Rockwood ghost town?

A deputation of determined people attended last week's Village Trustee meeting to state their case in the sudden re-opening of the controversy of whether Hwy. 7 should be re-routed or not. This question was thought dead and buried by most residents after the ministry held hearings last summer with the village and a decision was made to leave the highway as it was. People are confused and angry as to why this issue has once again been put before them. Mr. Massie, an Eden Mills resident, felt it was the responsibility of the ministry to explain to all why nit is necessary to change the

present route. "I as a taxpayer would like to know the reasoning behind even suggesting such a change", he said. "The people who built on the high-way did so when it was highway. To re-route would mean taking it in front of homes that have tried to avoid the highway,"he added.

Noreason Chairman Allan Osborne explained that the board had not been given a definite reason for the proposal either and said that Mr. Stevenson, the man who is responsible for improving Hwy. 7, had once commented that to reroute was too expensive.

Who then asked for re-consideration of the re-routing of Hwy. 7 and why?

Mrs. Bacon of Saunders Bakery told the trustees that she was surprised to hear of the proposal saying she felt it had been settled last summer and she hadn't heard any of the local people discussing it since. Allan Osborne asked the group for a consensus of opinion stating that the min-istry needed input before a decision would be made.

Ian Wallace and John Ward who live on County Road 29 or Eden Mills Road, one of the proposed by-passes, told the meeting they had done their own survey.

Against it "Out of 55 families ques-

tioned 53 are against the rerouting and two are undecided," outlined Mr. Wallace. "We will have the brief ready to present to the Township Council if necessary" he added.

Chairman Osborne outlined some of the reasons why a bypass can be a beneficial thing. He pointed out that with the increase in commuters traffic can increase making walking dangerous for children, and wondered if the proposed recreation area for the north of Guelph wouldn't draw more cars through the village. Allan also questioned if a by-pass would really cut into business that much

John Hodge, owner of the Brownies, Cubs, Scouts and Hi-Way Gulf and Antique Guides are holding a St. establishment on Hwy. 7, felt Patrick's dance on March 14 the village would become a at the Rockwood Town Hall. ghost town.

"To re-route Hyw. 7 means putting the business man out of the picture" he explained. "We have the task of paying for water and sewer and taxes and we need the business," he stated. "Take business out of the village and you have a ghost town," he stressed. Jim told the people that he had come to Rockwood to get into a sane world and that if the highway is rerouted he'll sell and move.

Mr. Osborne wondered if all business would be affected and felt that the bakery was an example of a business that didn't need travellers to exist. "Oh no, we rely heavily on transient business" Mrs.

Bacon stressed. Days gone .
"I have contacted most

businesses in the village and they are in favor of having the Hwy. remain here on the pre-sent route". added Trustee Bert Smith. Not all present were in favor of Hwy. 7 remaining the same. Arthur Harris, Harris St. resident and Main St. business man felt that although it was wonderful having the highway through the village years ago, those days had gone.

"I've watched this road for 50 years and feel that the Main St. would be less congested if there was a bypass," he said. "With the construction going on people will be looking for new building lots and I feel the quality of the village will be better maintained with the highway not here," Mr. Harris con-

cluded. Jim Hodge felt that the parking problem was of little consequence and suggested some alternatives. Chairman Osborne outlined the intention of the board to level and gravel the villaged-owned lot on the corner of Dowler and



Gowan to help ease the parking for shoppers at busy

Mr. Harris again stressed his bellef that with the improving of the highway traffic would increase adding to this congestion at the top of the hill. Mr. Hodge suggested that because there are better outlets running east and west from the 401 there would be no danger.

No mistake "We can't afford to make a mistake in this," stated Allan Osborne, "The Ministry isn't going to alter the road in two or three years from now if we change our minds, we must be sure in our decision." "The Hanlon Expressway and Hwy. No. 6 were improved to ease the 401," added Ian Wallace, "I really don't feel we need to worry about an increase in traffic," he said.

Mr. Wallace also referred to a recent traffic study that stated that the present number of cars using Hwy. 7 is 3600-5500 per day and the predicted number of cars for the year 1991 would not exceed 5500. He then asked again why there is a need to reroute and spend millions.

The cost for the ministry to re-route will run from 1.9 dollars depending on the route picked. The group were unanimous in their feeling that in this day and age when the federal and provincial governments are calling for restraints it doesn't seem to make much sense to re-open

one of the games.

Dancing will be to the

"Country Classics" from 9 - 1.

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the stretch of Harris St. in

front of her home by the time

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notice that was mailed to all

water and sewer billings.

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Ray and Betty Death

some of the fellow enthusiasts

who travelled to B.C. in the

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IS GROWTH in Rockwood really welcome? Residents disagree, as they met with village trustees and Eramosa council the past week.

this costly issue. Arthur attend who wished to. Harris felt the village shouldn't worry about the cost. "If they are willing to spend four or five million dollars for the water and sewer project, they'll pay for a by-pass," he said.

Chairman At Osborne told the residents that he would get a letter off to the Eramosa million dollars to 3.5 million Council stating the feelings of the deputation and he would attend the council meeting to speak on behalf of the village residents. Ian Wallace and John Ward felt they would also attend the meeting to present their brief. Allan Osborne invited any residents to

(Please read Eramosa Twp. Council coverage for the outcome of meeting.)

