

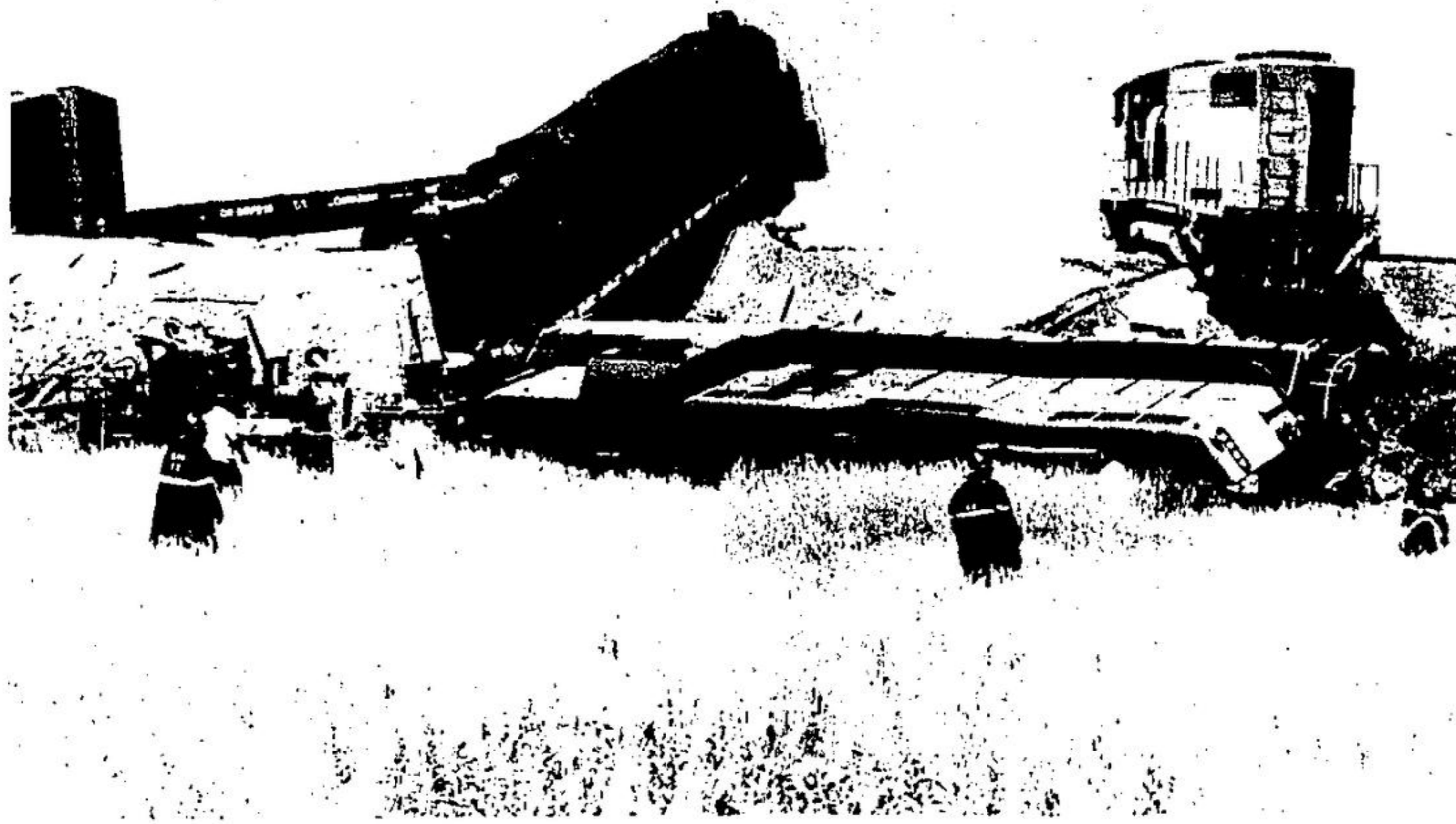
## Freight slams work crew

Five men escaped death when a 22-car freight train smashed into a work crew on the CN Railway by-pass line in Milton at noon Monday.

