



LYNDA GLENDENNING picks mushrooms in the dark—the first crop at the Eramosa Mushroom Farm. She and her husband Jim are business partners.

Mushroom business booming on Sixth Line

by Barb Wynneek
Mushrooms are sprouting by the hundreds on Eramosa's Sixth Line.

The Glendenning family has been hard at work since April getting the new Eramosa Mushroom Farm into production. Everything from digging the building's foundation, to picking the first crop, has been a family operation under the direction of 26-year-old Jim. His partner, and wife Lynda, his parents and sister Nancy are the employees.

The creamy white delicacy that you slice into salads, saute in butter with onions, or add to a dish for that special flavor and texture is really a fungus—a sensitive one, too, according to Jim. If there is too much light or wind on its smooth surface, it becomes brown, tough and wrinkled. Cleanliness is an imperative aspect of mushroom cultivation because of their susceptibility to disease, says Jim.

Mushrooms grow in the dark, in a "house" where the

temperature is maintained at 60 to 65 degrees F. The mushroom beds are filled with a compost of manure, hay and brewer's grain following Jim's special recipe. The beds are then "cooked out", a sterilizing process when steam is forced into the house to keep the temperature at 155 degrees F for nine days.

When the beds have cooled to 75 degrees the spawn, the white fibrous matter from which the mushrooms are produced, is worked into the beds. The beds are then levelled off and covered with plastic for 10 days to keep them moist. A casing material of lime and peat moss is then layered over the compost. The whole bed is watered and kept moist. Fourteen days later mushrooms are popping up, some at least three inches in diameter.

Every day a crop may be picked. Mushrooms continue to sprout for a period of 45 to 60 days before the yield is no longer profitable. Then all the compost and

board beds are removed. Everything in the house is washed, disinfected and sterilized before the whole cycle begins again.

Jim spent 10 years working in the mushroom industry before branching out on his own. When he is in full operation he will have three mushroom houses in different

stages of production. His mushrooms are sold directly to the public from the farm. The Eramosa Mushroom Farm is located at R.R. 2, Rockwood, on the Sixth Line of Eramosa, one kilometre north of Highway Seven. It is open from 9 to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Rockwood Roundup

