

# Sewer and water project has another thorn in foot

by Barb Wynneck  
Arthur Harris presented Eramosa Township Council with another water and sewer problem at Monday night's Council session.

Mr. Harris advised council that in his solicitor's George Miller's opinion, a judge's concession removing mandatory water and sewer hook-ups to existing village dwellings, documented Nov. 10, 1975, is still in effect.

In 1975, village homeowners Arthur Harris and Pat Smith, sought a legal opinion regarding a stop work

injunction on the Rockwood water and sewer project. The Ontario Municipal Board had authorized \$1.4 million for the Rockwood project. The final estimate accepted by the township was over \$4 million. They did not approve of this decision and sought a legal hearing.

According to Mr. Harris, the judge advised them that the injunction was untimely, as the \$1.4 million had not yet been spent on the project. In concession, the judge suggested that there should be no increase to the rate-

payers beyond the \$1.4 million, and the mandatory water and sewer hookups to existing dwellings was removed, he said.

Councillor David Masson said that he did not recall the Nov. 10, 1975 Court hearing, but that the whole Ministry of the Environment's planning was based on 100 per cent dwelling hook-up.

The Council will consult their solicitor Aldo Braida on the documents, and Mr. Harris can expect a firm reply in one month to six

weeks, Reeve Bill Adsett stated.

Village homeowner Gary Lawton brought his problems regarding water and sewer hook up before council.

He said that his house is built on solid rock, in the middle of 132 foot lot. He does not want chlorinated water. The costs of service installation is something he cannot afford. He questioned if he should be forced to connect to municipal services.

Mr. Lawton pointed out that

homeowners with pie-shaped lots will pay less in frontage charges, but will use equal water and sewer services. He questioned the fairness of water and sewer frontage charges based on exact footage. Reeve Adsett advised him that frontage charges are under discussion.

The delegation was kept waiting one hour 15 minutes before they were heard. Pat Smith suggested that council should look for a more efficient way of handling delegations.



RECENT CEREMONY saw five scouts invested into the First Rockwood Scout Troop. The new group members are shown here, left to right, Scout Leader Bill Hammond, Trevor Massey, Mike Orr, Stuart Harpham, Bob Meyer, Danny Gardner and assistant leader Steve Johnson.

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SHIRLEY MEINDERTSMA serves a glass of the red bubbly to Ruth Tait, at the Rockwood Lionettes Shy Party. Eramosa ladies, old and new township residents enjoyed an evening of warm fellowship at the well-attended event.

### Shy party is "great success"

by Barb Wynneck  
Meet new friends, sip some wine, nibble some cheese—a party where newcomers and long-time lady residents of Eramosa Township could get together was the idea of the Rockwood and District Lionettes.

The party was an overwhelming success. From the cold snowy November night about 175 ladies from every corner of the township, representing every age group, joined for great conversation and a lot of fun in warm fellowship at Rockmosa Community Centre.

The Lionettes provided the refreshments, the local merchants generously donated door prizes, and the ladies enjoyed informal, informative chat.

Lionette Leona Kingsbury, suggested that trust and understanding developed from good relationships from the easy smiles and laughter of the Eramosa ladies it was evident that some profitable relationships were beginning.



FIRST ROCKWOOD Cub Pack recently invested six new members into their ranks. They are left to right, Erol Hasdil, Scott Verhagen, Nevin Madzarae, Ian Robson, Glen Hopkins and Dwayne Death. Assistant Chris Johnson and Cub Master Vic Johnson sit behind their new charges.

### Rockwood bowling

Team standings at the end of the tenth week of bowling: Guelphits 51 points; Kay's Feeds, 42; Carney's, 41; Four Corners, 36; Good Timers, 36; Rovers, 35; Happy Gang, 35; Erk and Jerks, 34; Rockwood Posties, 32; Unpredictables, 32; Countrymen, 24; Late Comers, 19.

Ladies over 500 for Nov. 14: Jane Murison, 609; Ivy Ritchie, 584; Ellen Garner, 579; Marg Sommerville, 577; Nini Coverdale, 569; Diana Carney, 564; Nellie Stockman, 562; Jean Smith, 556; Kathy Bolton, 553; Sue Nightingale, 547; Alice Johnson, 540; Lula Pearl, 528; Joy Halliburton, 511; Muriel Buttenham, 508; Ann Parkinson, 505.

Men over 600 for Nov. 14: Jim Cerniuk, 685; Dunc McPhedran, 668; Howard Dunk, 663; Sam Lawler, 643; Ted Justin, 630; Roy Nightingale, 626.

Results of games bowled Nov. 14: Four Corners, 0 points, Two highest bowlers: Don McKersie, 568; Tony Stockman, 568; Kay's Feeds, 7 points, Elmer Allan, 591;

### Secondary plan ready for approval

Rockwood's secondary plan is ready to be submitted to the Guelph and Suburban Planning Board for their approval, Eramosa Council has decided.

Another public meeting with the Council, Eramosa Planning Board and representatives from the Planning Firm Marshall, Macklin and Monaghan will take place in early January. The plan must be approved by the Guelph and Suburban Planning Board, Guelph City

Planning Board and the Ministry of Housing. It is to be submitted to Guelph City by February 1.

Eramosa Planning Board has recommended that the impost tax on severed lots be increased. The council will seek input from the planners on this matter, they decided.

In the meantime, Eramosa Council and Planning Board are reviewing Marshall, Macklin and Monaghan's final proposal.

### Meeting helps students face challenge of high school

by Barb Wynneck  
High School 1978—students and teachers talking about their experiences will be featured in a panel discussion at the next Rockwood-Eramosa Home and School Meeting.

