

Campsite proposed neighbors concerned

Consternation was expressed by some township residents who attended the regular meeting of the Committee of Adjustment held in the municipal buildings of Eramosa township, Monday evening, May 10.

Bill Hamilton, solicitor for Bob and Keith Hamilton, whose property has been in the Hamilton family for over 100 years, said that the roads which would have to be subsequently built for such an undertaking would resolve the fire hazard and that furthermore his clients would be willing to allow a sufficient buffer zone around the proposed recreation area to ensure the privacy of the abutting owners.

Reserve decision
No decision was finalized but the committee of adjustment decided to reserve their decision until further investigations had been made.

Committee of Adjustment members are appointed by Eramosa township council and the members on the present board include Elmer McConnell of Rockwood village, Tyler Wheeler of R. R. 3, Rockwood, and Ted Cargo of R. R. 5, Rockwood, who is the present chairman of the Board.

PC executive does not anticipate early election

The Wellington-Dufferin Progressive Conservative executive met in Arthur on Friday April 30 to discuss future activities.

It was decided to not hold a nominating convention at this time since there has been no indication of an early election. The executive plan to hold an organization meeting at a time when they can have Prime Minister William Davis, or some member of the Cabinet, as guest speaker.

John Root, MPP for Wellington-Dufferin, handed out copies of the Hansard that carried the winnowing speeches on the Throne debate by spokesmen for the three parties. Mr. Pitman, the Member for Peterborough, spoke for the NDP, Mr. Sopha, the Member for Sudbury, spoke for the Liberal Party, and the

Prime Minister spoke for the Conservative Party.

Rural party

Mr. Root drew attention to some interesting statements made by Mr. Sopha, who said rural Ontario has disappeared largely as the people have moved into the cities and there has been a destruction of the old moral codes. He referred to the Conservative Party, "The people over there will go down to defeat because they are a rural party. They have not been able to assimilate to the changing pattern of life in the cities, and the city people will destroy them."

Mr. Root said it was significant that the spokesman for the Liberal party takes this attitude toward the rural people. When Mr. Davis was speaking regarding the constitutional conference to be held in Victoria, British Columbia, in June, he referred to published reports that the Joint Senate-Commons Committee on the Constitution would recommend the abolition of the monarchy and the implementation of the presidential system. Mr. Sopha interjected "hear, hear".

No republican
Mr. Davis replied "The member for Sudbury says 'hear, hear'. I want to put on the record what I believe. I want to make it very clear — and I am speaking as an individual as well as the leader of this party and as Prime Minister of this province — that I am opposed to any suggestion that we move from the system that presently exists to form of republican administration. Mr. Speaker, I make this abundantly clear. Mr. Speaker, the member for Sudbury says he will be proved right. I sincerely hope he is wrong and I say that in a very personal way."

Mr. Sopha interjected "It has inhibited our development". Mr. Pitman: "I think we have all gone mad."

Speaking with regard to cost of education, Mr. Davis said "We have invested less per capita in this province than have competitive and neighbouring

jurisdictions. We invest less per capita than some of our sister provinces. We spend less per student than the five neighbouring jurisdictions."

When the vote was called on the NDP amendment there were only five members of 21 NDP members in the House. The Liberal party had five members absent.

Government supporters outvoted the combined opposition.

In the past five years in Ontario, 99 hunters met death by drowning, and 61 were fatally injured in shooting accidents.

Young hunters, less than 20 years of age, were responsible for 34 per cent of the hunting accidents in Ontario in 1968.

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Comin's and Goin's

Hey, how about that! Room 224 of the Guelph General Hospital sports a happy mother of the first little addition to the Robert Love household. Robert John arrived early Tuesday morning weighing in at 6.12 and his mother Mary is feeling just great. That goes for all their Rockwood friends and especially their pupil friends at the Centennial Public School. Lots of Loves and nice going for your first venture.

Hey there! Pearl Hamilton is back at home again and recuperating after her recent General Hospital sojourn. Nicely done, Pearl, see you at storetime.

