

# Rockwood split on water, sewage project

Approximately 50 per cent of Rockwood citizens complied with the recent Ratepayer Association's request to send letters of protest to the Eramosa Township clerk over the proposed water and sewage property which suggests that at least half the population of Village residents are in favour of progress at any cost.

Tremendous concern has been stimulated during the past

few weeks which has left laymen in a quandary which way to turn, and who to believe. O.W.R.C. representative Gordon Van Fleet clearly pointed out to Rockwood residents some time ago that the water table was polluted and a move must be made in conjunction with the Wellington Dufferin Health Authorities and the policy of the Ontario government to clean up pollution wherever possible.

However, outside authorities with past affiliation with the O.W.R.C., refute the contention that Rockwood has any problem. They say the original reason for the sewer and water proposal was economic.

Many citizens feel that if Rockwood is polluted, a move must be made to rectify the situation; others are in favour of seeing at least slight progress in the village saying if the

installation of sewers and waters are necessary, a planning board should be prepared to move in at any time to protect the village and its aesthetics from fast-moving developers and speculators.

Many citizens also accept the possibility of general pollution but know that they can definitely not afford the costs of the proposed plant. There are those with intense or questionable water problems who anxiously await the new system, hoping for installation as quickly as possible.

Communications seem to be an issue and the O.W.R.C. has presented Rockwood people with the lowest reduction it can afford for that particular system - 50 per cent lower than cost. Many residents from Eden Mills and outlying areas feel that Rockwood should reject the proposal in the hope that the Ontario Water Resource Commission will come up with another solution that will affect the river water near their community least.

As it stands, it is of interest to note that of the 306 letters sent to the township clerk protesting the sewer and water proposal, 86 were hand written, and the remaining 130 from Rockwood were printed form letters. 58 were from Eden Mills residents, 18 from outside the village proper and 14 were letters from students of collegiate age.

One petition containing four pages of names also reached the township office as well as one other with eight names requesting that water only be installed.

Of the 216 written and form letters sent from Rockwood fewer than half of those were from husbands and wives individually which, realizing there are 291 domestic families in the village, indicates that less than 50 per cent of the community is protesting and are in compliance with the village and township request.



RAISING FUNDS for Ho Mak, the little Gray, Alison Brace, Sherry Brace, and adopted child of the Combined Sunday School performing as the professor, Bart Schuller, in centre. —(Photo by Lorraine)

## Return Miss Bayne president of W.I.

There was a grand switch of conveners for various committees at the April meeting of the Rockwood Women's Institute which was held at the No. 8 Community Centre. Miss Helen Bayne opened the meeting which was one comprised mainly of general business and, most important, the election of new officers.

### New slate

Miss Bayne was returned to her office as president; treasurer's position showed Mrs. L. Dyer with the vote; district director, Mrs. G. Mitchell; with alternate district director, Mrs. L. Dyer. Pianist for the Institute will be Mrs. S. Trousdale and the directors: Mrs. W. Patterson, Mrs. N. Armstrong, and Mrs. G. Nelson. Mrs. E. Johnston is the flower convener and auditors Mrs. W. Guild and Mrs. A. Shultz accepted their positions.

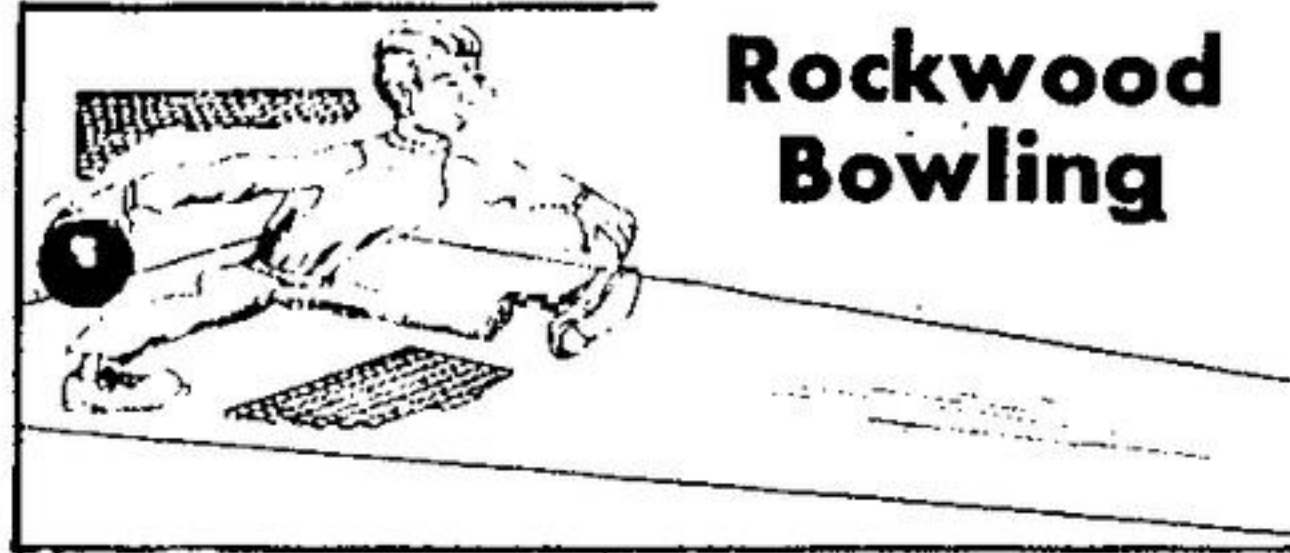
Mrs. W. Guild was elected to the Public Relations office. The following list of study and program conveners was also

