



TEN YEARS AGO Rockwood Cub and Scout organizations were functioning at top level. Pictured here are scouts who are now the young married men and fathers in the village. See if you recognize: front row: Freddie Nightingale, Gord Bolton, Don Hepburn, Bob Bolton, Bill Bestward. Second: Glen Petty,

David Schneider, Bill Wingate, Mike Waddell, Doug Carney. Third: Bryan Peacock, Ben Nyholt, Rob Vincent, Keith McGinnis, Reid Heffernan. Back row: Scout Leader Lloyd Waddell, Doug Swackhammer, Grant Rusk, and scout Leader Jim Boswell from Guelph.

Group committee, Auxiliary cite decline in interest

The word "concern" is no longer relegated to parental vocabularies because more and more it is an attitude which is sitting in to many areas of our society and, although surfacewise it seems as if the Canadian Cub and Scout picture is unchanged by modern living to the same extent as other organizational groups, Rockwood's Executive Group Committee and Mothers' Auxiliary would not agree.

Referring to the Father and Son Cub and Scout banquet held annually by the local Association, Mrs. Gordon Bilton, president of the Mothers' Auxiliary, feels that the one to be held this year will only involve a small portion of the large potential group of young cubs and scouts.

Not enough interest
"I am very concerned that there is not enough interest shown by parents in the cub and scout organizations," she said. "Our Venturers to Rover groups have folded up completely because of lack of leadership."

Giving commendation to Akela May Swackhammer, Mrs. Bilton said that, against doctor's orders, ORDERS, Mrs. Swackhammer had taken on the role of leader and that, if it had not been for her interest, the cubs would also have folded. "She deserves a big vote

of thanks from all of us," she said.

Only 20 now
Bad weather during the past few weeks has plagued both the scout attendance and that of the Auxiliary mothers; however Mrs. Bilton is hopeful that, once the finer weather sets in the youngsters will be back on a steady schedule with John DeBanks officiating as scout organizer. "A few years ago" said the ardent scout and cub mother, "There used to be 50 cubs in the pack, but now there are only 20 and they are not consistent."

Frank Schneider believes that more outside organization and sport activities play a heavy role in attracting boys away from cub and scouting. However, he considers that there is a definite need for the continued program and, along with Mrs. Bilton, would like to see more parent participation.

Date set
This year's banquet is set for March 24 and hopefully everyone will get behind their family juniors involved. Mrs. Bilton asks that the community consider leadership training for next year as a move to keep scouting alive in Rockwood. "There is a new training camp now at the Blue

Springs' training Lodge which will provide junior leaders of ages 15 to 18 as well as provide adult leadership," she said.

At the moment, leaders are required for Venturers and Rovers and Scout Leader John DeBanks needs an assistant. However, the responsibility for providing such leadership hangs on the shoulders of the group Committee composed of Mrs. Evelyn Dales, Mrs. Hazel Hamilton, Mr. Kingsbury, and, as committee chairman, Frank Schneider.

The Cub mother Auxiliary executive is composed of Mrs. Audrey Bilton who is serving her second year as club president, Mrs. Lois Tosh as vice-president, Molly Webster as treasurer, and Alice Nichol as secretary. President Bilton asks that all ladies willing to get behind this splendid group and others interested in leadership participation contact her in Rockwood.

Representatives who assisted Mrs. Strong were: Mrs. Ebba

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Eramosa turns down full time fire chief

Eramosa township council turned down a suggestion from the Fire Marshal and Underwriters that the township should have a full time fire chief, following a presentation from Fire Chief Carl Meadows of the Rockwood-Eramosa brigade at Monday's council meeting.

The fire chief said he and 23 volunteer firemen were expected to look after \$150,000 in equipment, make fire inspections and look after fire prevention in the village and township on a part-time basis and the burden was becoming increasingly heavy.

Lots of overtime
"I spend 15 to 20 hours a week on the job and I'm doing no fire prevention and investigation at all," explained Mr. Meadows. "I can't continue the hours I have been working in the past in addition to my regular job—two or three nights a week and three or four hours each on Saturdays and Sundays. The bookwork is atrocious," he said.

The fire chief also said it was next to impossible to keep on top of all new developments in fire fighting and prevention under the present system. He emphasized the importance of fire prevention work, citing the fact lives could be involved. He said he was endeavoring to set up a department as the fire marshal wants it. Inspections are demanded, he told council.

The solution, according to the fire marshal's office is to hire a full time chief who would have ample time to do inspections and keep up on prevention work and fire fighting techniques.

Cannot afford
Council listened sympathetically to Mr. Meadows but felt the township could not afford the cost. A full time fire chief would cost \$9,100 in wages—higher than either the clerk or the road superintendent receive—and the township would receive no subsidy from the fire marshal's office. "There's no way we can afford it until the fire marshal does subsidize," declared Deputy-Reeve Duncan McPhedran.

Reeve Warren Parkinson agreed but suggested that Mr. Meadows should find some way of delegating more work to the secretary and other members of

the fire department. He felt it might be possible to have a full time chief if the township did not have payments to make on the new fire hall and fire truck.

Council makes grants

Eramosa township council agreed to give a \$350 grant to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture following several minutes of earnest discussion at the regular meeting Monday afternoon.