Sunday was a big day at the Pat Dales farm on R.R. 5. Big horses, little horses, brown horses, black horses, tawny horses and scrawny horses, all rode around the ring with riders vying for honors at the Rockwood Trail Riders 1st show of season. Guests came in from Drayton to Milton and even more from Acton and Guelph, many participating and others just to watch. It was terrific! Sunshine, warm and perfect riding weather. Hey ho, no wind and no rain.

Lookie here. It's a happy, happy birthday greeting to Janet Nightingale who has successfully attained the delightful age of nineteen years. Born at the Guelph General Hospital Janet is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nightingale of Alma Street. Tuesday was the day and it's best wishes from her Rockwood friends.

Monday evening was house-cleaning day and 26 little Junior Auxiliary members swept the grass around the St. John's Anglican Church clean with grass rakes and plastic bags the tools for the day. The steps aren't shiny and bright but the faces of all the J. A. moppets were and the old Church grounds "ain't what they used to be"; they look much cleaner and somehow greener. Thanks, kids, for a job well done and back pats to their leaders who also helped.

Ball playing fans be aware that: on date of Tuesday, May 18 at the Rockwood Ball Park the Peewees will play against the Morrison team and then on May 23rd they will compete again at Hillsburg. Parents and friends are invited to participate as spectators.

It's a special home coming welcome for one member of the Rev. Don Sinclair family. Rob arrived home on Friday night and all the Sinclair's friends lauded and applauded the boy who left last October to tour the world via plane, car, and thumb. Rockwood will be glad to know that Rob is back in the district again and hopefully we'll have a running account of his great escapade which everyone is looking forward to hearing about. Happy homecoming, Rob, and we're pleased for your family that you're back.

Spectators of ball games are alerted again! The Rockwood under 12 girls will have their first home game at the Ball Park on May 22 against Bellwood. Lots of luck, girls, and may the best team win.

Sadness and the best wishes of the community prevails during the recent difficulties of the John Carney family of Main Street. Little Jamie Carney, the four year-old son of John and Dianne is presently a patient in the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Seriously ill, Jamie has been in Toronto for ten days now under observation in the intensive care wing. His mother Dianne is also in the hospital, the Guelph General, and Rockwood villagers hope that she too will make a speedy recovery.

Hey! Look who's visiting about the street these days. Frank Kelso is back from the hospital and it's really marvellous to see his recuperation. Keep up the good work, Frank, and soon it will be down at the ole fishing hole for you with the boys again.

Two cases
A Guelph youth was arrested and charged with being drunk in a public place and minor consuming on Friday. On Saturday a Guelph juvenile was charged with minor consuming and returned home to his parent.

Flamingos and deep sea photography have taken Norman and Sonya (Deebank) Lightfoot to the Caribbean for three weeks. A free lance wild life photographer who is affiliated with the University of Guelph, should also net himself and Sonya a marvellous tan in the tropical sunshine. Great day to you kids, have fun and we in Rockwood wish we were there too. The Lightfoots left last Thursday and have probably stopped thinking about home already.

Just pack up and go! And the Carl Meadows family are touring en route to Hubbard, N.S., where they will stop off and visit with relatives Lois and Arnold Maw. It's a perfect time for travelling and, if the old fire bell doesn't ring too loudly, it's right time for the fire chief and his family to take off and enjoy themselves.

Rockwood friends are sorry to know that Mr. Harold Scott is in the General Hospital. Our prayers and best wishes for Mrs. Mary Scott at this difficult time and for her family with high hopes that Mr. Scott will be well again soon.



TWENTY-SIX LITTLE green skirted and beanie'd J. A. girls attended the St. John's Church clean up and eat up marshmallow meeting Monday evening. Pictured outside the parish hall wearing marshmallow smiles are: Front: Connie Smit, Sherry Brace, Joanne Stumpf, Wendy Funk, Ruthie Stumpf and Anita Brace. Back: Vicki Lott, Betty Ann Smit and Lisa Petty.—(Photo by Lorraine)

Spring evening spoiled by request

R. R. 5, Rockwood Bend-in-the-River

Dear Sir:

It was a spring evening in Eramosa township and unfortunately there was a meeting to attend. Not an important meeting according to the township office — something about a minor variance.

