

Rockwood Students issue planning study

This is the fourth in a series of articles taken from a planning study of Rockwood prepared by three students from the School of Landscape Architecture, University of Toronto.

Situation No. 9

Rockwood has had an interesting history and there are several significant historic buildings in existence as well as some which are in danger of being lost. Some examples of each are:

- The Academy which has been preserved at the expense and efforts of one man.
- The water driven grist mill which is still in operation.
- The old woolen mill which was burned down.
- The old high school which was torn down.
- The railway station which is about to be torn down.

No active historical preservation society appears to be concerned.

Situation No. 10

The natural landscape features of the valley and countryside and the easy access to them and their great variety of outdoor recreation opportunities at all seasons is probably the greatest asset of the village. This natural beauty is in striking contrast to the rather unsightly utility poles and wires, street signs, the treelessness of Main Street from the bridge north to the tracks, and the general untidiness caused by the rubbish lying around in yards.

Situation No. 11

Rockwood is located in the upper area of the Grand River drainage basin where the rivers of the system near their source. To protect water quality and quantity of the rivers, this region where they rise and are recharged requires special management and conservation techniques such as reforestation.

Issue No. 9

To what extent should we be concerned with location and appearance of utility lines and wires, signs and street lights?

Sources of Available Information: Observation and discussions with people in Rockwood
"Urban Landscape Design" — Eckbo

Current Assumption-Policy-Situation: We should be very concerned with the location and appearance of utility lines and

wires, signs and street lights because in comparison to the natural beauty of Rockwood they are so cluttered and unsightly. The overhead wires and the posts supporting them are quite ugly, the street signs are often dull and in need of replacement, and the street lights along Highway No. 7, while they give off a lot of light, are big and awkward looking and produce light of poor quality.

Comments on Current Assumption-Policy-Situation: These are necessary structures which are so numerous and all around that we become used to the ugliness they exhibit yet this is one of the most noticeable things when viewing Rockwood for the first time.

Recommendations re Further Analysis: The future development of Rockwood should include a program to improve the appearance of the village with regard to overhead wires, signs, poles and lights. It would be very expensive to put wiring underground but a tree planting program along streets would help make the wires and poles less predominant. Signs should be selected to harmonize with buildings and surroundings and be uniform in design. Lights should also be in keeping with the character of the village while providing sufficient illumination.

Issue No. 10:

Should a street tree program be initiated in Rockwood?

Sources of Available Information: Observation and discussion with people in Rockwood.

Current Assumption-Policy: A street tree program to replace dead elm trees and replace trees removed in the widening of the highway would improve the physical appearance of the town greatly. Trees would also soften the lines of wire and poles.

Comments on Current Assumption-Policy-Situation: Trees along Main Street over the railroad tracks and along Alma Street to the village boundary would really be a delightful improvement.

Recommendations re Further Analysis: A street tree planting program should be begun in Rockwood.

Issue No. 11

How can businessmen and citizens improve the physical appearance of Rockwood?

Sources of Available Information: Observation and discussions with people of Rockwood.

Current Assumption-Policy-Situation: Much can be done by citizens and businessmen in Rockwood to improve the physical appearance of the village. Pride in the village should begin with pride in one's own home or business and pride in one's own home or business means tidy trim yards and well kept buildings.

Comments on Current Assumption-Policy-Situation: A feeling of pride in the village and the natural beauty in which it is situated seems, unfortunately, to be missing in Rockwood.

Recommendations re Further Analysis: A clean-up campaign involving the whole village should take place every spring to clear away the winter's collection of rubbish.

Issue No. 12:

What should be looked for from industry that wishes to locate in Rockwood?

Sources of Available Information: Observation and discussion with people in Rockwood.

Current Assumption-Policy-Situation: The attraction of industry to Rockwood should be a reciprocal arrangement in which the pleasantness of the surroundings and style and pace of life are most important considerations. Rockwood should favor industry which does not demand a great deal in the way of municipal services but is interested rather in the pleasantness of the surroundings in which they locate. Research labs and secondary industries similar to Stag are looking for places which are attractive for their employees to live in.

Comments on Current Assumption-Policy-Situation: A beautiful setting is becoming more and more of an attraction for plant location so if Rockwood concentrates on retaining and enhancing its natural and man-made setting, it can hope to attract compatible industry. Such industry would be interested in retaining the character and lifestyle of the town.

Recommendations re Further Analysis: Determination should be made of the type of industry which is undemanding of municipal service or can be convinced that the beauty and lifestyle of Rockwood is more important than having municipal services supplied. In any case, a well exists already which could supply water to small secondary industries along the tracks, if they construct their own sewage disposal systems.

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TERRIFYING HEADLINES shrieking from the newspapers used as insulation on the back porch of Albert Maltby, Alma Street, Rockwood, were discovered recently when changes were being applied to his residence. Albert took time out from pulling porch apart to glean through the history of 1937. War and rumours of war and an inside story of a stocking strangle murder makes today's headlines not so bad after all. —(Photo by Lorraine).



81-YEAR-OLD Joe McCann observed his birthday Sunday and friends and relatives feted the genial Eramosa farmer. — (Photo by Lorraine).

Fete Joe McCann on 81st birthday

One of the district's most popular citizens celebrated his 81st birthday last Sunday, August 22, and was feted by his three children and grandchildren with a party of gifts and fun. Born in the Eramosa district in 1890, the venerable Joe McCann of R. R. 1, Rockwood, enjoys life and likes to visit with his many friends about the district. Spry and able, with a sly sense of humour, Joe can recall early farm families throughout Eramosa and Nassagaweya and, with his avid memory, relishes recollecting past events with his contemporaries and younger acquaintances. Sunday's party was a happy affair for the delightful gentleman, when his family gathered to celebrate and present him with gifts and a beautifully decorated birthday cake part of which he shared last Monday afternoon with his friend Jim McGuire at R. R. 5, Rockwood.

