

# Retiring reeve sees weighty issues facing new Eramosa council

The man who has been known in the district for the past four years as the reeve of Eramosa, decided to retire and did not put his name up for office in the December election.

Reeve Warren Parkinson said his decision to step down was because of too many personal pressures. He referred to the recent ones of having his farm expropriated to make place for the Guelph dam and the necessity of relocating somewhere else. "An accumulation of things," said the reeve. He said council business compounded the problems but they were the easiest to get away from. Reeve Parkinson said he might go back in on council again sometime, but right now he has no regrets about leaving.



Reeve Warren Parkinson

Mr. Parkinson has served on council for seven years. He had spent three as a council member. He had previously served for six years on the Eramosa School Board before it became part of the Wellington County School Board.

**Leadership**  
He explains his interest in politics as having tried to give good leadership in the township. He said he'd never had great political ambitions but had been encouraged by people in the community to run for office and had been successful.

The reeve feels the incoming council has many tough decisions falling into its hands and cites water and sewer system proposed for Rockwood as probably the most pressing one. He feels with a complete new council it will be a tough time to start making important decisions.

At a meeting held at the Centennial school for new candidates, Reeve Parkinson referred to the costs of the sewerage facilities. "The original estimate of \$250 for single lots using both water and sewers is wrong," he said, "the estimate now runs as high as \$350." He said the new township council will have to decide whether to proceed or not. He feels that, if the facilities are installed, village infill alone, will bring pressure for development.

The reeve said council really has tried to put a lid on subdivisions. "It could be overruled by the province," he said but he feels the province would respect the wishes of the Eramosa council. He also feels the people in Rockwood who have lots should be given first chance to sell or build before developers. He says the Eramosa planning board should be commended as instrumental in helping council keep tabs on development projects.

**Looking back**  
Looking back over his term of office, Parkinson lists the township library formation as one of the council's accomplishments. He feels the Eramosa Planning Board was re-activated and has done a tremendous job leading the way in drawing up the Guelph and Suburban Official Plan. He said the new zoning by-laws in process of

being drawn to conform with the Official plan, are of great importance.

Another problem which the retiring reeve feels will face the new council will be decisions on recreation. He said decisions will have to be weighed on whether recreation monies should be used to purchase more recreation land or applied to the Rockwood Lions Club project.

One of the matters the reeve said he wanted to point out is the importance of a firm stand being taken by both councils of Guelph and Eramosa townships in dickering with Grand River Conservation Authority. "Council needs firm attitudes on what's to be spent," he said referring to rebuilding and resurfacing costs required on approximately one and one-half miles of road in the townships. "We'll end up paying more than we should unless we are firm," he said.

**Industry**  
Speaking on land use Reeve Parkinson said people will have to decide whether industry or light industry is wanted in the township. "Then they will have to decide where they want it in the township because very little land is zoned industrial," he said. The present reeve will continue his duties to the completion of 1974.

The reeve for 1975, Bill Adsett will bring to the Eramosa township council, seven years' experience.

When he first got into municipal politics Bill Adsett chose running for township council as opposed to an office on the school board. He feels that everyone should have a go at council.



Bill Adsett

Mr. Adsett does not share the present reeve's concern of a gloomy future for Eramosa but sees problems facing the new council as challenges which will have to be well handled. He looks at the water and sewerage installation as one of main concern. He says it is a problem pending, with council still hoping for added subsidy. He does not believe that, at the moment, anyone has any alternatives on paper. "At any rate such alternatives are not promised," he said. The councillor believes council must work for one or the other or both, depending on feasibility.

**Challenges**  
The new reeve for '75 says that in the next two years, he wants to do as decent a job as he can in that position. He says he has attitudes about getting into office by acclamation. "First of all it's a bit aggravating to oneself and shows lack of interest. There's always the question, 'do people want me in this spot?'" He pointed out that several councils had been put in simply by acclamation, "people filling holes, type of thing." He said from now on he is already thinking ahead to the next two years and that his acclamation will not be a consideration.

**Control**

The future reeve said if water and sewers are installed in Rockwood, the moratorium could be lifted but that council wants to control development of subdivisions continually. He said he feels council will need all control they can muster at municipal level. "One day there'll be sub-divisions no doubt," he said, but stressed the need for methodical planning in all areas of the Eramosa municipality.

Mr. Adsett feels the township council has not managed to convey to the people in the district what the planning board is all about. He says the attitude of council and the planning board has always been controlled development. He feels both council and planning board are updated and looking ahead. He feels people may be unaware where things stand but if they disagree on what is being decided they should make it known. "There are reports available for usage," he said.

Looking at the ward system in the township Mr. Adsett says it's a case of whatever people think is best. He doesn't see enough reason to consider it. He said if it will benefit anybody or most people, council will delve into it. As far as incorporation is concerned, Mr. Adsett believes Rockwood and Eramosa need one another. "The irritating part is that people have assimilated village trustee boards and township council," he said. He went on to say, "They are two different types of boards."