All five workmen were sent hurtling down the 50 foot bank when the freight struck the three regulator machines. The five were in the third of the three machines.

Derailed cars and twisted ballast machines lay along the CN trackage in the north part of urban Milton Monday afternoon after a northbound freight slammed into three machines at work repairing the tracks.

The collision demolished three ballast regulator machines, ripped up more than 350 feet of tracks and derailed three locomotive engines and the first five cars of the northbound train—leaving the scene strewn with wreckage until late Tuesday. Two of the engines jumped off the tracks and perched sideways to the rails atop the steep embankment, the third rolled down the hill and toppled onto its side at the bottom of the incline.



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## Predict massacre possible in Rhodesia if black rule

by Barbara Wynne

Mr. and Mrs. O. Drijber of Rockwood have recently returned from another adventurous tour of Africa. They are anxious to share their experiences with local residents. It has been five years since their daughter Marian and her friend Christine Sinclair, were tragically shot on the Zambesian-Rhodesian river border.

The Drijbers visited Africa, specifically Rhodesia in 1973, in 1974 and now again in 1978. Mrs. Drijber recalls that on their first trip and read newspaper accounts, in regard to the poor treatment of the blacks, they felt that this was not true. This was not the way they had seen things.

They returned to Africa the following year to verify that the people were as happy as they had thought they had seen them. She says that it is true, the cities are sectioned off according to skin colors, but that although this system can be termed a "massacre"

people can live with it. The black accommodation is far better than what they have ever known. Three room houses with plumbing and electricity are superior to their former one room mud huts. To the Drijbers, Rhodesia is a modern country, with hard working people, proud of their accomplishments.

The Drijbers observed changes in Rhodesia this visit. They noticed that apartheid is lessening. A black man ate in their hotel dining room. Blacks and whites mingle in hotels and shops. There are black clerks in the stores.

There is an escalation of guerilla warfare. Soldiers in camouflaged clothing patrol the Rhodesian city streets.

There are jeep convoys of soldiers. Mrs. Drijber says that this is necessary for the safety of whites and blacks alike. Black guerrillas are attacking border black compounds demanding that the young men join with them. If they refuse, family members

are mutilated. The Drijbers feel that the black guerrillas are radicals, trained and financed by the Russians, who wish to control the South African trade route.

According to the Drijbers, most blacks are content with the political situation as it is in Rhodesia, the whites ruling and the blacks gradually assuming control. The Rhodesian blacks know of the strife in the independent African nations.

When asked if she would return to Rhodesia, Mrs. Drijber replied, "I don't know if there will be a Rhodesia, as we know it, at this year's end." The Drijbers feel that if black rule is granted in December, there is a possibility of a massacre.

Mrs. Drijber is interested in showing films and speaking to groups regarding her views on African affairs, the role of the United Nations and the funnelling of church funds to black Marxist groups. She may be contacted at 856-9906.



## March of Dimes busy in village

by Barbara Wynne  
This Sunday, baseball fun begins at 1 p.m. in the Rockwood Ball Park.

Two super exhibition games, in support of the March of Dimes Disability Fund are scheduled. The Rockwood Eramosa Firefighters challenge the Guelph O.P.P. in the first game. At 3:30 the Holiday Platers, Centennial Cup winners, take on the Rockwood Seniors.

Elsewhere in the park, the March of Dimes will be giving a paint by mouth demonstration. Larry Parker,

B.Z. Bach, Fine Arts, a community development worker with the March of Dimes, Kitchener office, will be demonstrating his artistic skill in oil paints. Mr. Parker has taught art at St. Clair College, Windsor. He has several art pieces on tour in Europe and has had shows in the U.S.A.

Lee Pullman, executive director of the Ontario March of Dimes will also be on hand to discuss his organization's work. This will be an afternoon of art, sport and community work, for all to enjoy.

## Dog control officer to be hired by township

A dog control officer for Eramosa will be hired shortly.

