

Five homes, road awaiting council's okay

Okay for a proposed new road and five new houses in Rockwood will have to wait at least until the next Eramosa township council meeting.

Ed Thatcher, a life-long resident of the village, attended Monday evening's council meeting to discuss the possibility of him opening a new road and dividing his property into five separate lots. With him were members of the Rockwood village trustees who had okayed the plans and sent him on to the township council for their approval.

Councillor David Masson explained he wanted to see the road built to specifications and there would have to be room for winter snow removal equipment to turn around easily. Mr. Thatcher said there would be a 66 foot turn around at the end of the road.

When council discussed the matter later in the evening, road superintendent Bob Hamilton told the group that he had known the resident all

his life, and if Mr. Thatcher said he would do something, it would be done with the highest of standards.

Trustee Audrey Bilton had pointed out earlier in the evening that the man cannot expand any more than the proposed five lots because he does not own the land.

Were the doors opening into development of the village? Deputy Reeve Henry Holman Jr. wondered. For years, they have fought against developers coming in, and now they were considering letting a local person build.

Clerk Lloyd Hindley pointed out it was a different situation letting a local person build five houses and letting out-of-town people come in and build an entire subdivision. Councillor Allan Burnett agreed and said the choice was between five houses and a possible 200 houses.

Mr. Holman Jr. said he thought Mr. Thatcher deserved to have a development such as he has proposed, but

pointed out there are other people in the village who would like to do the same thing. He also pointed out that the proposed lots were doubles, and the people purchasing the lots could come to council and ask for a severance of the other half of their property.

Mr. Holman wondered why the trustees were in favor of the proposal, when they usually objected to proposed development.

Council voted against a motion by Mr. Masson saying council agreed if Mr. Thatcher only built one house a year for five years and completed the road before house construction commenced. Mr. Burnett said the man should be able to build two this year, one for his son and one for his daughter.

After much discussion, the members decided to approach the village trustees and the committee of adjustment and find out why they are in favor of the plan, when normally they would be against it.



NEW OWNER Basil Miller and son-in-law Murray McAninch stand behind the counter of Hi-Way Garage, former Hi-Way Gulf, on Alma Street.

New owner of garage

Class A mechanic Frank Zacher brings 30 years of experience with him to the Hi-Way Garage, formerly Hi-Way Gulf on Alma St. in Rockwood. New owner Basil Miller, a retired hydraulic engineer, is very pleased with Mr. Zacher and will have him at the garage Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mr. Zacher owned a garage in Guelph and is prepared to

fix everything from lawn mowers to dump trucks. Hi-Way Garage will specialize in tune-ups. The garage hours for gas are Monday to Friday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Jim Hodge, the former owner, is busy renovating his shop Spinning Stone Antiques and hopes to announce the opening soon.

Rockwood Roundup

by Kerry Chalmers

Rockwood Horticultural Club meet tonight at Rockwood Town Hall at 8 p.m. for its opening meeting. Guest speaker Janet Hassan from Guelph Horticultural Club will speak about drying flowers. All interested residents are welcome. It is not necessary to be a member to attend any meeting.

social time will follow the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hunter of Brantford spent Sunday with Mrs. Hunter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne and also her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jestin of Everton.

The 115th anniversary of the Rockwood Presbyterian Church will be observed this Sunday Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. The service will be conducted by Rev. Prof. James Farris of Knox College who resides in Guelph. Mr. Joe McCann of Elora will be the soloist and a

Following a holiday in Hawaii Harvey and Reba Shultz were entertained by more than 150 friends and relatives on the occasion of their 25 wedding anniversary, when they gathered at No. 8 school to celebrate this happy event.

Rockwood bowling

The Rockwood Bowling League has started up again with its first games bowled Tuesday, September 13 at Sportsman's Bowlerama, Guelph.

Anyone wishing to join the league can still do so, as we are short one team and would welcome any new full-time or spare bowlers. You can contact members of the

executive at 824-3619 or 850-9796.

Keep up-to-date with the community bowling results by reading our weekly column.

