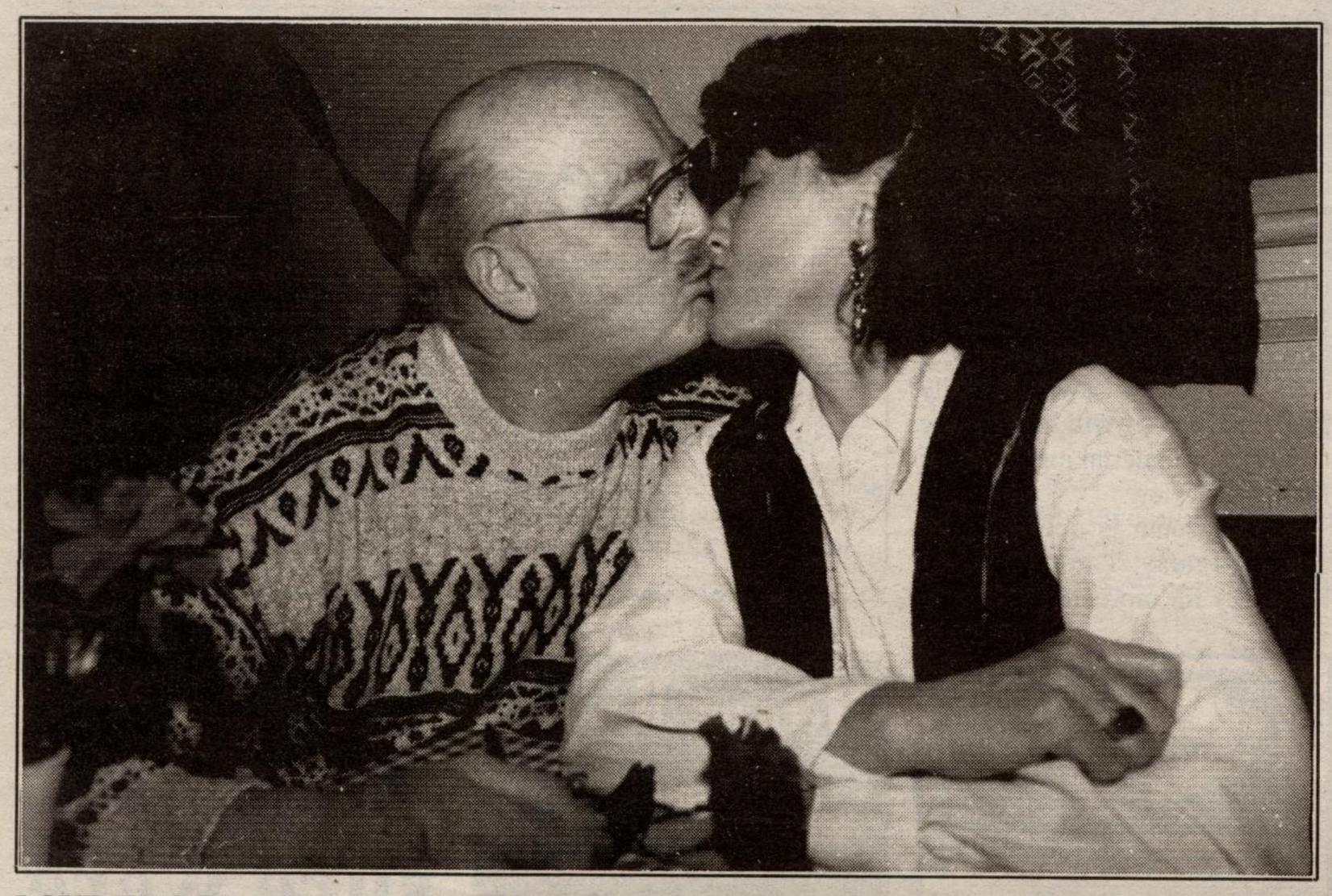
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LOVE WAS IN THE AIR: At the Eden Mills Community Centre Valentine's dance, held last Saturday night. Community club president Wally Mayes and his wife Maria took part in the festivities, and included some of their own! (Eve Martin photo)

## Information centre to close?

BY DOUG HARRISON The Rockwood Miller

There is some serious doubt whether the Main Street information centre, opened by the Rockwood-Eramosa Business Association (REBA) in June 1994, will ever re-open.

On Monday, REBA president Ralph MacDonald said the \$250 to \$300 monthly cost to keep the building open - which doesn't include labour fees - can't be met by the group.

"If we get a summer student in here to run things we could keep it open, but job grants from the federal government have been eliminated, so I don't figure that's possible. Things don't look good," said a disappointed MacDonald, despite the fact REBA has been offered space in another Rockwood building.

The centre, which still houses the East-Wellington Advisory Group (EWAG) and Rural Womsigned to attract tourists and promote local business.

"Promoting the area should be a municipal responsibility," he suggested. "We asked the Township for support last year and were turned down, aside from being given \$1,000 for the soon-to-be released Walking Tour booklet."

MacDonald said low REBA membership – only 35 of a possible 350 businesses in the Township on board - has also hampered the chances of keeping the information centre afloat.

In fact, REBA last week sent out almost 200 letters as a membership drive to all businesses operating in Eramosa Township.

The original intent was only to have the information centre open for the summer months, but the response was overwhelming.

"We weren't ready for it money-wise or expectation-wise," said MacDonald. "The centre became full-time work and someen's Shelter employees, was de-thing important in town. I figured at 7:30.

it would always be here, but it's beyond our capability now."

Other REBA projects being worked on include benches and flower pots for downtown Rockwood, parking lines on Main and Alma Streets, banners or flags and Christmas decorations on hydro poles, welcome signs at town entrances, and having the Township assume control of Hwy. 7.

"We want the Township to assume control of Hwy. 7 for the same reason Acton did - to enable us to do something with the roads to make them attractive," Mac-Donald explained.

He added there are no signs on Main or Alma stating whether you can park in front of businesses.

"As for the banners on hydro poles, I have unofficial word that Rockwood and Ontario Hydro have no objections with this idea."

REBA holds its annual general meeting tonight (Wednesday) at the Eramosa Community Library

## Baha'i guest speaker focuses on the family

Special to the Miller

The Baha'i Community of Eramosa welcomes Richard Landau, the second speaker in their three part series on The Family, this Friday, at 8 pm, in the Eramosa Community Library.

Landau's talk is entitled, Violence and the Media: Parenting to Protect our Children. He speaks from the perspective of the spiritual effect of violence on young minds. He works for Vision TV, Canada's faith network, and is himself a father.

The Baha'is of Eramosa hope

to have several talks on this subject in the coming months. The family is the central unit of any society and the weakness of this most fundamental component will have negative results on society at large. It is hoped this lecture series will assist everyone to better understand the role and benefits of the family.

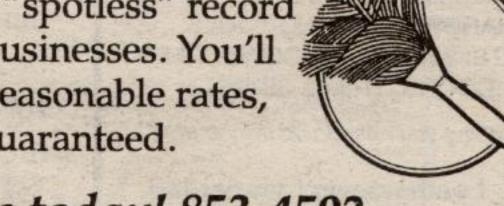
The Baha'i faith is a worldwide religion committed to the establishment of unity and peace. For details on its teachings and perspective on social issues, call 1-800-433-3284 or 519-856-2678.



ENJOYING A WHIRL: Monica and Dave Schut of Rockwood were just two of those who promenaded, do-si-doed and swung their partners at the churches of Eramosa square dance held at Rockmosa last Friday. (Eve Martin photo)

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