

Sewer and water

If injunction granted what happens? -council

Eramosa Township council Monday heard lawyers give opposing views on the consequences of the court granting an injunction against the sewer and water work in Rockwood.

George Miller, a Toronto lawyer representing the complainant Pat Smith and other ratepayers, said the injunction could be used to secure assurances that the cost would not exceed a 25 per cent of the original \$1.3 million estimate.

The township could be paying \$11,450 a day in damages if the injunction is handed down, said Aldo Braida, councillor for the township. The daily cost would be incurred if workmen remained idle at the site. If the site was closed and restored, the cost would be \$330,000, plus \$2,000 a day interest.

The amount of additional costs ratepayers would have to pay. The figure mentioned was the estimated \$1.3 million plus the increase over three years of \$113,000. Mr. Miller said he was looking for any additional costs to be absorbed by higher levels of government.

The proposed sewage treatment plant, with a capacity to handle a population of 1,700 did not leave much room for expansion, Mr. Miller said.

He said the size limited the possibility of an industrial park developing in Rockwood. The industry would help lower the tax burden, he suggested.

The township's lawyer, Mr. Braida, produced a letter from the ministry of environment deputy-minister which indicated the Crown would, if the injunction is not passed, ask the municipality to pick up the additional \$113,000 in installation costs of the services.

Water, sewer project "go"

The water and sewer project will continue. The Supreme Court ruled that the suit against the Eramosa Township Council be dismissed. This was announced Tuesday just before press-time. The judge reserved the right to make a judgement on Monday at the hearing until he had had more time to study the evidence.

Sunshine meeting is on a dull day

Despite the dull day for the meeting of the Rockwood Sunshine Club, everyone had a very happy afternoon.

Mrs. Vera Black was on hand to welcome everyone and then she took her place at the piano for the singing. With it being so near Remembrance Day it was thought appropriate to sing A Song for all Nations to the tune of Finlandia, and so the singing came to an end.

After all the business was taken care of, Mrs. Anna Wilson read a poem, "The Old Kitchen Floor" and this made everyone look into their memories and although sad in parts was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Cecil Nelles gave a report on the recreation meeting.

Games

Games period came next with prizes for crokinole

going to Mrs. Florence Trousdale and Sheldon Trousdale and the euchre prizes to Mrs. Daisy Kingshott, Mrs. Wm. McLean, Mrs. Rose Oakes and Wesley Leitch.

Get well wishes go out to Mrs. and Mr. Victor Smith, Max Milne and Mrs. Rose Dyer. Hope we see them at the next meeting.

A delicious lunch was served by the Eden Mills Ladies, consisting of rolls spread with salmon, egg, jam, and short-bread biscuits.

The Christmas dinner is to be held at the Colonial Restaurant Rockwood at 6 p.m., December 11. The Club is paying \$2 and anyone else wishing to come must pay \$4. This money is to be given to Mrs. Henry Leachman as soon as possible.

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ROCKWOOD GOT A momentary treat when CN's last Toronto-Guelph commuter train paused to drop off one passenger, and the Brampton Clown Band took the opportunity to jazz up the evening one more time. Last Friday's commuter ends a century of passenger service in the Rockwood-Acton area. Commuters to Metro will have to drive to Georgetown or Guelph to connect with train service.

Renovations at hall begin

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Murray Haig is assisting.

The biggest problem will be fitting the renovation around groups that have booked the Town Hall. The crew will do their best not to inconvenience people but everyone is asked to bear with the renovation.

The ultimate objective of the project is to provide as many and as diverse as possible groups of activities as possible, in order that all residents may use the hall.

Trustee Smith will be meeting with a six-man committee composed of a cross-section of village residents to discuss the needs of the Town Hall as construction proceeds.

U.C.W. meeting is held in Guelph

Members of Unit One travelled to Guelph to visit Mrs. Maude Lawrence for their November meeting.

A very full agenda kept the group's attention; all facets of the church's work were covered with items on outreach, mission study, Bible study and Conference work, being well presented.