Eramosa township council Monday evening went through applications for the

long vacant post. They considered each name, and finally decided on one person they would like to meet with. The R. H. I. Rockwood person will be asked to attend the next meeting August 1.

## Rockwood

### Houses violate building by-law

Three houses being built in Rockwood in contravention to an existing by-law will be allowed to be completed, but the owners will not be allowed to move in until the completion of the sewer and water project.

Rockwood village trustee Audrey Bilton attended Monday evening's meeting of Eramosa township council and asked council members how the three people got building permits. The present by-law says no houses may be built on single lots until the completion of the sewers and

water. She noted these three houses are all on single lots and all have building permits.

Township clerk Lloyd Hindley explained the permits were issued in contravention of the by-law by the former building inspector.

Councillor Dave Masson pointed out permits will not be issued until August 1.

Mrs. Bilton said the construction of the three buildings should be stopped. "If you give one person a permit, everyone should be given one."

### Neighbors object to planned kennel

A prospective dog kennel operator will have to show proof his business will be taking place on a ten acre leased parcel of land.

Eramosa township council, Monday evening, heard complaints from Alan McDonald, a neighbor of the proposed kennel on Highway 7 between the second and third concession regarding problems which may arise if the kennel license is granted to William Mooney. He stressed he did not object to anyone earning a living, but did not care for the noise of dogs.

Councillor Dave Masson pointed out, "If the operators have a long term lease on the property, we cannot refuse them a kennel license. But if the noise is bothering the neighbors, that's a different story." He continued to say that if the person has 10 acres of land, a license may be granted. "If they don't get the license," Mr. Masson pointed out, "all they have to do is buy 15 separate dog tags." Council decided to seek proof that Mr. Mooney's operation will take place on ten acres.

### Building inspector is approved by township

John Salmon is the new building inspector, by-law enforcement officer for Eramosa and Erin townships councils.

At Eramosa township

council's bi-monthly meeting Monday evening, the members passed a by-law naming Mr. Salmon to the position vacated earlier this year by Glen Creba.



Several firm conversations had little effect. Reuben was, to Jessie, a charming playmate who had some peculiar ideas about playing. She just wasn't interested.

Medical science is wonderful and a couple of helpful injections made her half-heartedly willing and a lukewarm marriage was solemnized. By then Reuben had lost his vim and vigor, too. However, he was due to leave on a business trip at the beginning of June and wanted Jessie to settle down before he left. So did we.

Several weeks later, by kind invitation of a neighbor who had acquired a few donkeys, Jessica went to stay with his stallion for a week to see if she liked him any better than Reuben. She didn't.

When she came home it was assumed she was either in foal to Reuben or not at all.

Well, she fooled us all. Somewhere along the line Jessica had liked Danny (husband number two) very well indeed.

Internal messages  
For ten months, Jessie looked exactly the same as usual. She didn't even stand dreaming looking off into space or listen to internal messages. She ate, drank, slept, plodded around. Same old Jessica.

Until the day she walked towards me in the pasture and I thought she'd swallowed a log and it was stuck in her tum sideways. Boy, did she get fat in a hurry.

"Jessie's pregnant! She's pregnant after all!" I bellowed to the family, who looked very bored and said in unison, "We know."

It appears, they had all mentioned her rounding proportions at different times but I'm the donkey expert and refused to listen. I was delighted to be so wrong.

And now we wait. We answer telephone calls with a casual, "No, not yet!" and we show interested visitors the foal — still inside his mom. We argue over names and speculate on his color. Jessica says not a word but she smiles a lot.

No one was this anxious when I was pregnant!

# Free Press

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## Erin plant's flags hang in Eaton's

The two largest flags ever made by the Kennedy Specialty Manufacturing Ltd., Erin, are hanging in the Toronto Eaton Centre and in Eaton's downtown Vancouver store. They measure 30 feet wide by 60 feet long.

Robert Dickson of the village's thriving business said the flags kept five seamstresses busy for one and a half days.

