Reports for press



BROWNIES ARE on the menu for the cooking class which is part of the M. Z. Bennett school electives program. With chef Shirley McKeown are assistant chefs Darlene Allinson, Allison Chaisson, Guy Maltby, Nancy Marchment, Pam -Finstra, Linda Labelle, Carol-Anne Blake, Jackie Coltson and Ryan Pirard.

#### READERS WRITE: OUR

## Ramsey family history

The interesting item in the destination. They found "100 years ago" section of the wigwam on John's proper Free Press Feb. 4 / 76, led us to looking up a few more toric items.

The John Ramsey mentioned in that item, in compiling his family history left a real legacy. He had his story printed in 1904 and copies given to relatives and friends, a few of which have survived the years.

Three Irish brothers, Robert, Henry and John Ramsey came to Canada in 1819. Eramosa Tp. was in course of survey and finished that year.

They drew their lots in Little York, now Toronto. John the east half and Robert the west half of Lot I, Con. 3, Eramosa, Henry the west half of lot 2, Con. 3, Eramosa, walking by way of Dundas St. to the Tsp. of Nelson, following the surveyors' blaze (axe cut on trees) through Nelson and Nassagaweya, (later called Guelph Rd.) to their

wigwam on John's property which they used. After looking over their property they returned to Dundas St. and worked for John Cleaver making oak staves for ash barrels which John Cleaver afterward rafted down the lake to Montreal.

Loaded up For two years the Ramsey brothers cut wood and burnt it, returning to Dundas St. for winter work. During the summer months they were compelled to make the 20 miles to the lake front for supplies. On one occasion they divided a barrel of flour in three parts and with other things started home with it on their backs.

In the spring of 1821 the emigrant, John Ramsey married Rachel Cleaver. daughter of his winter employer. Coming back to their wilderness home, Rachel rode a horse but the men still had to walk loaded with all

not a settler at that time in help, succeeded at length in 1919 in Nassagaweya and making a comfortable home. when John Ramsey had a log house built in 1823 all the men in the vicinity came to assist, numbering 18. The house was of the many difficulties. The 24 x 30 feet.

chased a farm in Nassaga- after being grown is men-weya just across the town line tioned. The first mill availfrom their Eramosa holding. able was near Georgetown, a That also was the year when log structure erected by their first child Mary was George Kennedy and distance born, presumed to be the first the miles through the bush, white child in the area. Anowhere with a set of homether child, Martha was born made land stones, the wheat in 1825. Then we read, "I John was chopped and brought Ramsey, Jr. (and writer of home to be sifted by hand and this biography) was born in the aid of a sieve made of July 1825. "He continues, sheep's skin, from which the "my father took sick a short wool had been removed, then time before I was born and soaked in water and stretched never afterwards was able to on a hoop. When thoroughly do any work. The nearest help dry it was punched full of was Dr. Smith on the Moun- holes, which answered the tain, Hamilton. He spent purpose fairly well. some time there but passed away in 1832." John Jr. commented: Mother now with three small children was left in the wilderness, but "He flax so he grew some flax and

they could carry. There was rising to the occasion by His Memolrs John Ramsey Jr. in his

memoirs writes many details want of flour mill machinery In 1822 John Ramsey pur- to grind the wheat into flour

Clothing Clothing was a difficulty. At home in Ireland John Ramsey had some experience with who tempers the wind to the prepared it for spinning. The new shorn Lamb" and she thread so made was mixed

with woollen thread, and woven into cloth was named Lindsey-woollsey; never known to wear out and had the further quality of being always fashionable.

Woollen goods in those days were the staple in clothing. There was a difficulty in keeping sheep on account of the wolves, it was necessary to keep a watch during the day and a sheep fold during

A large stone house was built on the Nassagaweya property in 1861. John Ramsey Jr. was connected with the Nassagaweya council from 1863 to 1881, being Reeve nine years of that time. He passed away in 1915 and his monument built of stones which he had collected is a landmark of interest in Ebenezer Cemetery. Ebenezer Cemetery.

Nordic Forms near Eden Mills are now on farms ploneered by John Ramseys.

> Florence Trousdale, R.R. 4, Rockwood

ings if a recommendation by the administration committee is adopted by Halton

Hills council. Councillor Rlc Morrow suggested the press receive a copy of reports being discussed at the meeting, so they know the background of the discussion.

Confidential and personnel items would not be released.

The press will have an

easier time reporting meet-

He admitted sometimes people think a committee recommendation is a final decision and don't realize It has to be finalized by council,

Councillor Roy Booth

supported Morrow's stand.

Chairman Les Duby pointed out committee meetings are open public meetings so the reports should be made

## Johnson, Reed join garbage forces

Johnson is going to provide interview. facts about garbage in Halton to Julian Reed, Halton- use the information about re-Burlington MPP who de cycling operations in the feated him in the last provin- United States provided by cial election. Johnson was the Johnson. He has talked to re-NDP candidate in the pro- gional council in the past and vincial election last fall.

When it comes to protecting started moving towards re-the environment there are no cycling with a solid waste dispolitical barriers, well known posal system. The idea of environmentalist Bill John dumps has to be dropped," Reed declared in a recent

He isn't sure yet how he will feels his comments haven't "It is time the region had much effect, he said.

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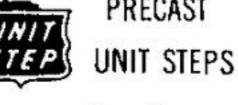
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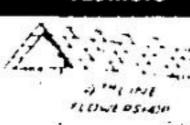
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