

Council wants to avoid restructuring, wards

Eramosa township councillor David Masson feels the area is a "sitting duck" as Dufferin county looks into restructuring government. It was revealed at the council's Monday meeting that there are to be public hearings in Shelburne and Orangeville concerning restructuring the area next month. The county of Dufferin has asked for formal submissions from counties, townships, companies and individuals with their views helping make the committee's case.

Mr. Masson said he thought the county had said everything the province wanted to hear, and thought the province would like their ideas.

The councillor suggested the Eramosa planning board get the Dufferin papers and analyse them. From there

they would submit a brief about why Wellington did not want to go with Dufferin.

Gobbled up

"We'd better watch it, or we will be gobbled up!" Mr. Masson warned.

He pointed out their county did not have to be regionalized, but admitted there were some parts of it which needed "fixed up."

George Day, according to Mr. Masson, suggested the idea of going into the ward system, and eliminating the police villages. Mr. Masson explained that doing this would have to expand the council.

Deputy Reeve Betty Lou Clark explained that Dick Elmsworth had told her the ward system does not work for small villages. He said that it works in areas over 40,000. "And we are only 4,000," she pointed out.

Not enough

Mr. Masson explained that Dufferin county does not have enough people to be regionalized, and would be looking for other areas to join them. Wellington county, he said, does not want to go regional. However, he felt the Dufferin committee was basically saying, give Guelph and everything to the west of the city, to the region of Waterloo and put everything else in Dufferin.

"This attitude that we are all right, leave us alone, isn't going to help," Mr. Masson said.

Eramosa council is making a request to the Eramosa Planning board to prepare a brief on the restructuring of Dufferin county as the report affects Eramosa and to make a recommendation to the township council.

