



JUNIOR BOYS and Girls combined for a winning team in a recent Floor Hockey tournament at Rockwood Centennial School. Members of the Boys Section of team are front row, left to right; Steven Lush, Colin Brace, Mike Hudson, Randy Marshall. Back row, left to right; Billy McDougall, David Law, Mike Orr, David McKnight. Teachers, Mrs. Baker and Mr. Hyde coached the team to victory.

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ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL School's Junior Floor Hockey Team were the grand winners in tournament against Osprige, Erin, Eramosa and Brisbane Public Schools. The skillful team won every game! Members of the girls section of the team are front row, left to right; Tracy Benham, Kristen English, Katey Wynneck, Linda Ward. Back row, left to right; Tracy Tomlinson, Kristi Duncan, Lyla Noble and Roseanne Giardi.

Officials, planners talk at first work meeting

By Barb Wynneck
March 15 saw the first working meeting of local officials and representatives of the firm Marshall, Macklin and Monaghan, who have been hired to do the secondary planning for Rockwood.

In his presentation, project manager Don Given emphasized that his firm wanted to get on with the job, and he hoped that this would be a meeting for working out the details of the project.

The firm had prepared a press release published in this edition of the Acton Free Press.

At the first of April, a short, concise survey will be circulated to all households within the Rockwood postal area. Results of this survey will indicate what expectations residents have regarding Rockwood's future. Local officials contributed to, and approved the questions which will be asked on the survey.

Discussion followed the professional presentation and Allan Osbourne, planning board chairman asked if this type of survey had been tried before and if it worked. The answer was yes.

George Day, planning

board secretary, questioned whether housing accommodation for senior citizens would be considered. The answer was yes, if residents expressed an interest in St. Citizen's Housing, addresses for obtaining more detailed information would be provided. John O'Grady, Ministry of Housing representative, pointed out that a statement from the ministry must be received, before such housing could be developed in this area. Reeve Bill Adsett remarked that the need for senior citizen housing is being investigated at the county level.

Village trustee Audrey Bilton asked if the present freeze on village lot severances would be lifted once the water and sewers are operational this year. The trustees feel that this should happen. Project planner Jim Collishaw replied that this would be a township council decision.



Last Sunday was Palm Sunday, history's day of triumph for two of our most humble beings—Jesus Christ and the donkey.

The donkey has long been a joke among humans. "You stupid jackass—you're as stubborn as a donkey!"

The donkey's ears, his self effacing attitude, his very patience, have been ridiculed by the most intelligent of people.

Few people realize it's the donkey's superior intelligence that makes him appear to be stubborn.

Donkeys aren't slaves. A horse is a slave, albeit an attractive and charming one, but he is a slave, trained to obey our every whim even if it goes against his instincts.

The donkey has reasoning power and when he feels that he doesn't want to go where his human dictates, he's labelled as stubborn.

Actually, when you get to know donkeys it's amazing how sensitive and co-operative they are. I've had many ponies, most of whom took unfair advantage of me despite my patience and positive enthusiasm. Never yet has a donkey pulled a U-turn on me unless I was asking him to do something stupid like squash himself into a tiny fair booth or march in a noisy unfriendly (to him) parade.

Providing you take time to explain things to a donkey and enlist his co-operation, he'll be willing to the end.

I can't say as much for my horses and ponies, no matter how I explain things to them, I still get bucked off or led a merry dance around the pasture.

No donkey union. Because of his patience and willingness, the donkey has been forced since time immemorial to carry man's great loads of freight. If he wasn't swift or fleet, he was whipped. If he became tired after several hours of carting unwieldy loads twice his own weight, he was poked with a stick. He was (and still is in many countries) expected to work fiercely long hot hours under harsh conditions for dreadful rations and the hope of a couple of hours sleep. Donkeys survive on sticks, cactus, and bits of hay the other animals won't eat, you know. Half the world thinks that's all he needs to eat, which is ridiculous.

