

## Frank Moore 92nd birthday

Frank Moore, the well respected Rockwood shoemaker from 1913 to 1952, celebrated his 92nd birthday in London, England recently.

Mr. Moore's first shop was a little building on the west half of the row S.S. Royce property until 1919 when the shoe store was moved to the building north of the present Royal Bank.



Frank Moore

**Flew to England**  
Mrs. Fred Day, whose father, A.K. Thomas operated a furniture emporium in the present Royce building from 1909 to 1919, flew to England to attend the celebrations.

Born in Sheffield, England on date of October 11, 1878, Mr. Moore emigrated to Canada at age of 17 from Northampton, and in 1919 Miss Mary Spokes, also from Northampton, came to Canada to be his bride and they were married in Rockwood.

**Active in village**  
This couple played an active part in village life. Mr. Moore was church organist and choir master of the Rockwood Presbyterian Church and later the United Church, and was also active in the Bible Society, the Leper Mission, and the Horticultural Society. His wife,

Mary, was leader of a boys' Mission Band and, after her death in 1949 Mr. Moore returned to England to live. He remarried the former Dorothy Green.

In his gracious home at 92, he still carries on hobbies practised in Rockwood such as flower gardening and organ playing; he also has a prodigious correspondence with Canadian friends.

## Health Unit letter said paper waste

"We're getting the run around—why waste the paper?" Councillor Ken Fair wanted to know when a letter from the Wellington-Dufferin Health Unit was read Monday, in answer to four questions about which Eramosa council enquired.

Council asked advice on property owned by Lou Hiltz at Lot 16 Wetherald St., Rockwood, wondering how the septic system could be approved for a duplex when the by-law only permits a duplex.

The answer—it was based on the number of bedrooms in the dwelling, information requested on the application form. It was also learned Mr. Hiltz had complied with all requests from the Health Unit, enlarging the septic tank system.

**How approve**  
Council also asked how the Health Unit could approve dwellings on single lots when the by-law calls for double lots. Answer was that a lot required 15,000 square feet before they were approved for building. This amazed council. We know they have been approving them (single lots) haven't they? The reeve said.

Questions about the suitability of occupancy for the old fire hall and the old lime kilns office were answered by assertions the fire hall could be used but the village trustees must provide a "privy" for it.

It was stated the lime kilns was suitable for occupancy by one person.

Annoyed by the letter, council

decided to ask an official of the Health Unit to come and enlighten it further.

**Front or back?**

Earlier in the meeting it was decided to have the building inspector investigate to see where the septic tank at Lot 16, Wetherald St., was located since it was stated absorption-poor soil in front of the lot was not suitable for a septic system. Council suspected the system if it was at the front could affect the road although it was the reeve's contention this was the responsibility of village trustees. Councillor Dick Strong suggested the Health Unit had not made a proper check on the premises in the first instance and any embarrassment the matter caused was well deserved.

## Sunshine club enjoys first Christmas party

Christmas bells and holly berries and the ladies and gentlemen attending the first Sunshine Club Christmas Party looked elegant and sharp wearing their special corsages and enjoying the festivities.

It was an enjoyable time. The decorations were bright and pretty, the food was delicious, and the turkey and ham supplied by the Club, in abundant supply. Salads, desserts, and special dishes garnished the banquet tables served by some of the younger members of the community. The pot luck supper started off by Grace as played by Mrs. William Early and everyone ate heartily.

### 100 attend

Over 100 Rockwood and Eramosa members turned their chairs towards the Town Hall stage after last Thursday's dinner, to enjoy the hour of entertainment which Mrs. Max Milne, acting as Mistress of Ceremonies, had supplied. Talent from the local club, more from the district, and some of the entertainers came from other areas to complete the fun activity.

The renowned Rockwood Philharmonic Society with four local boys participating were their usual hit, Judy Brain of Harris Street displayed her adept foot movements as she danced the Sword dance and Highland Fling aided by her friend Helen Blair of Guelph. Mr. A. K. Thomas of Guelph Street gave a reading and then Mrs. Max Milne recited two Christmas poems.

### First appearance

Three Acton youths, Michael Wilson, David Black, and Michael Miller received great ovation as they played Country and Western Music for their first public appearance and Mr. Henry Leachman, one of Rockwood's favorites delighted his audience with mouth-organ selections accompanied by Mrs. Early on the piano.

Christmas carols with everyone singing then completed the picture of merriment as led by Charles Mitchell with Fiona Wilson playing the organ.