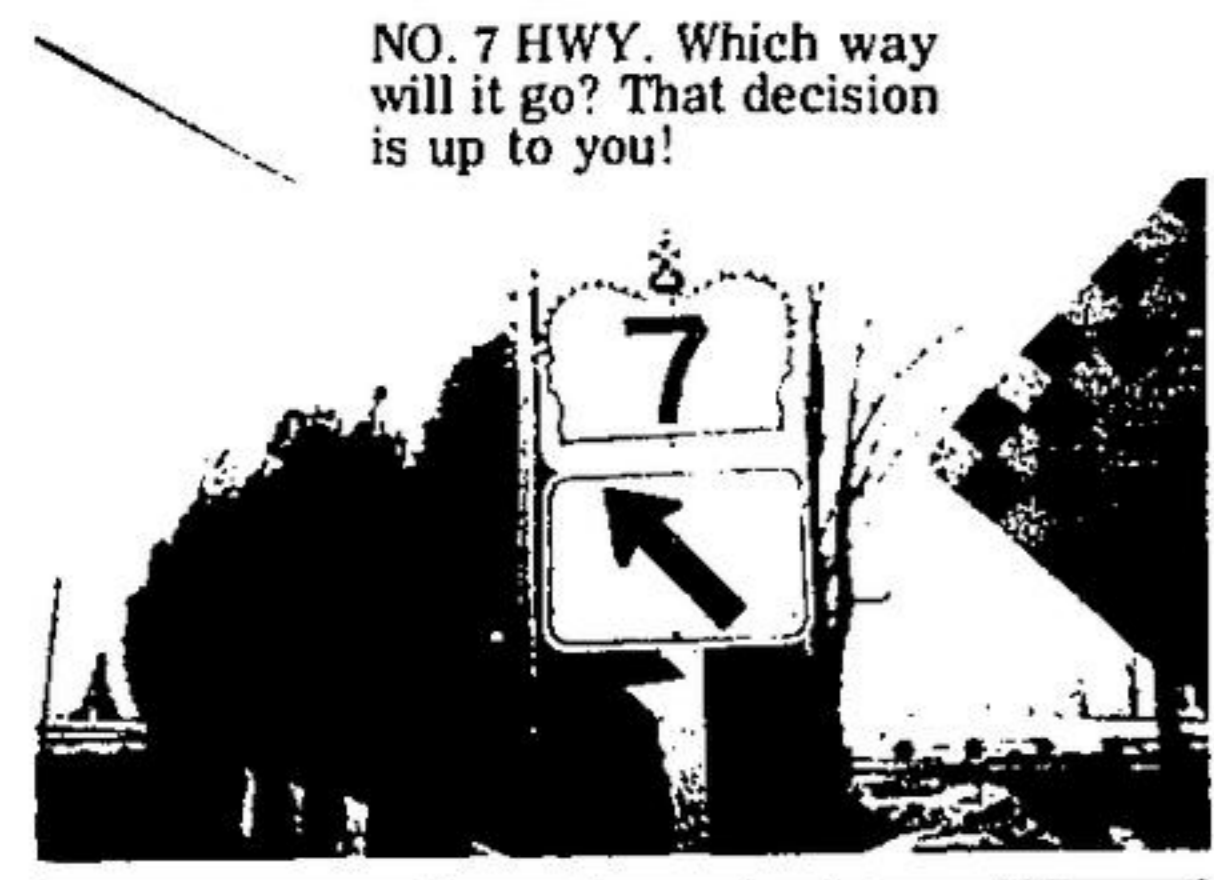


WINNERS OF the Junior level public speaking contest at Rockwood Centennial Public School are from left to right, 1st place, Sue Parkinson; 2nd place, Lisa Petty and 3rd place, Cindy Lawton.

Where should highway go?

The Ministry of Transportation has written the Eramosa Township Council asking public opinion on the subject of the re-routing of HWY. 7. There are three alternatives under consideration: (1) keep the existing route of No. 7 through the village of Rockwood and widen it; (2) by-pass the village of Rockwood via the 4th Line; (3) detour south of Eden Mills and connect up with the 2nd Line, therefore avoiding both villages.

The Ministry has asked for input from the Board of Trustees and Rockwood residents. Any comments on this would be welcomed by the Trustees and should be addressed to the Village Secretary, Box 67 Rockwood. Now is the time to act! There have already been several letters received by the Board stating preference to a particular route.



NO. 7 HWY. Which way will it go? That decision is up to you!

Water, sewer work on time

John Slater, superintendent for Ambro Construction, feels that despite the frost and snow that slowed down operations around Christmas, the laying of water and sewer pipes will be completed this fall as planned.

"The blasting is 99 per cent finished on Harris St. and the men have started laying the sanitary and water lines," he said.

Mr. Slater added that although it was possible to keep Harris open while blasting was going on, it will be impossible with the installation of the lines down the middle of the road. He stressed that the road will be kept open whenever possible and that

safety is their first concern.

"We will be going like mad to finish the crossing at the Mill Pond before spring runoff," he exclaimed. The crew is almost finished there and will proceed north on Main St. from that point. They will be concentrating on the north and west end until frost leaves Guelph St. will be used as a detour once up over the hill and before that they will do their best to keep at least a single lane of traffic open.

The men have found the people very co-operative and hope to continue providing as little discomfort as possible as they complete their difficult task.

Rockwood roundup

by Kerry Chalmers

Mrs. Jenny Hamilton celebrated her 91st birthday this past weekend. Birthday wishes are extended from her many friends in the village.

Robena Peacock of Harris St. is leaving for a six-week holiday in England. Mrs. Peacock will be holidaying with relatives in Crowdon, Yorkshire and Newcastle on the Tyne, her birthplace. A favorite aunt is one of reasons for her trip. Her aunt has been ill this past year and the news of the visit has done her wonders, according to friends who wrote Mrs. Peacock. Best wishes for a lovely holiday are sent from village friends.

Romeo and Juliet was a real success. The many residents who took the bus trip sponsored by the Lionettes enjoyed the love story and the chance for a "girls' night out." The happy chatter to and from the city was proof of this and the excellent driving of the bus driver added to the comfortable ride. It really is the way to go and see a play—no traffic, no parking and everything planned for you for the price of the ticket. Look for other announcements of up and coming trips.

Look for your library news every few weeks in this column starting next week. Georgina Kelso will prepare a newsletter to let residents know what is going on at our library. The Library hours are Tuesday and Thursday evenings from four to six and seven to nine, and Saturday mornings from nine to 12. Librarian Lois McRae would like the public to know that

the Library is more than happy to fill requests for people who need a particular book. There are over 12,000 books available to residents at the present time. Mrs. McRae explained that it is difficult to pick books that will satisfy everyone and that is why she and Mrs. Kelso find requests often helpful when it comes to selecting new books. There is no charge for area residents.

Sue Parkinson top speaker at school

The junior level public speaking contest or oral communications festival for grades four to six took place at Rockwood Centennial Public School on Tuesday. The youngsters who spoke were leading contestants in the junior classrooms of the school. Each pupil had prepared a speech to present to his class and through elimination, 14 finalists were picked for the contest.