Identify person

One of the Free Press's readers came through again. In last week's paper, an old school class picture at S.S. 5 Nassagaweya was published, on the Rockwood page. Some of the names were not known by the donor.

George Locker of Guelph however saw the picture and was able to identify the third boy from the left in the front row as being Donald Lowe, now of R.R. 4, Chesley.

Letters

Letters to the Editor are welcome, but they must be signed.

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20-mile ride-a-thon planned for October 2

by Kerry Chalmers

Calling all horseback riders! You are invited to join in an annual ride-a-thon of 20 miles through scenic trails in the Rockwood-Acton area. This ride-a-thon has been or-

ganized by the Central Ontario Developmental Riding Program which is a non-profit organization that provides riding instruction for disabled children in the Guelph-Kitchener area.

The ride will leave from United Church Hall Presbytery Camp Grounds on the 6th Line Nassagaweya, just south of hwy. 7 between Rockwood and Acton on Sunday, October 2 between 9 and 10:30 a.m. If an entry does not want to complete the entire 20 miles there will be opportunity to retire at shorter distances.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three people collecting the most sponsorship money.

Organizers stress that no dogs are allowed because of the trail being on private property, loaned for the day, and not on a year-round open trail. They also urge people to bring a fit horse as a veterinarian will be on hand to check all horses and will have the right to excuse an unsound entry.

Contact Dorrie Murdoch Greig of Puslinch at 821-4587, Lois Hopkins of Breslau at 822-4799 or for local residents Marg Cox at the post office for sponsor sheets and further information.

Guelph, girl share birthday

Kristina Marie Milne was born on a very special day - April 23, Guelph's 150th birth-



KRISTINA Milne poses with her silver spoon and scroll, gifts presented by the 150th Committee because Kristina was born on April 23, Guelph's birthday.

Baha'is seek contacts here

Two members of the newly-formed Baha'i group in Puslinch want to hear from any interested people in Rockwood and Eramosa.

Dale Sims and Mary Belchamber, both of Morrison, have been to the village and set up a box number. They hope that anyone who would be interested in Baha'is will drop them a line at Box 176, and they will get in touch.

They entered a float in the Pioneer Days parade in Rockwood on the July 1 weekend, giving out candles and flowers. They are curious to know if their entry sparked any interest among the many people watching.

Baha'i faith is a universal one in over 300 countries, the two women explain. Its basic belief is the unity of mankind. It is non-political and has consultative status at the United Nations.

The group has no clergy, or

ritual and meets in homes or halls every 19 days.

There is already an assembly in Halton Hills. Other neighboring assemblies are in Milton, Oakville, Burlington and Guelph.

The groups are service-oriented and help in their own communities.

"We think small," smiled Ms. Sims. There is no pressure applied on anyone. People come to Baha'is by themselves, she said.

They would like to tell people about its principles. If there are enough people contacted, meetings could be set up in a home or a hall could be rented in Rockwood or Eden Mills.

Principles include the oneness of mankind and of all religions, world peace, a universal auxiliary language, equal status for men and women, education for all, and the harmony of religion and science.

Problems arise when no quorum

Legalities of a quorum were questioned Monday evening at the regular meeting of Eramosa township council.

The council consists of three councillors, David Masson, Allan Burnett and John McLeod, a deputy reeve, Henry Holman Jr., and a reeve Bill Adsett. At Monday evening's meeting, only the reeve, deputy reeve and one councillor Mr. Masson, showed up. This in itself was a quorum, and the meeting could begin. However, Mr. Holman was declaring a conflict of interest on one particular issue, and sat out of the discussion. Unfortunately, this left only the reeve and Mr. Masson to

discuss the matter, and the two men did not make up a quorum for that item.

The problem was solved, however, when Mr. Burnett arrived late, thus making the quorum for the issue.

When voting on a resolution for the same issue, council questioned the validity of the decision, as the vote was a majority of the quorum, but not the majority of council. Once councillor voted for the resolution, one against, with the deputy reeve not voting. The reeve had to step in and break the tie, thus giving a majority vote in the quorum. One councillor could not find anything in the council guide book which gave the legal answer in such a case.

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