

Hall board planning repairs, '76 activities

By Mrs. R. Shortill Sr.
The annual meeting of the church was held after the service on Sunday.
U.C.W. meeting
The January U.C.W. was on Tuesday evening at the home of Margaret Jamieson. In spite of the bad snow storm 18 members attended.
The auditor's report was given and the 1976 slate of

officers was tendered by the nominating committee. Most of the same names appear as usual. Jill Jessop on Christian Education talked about the Cubs and Scouts.
Flora Johnson had the devotion. Marlene Burnett had charge of the topic and had Sandra Henderson give a talk and demonstration on interior decorating, drapes,

etc. Mrs. Henderson is one of our neighbours. The officers for the year are as follows: Pres., Doreen LaRose; vice-pres., Willa Shortill; secy., Eileen McEnery; trea., Ruby Pinkerton; literature secy., Gloria Johnson and helpers; representative to Steward, Helga Schwartz; social committee, Alma Sinclair, Evelyn Snow, Viola Shortill; friendship, Joyce Clarke, Ruth Shortill; stewardship, Grace McEnery; Christian Education, Jill Jessop; supply secretary, Helga Schwartz, Edna Shortill, Mary Lawr.
Sympathy
Sympathy of the area is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Duff whose father died recently.



A SHELL OIL tanker and pup-trailer flipped over onto its side early Tuesday morning approximately two miles south of Ospringe on Highway 24. The driver escaped injury. Fuel from the tanker had to be drained before efforts to right the vehicles could begin. Tow trucks removed the truck and trailer Tuesday afternoon.

Decision soon on pits

Ontario Municipal Board hearings on applications by two companies, Premier Concrete Products and Telephone City for rezoning of land in the southeast portion of Erin Township to allow for gravel extraction have ended.
The hearings, held in Hillsburgh Arena, began November 12, 1975 and concluded with a summation of the arguments for and against the proposed gravel pits.

These were presented by Mr. Robert Tuer and Mr. Bertrand Kellock, counsel for the applicants, Mr. R. B. Hungerford, Township council and Miss Lynda Brown representing the Concerned Citizens of Erin.
Mr. Tuer stated that he could find no evidence that the plan for extractive use of the land contravened the Pits and Quarries Act. He emphasized that Premier would comply with any recommendations made by the Municipal Board.

In his summation Mr. Kellock said that he could find no evidence of any proposal for alternate use of the land in question. Like Mr. Tuer he referred to the Board's independence in arriving at a decision but Mr. Hungerford expressed concern over the Ministry's readiness to overturn the Board's recommendations. Mr. Hungerford maintained that a pit on the proposed site would not be in the public interest but asked that the Township be protected should a licence be granted.

Tanker in ditch

Erin fire brigade stood by Tuesday morning while 11,000 gallons of fuel oil were transferred from a Shell tanker truck which had turned over in a ditch on No. 25 highway, south of Ospringe. The accident happened at 1:40 a.m. and the huge truck wasn't winched up and towed away till Tuesday afternoon.
Traffic was rerouted some of the time during the rescue operation.
Driver Jim Barnett, Burlington, was not injured.

To protect local residents the pits would be operated only during daylight hours, the water level would be monitored and traffic would be restricted to specified routes and would by-pass Erin's main street. The Township was promised assistance in upgrading roads along which traffic would be routed and was given assurance of access for local municipal gravel needs. Mr. Tuer pointed out that his client had posted a security bond of \$100,000.

In her final appeal, Miss Brown of the Concerned Citizens quoted from the Planning Act designed "to protect and preserve the inhabitants". She felt that neither company had displayed responsibility in its municipal agreement and requested that should licences be granted the Concerned Citizens should have a say in any agreement that might be drawn up.
The decision of the Board on the applications is expected shortly.

Ospringe

Spring is coming signs are in area

By Doris Fines
One by one, I hope everyone managed to dig themselves out after last week's snowstorms. In the midst of this cold wintry weather, how refreshing it is to get a breath of spring. One of Mr. and Mrs. George Fletcher's ewes presented them with a little lamb last Wednesday. Mother and baby are both well, tucked in the stable where it is nice and warm.

majority of us, really, as we go about our daily chores. We had visitors recently, who mentioned their neighbor was in the hospital. Her husband, among his other tasks, had to keep the house plants watered. He was bemoaning the fact there were 115 of them. He thought it was quite a chore.

Also to Mr. and Mrs. Conklin, Marie's brother in England died suddenly. A dance was held in the hall on Friday night.
The hall board are making plans for repairs and several other program activities for the year. They are hoping for all to join in and help keep "things rolling."

