

Four seek three Rockwood trustee seats

Gary Bateman

One candidate seeking a seat on the Village Trustee Board is a veritable newcomer who has the interests of the residents at heart and has chosen Rockwood as the place for him and his wife Donna (Kingsbury) who was born and raised here. He hopes to see his children grow up in a solid community where people are

recognized and given voice in their village politics. Gary Bateman is a teacher at the M.Z. Bennett Public School in Acton. Commuting every day he enjoys his Rockwood residence and is anxious to get involved in village affairs. He has had considerable experience in group administration, is past president of the Acton's Y's Men, and, prior to his teaching career, was working with Municipal Recreation in Stratford, Ontario, and has an updated knowledge of community recreation. **Know needs** To be a good trustee, Gary feels

that one must know the needs of the people. "In my estimation we can never know what others want until we sound them out," says the ambitious teacher who said that nobody had ever asked him what he would like to see in the village or gave him the opportunity of telling them what he didn't want. "It seems to me," he said, "that everybody has new and fresh ideas and should be allowed to discuss them."

The man who has worked on a committee devised to review Halton County's Educational costs has been schooled to think long. He has attended the Strat-

ford Teachers' College as well as the Universities of Guelph and Waterloo Lutheran. A teacher for 11 years he has spent two years at the Etobicoke Public School in Toronto and has, since, been on the staff of the school in Acton.

Controlled growth He has strong attitudes about where Rockwood should stand in the district and is concerned that villagers' problems are secondary to the township council. He anticipates the inevitability of sewer and water installations but advocates controlled growth rather than see change in the village life style. He

sees no reason for drastic change from regional government as long as the village has strong representation which can assert itself. "I am not a fence sitter" said the teacher administrator, "and if I must stand up and be counted on issues, I will do so!"

Gary feels that not enough importance was put on Intervening the Grand River Conservation authority for substantial support in the issue of sewers and water costs. "This avenue has never been investigated to my knowledge," he said, "and I would like to see it

followed up." Disregard of by-laws Although Mr. Bateman is not well acquainted with residents in the community he hopes to meet supporters at the All Candidates Night to be held on Wednesday, November 29, at the Rockwood Centennial School. An important issue as far as he is concerned is the reckless disregard of village and township by-laws. He is adamant that all civic rulings should never have to become personal issues but rather, rules to be adhered to and properly enforced.

Ralph Kelly

The race is on and one other candidate contesting for a place on Rockwood's three man trustee board is Ralph Kelly, writer, who, with his wife and three children moved into the village in April '71.

Elected to an executive post in the Rockwood and Area Ratepayers' Association two weeks before actually taking residence in Rockwood, Ralph Kelly believes in community involvement. Already he has affiliated himself with the minor softball league, last year working with the Bentams and, during the past

season, was the coach of the Eramosa Midgets.

Like it "The only way to enjoy community living" said the outgoing Mr. Kelly, "is to dig in and like what you're doing." Already Ralph's two sons, Ricky 14, and Mark 10, along with their 12-year-

old sister Shari, are players and fans while mother Edith is also an avid softball supporter who is great with kids, often playing hostess to after-game food sessions for the hungry teamsters.

Mr. Kelly, in looking at a possible position on the trustee board, feels that the trustees should be given more power to control their own destiny. He feels that the village could and should function as a separate entity and need not be tied to the township strings.

Safe place "I would like to see Rockwood

remain much the same without loss of its present character," he said and finds it great that the village is such a safe place to raise kids in and enjoys the rapport and tremendous friendliness between neighbor and neighbor. "I can't say that the village shouldn't grow," said Ralph Kelly, "but on a controlled growth basis and, with so many lots available within its own limits I can't see any immediate cause for concern."

Regarding the installation of water and sewer facilities Mr. Kelly feels that the O.W.R.C. have not demonstrated severity

of need to his satisfaction nor indicated that any steps have been taken to solve what problems are here. "If it is such a problem," said Mr. Kelly, "it can't be too great a one or the Wellington-Dufferin County Health authorities would have stepped in sooner."

No region yet Looking at regional government the newspaper man feels that, for Wellington County, we won't see it for another four years. He can see both the good and bad points of regional government and, referring to the Eramosa Township Board he

said: "Eramosa is already in a form of regional government" and asks the question of Rockwood villagers, "Is it working?" He can see better road maintenance, advanced facilities made available, and greater coordination of services to rural communities as beneficial possibilities from regional government but feels that, until it gets working efficiently, such benefits will be slow in coming. He does not want to see any heavy industry in the village and is anxious to become a trustee from the standpoint of "working for the community if you hope to enjoy living in it."

Bob Leslie

Bob Leslie is listed as a merchant on his nomination ballot sheet but he is a far-seeing business man who has said, regarding the issue of water and sewer installation, "Just because a man enquires about an automobile doesn't mean he's going to buy a Cadillac."

On the board of trustees when the first enquiry was made as to costs for a vehicle supplying water to the village, Bob Leslie looks at the latest picture and says "I think this water and sewer installation is critical to

this community and, if it does go through as the costs now stand, it could be a death knell as Rockwood simply cannot afford it." He agrees that there are wells in the village not producing clear water but feels that there are methods which could be devised to repair them or, if not feasible, other systems which have not yet been considered.

Water works If Bob Leslie gets elected into the Rockwood Board in December he will make the same suggestions which he made last

January, namely that a winter works project be initiated to test, study, and prepare an accurate picture of where the problem wells are and investigate a cure instead of applying an overall blanket cure as suggested by the O.W.R.C. at exorbitantly high costs.

