

Five seek three Eramosa council seats poor attendance at nomination meeting

The widespread apathy of the Canadian electorate struck for the second time in Rockwood this weekend when, at an important Township nomination meeting, only a smattering of men were on hand to participate.

Cam Lush opened the assemblage by nominating Township Clerk Lloyd Hindley as chairman and, after the motion had been passed Chairman Hindley briefly welcomed those present but not before expressing his disappointment at the poor attendance. Referring to the list of the nominees he reminded those present that, if a candidate has been nominated for more than one position, he would automatically be put in for the first nominated position if he did not disqualify himself accordingly.

The first speaker called upon by Chairman Hindley, was Cam Lush, who needed no introduction and held his office by acclamation.

Mr. Lush thanked his nominees but said that he would only stand for one more year and would not consider running again for office after the 1970 term had been completed.

He spoke briefly on the achievements of the township board during the past year, touching on Regional Government which is of predominant concern to all rural township boards at the present time. Mr. Lush said: "I am not sure how we can work out a reasonable solution for City and Government in conjunction with the Wellington area; the counties vary so drastically developmentwise and the South Wellington County is as well developed as it can be at the present time."

Referring to the Committee of Adjustment Mr. Lush said that such a committee was not feasible until some guide lines are set up where they can go for advice. "At the present time," said Mr. Lush, "we are simply going by the law until something better comes along; meantime, that is working out well."

He said that the municipalities had been good to him but that he is still learning and, with so many new things coming along, we can all learn. With that Mr. Lush thanked all his listeners and said that he would try to answer all questions.

Jimmie Milne, nominated for the position of Deputy Reeve, was then called upon. He thanked his nominees for putting his name on the board and went on to say that his biggest beef about the Township Board was that they seemed to be equipment and building poor and that the government grants were not nearly enough to work on. He briefly outlined the snow-ploughing, sanding, traffic sign, and graveling costs mentioning that the township program of patching hard top was an expensive one and, referring to the plan of tree cutting, he said that, possibly sometime in December, the Township would be cutting down all the dead elm trees.

Regarding Rockwood, Mr. Milne said that the \$100,000 collected from Village residents who required new streets was a small amount considering what the costs would be if they tried to do it individually. Mr. Milne was very pleased about the progress the Eramosa County Board had made in conjunction with the county Pioneer Cemetery Board in restoring and repairing various area cemeteries and especially asked that people make note of the old McCormack cemetery which was in such a deplorable state.

"We took two men and they built a cairn in which they put several of the worn and beaten up stones," he said. "And they did a marvellous job with still more to be done for only a shade over \$1,000 including a county grant of \$200, and another new grant recommended for next year."

Duncan McPhedran spoke next and, after thanking his nominators he said that he didn't think it was exactly fair to sit on council not prepared to go up, however, considering that it is only for one year in view of changes in election to correspond with school board elections, he would let his name stand.

Mr. McPhedran said that he would leave most of anything he had to say to the question period, however he did tell his audience that taxes going up 2 1/2 mills was quite reasonable considering that everything else is going up.

"One mill is for the Grand River Conservation authorities, 1 1/2 mills for Township Business but education costs are going up considerably with almost

\$50,000 being spent more than a year ago. At first there was going to be a 97% increase," said Mr. McPhedran. "But our good friend, Mr. Davis, bless his heart, came to the mercy of the rural areas and now we only pay an additional 5 mills for elementary and 5 mills for high school for this year. We are supposed to share in the grey," said Mr. McPhedran, but somehow we are paying to subsidize Guelph."

In referring to the Regional Government he said that our houses are apparently worth three times as much as in the north end of the County so our assessment will be three times as high. However, our wages are not three times higher, nor do our cows supply three times more milk so why should we pay three times more?

"If," said Mr. McPhedran, "this kind of thinking is allowed to go into force, it will be like in the '30's when we could not afford to sell or afford to stay because of taxes. It seems to me, he continued, that, although we do not even have a representative on the County School Board we are getting no more for our extra \$50,000 than a year ago."

He suggested that if we have to do without one level of

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government it would be better to do without County rather than Township Board, and he would rather see us amalgamate with a neighboring township rather than one large unit. "Direct taxes should not be for provincial highways; Erin, Eramosa and Guelph Townships should amalgamate because they have the same taxation loans and expenditures rather than being put into a regional zone which is supposed to take in Waterloo and Wellington."

"I don't know exactly what can be done," said Mr. McPhedran. "But we certainly can't sit back and say nothing, and I would like to get my 2c in." Warren Parkinson, nominated for Deputy Reeve and Council then spoke, and thanked his nominators. "I have enjoyed those past two years of office even though I haven't always agreed," he said and then went into a more serious vein briefly talking about municipal drains and their financing. Mr. Parkinson's name had been entered as both Deputy Reeve and Council and his decision as for which office he would run is now determined. He is running for council.