**Senior**  
At the Nov. 19 Meeting of the Candidates night held at the Rockwood public school, councillor Adsett said he was ready to retire this year but when the reeve and deputy-reeve announced their intentions to retire, he knew what was required of him as senior member of council.

As the future reeve, Mr. Adsett says his ambitions are to lead the meetings in the most orderly fashion, receiving any delegations which are orderly according to the rules of procedure. "The reeve has always been head of council and I'm aware of the responsibility," he said.

He said he hopes the electorate will vote for an intelligent, level-headed council with members capable of seeing both sides of every story.



Betty Lou Clark

Councillor Betty Lou Clark stepped easily into her position as deputy-reeve. With only two years' township council experience behind her, Mrs. Clark's policy is that one individual does not make council policy. She stresses that anyone wanting to know attitudes of council on issues, should phone the individual and ask.

"Better still, come to council meetings and hear discussions and how decisions are made," she says.

The councillor who was recently acclaimed deputy-reeve says she has always

welcomed input from any taxpayer in the township. "I appreciate the confidence shown when an individual has asked me to act on his behalf," she said.

Mrs. Clark feels all members of council are sincere in their efforts when acting for the township residents' interests. "We have differences of opinion, certainly," she said, "but we are doing the best job we can depending on our experience." She lists township by-laws, the official plan and numerous acts such as the Municipal Act, the Drainage and Library Acts as ones which, when studied, give guidance in handling municipal affairs.

**Higher government**  
Mrs. Clark says during her two years of office she has come to realize the higher the level of government, the less in touch it is with people. "Saving our land for agriculture is sound thinking," she said, "but after dealing with the Ontario Hydro Commission and the Grand River Authority, it is all too clear to me, that they place much less value on land to grow crops on than we do in Eramosa Township."

She says non-industrial, non-commercial rural land is ripe for gravel pits, garbage dumps for metropolitan area, hydro corridors and "country living" subdivisions. "Granted, most of the candidates oppose subdivisions on the Rockwood perimeter," she said, "if these people are elected, we can control growth at the present time."

The lady councillor feels as long as there are boards of trustees in Eden Mills and Rockwood as well as a council in the Township of Eramosa residents do have a say in how they want their township to be run. "Cherish that right, accept the responsibility," urges the new deputy-reeve, "because the only way to make it work is to participate!"



Gary Bateman

On the Rockwood front, Gary Bateman, chairman of the trustee board gives his reason for not continuing as a village trustee. He said he envied the candidates who are running for office but unfortunately business commitments have made it impossible for him to run during the next term of office.

"It would be unfair to the voters if I were to seek an office that I could not give adequate time and energy to fill," he said. He said for those reasons he had decided

not to seek nomination although he had enjoyed working with the village staff and employees as part of a competent team.

Mr. Bateman feels the board of trustees has made some positive strides forward during the past two years. "But we didn't accomplish all we would have liked," he said. He pointed out there are many things not completed that a new board will have to put on their priority list for the next two years.

**Sidewalks**  
"Roads and sidewalks are a definite priority, as anyone living in Rockwood knows," he said. He mentioned sidewalk service is needed along both sides of Highway 7 from the cemetery to the conservation park. "Roads must be widened, graded and paved on a step-by-step program as soon as the status of the sewers and water project is known," he said.

## Stolen vehicles

Three vehicles were stolen and recovered by Acton O.P. the past week.

Two of the vehicles were found by a police officer in the same field in Esquewaug at Lot 28, Conc. 1, on Saturday morning.

A pickup truck which was stolen from a hotel parking lot Nov. 14, owned by John Artem, R.R. 3, was found in the field.

The second vehicle there was a car stolen during the night of Nov. 22 from the driveway of its owner, Haoul Knight, 23 Church W.

**Third**  
The third missing vehicle of the week was a truck stolen Nov. 22 from Victoria Ave., owned by Jack Adams of R.R. 1, Erin. It was located at the feed mill, Mill W. Aluminum ladders, vinyl siding and other contractors' equipment, valued at \$800 were missing.

Eramosa Township, Rockwood and Eden Mills Electors

ON DECEMBER 2nd

VOTE

JOHN J.

HEWITT

FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN

I have 3 years experience on the High School Board and 3 years on the Planning Board.

On December 2nd

VOTE

CLARENCE

HILTON

For Township of Eramosa Council

Your Vote is Appreciated

## Eramosa township council briefs

Correspondence, by-laws and general business rounded out the agenda of the Eramosa township council for their meeting at council chambers last Monday night. Reeve Warren Parkinson was in the chair with all council members present. Clerk Lloyd Hindley was also in attendance. Motions were passed.

