



MR. AND MRS. William Varcoe marked 50 years of married life at a celebration last Saturday in Brookville hall. They have lived in the Rockwood area for 28 years.—(Staff Photo)

Golden wedding

Large family joins Varcoes at celebration

Fifty years of marriage and the Brookville Community Hall bulged with happy activity last Saturday afternoon when the six daughters and five sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Varcoe of RR 2 Rockwood, feted their parents to a Golden Anniversary celebration.

It was a wonderful day for the couple who, on January 15, in the year of '22 took a street car from New Toronto to the City Hall and then took off for a week's honeymoon in Belleville, Ontario.

Friends and relatives continually dropped in to give best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Varcoe and to extend their congratulations. Gifts galore were given as mementos including dishes edged in gold leaf, a gold tea set, and a gorgeous living room rug from their immediate family.

They were all represented as friends of 50 years' standing enjoyed the Varcoe family hospitality with chatting and refreshments.

The afternoon Open House began at 2 p.m. and was completed by approximately 6. After 7 o'clock in the evening the entire family gathered with in-laws, cousins, aunts, uncles, and some close friends, to enjoy an evening dance to the tunes of a Hamilton disc jockey. By 12 the celebration was over.

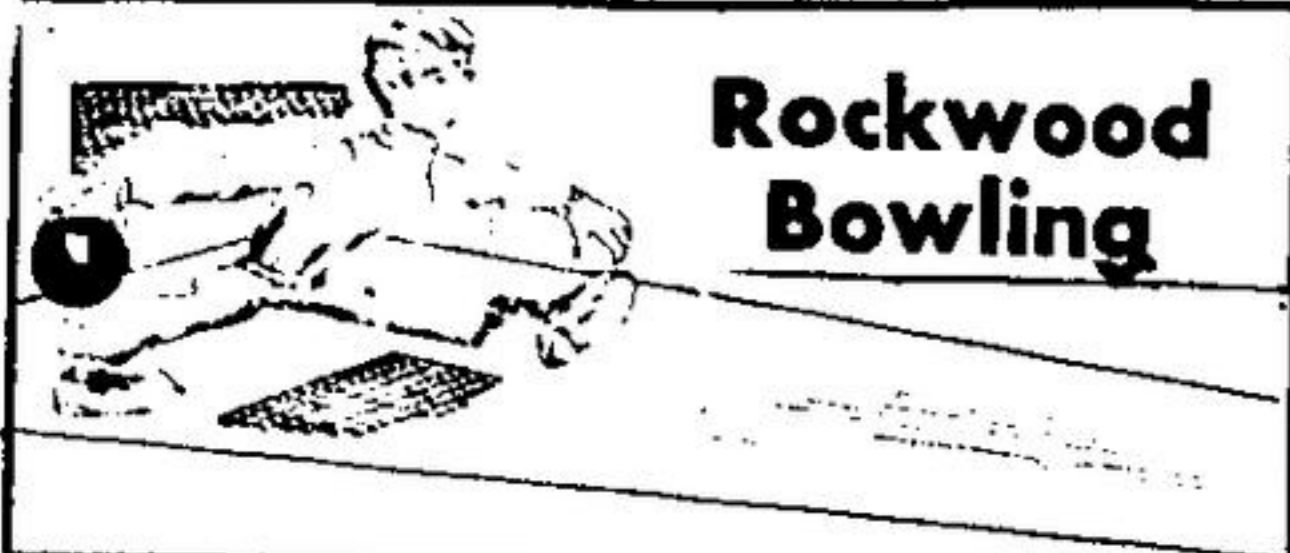
There had been a mammoth three tier wedding cake which had arrived from Erin children. The Varcoe daughters had arranged a luncheon of sandwiches and refreshments for afternoon guests and, during the evening, they had also planned the special buffet supper.

leader Bob Stanfield, MP Alf Hales, MPP John Root, and a wall plaque from Bill Davis, Premier of Ontario.

As well as their sons and daughters, 45 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren were also in attendance during the evening when, during the supper hour, a poignant few minutes were shared when "Mom" Varcoe exchanged with "Dad" Varcoe two lovely gold wedding rings.

