

## Dog owners beware, loose dogs cost money

Eramosa township council is going to get tough with dog owners who allow their canines to run at large. Dog control officer Bob James attended Monday evening's council meeting and complained about the large number of calls he gets from people about dogs running loose. He explained that when he gets to the callers' home, the animal is gone. Mr. James said the situation is getting out of hand with dogs running at large. "It's about time we should get off our butts and do something about it, rather than just sit here and talk about doing something," Mr. James told council.

allowed to shoot the dogs if on their property, and collect a bounty for each dog. Councillor Alan Burnett agreed with Mr. Masson, and was also supported by Mr. James himself. Reeve Bill Adsett pointed out that the law says a farmer can shoot any strange dog on his property. Mr. Masson also said the pound fees should be raised to encourage dog owners to keep their animals tied up. Councillor John Hewitt wondered if maybe the fines could escalate with each recurring offense. Mr. Masson

pointed out the current fee was \$15. He suggested having the fines start at \$30. There was some question among the councillors as to how many dog owners would pay to get their dog back. Mr. James said a few would, but he felt some were deliberately let loose when the owner no longer wanted the animal. To get the loose dog situation under control, council raised the fine rates to \$30 for the first offense, \$60 for the second, and \$100 for all further offenses, to come into effect immediately.

## Offer tennis instructions at Rockmosa courts

By Kerry Chalmers  
Tennis Club members, don't forget to contact Sandy Root for instruction! Sandy is a physical education major at university who has decided to offer instruction to local members if there is enough interest. There are over 200 members in the newly formed Rockwood Tennis Club and

over 90 per cent of these members requested instruction. In order that Sandy can plan her summer, could people phone and let her know of your intentions. Barb Wynne and Linda Duncan were most enthusiastic after a lesson and will continue. Sandy Root may be reached at 856-4242.



**TOURNAMENT** organizer of Rockwood Tennis Club Bart Jacobs, right, invited friend Paul Woodman, a tennis pro from Huttonville, to try out the new courts last weekend. Mr. Woodman commented on the quality of the court saying he felt they compared with the best courts he had played on in the Toronto area.

## Master plan in works, dam open

By Kerry Chalmers  
Guelph Dam will be open to the public this summer although the master plan for this area is still being drawn up and is under careful scrutiny by the planning department of the Grand River Conservation Authority. Superintendent Jim Muir explained to the Free Press in a recent telephone interview that although the plans for this area (roughly 4,000 acres including the lake) are extensive, no work is planned until final approval is received. Mr. Muir has been superintendent of Rockwood

Conservation Area, Lower Gorge in Elora and Belwood Lake over the past years and has seen these areas evolve. He outlined the caution the Authority was exercising in this particular development and pointed out how the use of this area would involve thousands upon thousands of people. The authority would like to plan ahead in order that they serve the public in the best way. Mr. Muir said other parks were often developed to suit the need at the time and future growth wasn't really taken into account. This summer, the north side of the lake along old Wat-

son Road will be open to the public. Lots of parking will be available and boats can be launched from this area. No motorized boats are allowed on the lake but sailing boats, canoes and rowboats are welcome. No beach swimming will be at the public's own risk and no beach has yet been developed. No picnic tables are available but picnics are not discouraged. The authority does cut the grass adjacent to Watson Road but feels any other development a mistake because of the temporary state of affairs. Clean-up of the shoreline of debris still present after flooding will be handled by Superintendent Muir and 25 staff over the summer months. Once the plan is approved, Mr. Muir pointed out, the project will still take years to develop to its full potential.

### Village of Rockwood

## CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 14th

Items too large for normal collection; brush, etc. will be picked up by truck at normal garbage location.

Councillor Dave Masson felt the dog owners should be hit where it hurts the most—in the pocketbook. Mr. Masson suggested that the farmers who are the victims of loose dogs should be

## Eramosa library

Following is a list of new arrivals at the Eramosa Library:

Adult fiction: Saraband for Two Sisters, by Philippa Carr; Bluegrass, by Borden Deal; Dreamer Beware, by Ruth Wissman; The Green Salamander, by Pamela Hill; A Pair of Knives, by Michael Cronin.

Juvenile fiction: Un Cadeau de Noel de Johann, by Jack Richards; The Kite Mystery by Mary Adrian; About Me, by Jane Moncure; Deux Vilaines Souris, by Beatrice Potter; I Sure Am Glad to See You, Blackboard Bear, by Martha Alexander.

Non-fiction: James J. Hill and the Opening of the Northwest, by Albro Martin; Practical Bookkeeping for the Small Business, by Mary Dyer; Abortion and Our Canadian Laws, by Scott Adams; Canada's Energy Crisis, by James Laxer; Marion Hilliard, by Mary Wilson.

## Mill rate steady for fire protection

Eramosa township residents won't be paying any more for fire protection this year than last. Rockwood fire chief Carl Meadows presented his 1977 budget to Eramosa township council Monday evening, and claimed there would be no mill rate increase over last year.

Mr. Meadows said his budget was at six mills, with a total \$1,450.98. He said last year's budget was \$28,726, and the department only spent \$26,000.11, making a surplus at the end of the year. The chief pointed out that firefighters' salaries and insurance were the major cost

items, with hydro, heat and telephone, and equipment the next biggest expenses. There are no major equipment purchases planned for this year. Mr. Meadows told council, but he warned a new truck would soon be needed. The chief said the cost of a fire truck would probably be in next year's budget. Councillor John McLeod, a member of the community centre committee, presented that group's budget to council the same evening. Mr. McLeod said the budget totalled \$22,350, but it would decrease in the second year of operation, due to more out-of-town bookings of the hall.

## Okay permit for Giesel home

In spite of objections from deputy-reeve Henry Holman Jr., L. Giesel will be issued a building permit to build a semi-detached house on his property.

Mr. Giesel had appeared before Eramosa township council last month explaining that he would like to build a new home on his property for himself, and for his hired hand's family. He stated that the present house housed both families, and was badly in need of repair. He said it was impossible to heat. Mr. Giesel explained that he would like to build a semi-detached house on the property, something that is allowed within the present zoning by-laws.

Zone change  
When the subject came up at Monday evening's council meeting, Mr. Holman pointed out that zone is soon to be changed, making it illegal to build a semi-detached house on particular lots. Mr. Giesel's property would be affected by this change. For this reason, Mr. Holman said he did not feel the permit should be issued. The other members of council disagreed with the deputy reeve, saying that the permit had already been applied for, and the present by-law allowed such a dwelling to be built on the property. Councillor Dave Masson expressed fears for the future, asking what would happen in several years from

now when the property is sold to someone else. He wondered if the new owners would want a land separation. Reeve Bill Adsett told Mr. Masson there had already been three

separations on the property, and didn't think any more would be granted. Council voted in favor of issuing the permit, with Mr. Holman objecting.



ENJOYING a treat after modelling in the Eramosa Youth Choir Fashion Show is Leanne Brace of Rockwood. One of the dessert convenors, Betty Jones cuts cake while choir director Roberta Hoy looks on. Commentator for this special evening was village resident Marilyn Brace and pianist was Clarence Bonnett. Fashion co-ordinator was Barbara Bonnett.

## Rock-a-long

The Rock-a-long Leisure Ladies met for their final meeting on April 23 at Mrs. McDuffe's. Next week they will meet again for a practice of our fashion show at McDuffe's.

After the meeting opened with the 4-H pledge, the minutes were read and approved. The roll call was to give a resume of our garment. A discussion of our demonstration followed. Some members worked on their garments and books. The meeting closed with the 4-H motto.

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