

# Resident opinion split on Highway 7 location

Eramosa township council has, once again, found itself cast as villain in the case of the rerouting of Highway No. 7.

After many briefs and suggestions were offered by the some 25 delegates who attended the council's Monday meeting, it was revealed that roughly the same number of people want the road to stay the same as it is, as want it rerouted. It will be council who will have to make the deciding decision in the end, Reeve Bill Adsett pointed out.

Rockwood merchants, Rod and Gun club representatives, village trustees, Rockwood residents and rural residents all attended the meeting to air their various opinions concerning the Ministry of Transportation and Communications proposal to reroute the highway while the construction was going on.

The Ministry has suggested three options, being: leaving the road where it is, (running through Rockwood), going up the Fourth Line, or going along the second line south of Eden Mills.

Majority of his group were not in favour of the reroute change. He did, however, point out the village split in opinions. Mr. Osborne was concerned over the effects rerouting would have on village businesses. He said the majority of the merchants he spoke to did not want the highway changed. The trustee said the business people wanted the highway to stay, while the residents wanted it to go elsewhere. Mr. Osborne said he could see both sides of the story.

The trustee said if the highway were to by-pass Rockwood, the only way to keep the business up would be to let the village grow, "which is exactly what we do not want," he said.

Mr. Osborne admitted he had a petition from Harris Street residents who were in favor of the by-pass.

Merchant petition  
Jim Hodge, owner of a garage and antique store, presented a petition from the store merchants against rerouting the highway. He explained that while collecting the names, he had only

one person who refused to sign. "Some merchants need the through traffic", he said. He continued to say that 50 per cent of his business comes from people driving through the village. The petition in favor of rerouting emphasized their main concern was the safety of the school children.

Mr. Hodge pointed out that he thought the safety patrols with bright orange banners were doing a "fantastic job." The self-described "junior merchant" pointed out that "our forefathers" put up signs at each end of the village saying "Rockwood, Settle Here". Mr. Hodge pointed out that "everyone is so scared subdivisions or individuals are going to move in." He contended that the signs be removed if the people were not really wanted.

For as many people at the meeting wanting the road to stay in Rockwood, there was almost the same amount wanting a by-pass.

Move road  
As previously mentioned, His petition consisted of 30 to 35 names of villagers,

Rockwood resident Arthur Harris. He also stated that the traffic around the conservation area sometimes has to be rerouted. Another point Mr. Harris offered was with the present water and sewer situation, there will be a definite increase in traffic, which results in more congestion in certain areas in town.

Mr. Harris also pointed out that the senior levels of government have the right to build where they are installing services such as sewers and water. Mr. Harris suggested an alternative route, as did several others.

Mr. Harris also had a petition of names from people wanting the highway rerouted. He emphasized that those who signed, did so voluntarily. He also pointed out that he received a letter from Grant McRae, principal of Rockwood Centennial school, opposing the present route.

Some people avoid Rockwood, Mr. Harris said, because they did not like to drive through the congestion. His petition consisted of 30 to 35 names of villagers,

people living on Highway 7 and people who come into Rockwood on business.

As well as the delegations, the council also received many letters on the matter. Some of the people who wrote, also attended the meeting.

In favor of rerouting the highway were George Johnston, Grant McRae, S. Drijber, George Day and Bert Smith.

A. Chesworth wrote the letter received which was against rerouting.

Council pointed out to all the people in attendance that public meetings would be held in the not too distant future. Mr. Adsett pointed out to the crowd that council will have to make the final decision and jokingly asked for sympathy in the matter.

The construction of Highway No. 7 will be looked into further by the council and public meetings held before a final decision is made.

## Need council's support delegation tells group

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture Monday evening requested a grant from the Eramosa township council.

During the Council's meeting, delegates from the OFA, Jim Walker and Donald Rolling, explained the federation was making plans for an active year, and they needed council's support.

The men explained that last year the group set up a booth at the Kitchener-Waterloo fair, and they have taken a stand on the proposed hydro corridor.

Route  
Mr. Walker told the council that the federation hoped a route would be set up that would not adversely affect any farmers. He also felt the farmers should be given a certain amount of money "to pay for the inconvenience" and in the event of a power failure which could ruin milk and stop heating systems.

"We want to maintain a strong voice", Mr. Walker said.

Last Year, Mr. Walker pointed out, Eramosa contributed \$600 to the cause.

Councillor Dave Masson recommended that the matter be sent on to finance committee and worked into the budget.

## Eden Mills

### Women meet at member's home

by Georgina Wright

The monthly meeting of the Presbyterian Women of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church was hosted by Mrs. T. Barden Tuesday evening, Mrs. W. Lasby opened with a poem entitled "The Bible Says" followed by Hymn Devotions taken by Mrs. Anna Wilson and scripture by Mrs. W. McLean.

Roll call was answered by a Valentine verse, Mrs. W. Lasby gave a report of the meeting of Waterloo Wellington Presbyterian at Knox Church, Guelph.

