



Grand prize winner in the Rockwood Pioneer Day pet show was Jessie, a seven week old beagle pup owned by Kim Stephens.



Two little Pioneer Indians, Krishna and Anu Jaitiffe, added color and authenticity to Saturday's Pioneer Day parade in Rockwood.



A sponge in the face is not the friendliest of actions. Jamie Pharoah manages to duck this one at Rockwood Pioneer Days held Saturday at the Rockwood Ball Park.

Fourth Line farm have gravel pit?

The proposed listing of the 200 acre Duenk farm on the Fourth Line, south of Highway 7, as a source of gravel for the Ministry of Transportation and Communication stirred up a hornet's nest at Halton Hills general committee, Monday night.

The farm was purchased recently by Bot Construction Ltd. and J.C. Duff Ltd.

The MTC has requested the listing of pit as a source of material for the construction of a section of Highway 403.

Councillor Russ Miller said the Hon. Jim Snow, Minister of transportation and communication called asking for a decision immediately. He noted Halton Hills council had originally said they objected to this farm being listed.

Al McFee, owner of the neighbouring farm, told council he was worried about the water levels, noise, dust, truck traffic and the loss of good farm land. He said it was an excellent working farm. "I'm definitely opposed to a good 200 acre farm being turned into a gravel pit." He said there are other gravel pits in the area available to the MTC and contended he had been told there are eight millions tons of gravel on the 100 acre site of the farm alone. "That would take a long time to get out."

Miller claimed the MTC is looking for one million tons of gravel in 1981, and is asking for 300,000 tons from the former Duenk farm. He predicted that amount could rise to a million from the Duenk land.

Miller pointed out the MTC can overrule a local council and set up the pit anyway. He explained council sets conditions so they have some control over hours of operation, truck routes and road construction in the area. "The Ministry of Natural

Resources, the Niagara Escarpment still oppose this gravel operation, yet the MTC is asking us to say yes, before the NEC hearing," stated Miller. He urged council to say a flat "No" to the MTC on listing his property.

Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson agreed, saying the farm land should be preserved for growing food. "We need agricultural land and must keep viable farms."

Councillor Pam Sheldon said the situation was out of council's hands since the farm has been sold to people in the aggregate industry. "The farmer did sell and perhaps in the future the land could be rehabilitated."

"I want everyone to know I had direction from this council to discuss an agreement with the Minister to allow aggregate extraction through a wayside pit permit and eventually a commercial licence," exploded Mayor Pete Pomeroy. "This puts me in an awkward position I did exactly what council

told me to do now you want to do exactly the opposite."

Continuing the mayor emphasized there is gravel on the farm and warned it would be taken out sooner or later. "I would have gone to the Minister and said under no circumstances do we want a wayside pit there, but I got direction from council to do exactly the opposite, so I did what I had received direction to fight it, that's what I would have done."

Councillor Dave Whiting argued it was the MTC who had shown bad faith by asking for a decision while negotiations were still in progress.

Councillor Russ Knechtel admitted it was useless to say the Town doesn't want gravel pits. "The province does not listen." He suggested the Town simply not answer the request.

After more argument a motion was passed by a slim one vote margin, saying the Town objects to the listing of the land.

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Horseshoe pitching was a popular activity at Rockwood Pioneer Day. Charlie McLaren piles up the points tossing his shoes away.