Due to the uncertainty of mail delivery of notices to various meetings, these announcements were given well in advance. Many exciting events are planned for February, with special speakers such as Moderator Rev. Wilbur Howard and Rev. Norman McKenzie coming to local conferences. Nominating Committees were given a hint by Miss Fern Graham, who suggested hesitant nominees be reminded that "There is no greater honor than Church work," and "God empowers those whom He calls for his work!"

Miss Gladys Hanna and Mrs. Lois Tosh, recent delegates to the Presbyterial meeting, shared their experiences and insights into the new methods of presenting God's Word to His people. Mrs. Tosh spoke of the pilot project to be attempted in the Guelph area to stimulate

work, and involvement in the new ideas on food grain research.

Study kit

She also introduced the new Study Kit with its five areas of discovery through the work of five different missionaries. The work of the outpost hospitals in Canada is funded by the Canadian government but staffed by the United Church in seven outlying areas.

Mrs. Verna Root conducted the Bible study on the parable of the Shepherd who leads his flock in the right way and keeps them safe from harm in His fold. "Only Jesus Christ can guide us on paths which have no detours," she noted. "He is the Only Way and the Bible helps us find Him."

Tea bazaar

Of great interest to the women was the information on the upcoming Christmas Tea and Bazaar in the Rockwood United Church in November. Early arrivals will be met in the church and escorted into the sale area promptly at 2 o'clock. The tea area is a popular feature of the festive day and will be open until 4 o'clock for late-comers.

Free Press

Rockwood and District

Bible Club begins winter season here

Seventeen enthusiastic youngsters met for the first session of their Bible Club. They were met by leaders Mrs. Helen McDonald and Mrs. Syste Drijber of Rockwood who have had many years of experience with this branch of the Child Evangelism movement. Both women feel this club is an asset to the community churches as the children receive excellent training in the basic tenets of the Christian faith, but the doctrines of the several faiths are never interfered with, so that a truly interdenomin-

ational study can be followed. "This is not non-denominational, it is definitely a Christian Gospel that is taught," stated Mrs. Drijber.

Child Evangelism Fellowship groups are spread over all Canada, USA and indeed the whole world, for they have missionary work in each continent. The children are not asked to support the work but may do so if so inclined, through gifts placed in a special world-shaped bank.

Missionary true-life heroes of the past, and to-day's over-

seas workers' letters, create an active interest in the mission life of the churches. "Most churches need this area stimulated very badly, and we believe the time to instill this love for missions, is when the church-goer is very young," continued Mrs. Drijber.

Mrs. McDonald who has a fine voice, led the sparkling singing sessions. She feels the spirit of the true joy of the Christian life is best expressed in music. She includes action songs, rounds, and bright new hymns, adding one new song each week. Even learning the Books of the Bible is done to music.

The child is encouraged to participate in every portion of the class period, and hands shoot up as each one is eager for a chance to help. Especially popular is the Sword Drill time, when children get a chance to find verses in the Bible, whoever is first may read it. "You'd never believe how they beg for Sword Drill every week!" Mrs. Drijber has the non-readers who begin by finding the initial letters of the Books, while the older pupils race through the pages for Mrs. McDonald. The winners are

rewarded with a licorice rope. They learn fast and competition is fierce. Sometimes everyone is so good they all win!

Bible story

During the Bible story, told by means of a flannelgraph and stick-on figures, all eyes are intent on the action of the hero; stories are chosen which will make the child realize the importance of the acceptance of the Christian gospel in his life. The emphasis is on personal belief, with Biblical knowledge and regular church attendance encouraged, along with community outreach. "We hope to send these children into the churches every Sunday; our work is an extension of the Christian work."

Parents may send their children any Tuesday after school, and pick them up at 5 o'clock.

Rockwood roundup

Hydro manager Len Hockey would like to remind village residents that the Rockwood mail is operating normally. Bills can be picked up at the post office and anyone wishing to make payment can drop by the office or pay at the bank.

The regular meeting of the Village Trustees will take place at the Anglican Parish Hall Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. These meetings are open to the public.