Comin's and Goin's

Aha now! According to reports, the girls' softball team's visit to Thornbury with the Al Nichol family was a great one and although the Rockwood teamsters didn't make a top score against the Thornbury girls they did make a hit socially. The Nichols are hoping that they'll make another visit sometime again soon.

Well now! It's the early bird that gets the worm elsewhere but in Rockwood these days it's the early girls who get the squirms when morning dips are taken. Four young pre-eight a.m. mermaids have been getting in their morning jump-ins this past two weeks and if the weather gets back to its warm peak, their regular bouts of exercising should shape up to be a new vogue for next year's conservation activity. Oh, those early morning swims are great and according to the girls there's fog on the lake. They claim it's great for defogging the brain.

It's congratulations to Nellie and Toni Stokman of R. R. 5, Rockwood. Their friends and

relatives feted them to two wonderful celebrations for their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 7th. Both parties were attended by 30 people. Their beautiful farm grounds and an outside fire added to the success of the affairs and other Rockwood friends send their heartiest wishes to the couple who are well liked in the community.

Friends send their best wishes and hopes for an early recovery to Miriam Lovel who is a patient in the Guelph General Hospital.

Marjory, Herb, and daughter Marie Ellen, Herb's mother Mrs. G. Saunders, Marjorie's mother Mrs. G. Daly of Guelph, and niece Kathy Daly also of Guelph left by plane last Saturday for a week long visit to Calgary. It's high hopes for a motor trip through the Rockies before hometime and their friends wish them a wonderful trip, good weather, and we're sure the scenery will match.

Quiet, but peaceful, was funtime at Sauble Beach for the David Bacons of Guelph Street when

Plant in Fall

By J. Burke McNeill
Among the most attractive garden flowers are the bulb-forming plants whose blossoms add the first dash of color to the spring garden. Generally, bulbs planted in early fall -- from about Sept. 15 on will produce the best bloom. Dig the soil thoroughly and work in fertilizer before planting. A fertile sandy loam soil is best, but almost any soil with adequate drainage is suitable. Lighten heavy soils by adding sand and organic matter. Compost or well-rotted manure will help raise the fertility level. Although bulbs can be planted until the ground freezes, planting in early fall ensures that they will have enough time to produce roots and become well-established before winter.

Rockwood captures Eden Mills tourney

Rockwood Seniors downed Hamilton Strabane Juniors 5-1 behind the two hit, 17 strikeout pitching of John Salmon Saturday night to capture the championship of the annual Eden

Mills softball tournament. Rockwood reached the finals by sidelining Carlisle 4-1 in the morning and outslugging Guelph Armet Industries in the afternoon semi-finals.

Four hitter Salmon tossed a four hitter and fanned 10 in the Carlisle game and shortstop Dan Arbic walloped a 275 foot home run, which turned out to be the longest clout of the day. Bob Shaw picked up the victory in the game against Armet.

Chick Milne and Arlon Popkey provided most of the Rockwood hitting punch during the tournament. Rockwood previously won the Glen Williams tourney.

Tourney successful Tournament chairman Jack Chamberlain reports the event was very successful. He estimates the crowd at between 500 and 600 paid.

A list of tournament scores follows: Guelph Armet 5, McGarr's 3, Rockwood 4, Carlisle 1, Freelon 3, Badenoch 2, Hamilton Strabane 3, Sheffield 2, Rockwood 14, Guelph Armet 8, Hamilton Strabane 9, Freelon 2, Rockwood 5, Hamilton Strabane 1.

Holtby wins hurler's duel

After an exciting 15 inning pitcher's duel between John Holtby and Bob Shaw, Norval scored three times. Mike Kelley led Rockwood hitters with three hits in five at bats, plus a walk. Awaiting winner Rockwood are still awaiting the outcome of the Binbrook-Fort Erie series, before they resume play in the OASA Intermediate "C" playoffs. Binbrook advanced against Fort Erie, after sidelining Lovville last week.

They stayed at Gail's sister's cottage, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Woods of Guelph for their summertime vacation. Glad to see you back neighbours. It'll be weekends from now on.

Villagers should give a quiet prayer for the complete recovery of a very dear Rockwood girl who has more than her share of illness. Pam Ingle had to return to the Sick Children's hospital with a slight difficulty after her marvellous recovery from her hip operation. While on her cottage vacation she was hurried to a specialist for X-rays when her eyes weren't functioning properly but the doctors have every hope that she'll recuperate successfully. Our love, Pam, from Rockwood friends and we pray you'll be well soon.

It's the nip in the air that tells you it's that time again. And now the Exhibition dates have been moved ahead it means that summertime gets colder earlier. It doesn't dampen the travel itch for local ladies however and, bussing off to Toronto Ex on Monday at 8:45 a.m. were Mrs. A. (Continued on Page B5)

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Erect historic cabin Sept. 19

With a heave ho and a mighty shove the log cabin will be erected at Kelso next month. The cabin has been the subject of a fund raising project for the past two years by the Friends of the

Museum. Committee chairman Ron Harris said Sept. 19 had been set aside on the calendar for the log raising. The cabin is a duplicate of the Alexander cabin that stood

many years ago. Already 12 volunteers have offered their help to erect the cabin. Mr. Harris said the project was still in need of volunteer workers for part or all of that day and he was confident with help from those who were willing and able would be able to have the cabin up that day. Funds for the cabin were raised through the 1970 and 1971 version of the museum festival sponsored by the Friends of the Museum at the Kelso Conservation area.

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