Spring rally will be in May at St. Andrews Church, Kitchener. Committees were formed for a "Come as You are Supper" in March also the Good Friday morning breakfast. Plans were made for the World Day of Prayer in the United Church.

Pennies for the Fellowship of the least coin were received and dedicated by Mrs. D. Sinclair.

A reading by Mrs. Alma McDonald, Don't take life for granted, was well received and a Contest on Valentine's Day was won by Mrs. Russell Blacklock. Mrs. Sinclair closed with Prayer after thanking the hostess for the use of her home.

## Wayne Duby is named assistant dog controller

Wayne Duby of Rockwood will be the next assistant dog control officer in the Rockwood area.

A motion was passed by Eramosa township council Monday evening to hire Mr. Duby for 65 cents an hour more than the previous assistant.

Mr. Duby received high praise from the councillors. "Wayne will be a good man," Deputy Reeve Betty Lou Clark said.

Reeve Bill Adsett pointed out that in previous years, by the time the dog controller reached the scene the dog would be gone. "With a man at the scene this will be remedied."

## Hire students for summer

The Ontario government had recommended municipalities give college and university students jobs over the summer. The government, councillors say, will pay 80 per cent of the salaries up to 100 dollars a week for each student, from April to September.

Darcy McKeough, Provincial treasurer, had suggested students involved in municipal affairs, such as planning and business and administration.

Councillor Dave Masson said he was not aware of anyone in the area taking a planning course. He also pointed out if the township went into Queen's or a Toronto university, the student would need to have his or her accommodation. He suggested getting someone who already lives in the area.

During a previous discussion, Mr. Masson had suggested a law student who could go through the by-laws and pick out the ones which need revision and to do a "general housecleaning" of the files. He again brought up this idea Monday evening.

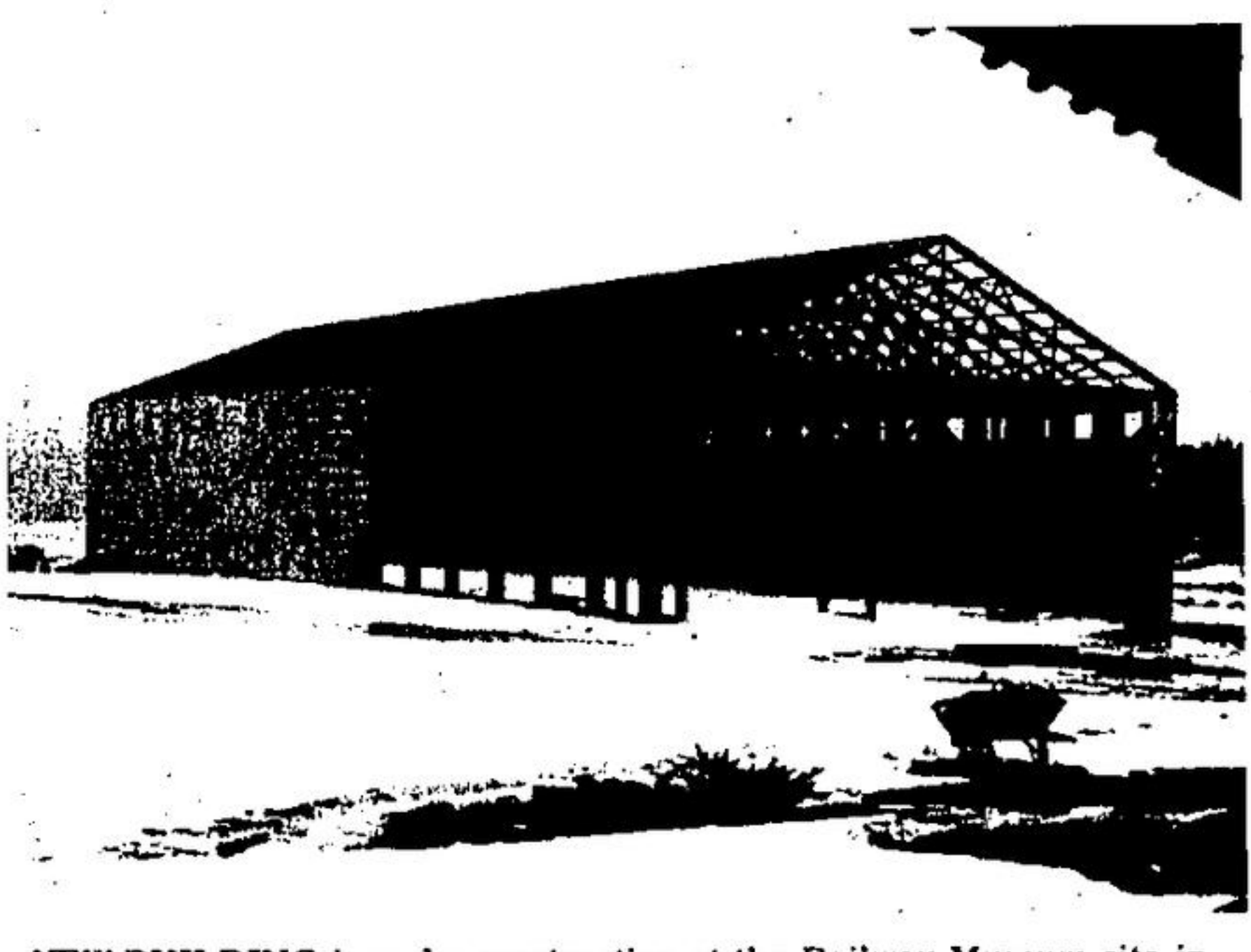
The matter is still to be decided upon.