In return for this infinite patience he is jeered, laughed at and considered one of life's lowest forms. There's no donkey union, you know.

Triumph and day. However, once, nearly two thousand years ago, a man who possessed most of the same attributes as the donkey, chose that lowly animal for his triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

He could have chosen a camel, the mount of kings, or a fiery Arabian charger suitable for the revolutionary soldier and liberator he was. But, instead he chose the beast of the people—the donkey.

With that ride, he dignified the donkey as he dignified all life.

Ever since then, legend says, the donkey has worn a cross on its back. It's true—examine the back of any donkey and the cross will be there.

Legend also bestowed the donkey with his triumphant bray dating from that day. The amusing donkey hee-haw people are so quick to smirk at is actually a hearty happy cry of liberation.

And the Lord rode a donkey and henceforth the donkey shall be special among all animals.



Jack Pemberton heads Royal

Jack Pemberton, president of C.A. Pemberton & Co., Ltd., Toronto, was elected for a two year term as the 23rd president of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, according to an announcement by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting. He succeeds Reford W. Gardhouse of Milton in this capacity after two years as vice president, and four years as a member of the executive committee and the board of directors. The role of vice president has been assumed by David B. Weldon of Toronto and London.

Educated in Toronto, Mr. Pemberton raises cattle and horses in Equestran township and is well-known as a collector and competitive driver of horse-drawn vehicles, including antique carriages. As president of a family business started by his father 50 years ago, he distributes processing equipment and supplies to the food industry in Canada and the United States.

Mr. Pemberton is currently a member of the Board of



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Governors, University of Guelph, a director, Canadian Equestran Federation and a past president of the Carriage Association of America. He is a former member of Halton Museum Board.

Another neighbor, S. G. Bennett, has also been president of the Royal.

General manager is John Moles who lives near Acton.

This year's fair will be November 9 to 18.

Trustees gather for village business

by Barb Wynneck
Audrey Belton, Betty Eastwood, Tony Reid and Secretary Len Hockey were present at the Rockwood Board of Trustees Meeting March 20. Secretary Len Hockey pointed out that during the winter months, the cost of heating the town hall has averaged over \$8,000 per day. A control on the thermostat, to set it at 72 degrees, was

removed one week after its installation. Betty Eastwood brought forward the question of mosquito control. The secretary will inquire about spraying against mosquitoes from available sources. Tony Reid expressed his expectations that there will be a very good response to the Secondary Planning survey in Rockwood. (Continued on Page 14)

Lowest tender

Eramosa township council Monday evening accepted the tender of G. Peres of Fergus to supply them with road oil for the next year.

Two bids were received with Mr. Peres having the lowest at 24 cents per gallon. He has held the contract in previous years, supplying the township with oil last year for 19 cents per gallon.

Greenspan resigns

Eramosa Council accepted with regret the resignation of Philip Greenspan from the Eramosa Planning Board at their meeting Monday, March 20. Reeve Bill Adsett read the letter of resignation to council where it was accepted by members. Mr. Greenspan has resigned from the board because of business commitments.

Appointed for the balance of the term on the board is Elwood Snow.

Fergus Jr. Farmers

The annual drama festival organized by the Wellington County Junior Farmers' was held Friday, March 10.

The three plays in the competition were from Erin, Eramosa and Fergus.

The adjudicator for the evening was Vern Shaw. Mr. Shaw selected The Day After Tomorrow as the best play. The winning play had been performed by Fergus Junior Farmers.

growth was slow and there was little need for a local plan. However with the new sewer and piped water services about to become operational the village will be able to expand to accept a larger population than exists in the village today. Two plans of subdivision have already been submitted to the township in anticipation of this expansion. An issue is whether the village should grow and if so, where, and at what rate.

Rockwood

Barn destroyed in morning fire

Fire completely destroyed a vacant barn on Highway 7, just west of Rockwood early this morning, (Wednesday).