There was a request before the committee of Adjustment dealing with 260 acres of Crown Game Preserve. Great farm fields rolling across to a cedar forest through which flowed a spring-fed river. Sound like a make believe setting? No, that's right here in our township.

This is the Hamilton property. Bob Hamilton's mother had sold a few small parcels of land but had the foresight to put in the sale agreement "not to be used for commercial ventures."

What a sensitive person she must have been to love the land as only a farm woman could. But now in the name of progress the remaining Hamilton property needs to have roads bulldozed, snowmobile trails blazed, a golf course manicured and a swimming pool manufactured. This is so people can come to pay their money to put up their tents, park their trailers, turn their skills to building fires and after they've got their money's worth can leave their campfire coals glowing and their vacation debris wherever.

Oh we'll call the firefighters out, pay higher fire insurance for the privilege of having a commercially run park near by and fish the cans and styrofoam cups out of the river.

"It'll bring a lot of money into the area," Mr. Chairman of the Committee of Adjustment boasted.

We've come a long way, Mrs. Hamilton.

Betty Lou Clark



INDUSTRY AND PLASTIC bags set the scene for a spring-time clean up on the St. John's Anglican Church lawn. Six J. A.ers working hard are: Laurie Jameson, Lindsay Jones, Janie Hudson, Susan Wood, and Susan Tosh with Shelly Farmer in the front.—(Photo by Lorraine)

Dr. W. Proud was well-known

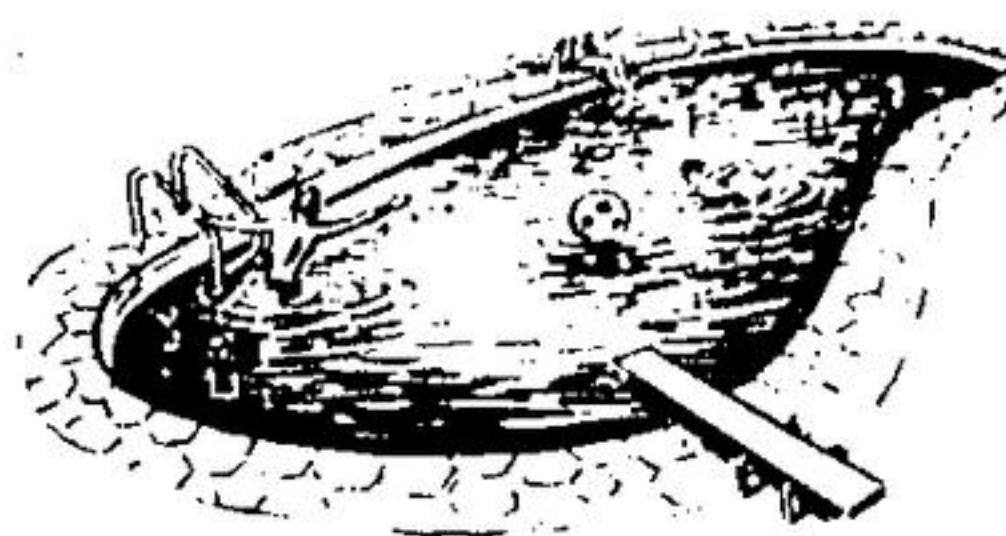
Well-known Guelph doctor W.A. Proud died at St. Joseph's extended care wing Saturday in his 86th year. He moved to Guelph in 1919 after serving overseas in the World War I. He was a member of the board of education, Masonic lodge and the Presbyterian church and was a curler. He was a specialist and served on the boards of both hospitals.

He is survived by wife Florence Scott, three sons Norman and Hespeler, Alan of Toronto and Dr. John D. of Guelph, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral was Tuesday with interment at Hespeler.

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