An evening of fellowship for the Rockwood Stone Circuit will be held Nov. 30, at Rockwood United Church. Rev. Kenneth Oates will show slides on the Holy Land.

The Rockwood Horticultural Society meets this Thursday at the Town Hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The group will be setting up an exchange program sharing books, plants and ideas. A slide on butchered gardens will be seen Thursday and a discussion on how this can be prevented will follow. Learning to landscape your own garden is also on the agenda for the coming year.

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What's doing in the North Halton Area!

"OXFAM PUBLIC MEETING" Friday, November 21st, 7:30 p.m. at the Acton Public Library. Guest Speaker Roger Rolfe.

"CHRISTMAS BAZAAR" At St. Joseph's Church Basement on Saturday, November 22, 2 to 4 p.m. Sponsored by Catholic Women's League.

"CRAFT SALE" At the Acton YMCA on Saturday, November 22nd from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tea Room and Bake Sale.

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Erin, Eramosa talk about sharing services

Delegates from Erin village and township got together with Eramosa township council Monday to discuss aspects of sharing services between the three municipalities.

Erin township reeve Don Matheson and Deputy-Reeve Bill Weaver from Erin village headed several councillors to the meeting.

The talks were aimed at cutting expenses for taxpayers. Eramosa Deputy-Reeve Betty Lou Clark told the delegates.

The meeting was just a first view and "flesh ideas back and forth," Eramosa Reeve Bill Adsett said.

Councillors discussed the sharing of building inspectors, and bylaw enforcement officers. The talks also touched on changes in police service for municipalities, rural representation and school boards.

Reeve Matheson said there were cases where municipalities could not afford a qualified specialist. "I know there are some municipalities, which do not have a building inspector," he said.

Share cost

One delegate said one advantage of pooling services would be the cost of a building inspector could be shared. A suggestion was made that the municipalities should be looking at a unified tax base, and make projections as to the benefits of restructuring the county.

If the village and two townships united the group would have a population of approximately 11,000.

One difficulty in combining the school boards would be

that parents who had paid for their system may be faced with picking up part of the tab of one still in debt.

Eramosa Reeve Adsett said there is a county committee which is looking into regional government.

Regional

Erin Township Reeve Matheson said: "We may not want to go all the way to regional government. Maybe some light reconstruction of the county system would work."

"There have been some counties, Oxford for example, which have restructured with their own funds," Eramosa Reeve Adsett said.

Reeve Matheson said he thought municipalities which needed restructuring most would be its strongest opponents.

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Yours truly,
Oscar L. Drijber,
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OUR READERS WRITE:

Admires trustee's stand

The Editor of the Acton Free Press, Acton (Halton Hills), Ontario

Dear Sir,

Regarding the "water and sewage" issue in Rockwood, I should like to express my sincere appreciation and admiration with respect to the stand taken by our Village Trustee Mr. R. J. (Pat) Smith.

There is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Smith represents the "silent majority" in our village. Unfortunately the crisis still

has not reached the point as yet that this "silent majority" will become vocal. As usual that will occur when it is too late.

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Council ship without rudder

Do we have a legal contract for the installation of water and sewers in Rockwood? Another chapter in the saga of Rockwood's water pollution problems.

Reading the past correspondence on the subject, gives one the feeling of being most awake in some horrible dream, struggling against awareness for fear that it would turn out to be reality.

The noise of the drilling rigs and the blasting seems to have wakened most of our citizens, the most notable exception being the Township council.

Since 1945 I have witnessed the governing of the Township by some excellent people, with a small mixture of weak members. The

majority were fitted with not only a good portion of common sense to collect facts, but enough intestinal fortitude to act reasonably when the facts were known. It is such a pity that at so crucial a time as the '70s we were left devoid of such a council. In the matter of water and sewers for Rockwood our Township councils have operated as effectively as a ship without a rudder.

When the mist and dust of the nightmare has cleared will this system be paid for by the people who have it and don't want it, or by the township who want it and don't have it.

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