

No Rockwood build permits without O.K. from trustees

No sooner had Eramosa township council passed a resolution, Monday making it mandatory that applications for building permits in Rockwood be submitted to village trustees before granting a building permit, than one dissatisfied Rockwood resident rose to protest.

The resolution was passed on the request of the village trustees, who through chairman Don Hills stated they were disheartened by the way zoning by-laws were being flouted in the village. They felt if the trustee board could see official plans for building in the village before a permit was issued, irregularities could be detected before building commenced.

No power

But Clayton McLaren, a Main St. Rockwood resident appearing at the township council asking them to bend zoning by-laws so he could replace his present workshop with a new cement block building, took exception to the resolution. He charged village trustees had no power over township zoning by-laws and it would be useless to refer building plans to them.

Mr. McLaren said he could replace his present building,

described as a firetrap, wall by wall, and thus circumvent the present by-law, ending up with a workshop the same size as he has now. But, he complained, if he observes all the by-laws, pulls down the present building, he will be confined to constructing a much smaller building which won't suit his purposes.

Mr. McLaren's workshop is adjacent to the village post office. Advised he should comply with the zoning by-law, Mr. McLaren told council to forget the whole thing since building anything required consulting so many people it was getting out of hand.

By-law flouted

Earlier village trustee chairman Hills told council the township's zoning by-law were being flouted and in order to control building in the village council would have to get tougher. He said the trustee board heard a suggestion at their last meeting to prosecute one resident who built on a single lot, in Rockwood two lots are mandatory.

Township councillors suggested it was reasonable to allow the trustee board to make recommendations but failed to see where they could grant further powers to the trustees.

Councillor Ken Fair added that most builders were on the "up and up" complying with by-laws, and it would create a lot more red tape if requests first had to go to trustees.

Reeve Warren Parkinson admitted some township by-laws had been contravened but said council intended to get tougher.

Then the matter came to a vote, however, the resolution went through 3-2 with the reeve casting the deciding vote.

Conform - permit!

Joined by building inspector Joe Benham later, council heard Mr. McLaren describe his situation and insist it was a township matter, not one for trustees. Mr. McLaren was told he could get a building permit with no trouble if he conformed to the by-laws.

Deputy-reeve D. McPhedran told Mr. McLaren the village trustee knows the village better than the township council and it would save a lot of headaches and time for council if the trustees made a recommendation first. Mr. McLaren said he didn't see how council could refuse to permit someone who would wreck an old fire trap and replace it with a new building, much easier on the eye.

Later the case of a duplex which it is alleged has been turned into a fourplex was discussed and it was decided the owner had contravened the by-law by moving a stairway inside to allow access for four families.

Reeve Warren Parkinson said the township had to stick to regulations. A permit for a duplex had been issued and until permission was granted it would remain a duplex—not a 4-plex.

Mr. Benham said the owner told him he complied with the board of health but Councillor Dick Strong took exception stating the building by-law comes first and then the approval from the health office. It would be a mistake to let the health office over-rule us, he said.

The entire discussion was initiated early in the meeting when Jack Sargent, another Rockwood resident appeared at council with sketches for a variety store and two apartments he proposed on Lots 158 and 159 in the village. He described the building for council at their request but they asked for more information before making a decision on the building.

Under the new resolution he will be obliged to get approval from the trustee board first.



GUESS WHO'LL be eating whitefish steaks for dinner? Denny Brace of Guelph Street, Rockwood, caught this specimen of piscatorial splendor at Thornbury, during a weekend fishing jaunt. Eight pounds of solid meat measuring 28 inches, the giant whitefish was caught with fish eggs as bait. The lucky sportsman also captured three rainbows of approximately two to three pounds.—(Photo by Lorraine)

Make no objection Guelph-Acton line

Eramosa township council made no objection to Ontario Hydro's plans to run a transmission power line along the north side of the CN Railway tracks from Guelph to Acton, following a meeting with two Hydro officials at the regular meeting of council, Monday.

The purpose of the 27.6 KV line is to provide service security for the Rockwood-Acton area, reinforcing the present supply of power. Hydro officials told council. The railway route since it would be shorter, less objectionable and interfere with fewer people, requiring few tree cutting. The line will carry two circuits, with wooden poles 45 to 50 feet in height.

One hydro official told council that Ontario Hydro found it easier to deal with private property owners than the railroad when it came to getting easements. There can be no building under the overhang but other land uses are permitted.

Councillor Dick Strong asked the delegation if they had considered going underground through Rockwood, but received a negative answer.

"It is very expensive," said one official, indicating they must be careful about underground installations since granting one municipality the privilege could lead to many more requests.

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Induction ceremonies Rev. Williams

The Rockwood United Church was the scene last Thursday evening of the official induction of Rev. Ralph C. Williams during which several members of the Stone and Rockwood United Churches participated.

Mr. Williams, who succeeds Reverend Peter Tucker presently of Dundas, Ontario, was introduced to the congregations of his two new charges by Rev. J. B. Moore, the chairman of the Waterloo Presbytery.

Work together

Clarence Gerrie of Bellwood was the lay reader of the evening's service after which Rev. Ross Williams, also of Bellwood, entreated the congregation to co-operate with their newly installed minister, saying that installing was too big a job for one man alone but that it was up to all members of the church to work together to perform the functions as Christians working together.

Formal service

Rev. Moore then performed the formal Induction Service and Rev. Williams, as minister of his new charges, gave the prayer of benediction after which the congregation and guests moved into the church hall for a social period. There Mr. and Mrs. Williams were introduced to the various members of the Rock-

wood and Stone Churches, the Stone congregation by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wheeler of R.R. Rockwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gordon of Guelph, introduced the Rockwood affiliates.