At the conclusion of the party President Rev. Ralph Williams gave some closing remarks and reminded everyone that the next meeting will be at the usual 2 p.m. time on December 10th. Thanks were extended to those

responsible for the successful affair and, included, were the names of those assisting in the kitchen and waiting on tables: Marie and Maryanne Milne, Carolyn Nightingale, Fiona Wilson, Florence Lovell, and her daughter Leona Ripley.

## Not big, too bad and it's ugly

By Lorraine

Moans and groans won't hurt you but a quick call to the people's Federal representative Alf Hales might just dispel some of the ugly remarks about the barn-like building now standing on Guelph Street which citizens now regard as their new post office. "It's dreadful", "an eyesore"; "detracts from the new fire hall and the residential homes around it"—such are the remarks as other citizens carefully investigate at close quarters to see if, perhaps, outside bricking will be added to save its grim exterior.

Come on, citizens, rise up and complain! Is such an unattractive governmental building all that Rockwood deserves? Call Mr. Hales and tell him how you like to conduct your postal business in a portable-type building that resembles a glorified barn—all that with the price of stamps these days!

## Council says controversy spat between neighbors

Eramosa township councillors prefer to take a "hands-off" policy on what they figure is a personality spat between two Rockwood ratepayers over building of a garage in a residential zone.

"We've only heard from two people and there are a lot more people there affected by this who are not objecting," said Deputy-Reeve Dunc McPhedran. "If we lower the boom on this, there are several more in similar circumstances, and what are we going to do?"

Township solicitor Richard Hungerford advised council that in his opinion the building permit for a garage being built by Bob Noble between McKenzie and Brady Streets in Rockwood was contrary to the zoning by-law and should never have been issued. He saw three breaches of the law.

**Resident objects**  
The issue came up when Rockwood resident Torrance Guild

appeared before council to object to the building maintaining it was contrary to township zoning by-laws. He urged council to reconsider a decision to have Mr. Noble lower the building by two feet, and have it removed altogether.

Mr. Hungerford agreed partly with Mr. Guild, noting in his opinion Mr. Noble was entitled to the garage but the position on the lot was wrong, especially in the sideyard.

Mr. Noble said he had drawn up a diagram of the proposed building and its situation, shown it to Rockwood village trustees who agreed it conformed. Then he had taken the plans to the township offices where the clerk issued a permit, which was later checked with the building inspector. He said the garage could have been moved to another site since he had plenty of room on his lot. It was extra high to accommodate a boom truck.

Solicitor Richard Hungerford reminded council that a permit issued contrary to the by-law was a nullity and suggested perhaps the matter could be resolved if council treated it as a variance before the Committee of Adjustment.

**Devalue property**  
Torrance Guild told council he and other residents had been put in a bad position by the issuing of a permit that "would devalue our property badly." It is contrary to the zoning by-law, he insisted, and the building should be removed.

Council discussed the garage, which is already well into the course of construction, for some time. Councillor Fair noted they would have to be more careful from now on. A mistake has been made, he felt.

Councillor Bill Adsett said it was his opinion council was faced with a choice between the letter and the spirit of the law. He thought they had acted properly with the motion of the last meeting which Mr. Noble had complied with lowering the height of the garage, and parking a tank truck elsewhere. It was decided to investigate whether to take the case to the Committee of Adjustment for a decision.

## Debate closure at Eramosa council

Solicitors representing the township, Gordon and Frank Ostrander, and Arthur Stumpf attended a meeting of Eramosa township council Monday with clients to discuss closing the old portion of the Fourth Line which has been replaced by the new diversion around the Rockwood Conservation Area.

The Messrs. Ostrander objected to the closing contending the township does not own all the road and that relevant maps do not show the road allowance. They were represented by C. F. Leatherland.

**Gives right of way**  
Township solicitor Richard Hungerford represented the township and W. C. Hamilton represented Mr. Stumpf, who has agreed to give the Ostranders a right-of-way over his property if the road is closed.

Mr. Leatherland contended closing the road would devalue his client's property since the township demanded 120 foot frontage for subdividing lots. Closing the road would decrease

frontage. After much discussion which included disagreement on the reading of the original survey, it was decided to give two readings to a by-law stopping up Con. 3 and 4 in front of lot 5 and two readings to a by-law designating the new road as a public street.

Mr. Hungerford advised council this was as far as they could go until evidence from the public archives was available on the road allowance, which the Ostranders questioned.

