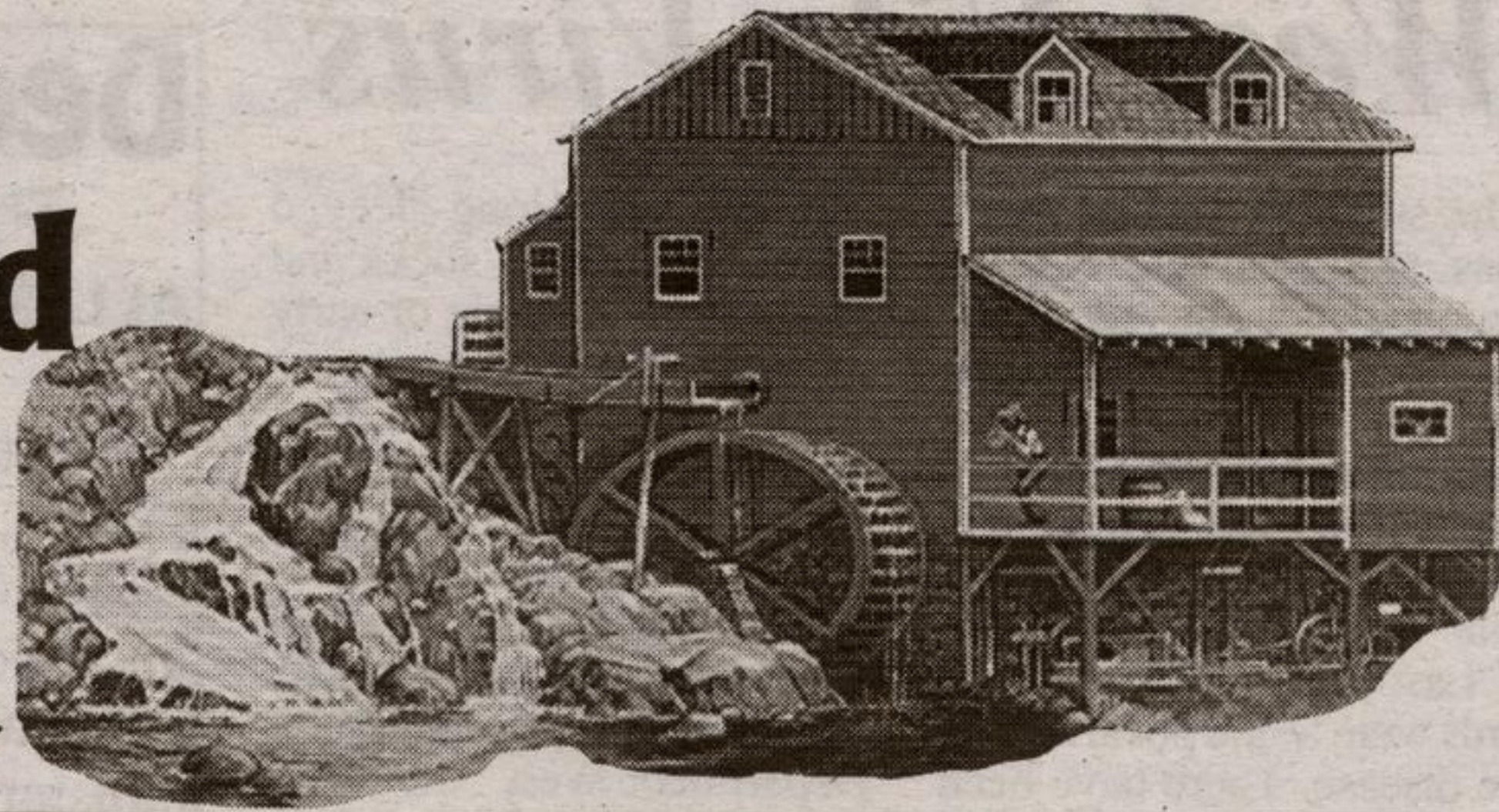


The Rockwood MILLER



It's party time

If you're a party animal it looks like the municipality of Guelph/Eramosa is the place to be over the next month or so. The Rotary Club of Guelph holds its sixth annual Dragon Boat Festival on Guelph Lake the weekend of May 31 to June 2.

The next weekend Rockwood will be the scene of the annual Pioneer Day on June 8. Most of its events centre around Lloyd Dyer Park.

