

Eramosa council objects to proposed Bell increase

At the regular meeting of the Eramosa Council held in the council chambers on date of September 1st, 1970, the following motions were passed:

THAT the Council instruct the treasurer to issue a cheque in the amount of one-half cents per capita to the Ontario Mayors and Reeves to aid the municipalities protesting against proposed Bell Canada Limited price increases.

THAT the Township Council concur with the objections of the Eramosa Recreation Committee and herewith object to proposal to construct a ditch in the Rockwood Park.

THAT the Council is agreeable to Ralph Kidd erecting stone posts and gates on the unopened road allowance until such time as the road is required to the

municipality. The final arrangement on the posts and gates to be at the discretion of the road superintendent. And it be further resolved that the township will not consider snowplowing or maintaining this road at this time. The above council's decision must be approved by the township of Puslinch.

THAT the Clerk be instructed to procure additional copies of the plan and maps from the Ontario Water Resources Commission as the originals were forwarded to the Rockwood Village Trustees.

THAT the Road Superintendent is hereby instructed to have a traffic count taken on the 5th line north of No. 24 Highway.

THAT the Council instruct the clerk to notify Lindhill Farms to

discontinue the burning of dead chickens. If no action is taken in the near future, Council will take action.

THAT accounts amounting to \$28,390.43 (General accounts \$24,073.39, Road accounts \$4,317.04) be passed for payment and the meeting adjourn to meet on Monday, October 5, 1970, at 7:30 p.m. or at the call of the reeve.

A number of observers were present at the meeting. Mr. H. Strong, president of the Rockwood and Area Ratepayers mentioned that the ratepayers would hold a meeting in the Rockwood Town Hall on Wednesday September 2. He also apologized for any embarrassment to any of the officials of the municipality caused by press reports.

News and views

By LORRAINE

There's something stimulating about a crowd of people who dare to congregate together to defend their rights and there was such an aura of stimulation last Wednesday evening at the Rockwood town hall when some 200 people gathered for the newly formed Ratepayers' Association meeting; of the representative crowd who attended, it appeared as if at least half of those present were from Eden Mills.

From where I sat the problems and the facts regarding the reasons for the necessity of the newly proposed sewage and water system were presented and explained vocally better than at any other meeting.

This writer's summarization of the matter would be three-fold.

Firstly! If the established water table in the Rockwood area is polluted as clearly indicated by Mr. Gordon Van Fleet, the engineer of the Ontario Water Resources Commission, whether it's caused by local contamination or carried through the rock strata from other sources is secondary. We do have a pollution problem which will either immediately, or in the near future, present itself over more extensively and require restrictive legislation. And whether John Doe invests in a thousand dollar septic system or everyone in the village returns to the age of the outdoor privy, we are not going to alleviate an already acute situation.

Secondly! To subject the community of Rockwood to an additional quarter of a million dollars, plus or minus, by by-passing the Grand River Conservation Authority grounds as part of the \$1.4 million expenditure would be ludicrous as this lengthy extension of the system is, in no way, going to improve the function of and, in fact, could hinder, the proper operation of the disposal system.

Such costs should be the responsibility of the Grand River Authority or absorbed by the provincial government and labelled as "pollution abatement." The extra charges should not be considered as part of the government's 50 per cent grant and Rockwood should in no way be assessed for that section of piping.

The village of Rockwood does not receive one penny's worth or remuneration from the Grand River authorities which does, of course, pay taxes to the Township of Eramosa in the same manner as any other citizen or business man. Beyond the usual expectancies of the ordinary taxpayer it has no right to special priorities and is certainly not a village responsibility.

Thirdly! It is painful and tremendously sad to have to even consider its necessity but we are thrust into the dynamics of that grim word "progress". Maybe the green belt we are living in could be turning gray but this might be the liability we must face for the questionable corresponding asset of population growth.

The sewage plant as proposed by the O.W.R.C.'s Mr. Van Fleet is, as we are told, the best system at the present time but a vehicle is required to move and dispose of treated effluent. As the Eramosa River is the only one available, Rockwood has no other alternative but to utilize said river and if similar difficulties should arise in Everton, Rockwood villagers would have to accept the same situation.

