

Rockwood Roundup

Approval has been given for the continuation of Division Street. Mr. Thatcher owns four lots that he wishes to build on. He will be responsible for the maintenance of this portion of the street.

Board of Village Trustees would like to extend a special thank you to Mary Coulter who donated panelling to the Town Hall. Mrs. Coulter is renovating a house on Guelph St. and had two rooms of panelling that matched that of the Town Hall that she didn't want.

Village trustees welcome Betty Eastwood home after a short stay in hospital.

Complaints about road construction? Act now, urge village trustees, and let them know of concerns before the crew is finished. Although Armbr sub-contracted the job, the trustees deal directly with Armbr and will attend to your problems.

Village Secretary Len Hickey will write the University of Waterloo and request that the Scout House which is owned by the university be rented to the Scouts on a yearly basis. The university bought this land from Donmar and use it for research and study. The Scout House sits on the edge of the property adjacent to the conservation area.

Station Street can be used to its full advantage. A large tree that sat on the street allowance has been removed thanks to the owners of R & M Shopette who had the tree removed by residents who got the wood for the trouble of the removal.

Next meeting of the Board of Village Trustees will be held on June 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the new village office. Anyone with concerns can phone the village office and ask to be put on the agenda.

Browse and chat at Pearl's — there's one of everything

Remember when you could buy unusual party favors, a shower gift that was practical and within the budget and treat yourself to a penny candy?

Don't despair, you still can! Pearl's Variety on Main Street South in Rockwood is just the place and to many a weary shopper, it is like the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Pearl Hamilton, the warm, spontaneous owner, has been in business for around 19 years. She likes to have at least one of everything in her store and certainly does. You could browse for an hour and still discover a new item, next time you drop by. There are cards for every occasion, "by each or by the box," as Pearl explains, used books currently on sale for six for one dollar, Bristol board, an endless selection of household supplies from scouring pads to pots and pans, shower gifts and a complete line of baby needs including hand-crocheted sweater sets for newborns.

Children delight in the wide variety of puzzles, playing cards, craft kits, novelties

and school supplies and find the chore of picking gifts for family members an easy thing with the help of Pearl. Miss Hamilton often finds herself helping village children with purchases. Her stock of socks and underwear for men, women and children often serve the purpose. Kids have begun looking for a Father's Day Gift already.

Pearl has had a varied background in store work. At the age of 15, she worked for John and Annie Little who owned the Red and White store located in the building where Holman Construction is now.

She remembers when Mr. Little phoned customers that lived as far north as the Oustie Sideroad and down and she would be required to fill the orders so he could deliver them the following day. Oatmeal and sugar came in 90 and 100 pound bags that Miss Hamilton would divide into about three pound portions that sold for twenty-five cents or so. A comment to the owner after preparing a truckload of orders was that she felt she had parcelled a half ton of stuff— she wasn't



PEARL'S VARIETY has one of everything! A pleasant experience after shopping in the busy impersonal malls of larger cities. In her usual spot is Pearl Hamilton, the friendly owner.

far off. A course in practical nursing in Toronto followed this and then west. Miss Hamilton spent a winter in Bashaw Alberta where she nursed an elderly lady, and later to Vancouver Island in a hospital where she worked as a nurse's aid. She enjoyed this experience and commented, that "liking anything is liking who you are doing it with." The staff at the hospital impressed Miss Hamilton and many became friends. It was there that she received word that her father was terminally ill and she returned to Rockwood.

George Day built and operated a freezer locker service with a small grocery store attached to it. This building has since been converted into a private residence by Don Hills and his wife. Miss Hamilton ran the store for several years before buying her variety store.

An interesting sign of the times was the simplicity of the phone service then. The store and post office, where Mr. Day worked, were on the same party line. One ring would reach the post office, two would get the store and three would alert Mr. Day to the fact that Miss Hamilton needed assistance in the store!

No second house for help

Keith Black will not be allowed to build a second house on his farm to house hired help. That was the decision of the Eramosa township council at Monday evening's council meeting.

Mr. Black appeared before council seeking information on the possibility of erecting a second dwelling. He explained to council that the present house is currently occupied by Paul Tamblin who farms the land, but is also a teacher at Acton high school. Mr. Black said another full time hand and a house were needed.

Mr. Black pointed out that Dr. Tamblin received 60 per cent of his income from the farm last year. He only taught one semester. Mr. Black continued to say he owned 350 acres himself and

rented hundreds of other acres in the area, all of which he or his hired hand Dr. Tamblin was farming.

Council discussed the matter later in the evening and decided that because the present hired hand was only part time a new house could not be erected for a second full time employee. Council members reasoned that if Dr. Tamblin was a full time worker, or the operation was expanding, a permit would be granted. They also said if Dr.

Tamblin worked full time on the farm, another worker would not be needed.

Deputy Reeve Henry Holman Jr. pointed out a bona fide farm operation is one which makes money. He explained that no one could blame a farmer for taking a second job after his chores are done. He said some farm operations only take a few hours to get all the work done because of technological advancement, while others took all day.

Council wants name settled for new building

Eramosa township council wants a name decided for the new building in Rockmosa park.

