



THREE NEW FACES greet the new year of '75 on Eramosa township council. They are seen standing behind the new reeve Bill Adsett, deputy-reeve Betty Lou Clark and clerk Lloyd.

Hindley. Council members are Allan Burnett, David Masson and John Hewitt. Inaugural meeting of the council was held last Monday, Jan. 7.

No increase in council pay was inaugural decision

Special guests were on hand at the inaugural meeting of the Eramosa township council last Monday, Jan. 6. They gave greetings of the season to the new councillors and wished them the best of luck in their new offices.

The oath of office, invocation and address by reeve Bill Adsett was the start-off for the nine hour meeting. It began at 10 a.m. and was not concluded until 7 p.m. with time off only for luncheon in Guelph.

All members of council were present including reeve Bill Adsett, deputy-reeve Betty Lou Clark and councillors Allan Burnett, John Hewitt and David Masson. Also present were George Day, trustee of the Wellington County School Board, Allan Masson, chairman of the Halton region and Lally Masson, wife of councillor David Masson. The Rev. Anna P. Taylor, minister of the Mimosa United church gave the invocation as the minister of the newly-installed reeve.

Halton chairman invited to say a few words. The Halton chairman said his chief interest in attending the meeting was of a provincial nature and that he wanted particularly to see family history being made. The well-

known politician is the father of the newly-elected David Masson on the Eramosa township council. He was on hand to see his son sworn into the township council for the first time.

Mr. Masson pointed out to those present that council business was pretty much the same in all municipalities. "Nothing is done here that isn't done in the municipality of Halton," he said and added that he'd guess that, with only six councillors to deal with as opposed to the Halton board of 24, the Eramosa council could probably get things accomplished more easily. He said that problems are much the same everywhere, with councils attempting to govern in a democratic way and solve problems of municipalities as easily as possible.

George Day spoke on behalf of the Wellington County Board of Education. He thanked former council members for the co-operation of the Eramosa township council in the past. He gave

particular words of appreciation to clerk Lloyd Hindley for his willing assistance in items dealing with the school board. Mr. Day says he realized that much of the township's monies went into the Wellington County Board of Education but that the education of children was a great responsibility for all councils and board members.

Reeve Bill Adsett's address to his new council was general. He said he hopes to see council perform co-operatively under his guidance for his term of office. He said he hoped to see orderly meetings with council members printed ahead of meetings about business to be discussed. The reeve advocated that councillors should read over correspondence before meetings. He said he believes in delegations if they are held in orderly fashion. Duties and responsibilities were also part of the reeve's address. He said that certain issues will be coming up where decisions will be left

with the township council. He said community centre obligations and water and sewers were important matters pending which will have to be dealt with by the present council.

Business During the meeting by-laws were passed, correspondence was read and appointments were made to special committees. By-law no. 1 on borrowing, no. 2 on remuneration, no. 3 appointing Ted Cargo to the committee of adjustments and no. 4 dealing with the interim tax levy, were passed.

Other matters of business included a change in township

office hours. The office will now open from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Office hours were formerly from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The council also discussed the possibility of holding meetings twice monthly on the first and third Mondays. It was decided to try out the proposal. Next meeting will be held Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the chambers.

Morning business dealt mainly with correspondence. During the afternoon, salaries came under consideration. Council indicated a 20 percent raise in all staff salaries which will be finalized at next meeting. No increase in their own pay was the council's decision.

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★ NOTICE ★ ERIN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

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Only one change on Eramosa board

Only one new face will be seen on the Eramosa planning board which came up for re-assessment at Monday's

inaugural meeting of Eramosa township council. Rockwood village representative, Gary Bate-

man is the former trustee board chairman who will be replaced by new trustee, Allan Osborne. He will sit

with board members Ted Cargo, Bill Garner, Dick Strong, John Beaham and John Turner at their Jan. 16 meeting.

Both Benham and Turner were re-appointed at the Monday meeting as their term of office had expired.

Recreation Decisions on appointments to the Eramosa recreation committee were also considered but left in abeyance until next meeting of council. Advertisements will request that residents interested in serving on the committee contact council for consideration.

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Spoon-holders were Merry Christmas gifts

A man who enjoys the practice of always giving away self-produced hobby items, this year decided to say Merry Christmas in a unique way. He made numerous, attractive wooden spoon-holders which he gave generously to neighbors and friends.

Norm Marshall Sr. is the illustrious villager who, for 42 years, owned and operated the Eden Mills general store and post office. Eight years ago he sold the business to John Turner and retired to his present home in the village. Not content with sitting around doing nothing, however, he keeps himself busy with his woodworking hobby incorporating it with other community duties. For 12 years he has served as treasurer of Eden Mills United Church and is secretary of the newly-formed Senior Citizens Club in the village.