THAT the resolution of the township of March, requesting the Province of Ontario to take the necessary steps to encourage greater use of returnable glass containers throughout the province, be endorsed;

THAT the clerk notify the Liquor License Board of

Ontario that Eramosa council would not object to a dining-lounge license being granted to the Colonial Hotel with a seating capacity of not more than 112 persons;

THAT a by-law to authorize construction of a medical centre in the Village of Rockwood be read a third time, passed and numbered 17-1974. This by-law was approved by order dated Friday, Sept. 27, 1974;

THAT the following applications for rebate of 1974 taxes, under section 636A of the Municipal Act, be approved: rol no. 5-118, horse barn demolished \$119.04; no. 6-127-01, amount of business \$8.94; no. 1-235, error in apartment \$153.78; no. 5-154,

house demolishing \$100.00, total \$381.84;

THAT the treasurer hereby authorize to return 1974 gravel tender deposit in amount of \$1,675.00 to Holman Construction, Rockwood;

THAT the treasurer be authorized to pay the

November payroll and include same on December accounts.

Accounts were passed and the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the Eramosa township council will be held December 2 at the council chambers.

**SKATING AT CARLISLE**  
Afternoons \$2 per car  
Bus Load \$10  
Evenings \$3 per car  
Busload \$15  
CALL 634-6028  
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## Accidents in week

A car parked in Kingham Estates parking lot was struck by an unknown vehicle last Thursday, and \$75 damage caused. Owner of the damaged car is Douglas Lockerbie, 124 Churchhill Rd. S.

Another parked car was damaged the same day. It is owned by George Gray, R.R. 4, Acton and damage was estimated at \$150 by police. Driver of the other car involved was Patricia Patterson, 66 Roseford and her car had about \$5 damage.



RE-ELECT

J.H. (Bert)

Smith

for Rockwood Village Trustee

"Fair Consideration To All"

## Comin's and Goin's

Neighbors on Guelph St. are happy to have Rose Oakes home again after her lengthy time at the Guelph General Hospital. The popular lady has been having numerous visitors and for those who haven't dropped in to say "welcome home" they send their sincere best wishes.

It's also great to see George Ingle of Harris St. back in the running. His churchie St. John's friends were pleased to see him taking collection in church last Sunday.

Hey, put a note on your bulletin board and remember the Christmas variety program to be held at the Centennial public school on Wednesday, Dec. 18. Starting at 8 p.m. the program will include children from kindergarten to grade six and it sounds as if everyone who likes kids should be there.

Penny's real estate on Guelph St. seems to have folded the proverbial tent and quietly moved away. No one seems to know where the business is now located and

there's not even a "no calling" sign on the front window of the former location.

Women's lib really seems to be coming into its own. Latest indication that someone is winning was watching men at one of the Canadian Tire stores in Guelph, stand by watching, as a slim young chick changed automobile tires with questionable efficiency.

Hey, it really is Christmas again and parents, pre-schoolers and interested members of the general public are invited to attend the annual school movie at the Centennial public school auditorium. A Disney film, The Adventures of Bullwhip Griffin, will be shown on Thursday, Dec. 19 from 9 to 11 a.m. and Friday, Dec. 20 at the same time. Christmas school holidays are set for Dec. 21 until Jan. 5 and a ho, ho, ho for all matters and matters who look forward to having the little ones home for the holidays.



YOUR VOTE FOR ERAMOSA TOWNSHIP COUNCIL DECEMBER 2nd IS APPRECIATED VOTE

BURNETT ALLAN



# WOODLAND

MARKETS

## ACTON, ONT.

GROCERY FEATURES		MEAT FEATURES	
Aylmer	10 oz. can	"FRESH" CHICKEN	
VEGETABLE or TOMATO SOUP	2/29¢	LEGS OR BREASTS	lb. 79¢
E.D. Smith	28 oz. jar	Essex S.P. 1/2 Cry-O-Vac	
GARDEN COCKTAIL	39¢	Cottage Roll	lb. 99¢
First Grade BUTTER	89¢	Fresh CHICKEN	
Homestead WHITE SLICED BREAD	2/69¢	DRUMSTICKS or THIGHS	lb. 89¢
Maxwell House	1 lb. bag +	Store Pack PORK or BEEF SAUSAGES	lb. 69¢
COFFEE	10% Extra Bonus Pack \$1.15	Hourly Fresh GROUND CHUCK	lb. 98¢
18 oz. Bonus Pack COFFEE MATE	\$1.19	BEEF LIVER	lb. 99¢
Kleenex TOWELS	Pack 2 Rolls 79¢	Swift's 5 varieties COOKED MEAT	8 oz. Vac Pak 39¢
Libby's TOMATO JUICE	19 oz. can 2/49¢		
26 oz. Non Returnable Bottle COCA COLA	3/87¢		
PRODUCE FEATURES			
Florida Pink or White GRAPEFRUIT	Size 48 8/99¢	Product USA	Canada No. 1
			lb. 35¢