High School is a great step from the elementary classrooms. Organizers hope that in bringing some of the concerns to the fore, Rockwood students and their parents will be ready for the change and the challenge.

Rockwood Centennial graduates, grade seven and eight students and all parents are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Parents can expect a questionnaire from the Home and School Association via the students this week. It is hoped that in considering their answers, parents and students will be aware of and prepared to discuss some of the problems facing future high school students.

The Home and School executive wants ideas for a creative playground at Rockwood Centennial.

The need for a student recreational program after 3:30 p.m. will also be discussed. Suggestions and opinions are required.

The open space in the basement of Rockmosa Community Centre is in the planning stages of development. Community input as to what type of facilities are needed there is necessary.

Come to the meeting, armed with suggestions and ideas. Rockwood Centennial School, Wed. Nov. 29, 8 p.m.

### Bus trip detailed

The November meeting of the Rock-a-long Women's Institute took place on November 7 at the home of Mrs. G. Mitchell. There were 17 members present.

The president, Mrs. Mitchell, read a poem entitled "My purpose." Mrs. G. Nelson gave an account of the 39th area annual meeting. She said she enjoyed it as did the other members who attended.

Mrs. W. Black gave a report of the fall board meeting of the district. As there had been such a

### Rockwood Roundup

by Barb Wynneck  
Cubs and Scouts will knock on village doors this Saturday morning collecting Zehrs or Dominion supermarket tapes. Proceeds from this collection will purchase group camping equipment. If you are missed on the route and have tapes to donate, please telephone Brian Death at 856-4194.

The Lionettes are busy preparing for their annual bazaar coming up December 2 at Rockmosa Community Centre.

### Anne MacArthur vows she'll return

Anne MacArthur says she will return to town hall. The Voice of the North, as she is sometimes called, said she will return, not as an elected representative, but as a person representing people who have a problem.

"I'll never lose interest," the 66-year-old veteran politician said. "It's not part of my nature. If people have a problem and ask me to help, I'll be very willing to do so."

MacArthur was defeated in her bid for mayor in last week's municipal election, for the second time in a row.

During the campaign, she said she received an inkling of which way the electorate was turning. However, she said defeat is part of the game of politics.

MacArthur received the title The Voice of the North by her outspoken views on behalf of North Halton.

Beginning as a councillor on the old township council of Nassagaweya and then its reeve, she was the last warden of Halton and then the first mayor of Milton during the first three years of regional government.

MacArthur distinguished herself as the first woman councillor on Nassagaweya's council, its first woman reeve and the first woman mayor of Milton.

She has held a variety of other positions during her public career.

Her career as an elected official appeared to come to an end when she was narrowly defeated in the

municipal election of 1976 by Mayor Don Gordon. However, when a vacancy arose on council in June, 1978, she was appointed to fill it.

Last week's election saw her effort at a comeback decisively defeated. She polled only 2,251 votes to Gordon's 4,742.

Each tea table with its festive Christmas place mats displayed a unique centerpiece—a loaf of bread tied with brightly coloured ribbon and adorned with an assortment of pine cones, nuts, holly, or candy canes.

The bread had been oven dried, then shellacked and decorated, changing "the staff of life" into an attractive gift item. The centrepieces were sold to shoppers who were thinking ahead to Christmas decorating.

### Martin Adema is new village clerk

by Barb Wynneck  
Martin Adema will take up the duties as Rockwood Hydro manager and village secretary, effective January 1, the Board of Trustees recently decided.

Mr. Adema, age 38, has had 11 years experience running his own retail food business, keeping business records and posting financial transactions. The trustees felt him the most able of the 13 applicants to carry out the position's responsibilities.

Born in the Netherlands, and now a Canadian citizen, he was raised in the Brampton area. He graduated from Lakeshore Teachers' College in 1961, and is a 1973 B.A. psychology graduate from Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Very active in church work, Mr. Adema is presently a deacon in the Christian Reformed Church. He has been recording secretary for several different church groups, experience that will stand him in good stead in his new post.

Mr. Adema, his wife Trudy and three children aged 16, 13, and 9 years currently reside in Guelph. All the Ademas are excited by the prospect of selling their Guelph home and moving to Rockwood. Mrs. Adema's parents will also become Rockwood residents—summer gardening here appeals to them.

Mr. Adema will be "learning the ropes" from retiring secretary Len Hockey during the month of December. Mr. Hockey noted that he has enjoyed his six and a half year experience in the village office enormously. He is leaving for health reasons. January 1 will find the Hockeys heading for Florida. "I'm keeping my butt out of the ice for three months" he said with a smile.

### Christmas bazaar has delightful charm

by Barb Wynneck  
The doors swung open and the crowds were ready for the delightful Rockwood United Church Women's Christmas Bazaar.

Charming red and white signs pointed the way to the Tea Room, The Pantry, The Country Store and the This N' That Tables.

The ever popular hand knitted mittens, hats, socks, aprons and potholders were purchased by shoppers for Christmas gift giving. The Pantry table's baked goods quickly disappeared into marketing bags. Plants, Indian corn, macrame and quilted pieces offered the buyers plenty of choice.

As always, the Tea Room was a cheerful stop on a busy November day. The ladies served tangy pickles, dainty sandwiches and delicious sweets along with steaming tea and coffee. Group members baked their special Christmas recipes, bringing yummy confections from their ovens for their annual fund raising event.

MR. AND MRS. Alvin Root take time out for tea, served by Marcia Haworth at the Rockwood United Church Women's Bazaar. Shoppers again crowded the hall picking up Christmas gift items.



FACES WILL soon change behind the counter in the Rockwood Village Office. Guelph St. Len Hockey (left) will retire and Martin Adema (right) takes over the village secretary's duties when 1978 draws to a close.