

Eramosa residents vote Cox, Lewis, Day get nod

by Barb Wynneck
A 69 per cent in favor vote changed Eramosa into a "wet" township on Monday night. The liquor plebiscite tally registered 668 for township lounge licenses and 377 against. According to one deputy returning officer, many ballots on this question were submitted unmarked.

Murray Cox, a newcomer to municipal politics, will be sworn in at the Eramosa Township Council inaugural meeting December 4. He defeated former Rockwood Village Trustee Audrey Bilton 625 votes to 418, for the vacant council seat.

Reeve Bill Adsett, Deputy Reeve David Masson, councillors Allan Burnett and John McLeod, were all acclaimed to office. Mr. Cox, in Calgary on a cattle buying trip, was unavailable for victory comments.

Rick Lewis is the voters' choice for Rockwood Village Trustee. He defeated Jack Vlasblom, by a wide margin 270 to 63. This is Mr. Lewis' debut in political office. He joins acclaimed trustees Tony Reid and Jan Osborne on the Board.

All three Eden Mills Trustees Elwood Snow, Harold Tomlinson and Red Blair, were acclaimed to their posts. Incumbent George Day was swept into office defeating challenger Gerry Van Eijl 825 votes to 164. This will be Mr. Day's fourth term as Guelph-Eramosa Trustee on the Wellington Board of Education.



THE WAITING OVER, a jubilant Rick Lewis and his wife Ute celebrate his election as Rockwood Village Trustee.

Erin village, twp. all incumbents win

The incumbents swept the board in Erin village and township Monday in the municipal election. In Erin village, incumbent councillor O'Sullivan led the polls with 391 votes, followed by newcomer Paul Dray with 267. Incumbent Jim Scott trailed Dray by only three votes to grasp the final council seat.

Newcomers Tim Inkster, (252), Dana Mundell, (213), Wayne Stewart, (172) and Kenneth Nichols, (167) all failed in their bid for election. Reeve Larry MacKenzie and deputy reeve Bill Weber were both acclaimed as were Erin village hydro commissioners John Anthony and Ray Hall.

In Erin township, incumbents George Root and Jo Schneider were easy shoe-ins with newcomer Duncan Armstrong taking the third seat on council. Mrs. Schneider walloped her challengers with 934 votes. Mr. Root was second with 778 votes and Mr. Armstrong a close third with 747. Newcomers Harry Ash, (565) and Eleanor Rimmer (323) put up good fights.

As with the village, the reeve, Bert Wheeler and deputy reeve John Reid were both acclaimed. Virginia Kennedy, the township's incumbent on the Wellington County board of Education, won her second term by acclamation. Hillsburgh village trustees Roger Clark, Bert Rogers and Michael Wood were acclaimed also.

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LLOYD DYER lays the Rockwood Lions Club wreath at the cenotaph, during Sunday's Memorial Service.

War victims honored at special service Sun.

by Barb Wynneck
Local men who gave their lives for their country were remembered at the Rockwood Cenotaph Memorial Service on Sunday morning. Many residents offered their respects in the chill November air.

The Legion Color Party and the Veterans marched along with the Girl Guides to the service, conducted by veteran Max Storey. Representatives from Eramosa Township, Rockwood Lions, Acton Legion and the Hiltz family laid their wreaths at the foot of the cenotaph.

The public was invited to join the Rev. Carrie Doehring at Rockwood Presbyterian Church for a memorial service. The other three churches held their regular morning worship. Eramosa Township organized this year's service. In years past, a joint service had been held at Rockwood Centennial School. Ministers from the United and Presbyterian Churches closed their parishes and conducted the memorial. The Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches sent lay representatives, and held their usual Sunday morning worship. Township residents filled the school auditorium when the churches did join for the Remembrance Day Memorial service.

Bell Canada plans public meeting here

Bell Canada will be holding a public meeting in the Rockwood Town Hall on Main St. at 7:30 p.m. Thursday November 23. Bill Salmon, local Bell manager says. Local Bell Canada officials will be on hand to list future projects and other plans for the area and to get feedback from subscribers, Mr. Salmon said. Members of the public are invited to voice their opinions and concerns.

Council briefs

Appreciation Night will take place December 9, at Rockmosa Centre, council has decided.

The remaining rock behind Rockmosa Community Centre will be blasted away this week, according to Eramosa Roads Superintendent Bob Hamilton. The rock will be used as sub-grade material on the developing baseball and soccer fields.

Councillor John McLeod urged Mr. Hamilton to complete the parking lot beside the tennis courts, before the winter frost.

Eramosa Planning Board advised Gordon and Brian Dolmer and J. D. Tomlinson that their application to rezone their Hwy. 7 properties from agricultural to commercial use, will not be considered.

Eden Mills subdivision a step closer to reality

The plan for the Eden Heights subdivision development in Eden Mills will go on for further processing by the Ontario Municipal Board, Eramosa Council recommended November 7.

Planning Board's stipulations include that: the subdivision will be staged, eight houses built the first year, four houses constructed each of the next three years, and two houses erected in the final year. The developer will build the

road to the first eight houses in the first year. All subdivision roads will be brought up to standard and donated to the township.

Each house will be a minimum of 1500 square feet. Each lot size is approximately one acre. Each house will have its own well and sewage system.

The subdivision is located adjacent to Edgewood Park. Eramosa Mills Development Co. is responsible for the project.

