

# John Root in politics since 1934

The man who is endeavouring contact the electorate through the mail, press, radio, television and making as many personal contacts as possible is eating on the run and only sleeping when he has nothing else to do.

John Root has been in the business of politics since 1934 when he started as a poll clerk. He was named for candidacy in 1943 and has been a member of the legislature since 1951 where he served in Premier Leslie Frost's cabinet for 3 years.



JOHN ROOT, Wellington-Dufferin Conservative MPP is endeavouring to contact the electorate through personal contact and visits in Rockwood before heading for the Erin Fall Fair held last weekend.—(Photo by Lorraine)

**Five premiers**

He has worked with five Conservative premiers including Honourables George Drew, Thomas L. Kennedy, Leslie Frost, John Robarts, and now Premier Davis.

"All these men," said Mr. Root, have made great contributions in their day and Davis is a man who can make honest and straight decisions. His people come first he said and feels that, under Mr. Davis his party will be stepping up the health program to include nursing homes where the

government will pick up the daily rate above \$3.50 beginning first of April for those who cannot pay.

**Growth in province**

He feels that the biggest change in politics since he first joined the House is the tremendous growth and development which has come to the Province under the Conservative policies.

Referring to his office as vice-chairman of the O.W.R.C. he said "The commission is recognized as a world leader in pollution control. We have invested over two billion dollars on control projects in this province and have anywhere from 3 or 400 projects in various stages of building and construction at the present time.

"In the main," said Mr. Root, "We are picking up the backlog of work that was not developed prior to the establishment of the commission and attempting to cope with a population that has gone from 4 to 7 1/2 million since the Conservative Government assumed office in Ontario.

**Rockwood answers**

Asked if he felt in his official

position as vice chairman of the O.W.R.C. that they had come up with the best answers for the village of Rockwood said "Yes. The proposed system was requested by the elected trustees and township council and it was not developed until a public hearing was held requesting location of the treatment works."

"Again the elected trustees and officials were there" said Mr. Root, and when the engineers had chosen the site a public meeting was advertised in the local papers and was attended by council, trustees, and a few interested persons." According to John Root, "The engineer looked at the economic implication of the project and came up with what he felt was the best and most economically sound one for the village of Rockwood as well as for those beyond the village.

"This proposal is for a tertiary treatment plant with nutrient removal and we're experimenting all the time." He said, "The O.W.R.C. has the

authority of the government to subsidize the system up to 50 per cent of the cost—this rate was accepted by the Council and the O.M.B. will be holding a hearing when the people of Rockwood will have the chance to give their views."

Asked if there had been any suggestion from any office that they come up with a new plan the Vice Chairman said "No. That, once the O.M.B. ruling has been passed then it will be up to the Trustees and Council to submit new requests."

Born on the farm that his loyalist grandfather built in 1846 John Root lives on the same farm today with his wife. He has four sons only one of whom is a farmer and two others are teachers. His daughter is married to a Presbyterian minister Rev. David Ketchen of Kitchener and he himself is active in church affairs and is the past president of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec.

When he is not involved in politics he participates in local community groups.

# Erin, Rockwood issues concern Rimmer

A couple of local issues are particularly concerning Wellington-Dufferin NDP candidate Alan Rimmer these days.

Both are bound to be hot issues at two meetings tonight (Wednesday) and Mr. Rimmer hopes he can manage to be at both of them.

**All candidates**

In Rockwood there is an all candidates meeting. There the issue is water and sewers and Mr. Rimmer thinks perhaps the most practical solution would be to fix the systems already in existence. Corroded material

could be replaced. He suggested community wells, each perhaps to serve 10 homes. He recommends provincial financial assistance so the burden wouldn't be too great.

He thinks the OWRC isn't enterprising enough in devising other kinds of water systems. As well as pragmatic engineers, the OWRC should have environmentalists, biologists and social scientists.

The ratepayers seem to have done more than the OWRC, he feels.

He fears such villages would lose their unique flavor if allowed

to grow.

