

Residents up in arms over road deficiencies

by Doris Fines

Some residents of Glendevon subdivision came before Erin Township council Wednesday night to hear Bob Long of Triton Engineering give his report on the Glendevon problem, and to get some questions answered to their own problems.

Mr. Long states, in their opinion, an emergency situation now exists. The subdivision services are in an unacceptable condition.

In 1973 a subdivision agreement was made with Glendevon Enterprises Limited, in which they agreed to complete all the municipal requirements by June 1976. This failed to do, and a new agreement was signed with a two-year extension, and again Mr. Long said they were seriously in default of their obligations by May, 1978.

However, Glendevon contracted with Capital Paving of Guelph to complete the roads. During this road construction, several serious deficiencies were disclosed: The roads had not been built to the proper grades; much of the road gravel was

contaminated; the ditches and culverts were not set to the design grades; the depth of the watermain was from 3.1 to 5.2 feet, instead of the specified depth of 6.5 feet; polyvinylchloride pipe with polyethylene services were used instead of the iron pipe with copper pipe services specified on the engineering drawings.

The report stated that the Township of Erin has given Glendevon every reasonable chance to complete the services, but that the water distribution system must be reinstalled to the proper depth immediately, as parts of it will definitely freeze during the winter. Also the roads, if not completed, will be rough and hazardous.

Mr. Long said the township can go ahead and get this work done, and can then sue Glendevon for the cost, as the developer is still the owner of the subdivision, and is responsible.

Discussion got a little heated at one point when Councillor Schneider, having questioned at length the reasons for all the delay, finally asked, "Why did you

let it get to this deplorable condition?" and was reminded by Clive Beardwood that she, too, was a member of council.

Council also pointed out that the township doesn't own the property until the developer completes the work called for in the agreement and passed it back to the township, therefore their hands were tied until an emergency like this arose.

A motion was passed to authorize the Reeve and clerk to complete a contract with DRD Construction Limited of Guelph, to install a water system at a contract price of \$97,489.99.

Council has been following legal advice all through, and Councillor Reid stated they should take their solicitor's advice on which way to go from here, and how to keep the streets snowplowed if Glendevon continues in default on its agreement. Currently, Glendevon is responsible for all snowplowing and maintenance.

Mr. Turner, owner of lot 24 on Douglas Crescent said the plan called for a four foot ditch in front of his property and he now has a nine foot

ditch. When he bought the lot it was almost level. He said 50 per cent of the water from the street crosses the road and goes in the ditch which makes it a hazard for his four-year-old girl.

Bob Long replied that the normal ditch depth is three feet. The bulldozer Mr. Turner's house higher than the plan which had a bearing on a deeper ditch. However, he said they perhaps could relocate the culverts, which were put in wrong in the first place, and take the drainage across the street, and the ditch could be partially filled in. He said whoever completes the road will try to rectify it.

Council agreed that before the township accepts the subdivision they have got to be sure everything fits together.

Among other business was an agreement to pay \$865, for sheep killed by dogs and wolves: Garnet Sinclair one sheep, Smith Griffin one sheep, Mack Bros. one ram

and 19 sheep injured, Henk Van Zoelen one ewe, Nina Nodwell one ewe, and Clarence Beatty one ewe.

Erin Township donated \$800 to Erin Agriculture Society, and \$150 to Acton Agriculture Society, also \$35 toward a wreath to be placed on the cenotaph in Erin on Remembrance Day. A member of council will place the wreath.

Wellington County Board of Education was considering changing the instalment dates for tax levy payments. If municipalities have the funds available, they would appreciate payments to be made monthly, as it would mean a significant reduction in the Board's borrowing costs.

The township fire department have purchased a 1967 truck engine and chassis. A motion by Schneider and Root was passed that any truck purchased and fitted with tanks for use by Hillsburgh Fire department, be inspected and approved by the

fire marshal's office before being put into use.

It was remarked how much volunteer time was spent by the firemen welding and repairing the trucks and equipment, all on free time.

Because of the new election act, a by-law was passed to change the date of the first meeting of council for each year, from the first Monday in January to the second Monday in December.

Also, a by-law was introduced to establish, lay out and dedicate a public highway, part of the S.W. half of lot 32, concession 4, in Orton, to be known as Elizabeth Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tocher returned to council to inquire about closing off the existing roadway, entirely, through the hotel archway. They were advised to talk to the residents of Ann Street to see if it would cause them any inconvenience, and tell them their reasons for wanting it closed to both motor vehicles

and pedestrians, then report back to council.

Bert Berry, giving the treasurer's report, said the total tax for Erin Township this year was \$1,449,216.95, of which \$230,000. goes to the school boards.

John Salmon reporting on the various building being done throughout the township, wondered about bringing in houses from another township. Council agreed they should be inspected for possible termites, and to be the required number of square feet, and answer to the building code. The owner would be responsible for any road damage occurring.

Bob Neilson's tender was accepted as stand-by for snowplowing the township roads, at \$26 per hour working time, and \$28 per day stand-by time; Tom Hope's tender for plowing Hillsburgh streets and Snow Bros. for loading sand at the pit, were also accepted.



THE CHEF IS ready to add the final delicious touch to her meal—a bottle of Heinz ketchup. These inventive Eden Mills Brownies were in costume for a recent joint Rockwood-Eden Mills party.