The local septic tank installer and manager of the Rockwood Concrete Products and his wife are well known members in the community and Saturday's festivities culminated many years of marriage, 28 of which have been spent in the Rockwood district.

Many callers Milton, Elora, Toronto, Puslinch, Acton, and Rockwood.



Rockwood Bowling

Bowling this week:
NORTON'S 3 points, Fred Nightingale 241, 283, 285-789; Ivy Ritchie 221 single, Mary Stahlbaum 233 single, OSPRINGE RAMBLERS 4 points, Bob Ellis 245 single, 640 triple, George Lang 209 single, Peggy Ellis 194 single.
CARNEY'S 0 points, Bob Lilley 207, 227, 238-683, Allan Burnett 182 single, May Swackhammer 180 single, vs. STRATTON'S 7 points, Dick Dupuis 207, 211, 223-701; Dunc Kingsbury 183, 208, 298-728; Sam Nyholt 327, 214, 283-83.
FOUR CORNERS 3 points, Tony Stokan 204 single, Nellie Stokan 204 single, An Parkinson 189 single vs. LICKY CLOVERS 4 points, Harv Jestin 242, 218 singles, Art Nightingale 239 single, Doug Carney 183 single.
GUELPHITES 5 points, Gary Parks 208 single, Don Archibald 198 single, Bill Scott 189 single, vs. NEWCOMERS 2 points, Bob Jestin 244 single, Peter Bosch 189 single, Rika Loof 194 single.
NEIGHBOURS 5 points, Bill Garner 313 single, Sandy McPhedran 221, 200 single, Harvey Bayne 233 single, vs. GOOVER BROS. two points, Winnie Hiltz 212 single, Ted Jestin 216 single, Clarence Hilton 211 single.
THE MISFITS 7 points, Glen Gray 213, 232 singles, Betty Brydges 283 single, Tom McCutcheon 191 single, vs. ALLEY CATS 3 points, Elmer Allan 217 single, Helen Elliott 207 single, Bill Elliott 221, 247 single.
PACERS 7 points, Ann McCormach 22, 197, 350-788, John Thatcher 282, 256, 236-774, Mike Martin 209, 229, single vs. THE OPTIMISTS 0 points, Harold Theaker 178 single, Orma Ferguson 172 single, Myrtle Theaker 164.

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P.O. - Take it or leave it? Uh, uh! says Alf Hales

Dictatorial—take it or leave it—could have been a nutshell conclusion at Monday's special meeting regarding the new Rockwood post office, if it had not been for the presence of Alf Hales, M.P. for South Wellington.

The meeting, called by the Eramosa township council to meet with Sid Samuels, representative of the Department of Public Works, to discuss the new post office on Guelph Street, dealt with all phases of the building from lack of communications between governmental officials to rights of municipalities to decide what buildings they wanted in their community.

Mr. Samuels said that the day is gone when government must be reflected in monumental buildings such as those in Guelph and other municipalities.

"Generally," he said, "the trend today is for the post office to build factory type buildings which can be torn down in 20 years. The day is coming when the post office as a revenue dispensary will pay rent dollars per square foot so that this knock-down type building is quite adequate."

Serves all Deputy-Rueve Duncan McPhedran reiterated that the Rockwood post office serves not only Rockwood but also the municipality of Eramosa and part of Nassagaweya and the building, both to those people in the townships and those living directly in its vicinity, has been let down to a marked degree.

Comparing it to the Rockwood-Eramosa Fire Hall he said that it certainly has no continuity of the building put up in the village during the previous year and it is being referred to, along with many other things, a veritable tool house.

"If it is a new type post office to be tried out," he asked "why try it out on Eramosa?"

Reeve Parkinson took exception, as he explained to Mr. Samuels and to Mr. Alf Hales, also present at the meeting, the high handed way in which the matter had been handled. There were no plans submitted for either village or township council perusal and no building permits requested. Mr. Samuels indicated that as a federal building, the post office did not require building permits as such,



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having plans of any proposed changes. A copy of this letter will also be sent to Mr. Hales.

Councillor Strong, asked earlier about his opinion on the matter, said that as usual what he finds most distressing is the lack of communication between mental bodies and smaller municipalities.