Stan Harris, Clerk of Session, gave a sincere word of thanks to Rev. N. L. Vostony of Guelph for his interim ministerial services and he praised him for holding the congregation together so well during the period from December when Rev. Tucker left for Dundas until Rev. Williams' arrival. Mr. Harris welcomed Rev. Don Sinclair and his wife, and Rev. and Mrs. R. Dempsey from Barrie Hill, a past associate of Mr. Williams. Stan then thanked the ladies of the congregations for their delicious lunch which culminated a friendly and successful affair.

Safety talks

Constable Tom Penrice of Milton OPP has been busy giving safety lectures to children at rural schools in the North Halton district.

He recently spoke on bicycle and traffic safety to a total of 846 students at Brookville, Campbellville and Speyside Public Schools.



REV. AND MRS. RALPH C. WILLIAMS recently took up residence in the Rockwood community. The official induction service for Mr. Williams was held Wednesday evening at which time members of both congregational charges of Stone and Rockwood United Churches were present.—(Photo by Lorraine)

Creative arts program depends on response

A recent request by Mrs. Mary Coulter to the Eramosa Recreation Committee is up for consideration and a memo will soon be circulated to the residents in Eramosa requesting them to indicate their interest in the establishment of a Creative Arts program at the Centennial School.

Mrs. Coulter, who has lived in Rockwood for the past three years on MacKenzie street, has seen a need for recreational programming within the community and feels that such a program planned for the fall season would be beneficial and rewarding for the entire township.

Call tenders new office

Replying to a letter from Eramosa council enquiring about delay on the new Rockwood post office, M.P. Alf Hales investigated and discovered the setback was due to the failure of the Department to hire a lawyer to further plans.

It has been straightened out now and the Department will likely start calling tenders in June. The new post office will be built on land near the brand new fire hall in Rockwood.

"Mr. Hales sure got action on that," observed Reeve Warren Parkinson.

Guelph-oriented
"So many people in this area seem to be Guelph oriented" said Mrs. Coulter, and reminded the committee that many residents were presently attending classes in Guelph in lieu of no such activity in the Rockwood district. She could see the need for people of all age groups, both men and women, creating new hobbies, and, in her list of suggested courses she listed sewing, rug hooking, pottery, wool embroidery, weaving, upholstery, light woodworking, metal work, and whittling, as only a few probabilities depending greatly on the response of those applying.

Choosing the Rockwood Centennial School as the most logical base to work from Mrs. Coulter is hoping to get immediate response from residents before contacting the Wellington County School Board for permission to use the classrooms.

She feels that it might be wiser to begin the sessions with three main courses of 10 week durations with emphasis on those requiring minimal equipment. However, if tremendous interest is shown more courses will be considered.

The Eramosa Recreation Committee thanked Mrs. Coulter for the request commending her ambitions and conveyed the members' intention to co-operate in making the winter program a successful venture.

Look forward to ministry

The United church manse on Guelph Street is occupied once again with the personages of two very delightful people Rev. and Mrs. C. Williams, formerly of Smithville, Ontario, have looked forward to their stay in the village. It was pre-described to them, before taking up residence in Rockwood, as one of Ontario's beauty spots, and they hope to explore and enjoy some of its features.

The son of a Methodist minister, Mr. Williams has been associated with the ecclesiastical profession for many years and has lived in several Ontario areas

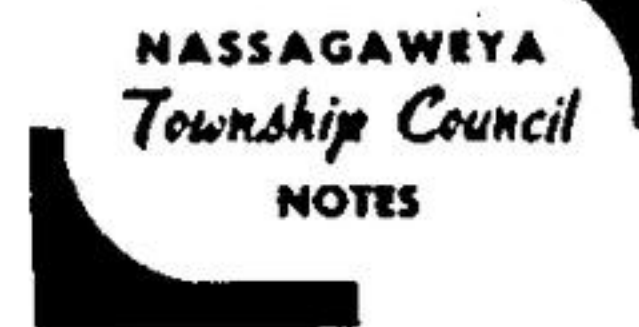
working with congregations from the city to smaller communities. His tremendous interest in people, and interdenominational affiliations will add new fervour to the Rockwood village.

Wants to co-operate
"I am looking forward to co-operating with the other churches," said Rev. Williams who likes being involved in the activities of smaller communities where people get to know each other.

Mrs. Williams shares her husband's anticipation of meeting other members of the district and is, herself, a clever craftswoman who enjoys oil painting as a hobby. One of her own originals hanging over their living room fireplace, cleverly portrays an outdoor scene which, she modestly states, "was done some time ago".

The Williams have one son who resides in London, Ontario, with his wife and four young children, two boys and two girls.

Induction service
Last Wednesday evening was the induction service during which the duties of the Rockwood and Stone United Church were officially turned over to the new minister who took up residence in the village approximately a week ago.



—Accepted the resignation of S. Hamilton as caretaker for the cenotaph and Moffat Cemetery and agreed to pay the First Campbellville Venturers the same rate for taking care of the properties.

—Agreed to advertise for a pound keeper.

—Applied to the Department of Highways for the acquisition of land below Highway 401, Lot eight and nine in concession one and two for road widening purposes.

—Heard a progress report on the Campbellville subdivision from George Goldstraw and provided the names of their lawyer and engineer on the case. Goldstraw said the development was being held up waiting for the registration of the general survey and said he doubted he could make the target date of June 30 for the start of the project.

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