



Lions president Al Schenck presents Eramosa Township Reeve Murray Cox with a cheque on behalf of the Lions and Rockwood firefighters, to go towards the purchase of extraction equipment for the fire department. Lions and firefighters look on.

Couple won't pay taxes to Eramosa Township

A RR 4 Rockwood couple has instructed that their 1983 taxes be channelled only to the board of education in protest of the poor organization, lack of adequate plumbing and poor construction work of the Rockmosa Centre repairs.

A letter to Eramosa Township Council from John and Sigrid Robson, Windy Knoll

Farm, has been forwarded to the township solicitor for a legal opinion.

Robson told this newspaper he has heard of this happening in Britain, where the matter went all the way to the Supreme Court, which ruled in favor of the taxpayer.

Robson said he has not been contacted by the township since the letter was before council last week.

Grants still available for Rockmosa Centre repairs

Grant money is still available to Eramosa Township council for repairs to the Rockmosa Community Centre, councillors and citizens learned last week at a special meeting with Ministry of Culture and Recreation representative Jim Shuttleworth.

About 20 people attended the meeting last Tuesday evening in the council chambers, chaired by Sharon Boomer.

Shuttleworth was on hand to explain the grant system for the Wintario program. He explained in 1982, some \$22,000 was received by Eramosa township council, out of a request for \$45,000. However, he instructed council to apply again for a 1983 grant.

Boomer said she felt the meeting was very successful as taxpayers concerned about the

structural problems at the Rockmosa Centre and council had a chance to discuss their concerns calmly.

The hall has been the centre of Eramosa controversy since December when council decided to renovate the basement. However, they ran into structural problems and spent all the budgetted money on repairs. Taxpayers have been concerned with the quality of work resulting, why the work was needed in the first place, and why no tenders were called.

Boomer explained that her citizens' group finally convinced council members that they were concerned mainly about the slowness of the work, and the fact the building was not safe. At no time, she told this newspaper, did the group not want the repair work done.

Report says

PA days remain same, March breaks uniform

Halton teachers will receive no more Professional Activity Days in the 1983-84 school year than they did this year—nine days for secondary and eight for elementary.

In a report to the Halton Board of Education Thursday evening, Ron Chapman, superintendent of schools of the Modified School Year Committee explained Ministry of Education regulations require school boards to provide a minimum of 194 school days, of which up to nine days may be designated as professional activity days. Next year's Christmas and March breaks and statutory holidays have been determined in the provincial regulation resulting in a uniform March break across the province. Staggered March breaks have caused a lot of confusion in the past, and this will be changed. Remembrance Day will not be a holiday this year.

In a report to the Board, Chapman noted PA days' activities include school openings, school closing, parent interviews, student counselling, program planning, evaluation, promotion meetings, professional development and curriculum development, implementation and review.

Also this year, the school board has been liaising with the Halton Separate School

Board to work out an arrangement making PA days uniform across the region with both boards. While no plans are definite, Chapman said, it is a co-ordinated venture and the two boards are working very closely together.

Burlington Trustee Peter Abbott wanted to know who monitors the teachers to ensure they are taking part in the PA days activities, and what actions are taken if the teachers are delinquent.

Bob Williams, who also sat on the Modified School Year Committee, pointed out it is up to the individual principals to police the teachers' actions, and if someone is found delinquent they are docked a day's pay. In the case of illness, he said, a sick note must be obtained.

Esqueing representative Dick Howitt questioned the difference between PA days together at the beginning and end of the school year, except for parent interview days. This would not interfere with working parents as much, she noted.

Chapman said that was considered, but reported his Committee members felt the other method (of spreading the days out) was more acceptable. He also said that parents found it difficult to understand why teachers needed another three days off. He said that issue took the longest debate time for the committee.

Bruce pointed out the public has a hard time accepting why the PA days are always on a Monday or Friday. Taxpayers, she said, feel this is to the teachers' advantage, and not the parents.

Williams said having a day off in the middle of the week interrupts the teaching cycle. Many parents, he said, have requested that the PA days be scheduled on Friday during the winter, because the ski tows were closed Monday but open Friday. Families take advantage of the long weekend, he said.

The Board will vote at a later meeting whether to accept Chapman's report.

Theta Phi

Sorority busy

It's been a busy six months for the Acton Theta Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. The chapter has been actively preparing for special events, as well as continuing their service work in Acton.

Sorority life revolves around friendship, learning and community involvement. The past Christmas season saw members visiting the residents at Cher's Rest Home and Mapleview Lodge for a night of carolling, with Santa leaving behind a little surprise of baked good for the captive audience.

