at the Rockwood park to view the show. Many others came in from Acton and Guelph.

Total cost of the 45-minute display was \$675. Gate receipts for the night almost covered the amount. Club members felt the response was great and that the annual display is a public service, well worth continuing. A spokesman said the Lions convey their thanks to the public who supported the ef-

## Instruction is extended

The W.C.B.E. has now extended home instruction to include secondary school students as is presently being carried out in the elementary level.

This matter has been a concern to teacher groups dealing with secondary school students who are ill for extended school periods. The board has authorized home instruction three times per week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for a total of 180 minutes per week.

A member of the teaching staff has been engaged by the board to visit homes, for the purpose of tutoring those pupils who are victims of accidents or illnesses and unable to attend school for periods of six weeks or more.

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