It must be realized that the Eramosa River is not the Property of any one group or groups of people including Eden Mills, Everton, or Rockwood, and also that we do have a governmental body designated to maintain the control of pollution in all rivers throughout our Province.

Peewees win trophy

A three way stretch of sporting history was culminated in the Rockwood ball park last Tuesday night when the Rockwood Peewees fighting ball team was presented with the Tri-County Minor Sports Championship trophy.

It was a first for the village youngsters to come up with a win, a first for the Peewee team, and, because he's new at the game of coaching, it was a first for Paul Waddell who, with big Fred Nightingale at the helm as an assistant coach, pulled the team in to win the final Round Robin Tournament with three wins for a six point victory.

Finally! "All the way through the summer schedule the Morrison team was the one to beat" said the youthful coach, "and it wasn't until the final tally in the Round Robin that the Rockwood team triumphed as the victors."

Coach Waddell was generous with his praise for the 18 lads who constituted the Rockwood team. He said that they showed initiative and tenacity as they consistently attended the regular two weekly practices plus one or two scheduled games per week. "Three nights a week on the

average was what those kids donated to ball!" said the young coaching enthusiast, "And they were fabulous." Team members represented families from many areas in the township of Eramosa as well as Rockwood and Eden Mills.

Pitcher star

Although many more parents attended the games than during prior years, it was usually the same parents who showed the continued interest throughout the season. The regular starting pitcher for the league games was Gerry Thatcher who showed spectacular ability on the mound with John Dyer proving himself as the team back pitcher.

Tuesday night's game was a finish off of the final round robin schedule and representatives from the peewee teams of Pon-

sonby, Limehouse, and Hillsburg were on hand to congratulate the victorious team and watch the finish match between Morrison and Rockwood. Parents and spectators from the various district villages and towns gave the boys an ovation as they accepted their trophy with heartfelt congratulations being tossed vocally at all members of the Rockwood team.

Paul Waddell, to whom much of the credit belongs for the tournament-winning peewees, had never coached baseball before last year when, under his training and know-how the younger Rockwood Tri-County Squirts were brought up from behind to finish off in second place in last year's schedule. This season Paul had asked for an older group of boys and was given the responsibility of the Peewee team.

Rockwood finalists at Hillsburg event

Rockwood Seniors were eliminated from the O.A.S.A. playoffs by Merlin, losing 2-0 in Rockwood Saturday night.

David Harris, Jim Thatcher, Mike Kelly and Ted Buczek each hit safely for Rockwood and John Salmon struck out 12 Merlin batters, in spite of the loss.

Reach tourney finals

However, Rockwood earned \$100 in prize money by reaching the finals of the Hillsburg tournament on the weekend. Rockwood ousted Sandhill 5-2, Belwood 7-2 and Glen Williams 10-2, before losing a 2-0 squeaker to a powerful all-star team from Guelph in the finals. The loss was the first in tournament action for Rockwood, this year.

Jim Thatcher continued to wield a hot bat, belting two homers, two doubles and two singles during the tournament.

Eden Mills recruits

Jim Barden and Glen Stevenson, two recruits from Eden Mills, both played well and contributed to Rockwood's success.

Home runs by winning pitcher, Ron Robinson and Paul Teeter accounted for the two Guelph

runs in the championship game. John Salmon gave up only four hits and fanned 10 Guelph batters. Salmon and Thatcher collected the only two Rockwood safeties in the final game.

Rockwood presently trail Norval three games to one in their best of seven Tri-county league final series. Fifth game of the series will probably be played this weekend.

COMIN'S AND GOIN'S

Sunday August 30th 1970 marked a very special occasion in the life of little Steven Michael Waddell who was christened in Sacred Heart Church, Rockwood, with Father Elliott officiating. Born on July 13 to Michael and Diane (Ratcliffe) Waddell, Steven's proud grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Waddell of Guelph Street, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Ratcliffe of R.R. 1, Rockwood were on hand to watch Paul and Mary Anne Waddell stand as godparents while his great grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waddell and Mrs. I. Monk, all of Toronto, were also in attendance. After the ceremony a buffet supper was served at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Waddell and among the guests present were Arlene and George Hatch of Oakville and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Waddell of Toronto.