A recently sponsored "Creative Cooking" demonstration was well attended and the response indicates that a second cooking show is needed and it will be held this September. The demonstration included wok and convection oven cooking. The prepared dishes, along with other lovely door prizes, were given away.

Fund raising projects completed to date have allowed the sorority to support Children's Aid, as well as the I.O.D.E. with a beautiful Christmas food hamper. The group is looking forward to giving additional help to Children's Aid and possibly other needy services within the community.

Theta Phi is planning a "Dessert" cook-book as well as a car wash as fund raising projects. A May 7 Mother's Day tea will also be held at Knox Presbyterian Church Hall.

Rockwood

\$223 raised with bottles

The Rockwood Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts send a big thank-you to all those in Rockwood, Eden Mills and Everton who supported their bottle drive on Saturday. They raised \$223, with the bottles and cash register tapes.

New titles at the Eramosa Community Library include the following: in adult fiction: The Other Woman, Jay Fielding; The Lost Garden, Jane H. Cikel; The Painted Lady, Francoise Sagan; Emerald, Phyllis Whitney; and The Four Wise Men, Michael Tournier.

In Juvenile/Primary fiction: Fat Man From Space, Daniel Pinkwater; It All Began With Jane Eyre, Sheila Greenwald; I Want to go Home, Gordon Korman; and The Girl Who Wanted a Boy, Paul Zindel.

In Non fiction: The surrogate mother, Noel Keane; Empire of Wood, Donald Mackay; Memorizing Made Easy, Mart Herold; The Kid's Book of Divorce, Eric Rofes; and A Year in the Life of the Royal Family by Trevor Hall.

The Rockwood and Oustic Catholic Women's League enjoyed a pot-luck lunch at the Town Hall before their April meeting convened. President Marjorie Saunders opened the meeting with the league prayer as well as a prayer for the speedy recovery of Father Meszaros. A reading of "Prayer of Thanksgiving" was delivered by the Spiritual Life Convener, Joanne Coppes.

The league's spring dance will be held this Saturday at the Rockmosa Community Centre.

The new officers for the year's 1983 to 1985 will be: past president, Mrs. Marjorie Saunders; president, Mrs. W. Gillfillan; first vice, Mrs. C. Drexler; second vice, Mrs. F. Coppes; third vice, Mrs. J. Kennedy; Secretary, Miss Pan van der Kroft; and treasurer, Mrs. P. Cartledge.

The Sunshine Club is holding a Euchre tomorrow (Thursday) at 2 p.m. in the Town Hall. The proceeds of the euchre will be going towards a bus trip the club hopes to take to Douglas Point in June.

Mrs. Vera Black at the piano accompanied the Sunshine Choir who sang several

old time songs and Miss Gladys Hanna who sang two solos. David Gray and Hugh Paterson gave humorous readings.



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Byron Bruce visits Arizona

by Doris Fines

The Mimosa Magic Mirrors had a makeup consultant from Mary Kay, at their sixth meeting. She gave each girl a facial, with different products for each face type. After she left, the girls did a pedicure, which is done to the feet.

Byron Bruce accompanied Ed Stewart to Phoenix, Arizona, for a few days, and while there he visited his brother and sister-in-law at Mesa. They live in Saskatoon, Sask., but spend the winters in Arizona.

Rev. Wayne Allen's sermon Sunday morning at Knox church, was on "A Meeting Along the Way," which was an assurance that Christ rose from the dead and will live forever among us.

The grade 7 students from Ospringle school spent a morning at Elora Museum, in conjunction with their study on pioneering. They watched the making of bread and weaving, and the demonstration of tools that were made years ago.

Mrs. Olive Stewart hosted the April Ladies' Aid meeting. The roll call was answered by "The first church I attended."

The devotional was the Easter worship service from The Glad Tidings, on a Loving Forgiving Savior, taken by Mrs. Blanche Bruce, and included the hymns, Come Let us Sing of a Wonderful Love, and My Faith Looks Up to Thee. Mrs. Mildred Sinclair offered the study book on It Happened on Friday.

Mrs. Flora Bruce was in charge of the program, and gave readings from B. Gordon Green, and the story of shrimp being hatched after 25 years in a dried up lake. She also read about making of sumac tea from Elkhorn sumac. She finished with a contest on Canadian cities. Mrs. Blanche Bruce read a humorous article on "What is a Farmer?"

The meeting closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer together, and a dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

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