Last year, the firm gained national recognition when it produced a flag, 25 by 50 feet for the federal government. It weighed 30 pounds and costs almost \$2,000.

Sales of flags are increasing 15 to 20 per cent each year for the past three to five years. The small firm puts out 10,000 flags in one week, with about 50 per cent of that figure being the maple leaf. A recent increase in the increased sales of the provincial flag of Quebec is indirectly accredited to the Parti Quebecois.



KENNEDY SPECIALTY Manufacturing Ltd. in Erin has produced its biggest flags yet. They measure 30 feet wide by 60 feet long. One will hang in the Toronto Eaton Centre and the other in Eaton's downtown Vancouver store.

## Turn-around okayed for Eden Mills street

A turn-around at the end of Edgewood Rd. in Eden Mills has been approved by Eramosa township council. James Rose attended Monday evening's council meeting and explained to the members that the committee of adjustment had approved his proposal, and he just needed council's okay.

Mr. Rose admitted that the turn-around reduced the

frontage of his property but pointed out that his land is in the former township of Nassagaweya, and the by-laws of that area are still in effect. Even with the reduced frontage, he said, there is still enough frontage.

The turn-around will be 88 feet wide by 50 feet long. Council is agreeable to take over the road once it is up to township standards.

## Hookups could cost \$19 per foot—contractor

If no complications arise, Rockwood residents could find themselves paying approximately \$19 a foot for the connection of their homes to the newly-installed sewer and water system.

Ken Jackson, a private contractor, visited Eramosa Township council Monday evening and explained he was interested in doing some work for the village residents. He pointed out he had already done the majority of hookups in Paisley and Kincardine when they switched over to the municipal system.

In Paisley, Mr. Jackson noted, the residents paid \$19 a foot for hookups. There, he said, he was trenching through clay. In Rockwood, he could give the individual homeowners quotes on the job. The prices quoted would not include complications such as rock. If rock is a barrier it will raise the price, but the resident will be notified before further work is done. A new estimate will be given.

Mr. Jackson said it would be cheaper for the residents if the same contractor did several homes, as the equipment would already be in the area.

Harris St. is one of the worst in the village for rock, he said, but because most of the pipes are brought right up to the wall of the houses, he foresees little problem.

"The blasting part of the job can be real sticky", Mr. Jackson told council. He told them there is a firm which comes and inspects property before the blasting and again when the work is done. Any damage done between the inspections is insured. He noted however, that the service could cost the home-



MRS. MAX MILNE, an energetic, spry 80 years of age, recited a humorous Canada Day poem to open the Costume Contest at Rockwood's Pioneer Day Celebrations.

## Council Refuses payment of sweeping bill

Eramosa township council refuses to pay a \$1,000 bill for the sweeping of Rockwood streets recently.

Cox Construction sent the bill for \$932 to the Rockwood village trustees who in turn passed it on to council. Council however, say they did not authorize the work and would not pay it. It was the village's decision to have the work done, and they must either pay the bill or send it on to the Ministry of the Environment, council decided.

The situation arose when village residents complained of the dusty streets in the town. Trustee Audrey Bilton told council Bob Hamilton, roads superintendent, had given the go ahead for the

clean-up work. Mr. Hamilton said however he had merely agreed that the roads were dusty and the cost of a power broom should be looked into. He told council that he did not authorize the work to be done.

"If the village feels that the dust was part of the township's responsibility, then they should have used a paid professional (Bob Hamilton)," Councillor Dave Masson retorted.

Councillor John McLeod suggested sending the bill to the Ministry of the Environment to see if they would pay it.

The matter was to be brought up at a sewer and water liaison committee meeting yesterday (Tuesday).

## Grants given

Eramosa township council Monday evening approved \$900 worth of grants for area causes.

The Federation of Agriculture will receive the biggest chunk of the total, receiving \$600. The Fergus and Acton Agricultural Societies will each receive \$75 and the Erin Agricultural Society will receive \$50.

Twenty-five dollars each will go to the Red Cross, St. John Ambulance, the Mental Health Society and the Salvation Army.