decided: Agriculture, Mrs. K. Spence; Canadian Industries, Mrs. J. Glendenning; health, Mrs. G. Mitchell; Home Economics, Mrs. N. Harris; citizenship and education, Mrs. J. Thomson; historical research, Mrs. S. Trousdale and heading up Agricultural development is Mrs. N. Harris.

The next meeting for the

Institute ladies will be next Tuesday, May 4 at the No. 8 Community Centre. The election of officers is an annual affair and this year's slate shows only a few changes.

Mrs. Glendenning and Mrs. D. McNabb were in charge of lunch arrangements which culminated the assemblage for April.



## Rockwood Bowling

Nortons Bluebirds 5 points from Clippers 2 points; Fred Nightingale 240, 171, 232 (643); Ivy Ritchie 234 single; Mary Stahbaum 244,176,194,(614); Alice Johnson 227 single; Bert Archer 228 single; Doug Chandler 203,202, singles; Harv. Justin 204,300,303,(907); Carney's Pig & Hog, 0 points; Neighbours 7 points; Bob Lilley 207,202 singles; May Swackhammer 190,189,170 (549); Lois Hollinson 219 single; Bill Garner 156,256,197,(609); Harvey Bayne 240 single; Sandy McPhedran 218,204 singles; Diane McPhedran 224 single; Four Corners 5 points from Elmer's Alley Cats 2 points; Ralph Wright 237,207,155,(639); Ann Parkinson 256 single; Nellie Stokman 193,208,310,(711); Tony Stokman 225 single; Elmer Allan 215,228,249,(692); Gloria Alton 263,218,190,(671); Arnold Duffield 230 single; Stratons 5 points from Oparinge Slow Pokes 2 points; Dick Dupuis 294,253,294,(841); Jim Thatcher 237,235,178,(650); Sam Nyholt 213 single; Diane Kingsbury 217 singles; Orma Ferguson 175 single; Myrtle Theaker 154 single; Flora Bruce 158 single; Whitewaters 2 points; Pacer's 5 points; Pete Mulder 218,208 singles; Brian Robertson 235 single; Art

Nightingale 215 single; Ken Pharo 221 single; Doug Cross 213,248 single (634) triple; Mike Martin 229,288 singles,(681) triple; Ann McCormach 251, 223 singles; Doug Hilton 266,221,167,(654); Guelphites 2 points; Goyer Bros. 5 points; Don Archibald 221,206,(618); Lloyd Marsden 218 single; Bill Scott 178 single; John Goyers 192 single; Lois Justin 181 single; Beth Smeltzer 172 single; Standings — Stratons 126, Neighbours 125, Pacer's 122, Clippers 120, Guelphites 116, Nortons Bluebirds 112, Four Corners 99, Whitewaters 97, Carney's Pig & Hog 94, Elmer's Alley Cats 81, Goyer Bros. 77, Oparinge Slow Pokes 58; Over 500 — Women over 500 — Nellie Stokman 717, Ann McCormach 634, Mary Stahbaum 614, May Swackhammer 598, Vivian Nightingale 548, Ivy Ritchie 543, Alice Johnson 543, Orma Ferguson 503, Ruth Kingsbury 502, Marina Mulder 501; Men over 600 — Harv Justin 667, Dick Dupuis 641, Elmer Allan 600, Mike Martin 601, Jim Thatcher 630; He who dances must pay the fiddler... as well as the waiter, the porter, the hatcheck girl and the parking lot attendant.

## Comin's and Goin's

Isn't it wonderful? Winnie Hills is recuperating beautifully after her operation at the Guelph General Hospital. "She looks marvellous" is the report from friends, and villagers hope to see her back in circulation in about two to three weeks time.

An informative and friendly evening was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Trousdale of Harris Street, last Friday when guest, Alan Rimmer, the N.D.P. candidate for Wellington-Dufferin, discussed with several interested villagers, questions pertaining to a wide scope of provincial affairs. Mr. Rimmer, a teacher at Conestoga College, impressed his audience with his energy and enthusiasm and said that no longer were politicians just figure heads but had to act as more and more citizens were forming informed groups demanding that their representatives follow through on their commitments. Coffee and dessert culminated the delightful evening affair which was over about 10:30 p.m.