Councillor Ken Fair opposed the grant claiming the Federation does little for residents of the township. Reeve Warren Parkinson, however, felt farmers would have received the 25 per cent tax rebate if the Federation had not been active. "It is the one farm organization trying to do something," agreed Deputy-Reeve Duncan McPhedran.

Council also passed resolutions granting Wellington Soil and Crop Improvement Association \$30, Fergus Fair \$65, Erin Fair \$65 and Acton Fair \$50.

Councillor Dick Strong suggested perhaps the township should compile a list of all organizations that "put the bite on the township" but the reeve replied facetiously that the office wouldn't have enough paper.

Praise brigade
Councillors praised the work of the Rockwood-based brigade in the past and suggested present fire protection was the highest calibre in the county.

Mr. Meadows told council the new hall was almost finished and the fire marshal wanted to show it off as a model for other brigades to copy. An official opening will likely be held sometime in the spring when snow and ice are gone.

Council also paid tribute to the fire chief for the hours he spent at the new fire hall which often interfered with his personal life and cited this as another reason for the excessive time he spent heading the brigade.

Mr. Meadows listened to council's reasons for turning down the suggestion and replied the brigade would still carry on to the best of its ability. He also promised to heed admonitions to delegate authority in spite of the work load the fire marshal's office heaped on exclusively for the chief to handle.

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Pay \$2,100 to engineers

At Monday's meeting, Eramosa township council reluctantly agreed to pay Triton Engineering of Orangeville \$2,100 for work connected with the Boles Drainage Works, near the Eramosa and Guelph town line, just north of Highway 7.

Original estimate for the work came to \$900 but Mr. Understad of Triton appeared in front of council to explain that costs increased when successful tenderers on the job failed to perform. Several were engaged before work was done. He also stated the contractor hit rock and the site of the drain had to be shifted.

First site for the drain was also by-passed when Guelph Public Utilities which owns land there requested the change.

Objects to hike
Councillor Ken Fair objected to paying the increased costs saying that if he submitted an estimate in his own business it must be within five per cent or he wouldn't stay in business very long. He found stretching costs from \$900 to \$2,100 hard to digest.

The drain was installed following a petition by ratepayers and charges will be laid to the project, but Reeve Parkinson thought the performance bonding

company should be liable for extras since the first companies engaged to do work had failed to perform.
Clerk Lloyd Hindley said he felt there was little hope of collecting from the bonding companies, however. The work, also held up by bad weather, was supposed to start in 1967.

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V.O.N. drive raises \$304

The V.O.N. fund-raising campaign conducted throughout Rockwood during the past two weeks has culminated in a village sweep of two hundred and seventy-seven dollars and twenty-five cents. Eden Mills connections rang in a count of twenty-seven dollars and twenty cents showing a combined total for this district of three hundred and four dollars and forty-five cents.

Following close on the March of Dime's heels it should have followed that the canvass for the Victorian Order of Nurses wouldn't get off the ground. However, spearheaded by Mrs. Sydney Strong, it was a whopping success and campaigners and chairman alike, are delighted.

Growing needs
Although funds to support the V.O.N. usually come from such sources as municipal grants, patients fees, and voluntary giving, the voluntary giving has slackened whereas, due to the growing needs of the Order to acquire more staff and cover greater distances, costs for its support have risen considerably.

According to Mr. Cameron, the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Wellington County Board, "It has been difficult to get canvassers in the country areas of some of the townships such as Peel, and some part of Erin, Eramosa and Maryborough". Despite his concern, however, Rockwood citizens rose to the occasion and, after a coffee start-off party at the home of Mrs. Strong, 17 housewives converged on the village without too much convincing, and, after completion of their two week collection project, are able to contribute a worthwhile sum which will help defray the already deficit position of a very valid and worthwhile organization.

Applaud work
Representatives who assisted Mrs. Strong were: Mrs. Ebba

Allerellie, Mrs. Jane Baumb, Mrs. Judy Bender, Mrs. Anne Benham, Mrs. Marjory Saunders, Mrs. Marg Cox, Mrs. Babs Ellis, Mrs. Erna Hospes, Miss Brenda Ingle, Mrs. Lois McRae, Mrs. Donna Richardson, Mrs. Nancy Carter, Mrs. Leona Kingsbury, Mrs. Marilyn Brace, Miss Sandy Root, all of Rockwood, and canvassing for Eden Mills, Mrs. Lally Masson.

Many citizens in the village are dependent on the services of the V.O.N. and numerous others who have required aid in the past, applaud the wonderful work they do. Mrs. Strong has recently been invited to stand as a Wellington County Board member.

Ask assistant dog controller

Fears that an Eramosa township dog might incur mercury poisoning from eating a daily newspaper were bandied between Eramosa councillors and dog control officer George Martin at the regular meeting of the township council.

Reeve Parkinson told council the story of the errant pooch which eats the newspaper and precipitates an angry exchange between one subscriber and another. But the dog control

officer was there officially to discuss hiring an assistant to look after dogs in Rockwood.

"We need someone who is right there," explained Mr. Martin. "When I get there the dogs are gone."

Clerk Lloyd Hindley said village trustees were aware of the need and were trying to get a suitable person for the job. Council decided to wait until they got a request from the village trustees to hire an assistant.

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