Steven's father Michael is presently a constable with the Ontario Provincial Police and he and Diane both formerly of Rockwood, now reside in Petrolia, Ontario. Rockwood friends send their best wishes to the newest addition of the popular young couple.

Labour represents everything from a holiday honouring working people to an extra long weekend at the cottage but to many Rockwood mothers, it was truly a day of labour getting the last minute clothes in order for the back-to-schoolers. Some day some one should invent "mother's only" labour day holiday which would be set after the beginning of September when she has the time to take off for a breather.

Mrs. Kathleen Rhodes of Guelph Street spent a few days in Toronto visiting friends and receiving visitors. She returned last Sunday and entertained her hostesses at her home in Rockwood for the afternoon.

A belated announcement is that of the arrival of Carmen Anne Baum who was born at the Guelph General Hospital Saturday, August 8th, to proud parents Burt and Jane Baum of Main Street, Rockwood.

Home again after a sporadic summer of on again off again vacation days is the Monty Root family of Rockwood. It's been a great summer and it's hopeful that reporting days will show more consistency again.

Dragged by car lad in hospital

The anticipation of his first day in high school with his buddies had to be postponed for Steven John Jones, the 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones of R.R. 3, Rockwood.

Steven had been out bike riding with two of his friends last Sunday when, about 11.45 a.m. he was involved in an accident which fortunately resulted in nothing more severe than, according to the O.P.P. reports, a sprained back, lacerations and bruises.

Dragged 50 yards on his bicycle along the grassed side of the fifth line one mile north of Highway 24

by an automobile which kept swerving back and forth in the driver's attempt to slow down Steven prefers not to think about the accident. He was pinned under the car and could not be removed until an automobile driven by Harry Gooyers of Balacava Street, Rockwood arrived on the scene and the car under which Steven was trapped could be jacked up.

He was immediately rushed to the Guelph General Hospital and although x-rays showed no internal injuries he was admitted but hopefully will be released to return home sometime this week.

Dr. Jane M. Hosdill M.D.

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Shows tax figures new installations

In a short discussion with village treasurer Charles O'Brien, it was stated he thought it was important the actual facts about Rockwood's tax situation, in the event of the new sewage and water installations, should be reiterated.

Referring to the copy of the white paper issued by the Rockwood Board of Trustees in April, in accordance with the O.W.R.C., copies of which were also printed in newspaper advertisements, Mr. O'Brien pointed out, on a 66' average Rockwood lot:

Re: water:
Frontage at .40 per ft. — \$26.40
Connection to lot — 12.40
Total cost — \$38.80

Re: Sewers:
Frontage at .40 — 26.40
Connection — 15.07
Total cost — \$41.47

TOTAL COST FOR A 66' LOT TO BE APPLIED TO ANNUAL TAXES — \$80.27

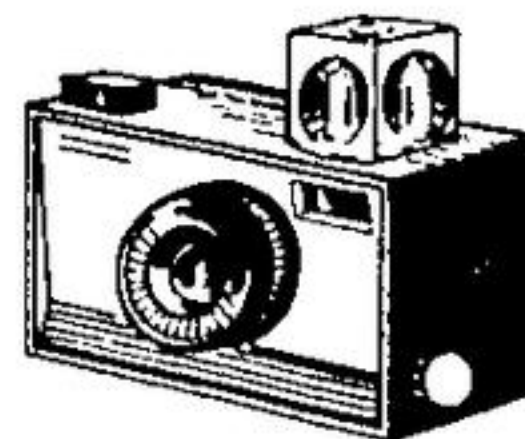
"These are all the taxes you pay" said Mr. O'Brien. "If you want water it will cost you \$5 per month and if you want sewers the cost will be \$9 per month and the service for both units will be a regular monthly cost of \$14, on top of installation."

"It could also be said here," said the anxious treasurer, "that the \$80.27 to be paid on taxes will continue for 40 years until the entire debt to the O.W.R.C. has been paid off."

He further pointed out that a cash payment of the water and sewer connection costs would, if paid at the time of installation, be considerably less, in which case the water connection paid immediately would be \$144, with a long range cost of \$496. Sewer connections will be \$175, with the overall 40 year term amounting to \$602.80.

"These are the positive facts" said Mr. O'Brien. "Only \$52.80 per year would be applied to the taxes until the debt is paid over the 40 year term."

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