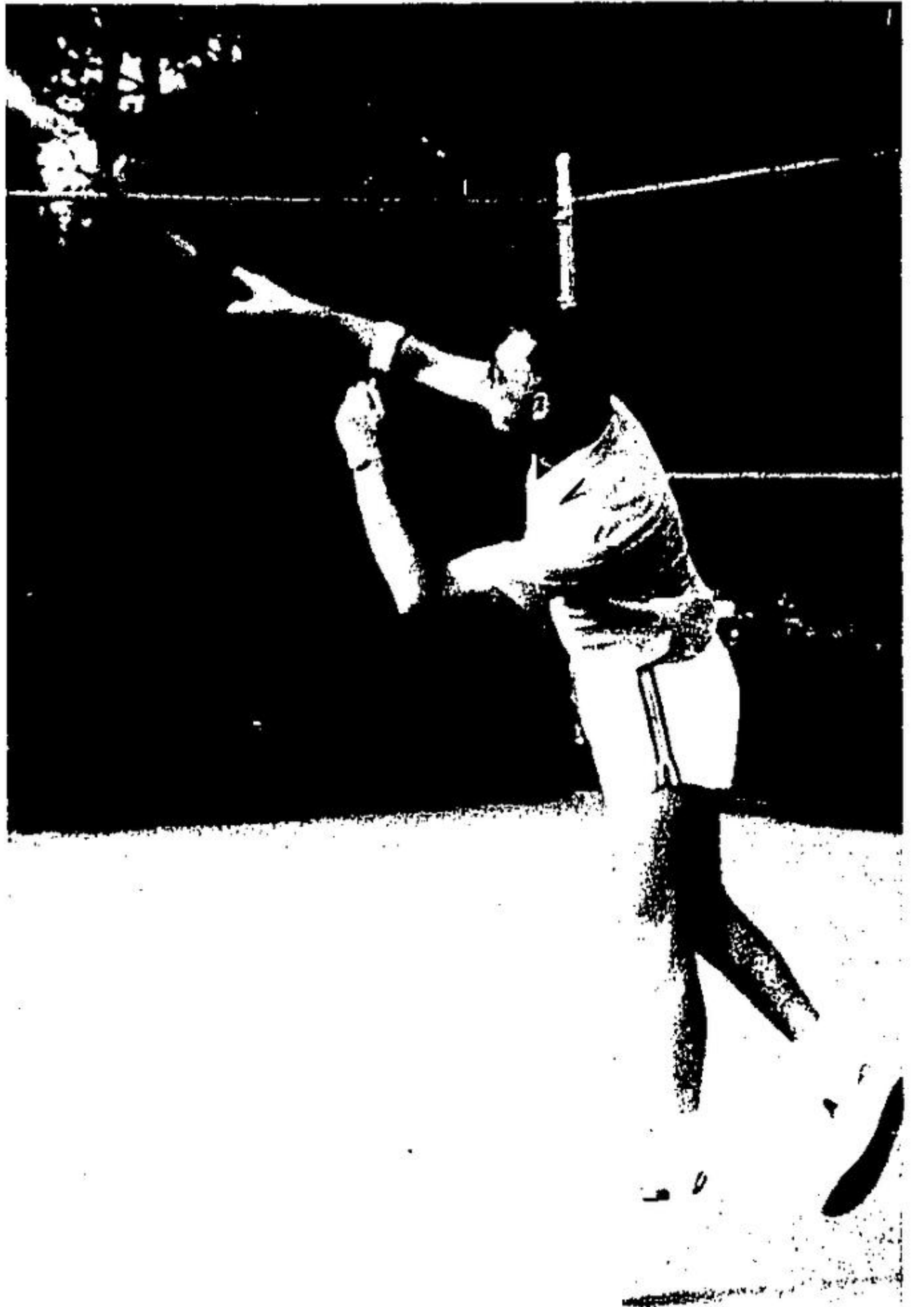
by Barb Wynneek
The Rockwood Knights Atoms worked hard all season to participate in the district soccer finals. They finished second in the league after being defeated 4-1 by Acton on Saturday.

Congratulations to the Rockwood Squirts who are the champions of their soccer league in a hard fought overtime game they defeated Acton 2-1 to bring home the trophy. The two Rockwood goals were scored by Jeff

Brown.

If anyone is interested in being a member of the Parent Committee for the Rockwood Brownies and Guides please contact Terry Bedford at 856-4734 or Earla Geisel at 856-9722.

A thunder storm rained out the Eramosa Ball Association's Fun Day last Sunday. It will now be held Sat. Sept. 23, Sunday in case of more rain.



LARRY HORWOOD displays fine form as he practises for the upcoming Rockwood Tennis Club tournament, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, are the dates for the adult tournaments. The junior tourney is set for Sept. 23. Interested tennis buffs, sign in at the court's bulletin board.

Free Press

ROCKWOOD & DISTRICT

Liquor question might be on ballot

by Barb Wynneek
Eramosa township electorate will be asked two questions regarding the sale of spirits, beer and wine at the November municipal election, if the bylaw can be processed at Queen's Park before Sept. 13, council has decided. The bylaw seeking changes in the local liquor act must be passed two months before an election.

Council acted upon the request of Angelo Ferraro, owner of the Rockwood Hotel, who sought a council resolution placing the questions on the ballot.

The questions are as follows: are you in favor of the sale of spirits, beer and wine under a lounge licence for consumption on licensed premises. Effect—the sale and service of spirits, beer and wine where food is available and live entertainment is provided.

The Rockwood Hotel presently operates under a dining lounge licence, which means that the establishment's sales of alcoholic beverages must be equal to the food sales. At present the hotel's alcoholic beverages sales are higher. Mr. Ferraro was advised by the L.C.B.O. to seek a resolution from council placing the questions regarding changes in the liquor laws on the ballot.

Mr. Ferraro has agreed to cover the costs involved, above and beyond the costs of the regular municipal election. A 60 per cent favorable vote is required to change the status of existing liquor laws.