**Special meeting**  
The matter will be brought up again at a special meeting December 27. The by-laws, meanwhile will be sent to the Department of Highways with the objections, for their suggestions.

The Ostranders would like to see the old road left open. The township feels the Department of highways will not tolerate two entrances onto 7 Highway.

### Rockwood Bowling

Bowling was the name of the game last Tuesday night when the Mistfits were the winners against the Norton's Bluebirds with a 5 to 2 score. Glen Gray made a 284 single, Tom McCutcheon a 212 and Doug Chandler a 222 single as Fred Nightingale for the Nortons made a 668 triple score with his 203, 228 and 237.

Carney's lost out to the Four Corners team 3 to 4 as Jack Parkinson topped his team with a 180, 210, 302 and 701 triple. Nellie Sokman showed a 254 single score, Ann Parkinson 222 and Ralph Wright a 220 single. Bob Lilley for the Carney's team came up with a 214 and 230 set of singles.

**Seven straight**  
It was a 7 straight as Stratton's rammed the Guelphites and Dunc Kingsbury made a 645 triple, Sam Nyholt a 275, and 228 single set as Dick Dupuis bowled in a 268 single score.

The Neighbors were nosed out by the Ospringe Ramblers as the Ramblers took 7 points from the losers with Bob Ellis bowling a 252 single, Bob Auld a 241 and Nan Auld 228, 226 for single scores.

**Top dogs**  
The Gooyer Bros. Team were the top dogs against the Optimists with their 7 to 0 score and Jim Thatcher made a 743 triple out of a 224, 274 and 245 set of single games as JoAnn Gooyers bowled in a 270 single.

Lucky Clavers lost out against the victorious Alley Cats as Elmer Allan shot in 245, 253, 183 to triple 681; Bill Elliott showed up with a 257 and 203, Gwen McDougall a 201 single score.

The Pacers captured the laurels in their game against the Newcomers with a 5 to 2 point lead as Doug Hilton singled in with 202 and 270, Mike Kelly 232, 179 336 to triple 747 and Bob VanWyck made a 242 single score. Martin Dupuis fancitized his opponents with a 310 single, Peter Bosch made a 228 single and Eva Bosch a 189.

**Standings**  
Team standings show Stratton's 62, Ospringe Ramblers 61, The Newcomers 51, Guelphites 50, Pacers 49, Neighbors 42, Gooyer Bros 39, The Mistfits 38, Carney's 38, Norton's 35, Four Corners 34, Alley Cats 32, The Lucky Clavers 28, The Optimists 26.

**Over 600's**  
Men over 600—Mike Kelly 747, Jim Thatcher 743, Jack Parkinson 701, Doug Hilton 699, Elmer Allan 681, Fred Nightingale 668, Bill Elliott 653, Sam Nyholt 651, Martin Dupuis 630, Dunc Kingsbury 615, Dick Dupuis 613, Clare Hilton 611, Bob Lilley 611, Bob Auld 605, Doug Chandler 603.

**Women over 500—JoAnn Gooyer 632, Vic Nightingale 620, Pat Talley 607, Nan Auld 606, Ivy Ritchie 593, Eileen Rosenboom 587, Nellie Sokman 581, Ann Parkinson 573, Ruth Kingsbury 567, Mary Stahlbaum 553, Fay Swackhammer 548, Winnie Hiltz 548, Betty Burnett 546, Peggy Ellis 518, Hika Loof 519, Irene LaVoie 510.**

Over 100 friends and relatives representing 25 years of accrued friends and acquaintanceships attended the celebration including guests from Acton, Guelph, Rockwood, Everton, and such distances as Huntsville, Ontario.

**Mock wedding**  
It was fun and dancing as a group, from Ennotville supplied the music.

During the intermission exciting gifts were presented to the couple and, as a special surprise, a mock wedding service was conducted with brother Jimmie Milne amusingly portraying the minister as other members of the Jestin and Milne family participated as the cast for the shotgun nuptials.

Dancing was completed by 12 p.m. when marvellous banquet fare was presented as prepared by daughters Patsy and Nancy

assisted by friends Jim Hume and Bill Mitchell.

## Mock wedding for anniversary

Brother played the minister and sister-in-law the groom at the mock wedding ceremony which was part of the intermission entertainment at the Rockwood Town Hall last Saturday night when the two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jestin of Everton feted their parents to a silver wedding anniversary party.

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