**Present brief**  
Ian Wallace and John Ward, both residents of the fourth line, resented a brief and a signed petition to council against the proposal of rerouting it.

In their presentation, the men asked why it is necessary to reroute the highway in the first place. Reeve Bill Adsett explained that while talking to MPP Jim Snow on the weekend he had been told that work will be done on some rural roads at the same time as the Highway Seven construction. By combining the roads, money would be saved.

The brief also asked "Why they (the government) are able, at a time of budgetary restraint, to even consider the expenditure of some additional 3.5 million of taxpayers' dollars (Eden Mills route) on a deviation from an original plan that has already been both approved and, presumably, funded" (Rockwood route).

The men explained that the Fourth Line route would result in hazardous traffic conditions for 120 school children on the road, pointed out the environmental damage to the area. It was pointed out in the brief that 600 to 1000 fully mature trees would need to be removed, the value of property would go down, as the widening of roads would take out driveways and front lawns, affect life of all residents on the route and the Rod Gun Club.



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## Rockwood Bowling

Standings—Unpredictables 95, Countrymen 83, Carneys 83, Jr. Farmers 91, Nortons 81, Four Corners 84, Pin Falls 82, Optimists 82, Haggerty Panto 80, Kay's Feeds 78, Guelphites 75, Mustangs 67.

Guelphites 3, Sam Lawler 224, 185, 254 (683), Jim Cerruluk 206, 178, 145 (527), Four Corners 2, Don McKersie 198, 218, 183 (599), Nellie Stockman 212, 170, 209 (591).

Optimists 5, Ted Jastin 174, 267, 221 (662), Clarence Hilton 221, 249, 215 (685), Nortons 2, Viv Nightingale 182, 227, 138 (525), Nancy Gordon 146, 190, 177 (513).

Countrymen 4, Ken Martin 238, 173, 274 (685), Danny Renaud 214, 135, 186 (535), Bill Elliot 202, 244, 151 (597), Grace Britney 196, 159, 155 (510).

Countrymen 4, Ted Klaver 201, 188, 208 (597), Jan Loef 182, 180, 157 (499), Kay's Feeds 3, Mary Lush 180, 202, 184 (526), Ruth Kingsbury 185, 192, 149 (526).

Jr. Farmers 5, Larry Fines 136, 210, 230 (596), Glen Gray 185, 152, 200 (537), Pin Falls 2, Paul Holman 182, 178, 134 (484), Denise Bolton 146, 107, 195 (448).

Unpredictables 7, George Smith 131, 208, 204 (634), Gerda Bakker 212, 149, 235 (596), Mustangs 0, Doug Carney 145, 182, 143 (470), Olg. Anderson 149, 143, 140 (432), Ken Over 600, Ken Martin 685, Clarence Hilton 685, Sam Lawler 663, Ted Jastin 662, George Smith 624.

Women Over 500, Gerda Bakker 596, Nellie Stockman 591, Lorraine Renaud 533, Mary Lush 526, Ruth Kingsbury 526, Viv Nightingale 525, Mary 521, Nancy Gordon 513, Grace Britney 510, Violeta Lilley 508, Helen Elliot 504, Betty Hamilton 501.

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## Sunshine club music, games

The February meeting of the Rockwood Sunshine Club was opened by Mrs. Vera Black, president, who welcomed the 40 members. Mrs. Davidson, the program convener, called on Mrs. Leitch to recite a poem, The Soft on Welfare. Mrs. Nellis also recited a poem, A Valentine from Grandma, followed by

Cock of the North and the Waltz Quadrille played by Mr. Davidson and Mr. Smith.

This entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by the group and games came next. There were seven tables of euchre and two of crokinole. The prize winners for euchre: high ladies' Mrs. M. Milne; high men's Max Milne, Mr. Leachman and Mr. McLean.

High ladies' crokinole was Mrs. Trousdale and high men's Victor Smith. A lovely lunch followed with fruit bread and cheese served by Mrs. Leachman and Mrs. Leitch. This brought an enjoyable afternoon to a close. The next meeting will be on March 11.

## Part time farmers

by Mark Leahy  
Assistant Agr. Rep.

The second meeting of the Halton Hobby Farmers will be held on Tuesday, March 9 at 8 p.m. at the Agricultural Office, Milton.

The topic for this meeting is small fruit and vegetable growing. Ted McIntosh will discuss this subject and accept questions. This is an opportunity to find answers to some of your problems.

The Halton Hobby Farmers Organization is open to part-time farmers in Halton with small acreages. Anyone interested may attend.

Topics for meetings to come will depend on the amount of interest shown.

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