Mr. Parkinson is plowing under the liquid manure he spreads on his fields, within the 24 hour allotted time period, according to councillor Jake Burnett. Neighboring houses were built after the farm's manure lagoons had been established. Councillor David Masson advised Mr. Parkinson to be a good neighbor and work the liquid manure into the fields as quickly as he could.

Manure lagoon ok is within bylaws

by Barb Wynneek
Peter Parkinson and his business partner Pat Peiron are operating a legitimate agricultural industry, in a legitimate agricultural zone, following the present township bylaws.

That is council's opinion after their investigation of neighbor's complaints about the offensive smell from the farm's liquid manure lagoons.



ERAMOSIA ROADS superintendent Bob Hamilton supervises the water and sewer hook up at Rockmosa Community Centre. Over 100 out of a possible 220 hook up permits have been purchased in Rockwood.

Eden Mills Western visitors see local family

by Mrs. Wilda MacDougall
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fliegel on the arrival of a wee sister for Hans and Sonja.

Glenn Stevenson of Vancouver B.C. was home to have a visit with his mother, Mrs. Kay Stevenson who is presently a patient in hospital in Guelph, and stopped in for a chat with his grandmother and aunt, Mrs. J. and W. Gilbertson.

Dr. Bert Stevenson from Sackville N.B. also did the same thing. Mr. and Mrs. Mansell Lawrence visited Joan's mother and sister Mrs. Archibald and Mrs. Birch in Toronto over the weekend.

The U.C.W. held a luncheon in the hall on Wednesday which was well attended.

The Friendly Seniors had their first meeting of this season on Wednesday afternoon. They made plans to entertain a busload of seniors from Rochester N.Y. on Oct. 4. After a few games of euchre, they ended their meeting with a tasty lunch.

Saturday was a beautiful fall day and it brought out many customers to the two sales held in the village—one

the auction sale at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Neville and the other was a lawn sale at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Lockett.

Mrs. Herb Gilbertson and Shirley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Archibald, Guelph who hosted a dinner of many former Town Line residents. Miss Annie Land of Waterdown returned home with them for a short visit. Good luck to Danny Marshall who has enrolled in a data processing course in Toronto.

Several members from the Presbyterian Church joined with the members of Rockwood Presbyterian Church and members of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington at a Service of Recognition for Rev. Carrie Doehring B. Mus. B. Th.

The simple but impressive service was conducted by the Moderator, the Rev. K.J. Wilson of Guelph. The sermon on the charge to the minister was given by the Rev. Iris Ford of Waterloo North Presbyterian Church and the sermon on the charge to the congregation was given by the Rev. J.P. Jones of Knox, Guelph. The evening concluded with a fellowship hour in the Sunday School room during which time the Rev. Ives of Rockwood United Church, The Rev. G. Lewis of

Meeting participant Mrs. Swanston 97

Miss Elva Pearen was hostess for the September meeting of the W.M.S. and W.A. groups of Rockwood Presbyterian church. After an absence of two months, the W.M.S. met for their September meeting on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 6 at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Max Mihac, the president, welcomed 15 members and visitors and opened by reading a poem by Helen Steiner Rice, "Things to be Thankful For," followed by hymn "We Love the Name of Jesus" with Mrs. Margaret Swanston at the piano. Miss Pearen gave the secretary's report and Mrs. D. Gray the treasurer's.

Mrs. A. Duby gave the report on cards that had been sent to the ill and bereaved during the past two months. Mrs. W.M. Swanston was present and thanked the members for remembering her on her 97th birthday. Mrs. Swanston is very active for

her years. She took part in the meeting by reading a chapter from Luke's gospel. She enjoyed meeting with her old church friends.

The roll call was answered by reading a short verse. Mrs. D. Gray took the devotional part.



Spring is backwards this year—we're having it now. Was there ever such gorgeous weather? Right at this moment the thermometer registers 90 degrees and it's September 6. The kids, back at school, think it's monstrously unfair. I don't, now it's mother's turn.

The weather isn't the only thing backwards, the barn is busting out in surprise babies, too. Dutch and French were always friendly.

The first were a litter of (shh!) illegitimate rabbits. The beautiful French Lop show rabbit suddenly started making a nest a couple of weeks ago when she wasn't supposed to be pregnant, even. The only other rabbit we had was a Dutch buck and he was quite separate from the doe at all times—or was he? The silly grins on the faces of my offspring told me otherwise.