Bill Adsett was the next speaker for Council nominations at which time he said he thanked his nominators of two years ago who had originally started him in the political field. He felt that the past two years had been productive ones and that township board members have a responsibility to keep up with what is happening. "It is not enough to attend to just some meetings because of lack of time; a good board member must make the time and attend all of them."

He stressed his interest in eventually entering County level politics but said that he realizes the time involved, and that he must get the required experience first. Mr. Adsett thought that more of the younger people in the community should be getting in and learning the ropes because eventually they will be required as replacements. He thanked his colleagues for accepting him and especially thanked D. McPhedran for his knowledge on

educational problems. He felt that all people in townships should be treated fairly so that one area should not have more opportunities than others but that sometimes, however, precedents has to be taken according to needs and urgency. He felt that recreation is a major consideration and that money must be spent in this direction with more facilities and services required.

Mr. Adsett concerned himself with weeding regulations and thought it unfair that one farmer should spend large sums of money on weed control and some one else let the weeds run rampant. He hoped for better road conditions as the graduation from two wheel trailers to four, made wider roads a requisite and faster traffic required more gravel.

The chairman then asked nominee Mr. Dudnick to speak and he said that he had been nominated two years previous but hoped that this time he would get in on Township Council.

"I could be in a position to stop detrimental things happening which might crop up from Regional Government, such as undesirable industry," said Mr. Dudnick who felt that it was a terrible thing that old cemeteries should have been allowed to get into such deplorable disregard and that such a thing was understandable with a council who was not interested enough in the individual to have a C.N.R. train whistle complaint considered and that he would definitely stand with a hope for more votes than the last time as he hoped to live in the area for many years and be of some good.

J. Hewitt was the last nominated candidate for office called upon and thanking his nominators, he said that he had been raised on a farm but had worked in an executive capacity for 41 years and had a knowledge of handling and spending money. He had decided he would like to get back into things again and hopes to make a showing and, if successful, he would do his best, and otherwise, nothing was lost.

Not too many questions were raised although Mr. Lush did speak briefly on some of the difficulties on road maintenance and construction, stressing particularly the congested road situation on the 4th Line South of No. 7 Highway which had been referred to Mr. Kerr, of the Department of Energy and Resources. "And," said Mr. Lush, "We are hoping that this one particular problem will be alleviated sometime within the coming year." The road places a particular problem as it is situated directly between two camping and recreational areas belonging to and operated by the Grand River Conservation Authorities and it is hoped that it can be rerouted to bypass this area.

And so, there will be an election for township council on the date of Monday, December 1, at six designated polling places, with five men in the running for three positions. D. McPhedran, Bill Adett, and Warren Parkinson are the incumbents with two new nominees, P. Dudnick and J. Hewitt.

Cam Lush and Jimmie Milne already hold their positions by acclamation as Reeve and Deputy Reeve.

Horse sense

by
Pretty Fair



Howdy, howdy, and another howdy 'yew folks wot is still with me now that my racin' career is at a slow standstill.

Matter o'fact it almost weren't at all cuz last Thursday night me an one o'my pals had a quick run into Guelph 'cause we wuz just filled all up good n'proper with Christmas 'n' spirit n' snowflakes n'all when we hit a real icy patch rite near that Ree-form-story place where them mis-behavin' bad guys hang out, an crash, wowie, yuh shudda seen all them cars movin', like caterpillars crawl'n at a wake they wuz movin' so slow, when all of a sudden some pore little old gal's bran new car went slamin' into th' gard rails there on the Victoria Road turn off an' in willin' 't bet yew that it's gonna cost her no small amount 't'git it back on th'road. It's a gewd reminder tho for yew folks wot ain't gotcher snow tires on yet - better git 't'he garage before winter really sets in. One thing - Jim's gonna put wushul cleats in my shoes this winter I hope 'cause I came so close 't'lippin an' breakin' my legs that I was plumb scared.

Got a sorta re-juvenated feel'n rite heer in the pit o'my

stomach th'other day when me an Freddie dropped in 't'visit with Dukie Ellis. Seems he got th'message I was tryin' to git across 't'he Rockwood Village Trustee guys about the terrible Christmas Tree lightin' arrangement they got workin' fer them wot with all the bulbs missin' n'all, so ole Dukie's got his stable all decked up with a speshul set o'lights all around th'outside o' the doorway. Now, aint that sumpin' though - hoo'da that that vamin' had such sentiment an' understandin' anyway. We got'n singin' Christmas carols and he set 'd' how he's wory about that Don Hills feller not qualifyin' fer th' Rockwood Council 'cause he's probably th'wot guy with loits bulbs and Christmas spirits n'stuff like that there. Think I'll look in on him from time 't'time anyhow an' let him know that us horses wuz expectin' 't'ees him around fer a long time an' we're gonna miss him when we look in over the windows at the regular Village Council meetin' nights.