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Rockwood and District

Asks trustees

Residents' precedence over new developers?

Jean Meadows and her neighbor, Mrs. Wylie approached the Rockwood Trustees with a request that Catherine St. be opened, they said they would like to make use of these streets to alleviate the future tax burden. They stated that they felt the longtime residents should have a chance at having streets opened and serviced while they are still here.

"The developers are moving in and I feel the small person is important," Mrs. Wylie told the board. Allan Osborne told the ladies that Catherine St. was being considered but because of a house that was built on the

been a holdup. operate on this problem with the house," said Mrs. Wylie,

to interfere", she said. "We have been good and productive citizens and one of the uses I foresee for this scenic property is a senior citizens home," she told the Trustees. "The senior citizens don't want to have to go to Guelph after spending

preference." "I do think we have to con-

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street allowance there had sider the longtime residents over the developers," Trustee "We are willing to co- Pat Smith said, "Since Jean owns land that may have to be bought to get around this problem we may be able to "but it is wrong for one house solve our problem," he ad-ded. "I would also like to see those beautiful willow trees saved even if we have to build the road around them," Pat

Chairman Osborne concluded by telling the ladies that they would get a road superintendent to look at the all their lives here in the village," she said. "I think problem, assemble some Catherine St. should take figures and they would get back to the ladies as soon as

Program for 1976 has been written by the Latin American women and will be observed in Rockwood United Church at 8 p.m. on Friday evening March 5. The United Church Women will hostess invited to join the ladles for the occasion and ladies from the Anglican, Presbyterian,

Village invited to

service March 5

The World Day of Prayer Churches will join together in presenting the material supplied by the Inter-Church Council of Canada. The Rev. H. G. Rees will give the address of the evening.

Gentlemen are cordially the service which is open to the village and area. A fellowship hour will follow.

Johnson arranges . meet for protesters

According to Nassagaweya nesday. Area Ratepayers' Association president Bill Johnson, a meeting is being arranged at which all of the people who submitted briefs will have an opportunity to question members of the Halton waste man-

Roman Catholic and United

agement study team. Mr. Johnson told this newspaper that he was both disappointed and upset with the answers the experts provided for questioners at a public meeting in Burlington Wed-

Walks out He said there was no opportunity for rebuttal and he claimed the answers offered

in some cases weren't right. At one point Johnson stood up and walked out of the meeting. "Mr. Chairman, there is no point in my stay-ing," he said as he walked angrily away.

Mr. Johnson has been interested in the waste management field for some time.

by Kerry Chalmers Kenny Death, a Peewee some people were able to see player on the Acton Legion this program hosted by team hosted two of the Sault Russell Dennis. Mr. Dennis Ste. Marie players that were interviewed Ray about his here last weekend for the hobby and asked Mr. Death hockey tournament. The for his opinion on many facets boys, Michael McKinnon and of the car club. Mr. Death Kevin Conway were on the took pictures of his car colwinning team and were reslection and these were shown ponsible for scoring the on the air. winning points in the last game. The boys stayed with The Rockwood the Death family from Friday evening till Sunday with most of their weekend being taken

Rockwood

roundup

Horticultural Group will be going to the Flower Show at the C.N.E. This trip will be in up with the tournament and lieu of a March meeting and resting up for the games. The anyone who is interested and Deaths did treat the boys to a would like to Join in the outing chicken dinner in Acton after is welcome. The group will be leaving the Academy at 6.15 p.m. on Thursday, March 11. People will be travelling in The Group Committee for their own cars but are asked Rockwood to meet at the Academy at 6.15. If you wish further information you can contact Janice Osborne at 856-4605.

Anyone for the O'Keefe Centre? A bus trip has been planned once again to take Rockwood residents to Toronto, this time to see the well known play. The Man of La Mancha. The bus leaves Rockwood Centennial Public School at 7 p.m. sharp on Monday evening, March 8. The tickets are selling quickly so people are asked to contact Marjorie Saunders at 856-9517 as soon as possible.

A reminder for softball players-Eramosa Softball Registration takes place this Sunday, March 7 at the municipal office on Hwy. 24 from 11.30 - 2.30. Players are asked to bring their birth certificate. The fee is \$3 per player for boys and girls from the ages of eight through 19. users in February referred to Come on out and register, spring is right around the These will not be put into corner! Anyone wanting further information can call sewer project is completed. Dot Polo at 856-4307 anytime.

Attention, soccer players! enjoyed a get-together at Registration for minor soccer their home recently when in Eramosa Twp. for boys they hosted an evening for from the age of 6 · 16 will take place this Saturday, March 6. The locations are Rockwood Centennial Public School from 10 a.m. - noon and Era-The five couples shared many ; gost Public School from 2 pictures, films and stories of pint 4 p.m. The fees are \$7 the trip. Mr. Death also had a per boy, \$12 for two and \$15 memorable evening last week par a family. Anyone wishing when he was a guest on the further information can con-Insight program on channel 8, cable T.V. in Guelph. Maybe 4266.

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