This week thru the lens

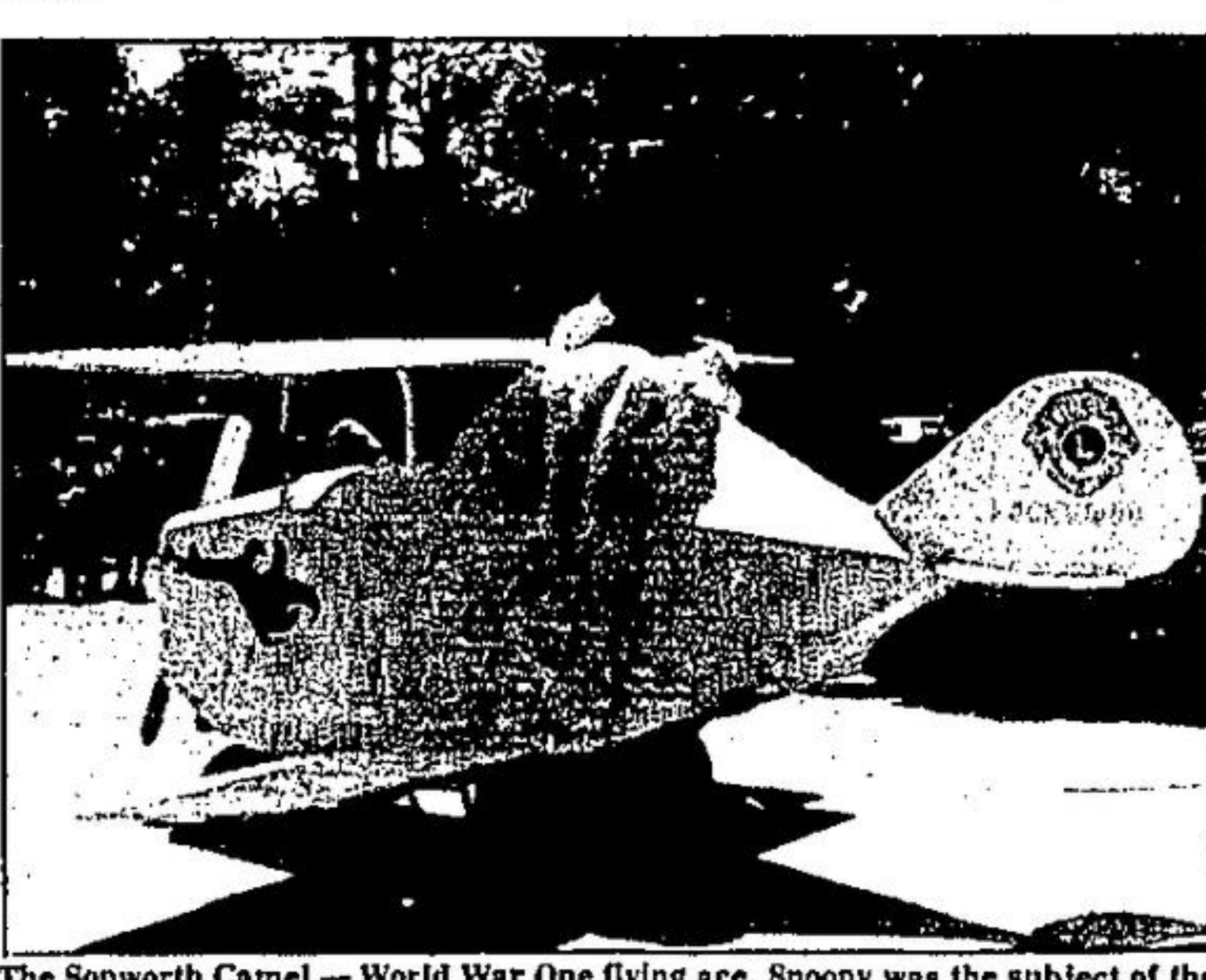
Eramosa Pioneer Day



"One little jump, please, frogs", Tony Heid gets on his knees to plead with five somnolent frogs in the frog jumping contest held Saturday at Rockwood Pioneer Days.



Rockwood Sunshine Club float drew applause during Rockwood Pioneer Day Parade Saturday. The event attracted hundreds of spectators and participants from as far away as London, Ontario.



The Sopwith Camel — World War One flying ace, Snoopy was the subject of the Rockwood and District Lions Club entry in the Rockwood Pioneer Day Parade Saturday.



A mass of cute pets for the pet show—three wee kittens and a young French Lop rabbit are admired by Paul Schwackhammer, Jacquie Lister, Kyle and Laura Anderson.

Receive Scout awards
Presentations of the Chief Scout Awards took place in Halton Region Administration Building Sunday afternoon, June 21.
Assistant Provincial Commissioner of Halton Region, Jim Dills presented the boys with framed certificates signed by Governor General Ed Schreyer.
The ceremony was conducted by Bob Carlaw.
Acton Scouts were Darren Edmundson, Donnie McDonald and Calvin Robinson sponsored by Acton Rotary Club.

Paper next Wednesday
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