The speech was to be three to five minutes long and a penalty was given for over- or under-time. The scoring covered a wide range of things: judges looked for clarity, articulation and pronunciation along with audibility, quality and range of voice. The vocabulary and composition were also points on the score sheet along with the contestants' ability to relate to the audience.

The judges looked for imagination, sincerity and spontaneity in each speech. After each speech the contestants were questioned for a period of not more than two minutes on their topic.

Sue Parkinson who took 1st place will receive a trophy on awards day in June. She will now go on to represent Rockwood Centennial at John McCrae Public School in Guelph on Thursday in the area two finals. She will be competing against other junior students from Aberfoyle, Brock Road,

at least 75 snowmobiles are available for a new emergency service to aid people in need of assistance during a snowstorm or unable to be reached by car.

The Rockwood Snowmobile Club and the Rockwood Eramosa Lions' club have gone together to provide this unique form of snowmobile ambulance service.

Ed Kingsbury, president of the snowmobile club, attended the Eramosa township council meeting Monday evening and explained that members of his club will help in the case of snowed in schools, doctors who must get to a patient, shut-ins, the ill etc. Mr. Kingsbury explained that the club will have an ambulance sled by next year.

Deputy Reeve Betty Lou asked if the clubs were working in liaison with the fire department, to which Mr. Kingsbury replied "no, not yet." He plans to get in touch with fire chief Carl Meadows.

St. John course

The president told the group he had already taken a St. John Ambulance first aid course and was asking eight other members to do likewise by next winter. He explained the service would be 24 hours a day and free of charge.

"We are getting old-fashioned winters again and it is good to know you are available," said Reeve Bill Adsett.

Mr. Kingsbury said the group would also have a stretcher, similar to the kind used at ski resorts. He explained this would come in handy as there are some places even snowmobiles can't go such as gorges or ravines.

Contact O. P. P.

Anyone in need of assistance, medical or otherwise, may call the Guelph detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, who in turn will get in touch with the snowmobilers, the president said. The clubs ask that the exact location and phone numbers be given.

"We hope we are never needed," Mr. Kingsbury said upon closing, "but we are here if anyone wants us."

Ambulance service on snowmobiles, sleds

Closing of Chesley hospital by the Ontario Ministry of Health has got Eramosa township council on the bandwagon to assist that town's council in trying to postpone the deadline.

The hospital has been ordered to close on March 31, according to a letter received by the township council from their counterparts in Chesley.

The letter explained the

Hits pump

Wednesday of last week a car driven by Valerie Hill, 128 Church E., was in collision with a gas pump. Damage to the car was estimated at \$75 and to the gas pump at \$800. The incident happened at Pelitis BP station, Queen St.

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Council seeks aid on hospital closing

to 30 miles to get to other hospitals, the letter continued.

Councillor John Hewitt said he felt very sympathetic towards the matter as the town of Chesley built the hospital from public funds.