"No one ever did communicate with the village trustees or the council requesting a building permit or giving us the opportunity of viewing the plans," he said. Strong said that he felt that the building itself was not bad although he still does not like the outside plywood, however having viewed it from the inside he could see where it was efficient and functional and also he could understand the window location. He favored brickwork however, and suggested perhaps Department of Public Works architects could co-ordinate their ideas to enhance the present structure so that it would be more desirable for the community.

Hales disgusted Mr. Hales indicated that he was disgusted with the project. He said he had been partially involved in the building of the Erin post office in '67 but, after viewing the plans for that municipality had left it in the hands of the Department of Public Works. He had been well satisfied with their co-operation at that time and had expected to be just as happy as the outcome of the Rockwood project.

He said he had viewed pictures of the building and they looked very nice. "However," he said, "I have seen the post office as it now stands and I am not pleased at all."

He said that he would return to Ottawa and do everything in his power to co-operate with the

people in Eramosa by having the necessary channels tapped to rectify the situation.

All Hales also asked Mr. Samuels if the oil tank at the site of building could be moved to the back, which supplied just the opening deputy reeve Dunc McPhedran sought.

"Humph," he grumped, "Maybe it should be left there to break the monotony, since there are no doors or windows."

Meanwhile work is continuing on the inside of Rockwood's new post office, Samuels declared, since interior design will not be affected by changes on the outside.

Warden for Wellington

Reeve Allan R. Snowe of West Garafraxa is the new warden of Wellington county. He was sworn in last week by county crown attorney Richard Chaloner, in the absence of the county judge.

He was elected unanimously at the meeting of county council in Guelph. However, there had been a spirited contest when council met in caucus at a morning session. Then secret ballots determined the nominees for the formal afternoon session.

The warden was installed by the man he succeeds Allan Ross, the reeve of Minto township. Mr. Snowe is a third generation farmer.

Donald Matheson, deputy reeve of Erin Township, was named chairman of the agricultural committee; Leslie Slickney, reeve of Nichol heads the community committee; and James Mundell, reeve of Erin Village, will preside over the finance and administration committee.

Ability Fund blitz planned

Distributions of artificial limbs, leg braces, wheel-chairs; fighting disability through medical research, psychological assessing and counselling, employment training and generally rehabilitating the handicapped throughout the province are only some of the functions of the Ability Fund, monies for which are provided by the annual March of Dime blitz.

Television says "How do you tell a mother with a crippled child why her son or daughter is not like other children?" It also says that only through research provided by the March of Dimes can we come up the answers.

committee that 1972 will show an even greater sum.

District organizer Julie Brace says "Just once a year let's do our part to help them out and have that feeling of having accomplished something towards bettering someone's life who is less fortunate than ourselves."

but for courtesy sake, they were usually sought.

Legally, postal authorities have not overstepped their authority in pushing through the post office, according to Mr. Samuels. The Queen can do no wrong. However, the councillors are taking the tack of appealing to officials from the standpoint of morality and at Monday's meeting requested the clerk to write a letter to the minister of public works.

Improve building They are asking him to give the utmost consideration to improve the exterior of the present building and also suggest that they would be interested in

No union for Elora

Elora is backing off from the idea of an eventual union with Fergus. It was decided to notify Wellington County Council that Elora is quite satisfied with the present situation, but, if a change should be deemed necessary Pilkington, Nichol and part of West Garafraxa should be joined with Elora, with Fergus left to its own devices. This follows Schedule E in the Guelph-Wellington Study. An earlier joint meeting had favored Schedule B, including Fergus.

Reeve Arthur Hoffer claimed that later information convinced him that Schedule E was the most logical for Elora.

88th birthday for Mr. Thomas

A birthday supper at his home on Guelph Street, Rockwood and a trip to Oshawa where he visited and reminisced with relatives and friends was the birthday celebration's agenda for one of Rockwood's favorite senior gentlemen.

Mr. A.K. Thomas celebrated his 88th birthday last week and to this very dear octogenarian Rockwood citizens are impressed with his tremendous zest for living. An avid gardener he attracts many people from outside communities to view his summertime panorama of colorful flowers. A vocal philosopher he intrigues many who visit and enjoy his conversation.

During his Oshawa trip he was able to go over old times and discussed working for Colonel R.S. McLaughlin of General Motors at the turn of the century in the old McLaughlin Carriage Works.

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