**H.S. closing**

In Erin, the issue is the proposed closing of the high school, which he deplures.

He claims this is another decision by the Wellington board which goes against strong public sentiment. The board closed the Ospringe kindergarten after considerable effort on the part of parents to establish it; the board also transferred the principal of Erin high school to another school despite protests.

"Such high-handed and undemocratic procedures must stop," says Mr. Rimmer. Many of the ideas that come before the board originate not with elected representatives but with paid officials. Despite efforts to make wise decisions, elected members lack the information and time and end up accepting the word of the superintendent and director. Greater local control is needed if democracy is to be preserved.

**Attacks decision**

Mr. Rimmer also attacks the decision of MPP John Root not to attend any of the all candidate meetings that had been called throughout the riding. "If he is too busy to defend his record, he is too busy to be a member," declares Mr. Rimmer. He wonders if his claim to be a friend of the small farmer does not stand up to scrutiny, or the Ontario Water Resources Commission, of which he is vice-chairman.

**Farmers' plight**

He is anxious to fight the centralizing trend in government. Decision making and participation are being removed from the individual in the community. He points out that in Hillsburgh there's more population, yet businesses are closing.

Erin could be without a high school soon. Then he could fore see churches closing, maybe the library, in favor of larger centres. These are negative trends, Mr. Rimmer says.

**Third election**

This is Mr. Rimmer's third provincial election and last time his vote doubled, from 600 to 1200.



Alan Rimmer

He stood last time in Wellington-Dufferin, before that both provincially and federally in Toronto for the NDP.

He's 37, lives in Erin township near Hillsburgh with his wife Ellie and two young children. He teaches Politics and Natural Resources at Conestoga College at Doon.

He was born in Manchester, England, came to Canada with his parents, went to school in Toronto and then graduated from the University of British Columbia with his B. Sc. in geology. He also studied theology and has served as a student minister. He has worked in geological explorations across Canada. He has taught school in Newfoundland and in Hillsburgh where he and his wife helped found the experimental community in 1965.

**Youth program**

Last summer he was involved in the youth program at Erin district high school where he

taught silk-screen printing process.

His wife worked formerly at the Warrendale Centre for disturbed children and the Guelph Children's Aid Society. She spearheaded the movement for the nursery school in Hillsburgh.

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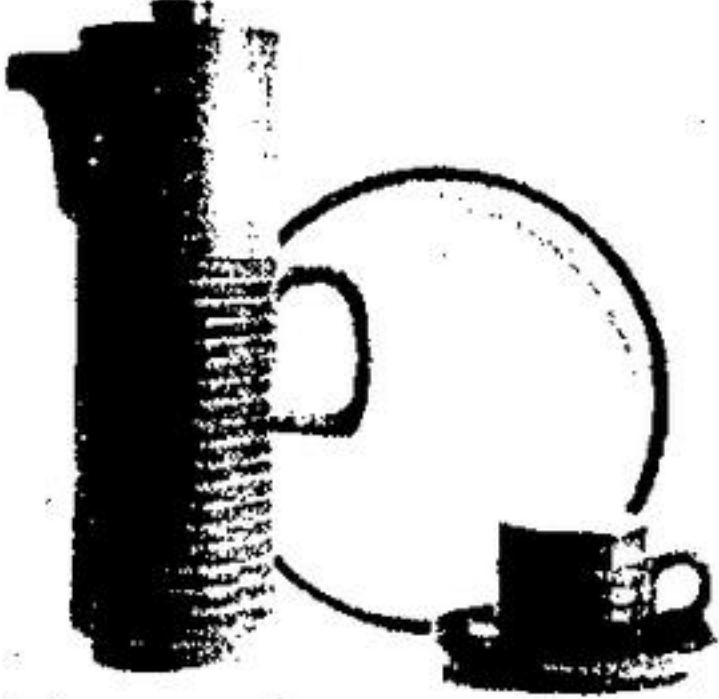
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