So, we are now the proud owners of five tiny Dutch Lops. The dam is the most affectionate amusing rabbit I've ever known. Having no illusions about the "petability" of rabbits, I was delighted to find Diane so different (no, I did NOT name her). French Lops are large brown and brindle rabbits with floppy ears drooping down their faces like Mary Hartman's braids. I was persuaded to acquire one when Erica was convinced by the seller of their tractability and general friendliness. Having raised rabbits for years and becoming well acquainted with the overall nastiness of most rabbits, I had no illusions about this one.

The seller was right. This French Lop is like a dog. She's been such a success we have three more coming on Sunday. Oh, for the ability to say "no".

It was the baby bunnies that did it. We figured if half-Lops can be as cute as this, whole Lops would be doubly charming. It's going to be interesting to see what their ears will do. Will they flop like mama's or stand straight like their dad's?

Junio and the Paycock
Bunnies aren't the only cute baby around here. We came back from a holiday in Kingston to find a red fantail pigeon had quietly sat on one egg and produced a weird chick.

Pigeons usually have two chicks per setting, one of each sex, to keep the equilibrium. As they mate for life, it's important that as many males are born as females. So now Scarlet has screwed up the works—one baby. Maybe this chick can be a nun.

The baby peacock is the nicest surprise of all. Gabriel, the male, isn't supposed to be mature enough to father a babe yet, being only two years old. But he always was a precocious lad and now he's strutting as only a peacock can.

Junio, his wife, "Junio and the Paycock" by Sean O'Casey? Junio is older than her husband so when she decided to sit on three eggs, we let her, on the off chance they might be fertile. Besides she wasn't doing anything else that month.

Little Kai struggled out of his shell yesterday, a plump partridge of a chick looking totally unlike a peacock. Come to think of it, the golden pheasants are in the same pen. Hmmm!

All this preamble about Barr babies is a soft letdown to the news that the most important baby, the donkey foal, didn't make it into this world alive. His donkey mother doesn't seem at all concerned but his human family are very disappointed—he was a much awaited child.

However, at the risk of uttering a cliché—life does go on. And bunnies, pigeons and peacocks almost make up for the loss.

Rockwood Sunshine club tours Niagara

By Robina Peacock
It was a dull morning when the Sunshine Club boarded the bus for their Mystery Tour at the town hall, Rockwood, however it wasn't long before the sun shone and it turned out a beautiful day.

We had a most competent driver in Gord Aitken. He took us on a beautiful tour of the Niagara Peninsula, Stoney Creek up over the mountain where we had a wonderful view of Lake Ontario, etc., down to the Welland Canal for a short stop and saw a freighter going through the lock then onto Niagara. A stop was made here for lunch and some sight-seeing and then down the scenic route to Niagara on the Lake, the gardens and scenery were enjoyed by all.

with Alfred Couling playing his harmonica. Some great songs were rendered by Mr. Cecil Myles in a lovely baritone voice. Cecil Myles and his wife are currently visiting with his brother Ken Myles and we were glad to welcome these visitors from Kent, England.

Victor Smith came next with his accordion and then Henry Leachman conducted a lively sing-song with Bert Davidson joining in with his mouth organ. Mrs. Vera Black, the president, thanked all the folks who had made the day so pleasant and for the impromptu concert and also reminded everyone that next Thursday (tomorrow) is the beginning of the regular meeting for the Sunshine Club and we will meet at 1 p.m. for a pot luck lunch. Those who cannot bring something are asked to donate towards the cost of the butter, buns etc.

Villagers favor industry, growth

by Barb Wynneek
Eramosa Council and Planning Board last night gave secondary planner Jim Collishaw guidance in his drawing up of a growth plan for Rockwood.

Seventy-seven percent of the respondents to the earlier survey indicated that they wished to see industry within the village. After much discussion Collishaw was directed to reserve two hectares (5 acres), for industrial land use.

Planning Board member John Benham and Rockwood Trustee Audrey Bilton questioned whether the industrial zone had to be within the village limits. Collishaw pointed out that only serviced industrial lots could compete with the same types of properties offered by other communities. Councillor David Masson said that industry does not want the headache of water supply and sewage disposal. Councillor John McLeod said that he felt that there was a need for storage and warehousing space within the village, in a confined industrial zone.