Wal, now that ole Dukie's got his pad all decorated up I guess I can't let that opportunity pass with me bein' surpassed by him an' that Appaloosa from Missouri friend o'his w'e I'd bet 't'git real friendly like with Julie Thatcher hereabouts an' find out where she and ole Jim keeps that Christmas dno-dada. Then maybe I'll tawk Apple and Freddy into usin' sum o'these decorative talents and deck up our houn' quarters out hysal. Incidental like, last Friday's nomination meetin' at that new public school sure wuzn't crowded none like us horses woulda done. Dukie n' wuz out 't'gether an' we stuck our heads in fer a minute 't'find out who wuz doin' wut. It sure tickled us sum 't'ee guys like that Ken Murray and Dave Bacon rustin' up thar new games fer office. G-A-W-L-Y, sometimes us horses should be allowed 't' have both a brush and a piece o'chawk in our hands an' I'll bet we could come up with sum gewd ideas tew.

Gues I'd bet git goin' 'else I'll never git anythin' done. So, fer now, see yuh at th' Rockwood Swing-a-Ding on Friday night or else at the United Church Bazaar on Saturday, where thar Hopin' 't'make lots a hay an' mood.

Bye now, yore friend,
PRETTY FAIR.

Snall boy, watching his father reading the newspaper: "Dad, how is it that just enough things happen all over the world to exactly fill the paper?"

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Comin's and Goin's

Keith Black of R.R., Rockwood and a teacher at the Milton High School, left on Monday to fly to Houston, Texas where he is attending a six day Geography Conference sponsored by the National Geographic Association for North America. Accompanying him is the Co-ordinator and consultant with Social Sciences for Halton County, Keith is the Halton County representative for high schools.

It's a holly, holly, Christmas Bazaar which the United Church ladies are inviting everyone to this Saturday, November 29, and bake tables of homemade goodies, crafts and novelties, candy, and all the extras will be up for buys when the president, Mrs. Marilyn Brace cuts the ribbon at 2 p.m. and everyone is welcomed to attend.

Children are reminded that the Rockwood Community Christian Education Program will welcome all regular and newly interested children to come out and enjoy a morning of crafts, sports, and discussions, combined with Christian

friendship for all denominations. It will be held as usual this Saturday, November 29, at 9:15 a.m. until 12 noon, at the Rockwood Centennial School.

The attendance for this unique Christian program is, at the present time, holding at about 78 or 80 children. It is well represented with children from the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, United churches and others and with plans for a Christmas program to which interested parents and friends are invited, there is a special call out to all those interested so plan on being in your place this Saturday.

Villagers are pleased to remember that Mrs. Hanna, 149 Main Street, will be celebrating her 88th birthday this Saturday and her friends join to wish her "Many Happy Returns of the Day".

Friends of Abby Fisher of No. 24 Highway are glad to know that she is perk and happy and hopes to be home from the hospital this Wednesday or Thursday.

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Carnival committee financial statement

The nomination meeting of the Township Board on Monday night when the Executive Committee presented the following financial statement for the year ended last Saturday afternoon.

Rockwood Carnival '69
Financial Statement

Expenses	
Change for books	\$81.50
Food prices	20.00
Local Bazaar (donated)	15.00
John Indegem Agency	17.00
Pay what you pull	44.69
Bazaar Novelties Co.	44.47
R. Smith Ice Cream Truck	31.50
Pay what you pull prizes	40.00
Joseph Mercury	11.40
Woolly Awe Food	10.00
Joe Pettie, Variety Show	21.00
Legs & Feet Band	75.00
Acton & Sons' Band	40.00
Acton Free Press	5.04
Royal Bank Save Ctg.	12.00
Miscellaneous	17.85
Total	\$929.43

Receipts

Receipts	
Guests Your weight	\$35.85
Big Top	91.70
Wagon Ride	8.50
Variety Show	12.75
Horsering Tournament	15.00
Footline Teller	3.00
Liquid Embroidery	5.00
Handicraft	125.60
Bingo	111.55
Ice Cream Truck	12.50
Household Auction	57.60
Pony Ride	17.00
Coconut Throw	72.88
Novelties Ave. Stand	98.79
Homemade Candy	10.00
Homemade Baking	43.30
Guests the Ingredients	2.85
Milk Bottles	146.03
Penny Sale Table	12.50
Pay what you pull	225.00
Homemade Quilt	102.50
Crown & Anchor	163.30
Penny Sale Table	12.50
Sponge Throw	71.40
Refreshment Booth	125.00

It should be further noted here that of the six signs purchased to be kept on hand for future Carnivals, two large 3' x 4' signs and two 18" x 36" signs were confiscated unwarrantedly. This is of major concern to an organization whose intent is to raise money for community affairs. It is hoped that these signs will be returned before the next Carnival date.

Women are to blame for most of the lying men do. They insist on asking questions!

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