Rockwood fire chief Carl Meadows said a passing firefighter on his way home, spotted the flames and called in the alarm at 2:09 a.m. Firefighters were on the scene until 5 a.m., he said.

The barn owned by Sylman Investment Limited, Willowdale, received an undetermined amount of damage, the fire chief said, and the cause was not known at press time.

Problems arose on route to the blaze as the laneway leading from the highway to barn had not been plowed all winter and the fire truck was unable to drive up it. Firefighters had to lead a line in from the road, a distance of 700 feet.

Education costs up 13.5 mills

Eramosa taxpayers will be paying \$74,000 more for education in 1978 than they did in 1977.

The Wellington County Board of Education told Eramosa township councillors they needed \$8,999,864 for elementary and public schools and \$8,577,091 for secondary. Eramosa's share is \$287,502 for elementary and public and \$254,609 for secondary, for a total of \$542,111. This money, payable in quarterly instalments,

would be paid in quarterly instalments at a rate of \$135,528.

Last year's total education cost for the township was \$468,111. This year's hike means an almost 13.5 per cent mill rate increase.

Wellington County is asking Eramosa offers for \$158,418, or 32 mills. Eramosa clerk treasurer Lloyd Hindley explained that this figure, however, could be cut \$10 or \$12,000 before the final one is approved.

\$5 million Croatian Centre

Plans for a \$5 million Croatian cultural centre, south of Norval, were revealed recently.

The property, which partially consists of the old Claude McLaughlin farm on

the Town Line is up for rezoning from rural to OSI Special and Institutional, according to Halton Hills councillor Pat Patterson.

The centre will eventually (Continued on Page 14)



THE AROMA OF BURNED GUN POWDER mixed with the chilly air as the Credit Valley Conservation Authority blasted away at the ice below the old Paper Mill Dam at Georgetown Friday. As of Monday morning the river below the dam is moving with no problems, according to CVCA spokesman Joan Rollings. A CVCA crew drilled about 25 holes in the ice. The ice jammed badly at Delta Craft, just below the dam last year, Mrs. Rollings said. Friday's blasting was to prevent flooding this year. Ice above the dam, towards Glen Williams, was too thin to walk on. Four thousand dollars is in the budget for the blasting work, though Mrs. Rollings said she did not know if the work would cost that amount. Blasting started at 11:30 a.m. and finished at about 5 p.m. Television film crews and several newspaper reporters were on hand to record the event.

Norval couple spot U.F.O.s

A Norval couple have been among hundreds in southern Ontario to spot mysterious lights in the sky recently.

The couple, who wish to remain anonymous, first saw strange lights a few weeks ago. They were driving east on Delrex Blvd., in Georgetown heading towards Norval, when they spotted the lights above the roof tops. At first, the wife says, they thought it was a low flying

airplane, but then realized it was much too low for that.

The white light appeared to be following the roadway. Once the couple turned onto Highway 7, they continued to watch the sight. As they came into the village, the lights disappeared in the area of the cemetery. They could not tell whether the lights had "landed" or were just out of view.

Last week, the husband

again saw strange lights. Again he was travelling east on Delrex, and saw at least five separate lights. Some, his wife says, were stationary, while others were moving around. Suddenly, the moving lights "zoomed" over to the stationary lights, where they joined together and formed a moving arc.

"It was almost as if they were putting a show on," she said. Meanwhile, on the

ground, the husband said, cars had pulled over, people got out and were pointing to the sky. He was not the only one to see the strange sight.

The couple's report came in the wake of hundreds of sightings from Georgian Bay to Lake Ontario. Most were Monday evening of last week but many were reported other evenings also. UFO expert Tom Grey, of Mississauga, head of the

Northeastern UFO organization said never, in years of studying such reports had he received so many, in such a widespread area, at one time.

Lake Ontario, by Bronte, is, according to some experts, supposedly an underwater base of unidentified flying objects. Numerous sightings are often reported over the lake between Toronto and Hamilton.

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