Then the weekend of June 14 to 16 the Rockwood Lions will hold their first Spring Fair at Rockmosa.

Finally, again at Guelph Lake, organizers will hold their annual Hillside Festival the weekend of July 26 to 28.

Council says no to book grant

BY MAGGIE PETRUSHEVSKY
The New Tanner

Rockwood freelancer Deb Quaille will get no money from Guelph/Eramosa to produce a book of local history for Rockwood's centennial.

While councillors agreed the community might benefit

from the work, they noted the annual grant budget is only \$1,500 and this year's money has already been handed out.

Coun. Doug Breen suggested taking \$500 from the Rockwood Hydro reserve fund for the project since it is specifically related to that community. He could not justify using money from residents across the municipality for a project

specifically geared to one area.

Quaille said the book will be for sale but she has no great hopes of making money with it. If she was able to make a profit, she would ask donors for suggestions as to what local projects should benefit from that money, she said. Quaille said it's 50 years since Frank Day wrote Here and There in Eramosa. Then George Day did a pictorial history around the municipality in 1982. Her plan is to collect stories con-

cerning the village from area residents and add pictures from local families.

She would like to also produce a CD of the best of the stories to accompany the book, but since that is an expensive item, there would only be a few of them, mostly for specific book buyers, such as schools and libraries.

Quaille pointed out council gave \$500 towards a tape collection in 1994 and \$2,000 towards a collection of stories.

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...insurance contract and join 50 other municipalities in the Ontario Municipal Insurance Exchange (OMEX) reciprocal insurance program.

A fire almost two years ago at the Town's works yard that exceeded \$200,000 in damages paid to the Town resulted in a premium quote increase of 50 per cent - or \$90,000 - more than last year and that's unacceptable to staff, who retabled plans, rejected in 1998 as too risky, to join OMEX at a cost this year of \$191,500.

Under a reciprocal agreement participating municipalities share the risk and cover losses by paying allocated premiums and agreeing to pay more if members losses are more than expected. There are 50 municipalities enrolled in OMEX, including Milton.

Farm burn permits

A report recommending that farmers must apply for Town open air burn permits has been deferred by Town councillors who want more

information about the permit system and potential costs.

Currently, farmers don't need to apply for a burn permit as all other property owners do. Ward Two Councillor Bryan Lewis said the proposal could be a hardship for farmers and the new rules are an "intrusion without any consultation with farmers."

Open air burning is not allowed unless a permit is issued or the fire is small, confined and supervised and used to cook food. Those permits are free, but Fire Chief Bob Meads recommends a charge of \$100 for a one-time specific date burn for farms - \$10 for a residential burn permit - and \$500 for a non-date specific permit that could be used on two or more occasions during a year, should be implemented.

Meads also recommended if a property owner didn't apply for a permit and the fire department had to be called to fight a subsequent blaze, that the owner be charged a per hour fee for each piece of firefighting equipment called to the scene.

TOWN DIGEST

New Paving method saves council money

Thanks to a different type of paving process, Guelph/Eramosa's public works manager Larry Van Wyck figures he can resurface 15 sections of road for just \$2,000 more than the cost of doing six sections the traditional way.

Van Wyck said the budget allotted \$129,000 to resurface six pieces of road but by using cold mix asphalt he can do 15 locations for only a little more than \$131,000. He expects to be able to find

the extra dollars in the budget.

Tenders for necessary supplies and equipment were approved by council Monday. Mann Construction will receive \$48,790 for granular "A" maintenance gravel and \$26,306 for HL3 Stone for the cold asphalt mix.

Cox Construction was granted \$20,962 to supply a paver, roller, two labourers and five trucks for 36 hours to apply the cold mix asphalt.

Developer asked to save trees

An Eden Mills developer will be asked to supply a grading plan and save as many trees as possible when she builds on four new lots in the community.

Melissa Beattie has asked the Land Division Committee to subdivide her property at Lot 32, Con. 2 into four lots. Because it is a small development and surrounding uses won't permit further development, council

could see no reason to demand a plan of subdivision on the site.

However councillors would like to see the grading plan and the tree saving measures set down as conditions in the severances if Land Division does grant them.

Planning consultant Bernie Hermsen said it is possible two more lots can be built on between Beattie's property and Lowry Lane.



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