However, Mr. Fletcher, himself, has been having a bit of tough luck. He has been off work for a spell, suffering with a badly strained sacrum disc in his back. We hope it is on the mend now.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oakes of R.R. 4, Rockwood, were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. George Fletcher, Shirley and Robert, and had dinner with Mrs. Fletcher's father, Mr. Harold McMillan.

After our visitors left, just for curiosity sake, I counted ours. Horrors! We have 90. I didn't realize—Of course, there's the impatience and coles that we set out in the garden in summer, and the old stand-bys the geraniums, in the basement, that also go to the garden. Then there's the amaryllis that just finished blooming, and another one with two big buds sprouting up, to remind us spring is coming. There's the fern and cactus, and the African violets that never seem to quit blooming.
Come to think of it, it IS quite a chore watering them all.

Three cars in collision

A three-car accident, Sunday, January 11, injured three parties in the collision on 24 County Road just east of Hwy. 24. A car driven by George Boles, R.R. 3, Rockwood was parked on Cty. Rd. 24 facing east. A second car, driven by Bonnie Kirkwood, R.R. 1, Georgetown, was travelling west, meeting a snow plow, when visibility was lost.
The Kirkwood vehicle came into collision with a west-bound vehicle driven by George Mitchell. Georgetown Minor cuts and bruises were sustained by Bonnie Kirkwood, George Mitchell and Ruth Mitchell of Georgetown. Damage was estimated at \$2,200.

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Region to consider equalized assessment

Halton Regional Councilors will once again consider the pros and cons of financing sewer and water projects in the region from a common regional fund.
The way it is currently done, each municipality is responsible for paying for projects within its boundaries even though the work is done by the region and approved by the regional council.
Senior regional staffers have pointed to a common pot and the equalized assessment method since the beginning of regional government.
In the past council has been split, with the four mayors and a number of other councilors providing adamant opposition to the changeover.

At one point Oakville Mayor Barrett became so upset he told staffers that he would call for resignations if the matter was ever brought before the council again.
This time the action is being instigated by Public Works Chairman Jack Rafits. Rafits sees the move towards equalized assessment as the singular greatest contribution the council could make to regional government in 1976.
Burlington representatives continually argue that the north has the most to benefit from equalized assessment.
Halton Hills Councilors Ernie Sykes and Dick Howitt are far from convinced.
"How does the north benefit when we have to pick up a share of the \$20,000,000 pollution control plant in Burlington and a share of the south west plant in Oakville?"

"As long as we are on chargeback you'll allow us to do what we say we need. We're afraid we won't be able to, if everyone is paying."
"I sit here and listen to haggling over road projects and it narrows down to parochial attitudes. These things make us a bit uneasy," Howitt explained.
Regional Chairman Allan Masson, an advocate of the equalized assessment system, told committee members he was surprised to see the matter being discussed again before the election.
Masson had been chastized by members of council for bringing the matter up.

Eden Mills

News of death shocks community

by Mrs. Georgina Wright
Mr. and Mrs. Mancel Lowrie, Isabel Lowrie, Mrs. Florence Martin and Mrs. Frank Lemmer have returned home after attending

the funeral of their aunt Mrs. Jean Thomas at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mrs. Thomas was a sister of the late Dusan Lowrie and late William Lowrie.

Mrs. Kay Stevenson is out of hospital but is convalescing at her daughter's in Guelph for a few days.
Mr. Gilbert Kingsbury is improving gradually in hospital.

Founding meeting of new NDP club

Local New Democrats met at the home of Cecil and Marion Chambers in Erin Township for the founding meeting of the Eramosa-Erin-Shelburne Area Club.
This club is one of four set up by the Wellington-Dufferin-Peel NDP and covers Eramosa, Erin, East Garafraxa, East Luther, Grand Valley, Amaranth and Shelburne. Its purpose is to serve a social and educational function for the 2,000 NDP voters within its boundaries.

people attending the founding meeting was Don Brown, the co-ordinator of the Caledon Area NDP Club.
The Eramosa-Erin-Shelburne Area Club is responsible for organizing the next NDP program.

Eden Mills community was shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Worth Burcombe, husband of Melrose Wilson, formerly of Eden Mills. Mr. Burcombe was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson, Guelph. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. R. J. Berlis C. D. M. Div., D.D. of Knox Presbyterian church, Guelph. Burial was in Eden Mills cemetery Tuesday.



Fire survey proposed

Rockwood-Eramosa fire chief Carl Meadows has looked into having a fire survey done for the area to see what is needed.
Mr. Meadows had informed the Eramosa township council that he had been speaking with Don Owens, the assistant fire marshal for that area, about the possibility of a survey. The survey would be free of charge.
Council thought it was a good idea and requested that all findings be confidential between the fire office and themselves.
Township clerk Lloyd Hindley said he thought the survey would take one month to complete.