Councillor John McLeod said the structure is called several names including Rockmosa Sports Centre, Rockmosa sports building, Recreation Centre, Sports

Complex, Community Hall and Community Centre, as well as less popular names such as the Hall, The Complex, etc.

Council made a motion to request the hall board to make a recommendation for a suitable name for the building erected on Rockmosa park ground.

Serve hamburgs and milk shakes at Everton?

Concerned citizens attended Eramosa township council meeting Monday evening to express fears over the Everton Inn becoming a fast food take-out place.

The men said they did not object to the old Everton Inn being renovated and made into a steak house restaurant, but they strongly objected to a take-out restaurant, which they say is going to the rear of the building. Owner Russ Rowadiuk said hamburgers and milkshakes would be served.

Building inspector Glen Creba said there is nothing in the building permit of the owner that a fast food service cannot be provided.

He also pointed out however, that if it is curb service, where the patrons do not get out of the car, then the operation is in direct violation of the permit, and the by law.

Councillor Dave Masson asked the gentlemen to keep council informed on the activities of the restaurant reconstruction.

Pattersons host family gathering

Recently a happy gathering was held when Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Patterson, Main Street, Rockwood, were hosts for a family party.

Attending were Mr. Patterson's five brothers and

their wives. Home for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Patterson, Buysen City, N.C.

Besides giving the family an opportunity to visit together, the gathering, held on Sunday, May 22, marked a very special day in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Patterson who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary as well as Mrs. Patterson's birthday.

The hostess, assisted by her sister-in-laws, served a delicious buffet dinner. In the evening, nieces and nephews with their families joined the group to offer their congratulations.

After the honored couple had cut their anniversary cake they were presented with gifts to mark the occasion.

Council Opposed to subdivision

Dipoco Limited of Toronto sent a representative Mr. Beerla to last week's village trustee meeting. They own 140 acres of agricultural land by Queen Street, 37 acres of this is within village jurisdiction, the remainder township property. They would like this land re-zoned residential so they can build a subdivision there.

The Board of Village Trustees told Mr. Beerla they were strongly opposed to this idea and have sent their thoughts to both Eramosa

Township council and the planning board.

Rockwood man injured

Gregory Johnston, R.R.2 Rockwood, received minor injuries when the car he was driving skidded into a ditch beside Side Road Five ear Milton at 12:23 a.m. last Wednesday.

Police estimate \$2,000 in damages to the car.

Cemetery planting

Last Sunday was Decoration Day at the cemetery and people planted flowers and placed bouquets for loved ones. Village foreman Charlie Glendenning spent the week preparing the cemetery for this special day.

Erin arena ready to go

Erin's new arena will be built by Transway Steel Building Ltd. of Guelph for \$575,000, conditional upon Wintario's final approval. Wintario will be providing more than \$500,000 of the projected \$700,000 cost of the project. Building is due to start in about three weeks, and be completed in November.

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To The Readers of The Acton Free Press

I feel compelled to write this letter in hopes it may prompt some people to stop and think. Some may remember my story—it appeared July 10, 1975 on the full front page of the Toronto Sun—"WIDOW'S \$76,000.00 NIGHTMARE".

Part of my problem stemmed from the builder, most of it from the fact the Chief Building Inspector of this area overlooked thirteen Building Infractions and six Fire Hazards, overlooked also was the fact a permit was secured with one set of plans and another set used to build a different house. Only those who have actually experienced some such circumstances can fully appreciate the following 2½ years of nightmares and agony which followed.

During that time I wrote to and telephoned every available department set up for just this purpose—Consumer's Affairs, Uniform Building By-Laws, Property Rights, Ombudsman, O.M.B., Premier Davis' Office, the list is endless, it also includes the Georgetown Council, the area in which I live. I did contact my Member of Parliament, Mr. Julian Reed, he did try, but was hampered by red tape. Finally in desperation, I called a Mr. William Johnson, a name I noticed on an election poster in my area. Mr. Johnson immediately answered my call, he visited my house, wrote letters, arranged meetings which he attended on my behalf. At one point I had 15,000 gallons of water, yes 15,000 gallons, flood my basement where all my furniture was stored. Mr. Johnson arrived minutes after my call and he and a friend (another NDP member by the way) baled water for nearly a day, in water up to their knees. They both took time off work to do some of these deeds. Not once did I hear "Sorry, it's not my jurisdiction" Mr. Johnson did his level best as a human being. He did his utmost for me, he would do his utmost for you, he's that kind of a person. Which brings me to the point of this letter.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the NDP party. Not once did I hear a word on politics, nor a word of repayment. From what I have experienced, these people seem to be more interested in the plight of the people and this country than most politicians whose main interest seems to be money and power. If the first product you buy is unsatisfactory, try another, if it too fails, go to a third, even though you may not be too familiar with it.

Why NOT give the NDP a try? You can vote them in, you can vote them out too if you so desire.

Most people are not too concerned with politics until it touches their lives personally. All I can say if it had not been for Mr. Johnson and his friends, I honestly don't think I could have survived this experience. Today, more than ever before, people should stop and think about the real person they are voting in, not just the name of the party. Would your party give up a day's wages to bale, by hand, 15,000 gallons of water out of your basement?

Thank-you Mr. Johnson, for all your time, your efforts and your work on my behalf. My only regret is that there are not more Bill Johnsons and his kind in this world.

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