A group of mothers were entertained recently in a most charming fashion when approximately nine little actors and actresses performed at the home of Miss Alison Brace on Inkerman Street to raise funds for Ho Mak, the 15-year-old adopted child of the Rockwood Combined Interdenominational Sunday Schools. Ho Mak was originally sponsored by the Rockwood United Church School in 1964 when she was 8 and the collections aid in her education, books and uniforms. It was a concert of recitations, songs, and a playlet, with tittering songsters and laughing children consuming freshies. Refreshing and fun and each mother was impressed at their children's initiative. \$86. per year is what the Sunday school contributes and already they have adopted another little charge who is only a year old.

Quantities of floats, more giveaways, and an outdoor dance was the finalized intention of the skeleton committee which met on Sunday evening to decide on the whereabouts, changes, and innovations of the Rockwood Carnival. Decisions? Keep it at the park, more fun for the kids, more involvement for everyone and what to do with the money? See it happen this time when a whole new program will hopefully be set up in the fall in which villagers and townshippers will be able to participate. Got any fresh ideas of your own? The Carnival Committee urges you to put in a float, commercial, family, and any category you come up with. You'll be contacted and, for the community spirit we all look for, say yes, and it will make Saturday, June 19th, greater all around. Ready?

The United Church folks will be happy to finalize their lengthy "minister wait" next Friday, April 29, when the combined

congregations of Stone and Rockwood United Churches will be having an induction service for Rev. Ralph C. Williams from Smithville, Ontario. The service which begins at 8 p.m. will be followed by a social when members and their friends will personally meet Mr. Williams and his wife and welcome them to the community. Local greetings from other citizens, Mr. and Mrs. Williams. Everyone hopes you'll be happy here!

Chairman Dave Rowe got his Christmas lighting committee out to a meeting last Monday evening and the word is that there's soon to be a community dance to be held at the Rockwood Town hall on Saturday, May 29. The committee came up with dozens of rollicking ideas and there'll be draws with Christmas decorations for prizes, banker nights, and other events to look forward to once they get rolling. So watch for ads and get ready to support old Santa this year by doing your bit towards raising funds. Donations, anyone?

The Eramosa pupils would appear to be the township canaries according to the final results of the Kiwanis Music Festival held recently at which choirs from the elementary schools in Erin and Eramosa Townships did exceedingly well. The choirs, trained by music teachers on the staff of the various schools under the direction of Mrs. Roberta Hoy showed the following successes: Eramosa P.S. girls were 1st in class; Eramosa-Rockwood Primary 2nd; Eramosa Mixed 2nd; Eramosa Boys 1st; Rockwood mixed 3rd; Eramosa Township Girls two 1st places plus the Andrew Skilling Award; Ross R. MacKay P.S. 3rd; Brisbane Grade 5, 3rd; and the Grades 3, 4, and 5 from Ross R. MacKay 2nd.

If it's a school you want, the S.S. No. 3 school in Puslinch, located on Downey Road, will be offered for auction on date of Saturday, May 29th. The two roomed school will be auctioned by Alvin and Bruce Coulter of Arthur, Ontario, and, like in most Ontario areas, it will be one of the last ones not already owned by private or municipal ownership. All country schools in Eramosa Township have already been gobbled up many to be used as dwellings, two for community buildings (No. 8 and the Speedside school), and others as municipal buildings. Most of these old historical buildings, in various stages of repair depending on age and condition, are sold in the neighborhood of approximately Twenty-five to Twenty-eight hundred dollars and are usually well over fifty years old. The Eramosa Township building which was converted in 1967 as a Centennial Project was one of the more recent school houses which had been replaced in 1934 after a fire had destroyed the original building.

## Policy committee to set guidelines

Interested citizens are invited to attend the inaugural meeting of the Wellington County Board of Education Curriculum Policy Committee at the board's administration building, 385 Woolwich St. Guelph, Thursday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m.

Four sub-committees are proposed in the areas of Science, Humanities, Communications and Arts, and it is expected they will establish guidelines for board approval for the curriculum in the areas mentioned.

The committee will likely meet two or three times each year. Interested citizens are invited to all meetings.

## Name three to executive

Three members of the Liberal party executive for the Township of Eramosa were re-appointed recently at a meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Harris of Balaclava Street, Rockwood.

The organizational meeting whereat members discussed and made preparations for ready action when the Provincial elections are called was well attended and representatives of the various township polls were also present.

Regional government and the high cost of education particularly as it affects the farmer were matters of consideration and Cam Lush, the newly elected representative for the Wellington-Dufferin riding, feels

strongly that money for education should not be raised from agriculture assessment. Stan Harris was the re-appointed chairman of the committee with Doug Forsythe of R.R. 1, Rockwood, returned as vice chairman, and Barrie Dryden of R.R. 3, Rockwood, also returned as secretary.

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