A bright note in the dead of winter are plans for next year's Fall Fair. One of the first committee meetings for 1976 was held at the home of Ron and Joan Lister, 4th Line of Esquesing, Thursday. Steve Lister is a Fair Board director and Superintendent of the Western, English and pony shows.
In its efforts to raise Acton Fall Fair to the level of a "B" fair, the Agricultural Society has adopted a no-holds-barred attitude and has doubled the size and scope of the fair in the past three years.
Last year's horse shows were superb - something for everyone. Two days of classes provided spectator and competitor alike with a great variety of choice.
The Fall Fair horse show "took off" about four years ago when over 35 excellent entries crowded the ring for the first class. The ring was still a small snow-fenced corner, as far away from the cattle as possible. Classes like Road Hack indicated the lack of anything new for some years. However, suddenly the ring was absolutely packed with some of the finest hunters in Ontario. Judge Babs Ellis was flabbergasted and spent over six hours trying to place the multitude of horses in five or so classes.
After that, things got better, directors realized there was a definite need for a more updated horse show and some young horse enthusiasts were consulted.
Two years ago the Western horse show was introduced.

Churchill

Weather blamed no visitors

By Mrs. Fred MacArthur
Churchill church service on Sunday, Jan. 18 at Churchill church was very well attended. The minister, Mrs. Eleanor McFadden B.A.'s sermon subject was Can We Contact God? Choir anthem was I Am Trusting.
Mrs. Don Anderson played the organ.
We are pleased to report Joshua Thompson was able to return back to Wellington Terrace, Elora, after having undergone surgery in St. Joseph's hospital. He is doing nicely.
Mrs. Robert McEnery is feeling much improved in health and was able to return back to Mapleview Lodge.
Bad weather and roads mean no reports on visitors and trips for the weekend.
A mistake in last week's news column appeared in two different items: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jackson, Sandra, Nancy visited on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie.
Mrs. Doreen and Frank McDonald and family also Mrs. Mathers of Mississauga were guests on the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie.

His sites listed

Willie laughs last

William A. "Wicked Willie" Johnson, north Halton's most outspoken garbage expert and landfill site protester, had the last laugh this week when the firm studying landfill sites for Halton Region unveiled a map showing 11 possible sites.
Two of the better sites were in the same areas Johnson had recommended last year to regional council—sites B and E on the M. M. Dillon Co. map.
Costless, too
"I did as well on \$10 worth of gas as they did with their \$60,000 survey," Johnson chortled.
Johnson had pinpointed the two good sites, one west of Palerme on Highway 5 and one on the Ninth Line near the future Highway 403. But the regional council was skeptical.
As for the Milton Brick yard site near Milton Heights which the region is still considering, Johnson still claims the old pit may be alright for construction waste, but not for a landfill site for everyday garbage, due to its proximity to streams.

No Western Chairman

Thursday's meeting knocked around a few new ideas for this year's show. Steve asked organizational advice of Society Secretary John Rowe, vice chairman Russ Murray, and 2nd vice-president Brent Marshall.
The Rothman's caravan will again be available as an announcers' booth and sponsors' lounge. The committee is attempting to have a musical ride (dressage) demonstration on one of the days. Betty Jean Hutton of Campbellville has agreed to help with this.
Joy Lindvik, R.R. 2, Acton, will be designing the English jumping courses and Colin Musprat, R.R. 4, Acton, will head up a jump committee to look into the purchasing of some more jumps replacing the ones borrowed from Georgetown each year.
As yet, no chairman has been chosen for the English show but there are many interested members.
The real problem area is the Western show. Paul Thompson did a splendid job running the show in 1975 but has other obligations this year.
Anyone interested in helping with or running the western show, please contact Steve Lister, 877-3598.
Not one of the western riding members of the society showed up at the meeting. So somebody had better get moving if there's to be a western show in '76.
Photographer Staris Young
I'd like to add a note of congratulation to young Gordon Doig who took the sponsors' pictures. On show day, local photographers were busy filming other aspects of the fair so young Gordon, who is, I believe, no more than twelve, appeared with a camera snapping shots. Steve asked him if he'd like to take a few pictures of sponsors presenting their trophies. The resulting photographs developed by Gordon's father and purchased by the Society as gift for sponsors are very professional.
Those present at the meeting were: John Rowe, Russ Murray, Brent Marshall, Steve and Margaret Lister, Peter and Jill Physick-Sheard, Donna Ledger, Colin and Maura Musprat, Roy and Margaret Curtis from Campbellville, Robert Clement, Doug Wellard of Burlington, Hans and Susan Kuechler, Bill Yundt, Jan Casselman and me.

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