Ospringle

Doris predicts tough winter

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Winter predictions! How much are they worth? I mentioned before about the numerous seed cones on the cedars. The maples have been telling the same story. Those little winged seeds have been filling my eavestroughs. I pulled them out by the handfuls, along with the leaves and twigs, of course. If you saw me walking around on the roof, don't let it worry you. I found, instead of hefting the big ladder all around the house, and perhaps knocking out a window or two, it was much

easier to clean the eavestroughs from the top. What a wonderful view you get from up there, and what gorgeous weather we have had for getting our fall work done. No matter if we get a rough, tough, old winter, I will not complain. I repeat - I will not - I will just put the car in the garage and lock the door. As my dad would say, "Legs were made before cars", and I am blessed with good stanchions.

Hallowe'en passed very quietly, with no damage done. This speaks well for the young people of the community, and is worthy of honourable mention. Trick or treaters were scarcer this year, too. I am afraid I am going to be eating potato chips for a month.

On Nov. 1, the principals of Erin and Eramosa township schools, met at Ospringle Public school. Later they attended the meeting of the principals of grade 7 and 8 schools, at the Willow Road school in Guelph.

The Art Van, which was at the school this week, was interesting having on display paintings by Dr. Kingscote. His training in art while in China for three years, was honoured by having his work

mounted on Chinese scrolls.

Thursday, the grade 5 classes of Erin and Eramosa townships met at Ospringle school, and enjoyed a musical demonstration of a Brass Quintet section of the Kitchener Symphonic orchestra. There were 217 grade 5 students, and their teachers, at the musical.

The Hallowe'en party at school was a great success. Prizes were awarded for the following categories: best imitation of an animal (Drew Ramsden (skunk)); traditional Hallowe'en Doug Root (witch) David Dubeau (pumpkin); funniest person Julie Smith (baby); most original - Michael Schotsch (Blind Justice), Kevin Przeklasa (spiderman); best couple Michael and Paul Jeasop (Star Wars characters), Shirley and Bobby Fletcher (farmer and farmer's wife); well known character Todd Page (Mohammed Ali); spot prizes - Becky Heyden (tramp), Janet Sinclair (witch).

The pupils and staff of Ospringle wish to thank the Ospringle Corner store for the fine Hallowe'en gift of potato chips sent up to the school.

Dog disease in Milton

Veterinarians in Milton are warning pet owners of a new and potentially deadly disease which has started to hit the area. The disease, known as Canine Viral Enteritis, can be fatal to dogs. Dogs contracting the illness exhibit signs of sluggishness, and become sick with vomiting and bloody diarrhea. Dr. Jim Christian, a veterinarian with the Maplewood Clinic, said he has seen one "fairly definite" case and two others which are not as certain.

Turkey roll . . .

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The special guest was then introduced. She was Mrs. Bruce Reynolds from Kenelworth. Purpose of Mrs. Reynolds visit to the meeting was to demonstrate how to make a turkey roll. She brought along about a 15 lb. turkey and all the necessary equipment to prepare the bird; two knives—a butcher knife and a paring knife.

With great skill and dexterity in just about half an hour she had taken the meat off the bones and a beautiful stuffed turkey roll was made ready for the oven.

She commented as she demonstrated and answered many questions as she went along, to the benefit of all onlookers. Mrs. Alma Sinclair on behalf of members thanked Mrs. Reynolds and gave her a small token of appreciation.

Mrs. Eileen Burt, as convener of Agriculture and Canadian Industry called on Mrs. Kirkwood for the motto. Convener, Mrs. E. Burt, Mrs. Given and Mrs. Koperdraad gave a two minute report.

Mrs. Agnes McEnery gave an interesting talk about her ancestors dating back from the year 1819. The committee in charge of refreshments assisted the Hostess, when angel cake, ice cream, tea and coffee was served during a social half hour.

The annual Turkey Supper at Ballinacfad Church on Saturday night, was as usual a great success. With the help of all, as many as 300 tickets were sold in advance. There were three settings of 100 each time. Those that were helping made a fourth setting. Several dinners were sent out so well over 400 were fed. People standing and chatting outside the church made it hard to believe it was November.

A bus load of Physical Geography students from Applewood Heights journeyed to Ballinacfad one day last week. They visited the

Sanderson Farm to view and examine the "Esker". Apparently it is one of the few left in Ontario.

The annual Eb-Ho riding Club Banquet and awards night was held at the Erin Legion Hall on Saturday. Two hundred and twenty sat down to a roast beef dinner. Tocher's orchestra provided music for dancing.

Mrs. Himes of Toronto visited with the Lawrs this past weekend.

Visitors at the Smith Farm McLean were the delegates and they brought back informative reports which they gave and shared with all.

Next Sunday will be Mission Sunday. Rev. Jeff Davison and Mr. Hivale will be guests in the pulpit and present a dialogue on the nature of Mission. There is to be a question and answer period.

It was announced that Rev. Kelvin Johnston, former minister of Ballinacfad Church will be the guest speaker for the Anniversary Services at St. Andrews Church in Georgetown on Sunday November 19. The Service will be at 10 a.m.

Two minute silence was observed at the end of the pastoral prayer during the church service on Sunday, in memory of those who died in two World Wars.

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