A Rockwood district man all

his life, born near Eden Mills, Bob is in tune with village indigenity. He is strongly opposed to Regional Government but feels that they have come into being because community boards have abdicated their own responsibilities and, unless small village and township boards assert themselves, rural towns will gradually disappear into larger units.

Could be absorbed He is adamant that the township council should take a closer look at what Regional

Government represents and feels that, without strong, knowledgeable representation Rockwood and other Eramosa communities could well be absorbed by regional government before another election.

Growthwise, Bob Leslie is not in favor of sprawl but would like to see Rockwood kept as a dormitory-type community retaining its own personality with only light industry brought in. "We have enough room to grow within our basic boundaries as long as we stay as laid out in Village surveys," he said.

"The basic factors now to be considered," said the knowledgeable hardware merchant, "are going to be the issues of water and sewer installation and controlled growth." He hopes that all issues will be exposed at the November Candidates' Night meeting where every citizen in the township should question the potential threat of regional government, sewer and water installation in the village of Rockwood, and to what extent they will affect all township residents.

forwarding to the Minister of Environment making the motion that the Rockwood Trustees would not favor any more increase over the maximum of 10 per cent of the original costs. He hopes to see only light industry come into the village with steady normal growth gradually filling within the

village limits. He feels that the trustees should insist on more control and have more authority in the planning and development within the village, in co-operation with the township council. A man who cares about village kids, Bert Smith would like to see a club organized to keep them interested.

Bert Smith

The only incumbent village trustee is a previous York County man who has lived in Rockwood for the past 11 1/2 years. Bert Smith has served five years on the trustee board and can see the next term as a potential time-consuming period.

In discussing the issue of water

and sewer installation he admits that previous to his getting on the board in '68, only the cost of water had been enquired about. After the announcement from the Honorable Mr. Kerr however, in 1969, the trustees were informed that they could also include sewers in the packaged deal with a 50 per cent government

assistance and the Rockwood Board then considered this as a feasible opportunity.

Against increase Mr. Smith is concerned that there are some citizens who cannot afford the projected costs but said that a letter had been

sent recently by the trustees to the township council for

New tastes for Curls

The seventh and final meeting of the Carrot Curls was held November 15. They discussed lesser known vegetables such as celeriac, eggplant, kale, kohlrabi and salsify. They tasted quick-dried beans and choice and fancy green beans. The girls couldn't really tell any difference. Also on the menu were canned cabbage rolls, donated by a mother, most of the girls thought they were terrible, but the leader enjoyed them.

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Hazel Mack returns to open restaurant

A free-lance writer, local historian and bird fancier, has found her way back to Rockwood and last Tuesday hung her shingle advising patrons that the "Spinning Stone" coffee shop is now in operation.

Hazel Mack, well known in the district as the co-proprietor along with her husband, of the famous Mack Bird Sanctuary near Eden Mills, feels as if she is "Home" again. Her restaurant venture is not a new one for her as, at one time, she operated the "Red Door Tea Room" in the store presently called Pearl's Variety in Rockwood.

Many mothers remember well, dropping in for a cup of coffee and delicious home-made pastries before leaving off their children for the amiable Mrs. Mack to manage temporarily while they completed their rounds of village shopping.

Was reporter Those who know her well are pleased to have her back in the community well remembering also, her local news coverage in which she managed to keep newspaper customers well informed. At one time, few happenings occurred in the Rockwood vicinity that slipped by Hazel Mack's scanning eye and, when she left to take up residence in the town of Fergus, she was greatly missed.

Besides her newspaper corresponding Mrs. Mack managed to wrap up several books. One based on the history of Eden Mills is used today for reference material in the local public schools. Two of the writer's other books were ones dealing with Wellington County highlights and another was written on the Number One Eramosa Public School once situated on the 2nd Line, Eden Mills Road.

Great enthusiasm Having given up her newspaper career after the death of her husband in Fergus, Mrs. Mack is now launching her new business with great enthusiasm. As an experienced restaurateur she has named her latest dining emporium "The Spinning Stone" and, inside the front door of her restaurant the historical ornament sits on the floor, a relic of the ancient days when Rockwood's pot holes were being formed. The particular stone which Mrs. Mack owns was given to her by the late Edgar Harris who had removed it from a

pothole on his own property which he later sold to the Grand River Conservation Authority which is, today, the famous Rockwood Conservation Park.

"Edgar could spin that stone just by a twist of his wrist" says the Spinning Stone hostess who owns other mementos of Rockwood's early history somehow relating her reappearance with the theme and now of the Eramosa district.

Mrs. Mack purchased the building on Highway 7 which was, at one time, the Barlow Restaurant and, with snacks light meals, and hot coffee, hopes to see her business grow.

"Not too fast at first," says the energetic Hazel Mack whose greatest delight is getting to visit again with her many old friends. She enjoys cooking and whipping up home made pastries and already villagers are accepting the convenience of a close-by dining establishment where sit-down meals are a pleasure and, once she gets into the swing of things, Mrs. Mack intends to extend her menu to more intricate dinner requirements.



HAZEL MACK smiles happily as she spins the stone for interested customers. The black granite ornament is an actual stone responsible for molding one of Rockwood's own historical potholes geologically created in the ice ages. It was given to Mrs. Mack by the late Edgar Harris who had removed it from one of the potholes on his property now owned by the Grand River Conservation Authority. Mrs. Mack has named her new restaurant "The Spinning Stone" after the stone which, by a twist of a finger will spin in circles on the floor. — Photo by Lorraine

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