

# district

## Rockwood

### Firefighters battle rural house blaze

by Barbara Funk  
Rockwood-Eramosa Firefighters responded to an alarm last Thursday evening on Concession 6 of Eramosa. The call was a house fire on the property of Frank Bergagnoli. An estimate of damages is as yet unknown.

The parent committee of the Rockwood Scouts and Cubs wish to thank the villagers of Rockwood, Eden Mills and Everton for their support in the groups bottle drive. Scoutmaster Bill Hammond reports a profit of \$204. He also reminds of tickets the scouts are selling to raise money for new tents. These can be obtained from many businesses in the area. The draw will be held at the Lionettes Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 5.

The first Rockwood Brownie pack welcomed seven new Brownies at their enrolment ceremony on Tuesday November 17. The new brownies are Natalie Manse, Kara Fry, Jennifer Duff, Lisa Ward, Martha Wingate, Sharon McDougal and Marilyn Tosh.

Parents and brownies were given an extra special treat at the meeting when refreshments were served. Three brownies who are working on their bakers badge served cupcakes they had baked and decorated themselves, under the supervision of Mrs. Carolyn Wingate and Mrs. Shirley Foster. The new bakers are Kelly Parkinson, Trudy Milne and Mandy Page.

Heather Tamblin and Shelly Ward received their Golden Bar on Tues. evening as well.

St. John's Church Parish Hall will be the scene for euehre parties again this fall. They will be playing every second Wednesday beginning on November 25 at 8 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for high, lone and low. An admission of \$2 and \$1.50 for seniors will be charged, with refreshments to follow. The proceeds of the euehre parties will go to St. John's restorative fund.

Aghdas Javid of West Flamboro presented a discussion of the history of women in Iran for village ladies on Thursday November 19. Mrs. Javid brought with her examples of Iranian craftsmanship, needlework, wallets, handkerchiefs, table cloths,

as well as inaid wooden boxes. Hostess Susan Gaul welcomed Cathy Hennings and Brenda Nelson along with the local Baha'i community.

The Rockwood area Baha'i community is presenting a free children's concert at Rockwood Centennial School on Sat. November 28, beginning at 2 p.m.

Bob Schneider, a Toronto recording artist will be leading the children in song and flights of fancy. Schneider is able to create a special atmosphere with children enabling him to lead them in brushing their teeth and then taking a walk in the forest without ever leaving the stage.

The Rockwood and District Lions Clubs monthly dance is on Saturday November 28, beginning at 9 p.m. at Rockwood Community Centre. The theme for this dance will be the fifties. So try to dig out some of those old clothes and see if we can still do our hair in a "duck tail" and we can turn the clock back for an evening. Tickets can be obtained from any Lion or call Mrs. Jenny Mitton at 856-9095.

Put Christ back into Christmas! As a spiritual preparation for Christmas, Sacred Heart Church, Rockwood is having a mission, beginning with evening Mass at 7 p.m. on Saturday December 19 and ending with mass on Christmas Day, December 25.

The missionary priest will be Rev. John Kane from San Francisco, California. For every day of the Mission there will be a service in Rockwood church at 5 p.m. and at Ouslic church at 8 p.m.

Father John wishes to make himself completely available, to all people for counselling at any time, in the home, church or rectory, just let him know your requirements. It is not necessary to be a member of the parish or a Catholic, so if you are in need, please get in touch.

December 5 at the Rockwood Community Centre is the date and scene of the Rockwood and District Lionettes Christmas Bazaar. Many local crafts people will have their products on sale. There will also be tea tables, a bake table, and a penny table.



Mac Storey chairman of the Eramosa township planning board points out a proposed industrial area while planning consultant Howard Smith looks on.

## Industrial land for Eramosa needed

Opinions were split at a public meeting to look into a proposed industrial area in Eramosa Township.

About 30 concerned property owners were present at the meeting held at Rockwood Centre, Rockwood last Thursday evening to hear of proposals to rezone an area from along Highway 7 from Concession five to seven, lots one and two.

Chairman of the Eramosa Township planning board Mac Storey explained that his committee had spent the past two years looking over potential areas in the township in which to rezone industrial to attract industries.

Storey told the audience the township has lost three industries in the past few years because they had no land zoned industrial, and the firms could not wait for the rezoning. He explained that process takes up to two or three years.

Industry in the township would ensure jobs for residents and their children, and would help provide a more balanced tax base.

Storey noted the lands in question are only proposals, through a process of elimination of other areas. Residents were called to the meeting to ask their feelings. By rezoning, land owners would be free to start up their own industries or sell their land to incoming businesses. Those who chose to continue their life as is would be able to do so.

Howard Smith, a planning consultant hired by the township council explained that should the rezoning take plan and any residents object, they can go to the Ontario Municipal Board. There will be plenty of chance for public input before any decisions are made, he said.

Smith noted the municipality will be closely scrutinizing any industry coming into the area to make sure

they are "clean, light industry". The municipality will have such close reins on the businesses they will even have a say as to the size and looks of the building.

Sue Shaw, a member of the Fort Erie Committee of Adjustment, and a Eramosa land owner inquired as to the development of future industrial area. It was explained to her it would be spot development and zoning, developed and rezoned as the need arises.

One area resident asked what kind of industry does not pollute. "Industry pollutes, people and cars pollute," Smith said. "We would be dealing with industries that would not put smoke in the air. "We are not talking about great industries with belching smoke or acid."

Acton real estate agent Alec Johnson questioned Storey on how he planned to get an entrance off the highway for the industries. He noted he has several landowners who cannot get permission to get a driveway entrance for a home on the highway much less than a factory.

Storey exclaimed only one entrance would be necessary as any industries would be concentrated in one area in a subdivision.

Any rezoning would not affect residents taxes, Smith told the landowners. Taxes are based on land use, he said. The planning consultant also pointed out the land would not be rezoned until one or more persons asked for it, and not all at once.

He noted planning board has done tests on soil, site sizes, availabilities of services, and other factors, in the land in question.

Many residents were concerned about council's ability to control the industries, when at least one person in the township has contravened a

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