Seventy-three per cent of the respondents to the survey expressed a desire for senior citizen housing. It was decided that 50 units, accommodating 60 people, would be allocated for specialized senior citizens' housing.

Collishaw was directed to allocate 10 per cent of new construction for multiple family dwellings. He pointed out that according to statistics 50 per cent of the population can't afford single family housing. Planning Board member Art Leslie stated that many

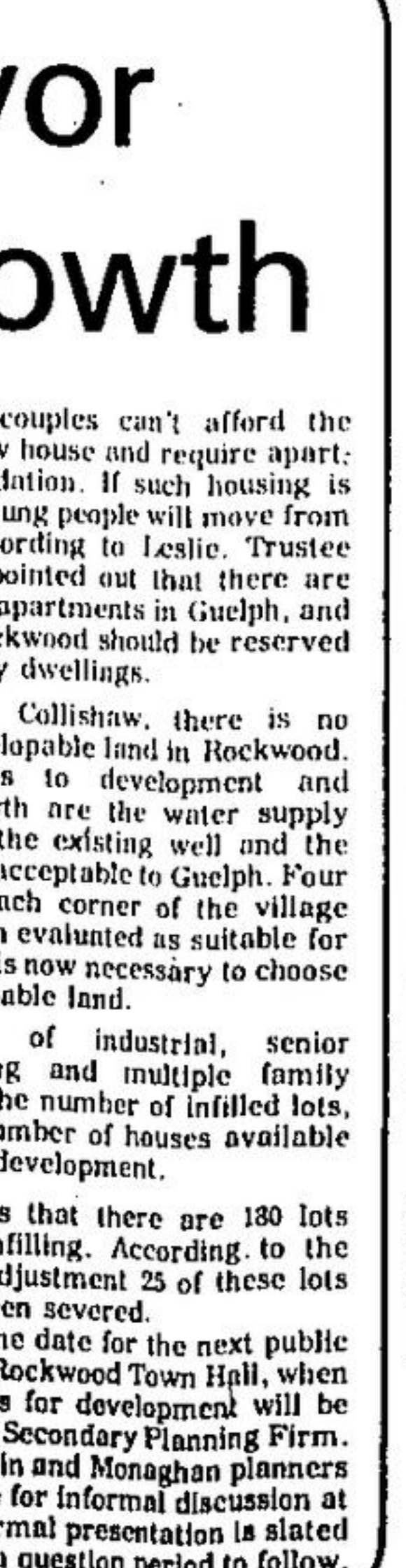
newly-married couples can't afford the \$60,000 for a new house and require apartment accommodation. If such housing is not available, young people will move from the village, according to Leslie. Trustee Audrey Bilton pointed out that there are plenty of empty apartments in Guelph, and that she felt Rockwood should be reserved for single family dwellings.

According to Collishaw, there is no shortage of developable land in Rockwood. The restrictions to development and population growth are the water supply available from the existing well and the trunk sewerage acceptable to Guelph. Four acres, one at each corner of the village limits, have been evaluated as suitable for development. It is now necessary to choose the best developable land.

Consideration of industrial, senior citizens' housing and multiple family dwellings, and the number of infilled lots, will limit the number of houses available for subdivision development.

Collishaw says that there are 180 lots available for infilling. According to the Committee of Adjustment 25 of these lots have already been severed.

October 3, is the date for the next public meeting, at the Rockwood Town Hall, when alternative plans for development will be presented by the Secondary Planning Firm, Marshall, Macklin and Monaghan planners will be available for informal discussion at 6.30 p.m. The formal presentation is slated for 8 p.m., with a question period to follow.



EIGHTY-FOUR year-old Manuel Cakral recalls how years ago he brought home heavy pails of water, shouldering a wooden yoke similar to the one he models here. Lloyd Neville's Saturday auction in Eden Mills brought the yoke, an antique gasoline powered pump and a yard water pump up for bids.



Mrs. Swanston, 97, is a participant in the meeting of the W.M.S. and W.A. groups of Rockwood Presbyterian church.