Mr. Marshall's interest in Eden Mills and its residents is not a short-lived one. It stems from his background of early Eramosa history. His great-grandfather and brother, John and Robert Ramsey,

were two of the first district residents. They settled on Lot One of the Third Concession of Eramosa, now known as Nordie and Masson farms.

First Eramosa baby John Ramsey and his wife, Rachael Cleave, shared the historical distinction of having produced the first baby born in Eramosa, Mr. Marshall's grandmother, Mary. He himself was born on a farm located on the Guelph Rd. and No. 25 Side Rd. His family later moved closer to the vicinity of Eden Mills. In April, 1925 he took up residence in the village proper and, in October of the same year, married the present Mrs. Marshall and purchased the local store. This year the couple will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Since his retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall keep their lives full of interesting achievements. The parents of two sons they have nine grandchildren, seven boys and two girls. Visiting the senior members of the Marshall clan is to see junior relatives continually dropping in to visit, chat or borrow grandfather's tools of which

the older man has claim to many fine ones. He tells how that, in combining some hardware items with his general store stock he was able to procure valuable tools which, at one time, were unfamiliar to him. Over the years he has managed to learn how to use his equipment and today makes several items of interest which he gives away as fast as he makes them up.

Mr. Marshall says that, before his retirement he never had enough time to do much in the line of carpentering or building. He says he was always interested however. Today in his basement evidence of how he puts his tools to work is apparent as hand-constructed objects can be seen about the house. Village friends of the popular gentleman are quick to talk about the "little things" he likes to make for other people.

Items Book ends with special stones mounted, miniature spoon-holder rocking chairs, recipe holders, wagon lamps, bird feeders and replicas of churches made into lamps are only a few of the crafts Mr. Marshall likes to make. What is unique about his hobby is that he refuses to accept anything for his gifts. From the word go, he plays Father Christmas the year round. Planning out his items, he enjoys giving to people who like his objects.

Interestingly enough, the hobby of the keen villager matches interests of his wife. The location of their home on the Eramosa is an ideal setting for placement of her husband's bird feeders. In the wintertime she feeds great numbers of tiny visitors and manages to make friends with cardinals, blue jays, nuthatches, woodpeckers, chickadees and many other Canadian winter birds. With the feeder placed strategically just below their porch window the couple is able to watch close-hand, the amazing little creatures taking their food and performing on the crafted perches. Many such feeders are seen outside other village homes and are often items of purchase at local church and community bazaars.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Marshall enjoy good health. Every summer they take off to their favorite resort, their summer home near Birks Falls. Happy, congenial and busy the two residents work well in the community. This year's Christmas venture of making spoon holders provided pleasure for their receivers and was a clever way for the craftsman to act out his year round axiom "it's better to give than to receive." In Eden Mills this Christmas, many residents received.

Former choirmaster honored

A former choirmaster and organist of Rockwood United Church was honored on Sunday, Dec. 29 at the regular morning service. The Rev. Garfield Rees dedicated a brass plaque to the memory of the late Frank Moore who died in England in 1973. Former choir members, Sunday School teachers and scholars were in attendance as Mr. Rees recounted some of the accomplishments of Mr. Moore while a member of the village congregation.

Born in Northampton, England, Frank Moore emigrated to Canada about 1907. He came to Rockwood in 1913 to set up a shoe repair shop in a small building on the corner of the present hydro office lot which was at that time, the location of the A. K. Thomas furniture store.

In 1919 Mr. Moore married Mary Stokes, also of Northampton. They were married in the Presbyterian Church which is now Rockwood United Church. Until Mrs. Moore's death in 1949, the couple were tremendously active in church work. Mr. Moore was choirmaster and organist, worked for missions and taught Sunday School. Mrs. Moore was in charge of a very successful boys' group called the Sunshine Boys Mission Band.

After his wife's death Mr. Moore returned to England where he later married Dorothy Green. As a member of a Baptist Church in South London he was as active in church life as his health would permit.

The plaque was donated by Mrs. Dorothy (Green) Moore to the Rockwood United Church trustees in commemoration of her husband's great interest in the village church. In speaking of the Moores, the Rev. Rees said, "The couple made a significant contribution to the life and work of the Presbyterian Church and later the United Church in Rockwood." Former pupils of the dedicated man left placing of the plaque was most fitting. It was placed on the left-hand wall between two windows, directly over two front pews in which Mr. Moore had conducted regular Sunday classes, week after week, for so many years.

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SPOON HOLDERS were the way one Eden Mills resident said Merry Christmas to village residents. Norm Marshall became interested in the hobby of woodcrafts after his retirement. He enjoys making numerous items and giving them to friends. He is seen in his home workshop making up one of his special holiday items.