More closed

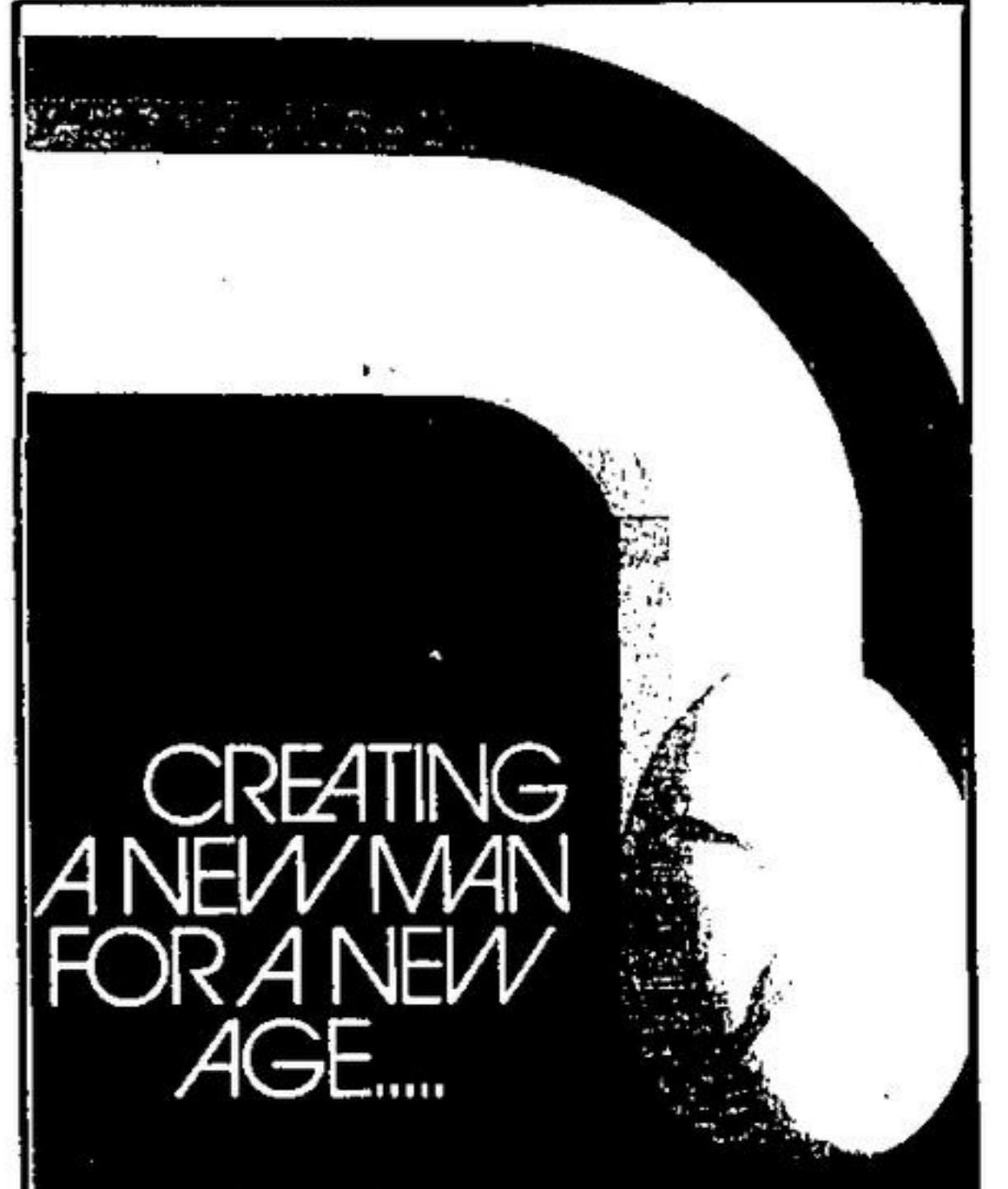
At the time the letter was written, there were no other such facilities in danger. However, said Reeve Bill Adsett, Durham hospital has been closed since then. Councillor Alan Burnett pointed out that a hospital in Belleville has also received the axe.

Council decided to endorse the resolution of the town of Chesley and request the Ministry of Health to present to the Ontario Legislature a complete and detailed statement of its policy and program relating to proposed hospital closures, and to extend operation of the Chesley and District hospital in the entire closing policy of the Ministry.

Copies of the council's resolution are being sent to Premier William Davis; Frank Miller, Minister of Health; Stephen Lewis, leader of the official opposition; Dr. Stuart Smith, Liberal Leader; Jack Johnson, local M. P. P. and the town of Chesley.

\$1,300 damage three injured

A single-car accident Sunday, February 15 on the Erin-Esqueving town line injured the driver, Dianne Drysdale, passengers Valerie Irwin and Teresa Luty, all of Acton. The Drysdale car was travelling west when it went out of control on the icy road, according to the Guelph O.P.P. The vehicle spun around and struck a tree, causing \$1,300 damage.



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- HALTON HILLS February 19 - 22
- Feb. 19 The Foulness of God (7:45 P.M.)
 - 20 The Narrow-Mindedness of Christ (7:45 P.M.)
 - 21 Leadership in the Church: Pierre Berton or The Holy Spirit (7:45 P.M.) (question & answer period to follow)
 - 22 The Worst Sinner in Halton (8:15 P.M.) (note: change from previous announcement)
- Feb. 19, 20 & 22 Georgetown High School
Feb. 21 Maple Avenue Baptist Church

OAKVILLE February 22 - 25

- Feb. 22 Go Ask Esther (3:00 P.M.)
 - 23 Spoiled Rotten (7:45 P.M.) (The Adult Cop-Out that produced a Youth Tragedy)
 - 24 The Streaker and the Exorcist (7:45 P.M.) (question & answer period to follow)
 - 25 Crisis in the Church (7:45 P.M.)
- Feb. 22 White Oaks High School
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