Local firefighters wages increased

by Barb Wynneck
Rockwood and District Volunteer Fire Dept.'s wages will be raised from \$5 to \$6, per hour. Other communities pay their firefighters an hourly rate ranging from \$8 to \$15, according to Chief Carl Meadows.

Chief Meadows approached Eramosa council earlier in the year, requesting a pay hike for his men. Council then decided if the allotted township fire protection budget of \$36,000 had not been spent at year's end, the men could receive a pay boost. Fire fighting expenses to date are \$31,000, said Chief Meadows. Firefighters are re-

searching the costs of on the job insurance protection. Chief Meadows advised council. Earlier in the year, three men were injured at a fire—one required workman's compensation. This incident pointed out the need for insurance coverage.

Councillor John McLeod urged the Chief to pursue the matter of adequate insurance coverage thoroughly. He pointed out that the men are not in the fire dept. for the money—but if the volunteers are threatened with loss of livelihood from injuries secured while firefighting, they may leave the very effective force.

Rockwood Roundup

by Barb Wynneck
Rockwood United Church Women's Christmas Bazaar is early this year. It all happens in the Church Hall, this Saturday 2 to 4 p.m.—an opportunity to purchase beautifully handmade festive gifts.

Martin Adema has been hired by the Rockwood Village Trustees to replace village secretary Len Hockey upon his retirement at year's end.



DOROTHY HARDING swings her partner at last Friday's Old Time Dance. It has been a few years since the caller's voice directed enthusiastic square dancers in the village.

Sunshiners meet, form committee

The Rockwood Sunshine club had a lovely afternoon for their meeting of October 9.

Birthday greetings were sung to Mrs. Rose Dyer and to Joe Fuller. Mrs. Ann Smith read the minutes of the last meeting and Mrs. Isabelle Nellis gave the financial statement. The re-election of officers was discussed for the following year and it was moved by Mrs. Bert Davidson that a nominating committee be formed. This was seconded by Mrs. Joe Fuller and carried.

Henry Leachman came forward to let everyone know that all the arrangements for the Christmas dinner had been taken care of and this will take place in the Rockwood Town Hall at 6 p.m. on December 14. Mr. Leachman as program convener asked Mr. and Mrs. George Day to take over and they showed some beautiful slides of Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island with Mrs. Grace Day giving a most explicit commentary. Mr. Leachman and everyone thanked them for the most interesting half hour entertainment.

Eachro came next with Mrs. Christine Robertson and Joe Fuller with the high scores and then a cup of tea and cake with ice-cream followed served by Mrs. Ann Smith and Mrs. Robina Pearce.

The next meeting is in the Rockwood Town Hall at 2 p.m. November 23.

Get well wishes go to Mrs. Jean Precious who is in the Guelph General Hospital.

The Old Time Dance held in the Town Hall Friday night was a huge success and the Club wishes to say a very sincere thank you to all those who contributed in any way and also to the Sunshine Band who made the dance a real pleasure with their wonderful music including jigs and waltzes.

Farmers' markets are a very integral part of the agricultural scene and have been since time immemorial. They can be interesting and fun as well as a cheap way to pick up livestock or produce. But for someone who feels we are not really that far removed from the animal kingdom it can resemble a slave auction.

That's one of the reasons I don't go very often. That, and the terrible urge to spend next week's housekeeping on every pair of bewildered eyes I see.

So, I wasn't too happy about going to Kitchener Stockyard last Thursday.

To put or sell? However, there comes a time (usually around late fall) when a livestock owner has to look at his unsold animals (produce of a prolific summer), measure his barn and do something about matching the two.

We can't eat any leftover rabbits, chickens, or pigeons so they sometimes have to go to market hoping some other kind soul with next week's housekeeping in her purse will take them home.

Thursday was a beautiful day so I left for the market really early. The sale doesn't start till 1:00 o'clock so I figure the earlier I get there the less tempted I'll be to wait around till auction time.

I couldn't persuade friend Jan to go with me either which turned out to be a very good thing. I had a hard enough time getting myself out of there—she's much worse than I am. Besides, between the two of us we can convince ourselves we need an elephant!

Masses of appealing eyes That particular sunny Thursday every other livestock producer from Maine to Texas must have had the same idea because the poultry and petstock building was crammed with the most attractive array of goodies I have ever set eyes on.

I popped out five pigeons in pens, entered them with the steward ("Mark down that they've won prizes", "Lady, it don't make no difference. It's still just a pigeon"), and wandered around taking inventory.

There were quail and pheasants, and all manner of exotic fowl. There were two Silkie roosters (I'm looking for one) but very poor specimens. There were pigeons galore, packed into pens with young squeakers among them calling heart-breakingly.

And rabbits! There was a beautiful grey Rex; a Chinchilla white doe with her four-week-old babies as cute as Persian kittens; chocolate Dutch coming out your ears (where were they when we were looking for them last year?);—and Angoras!

In large pens, there were esconced four of the most magnificent Angora rabbits I have ever seen. They were huge, two white, two cream, smiling benignly at all the attention they were attracting.

They were in separate pens so were probably all bucks, a fact I had to keep reminding myself of as I clutched my housekeeping money.

Apples make better pets I had to flay myself mentally to get my feet to move away. It was actually painful to leave that building, but I did it, I won!

However, I didn't take chances and go into the horse or other livestock buildings. That's just too much for a mentality like mine. I'd be sure to find a baby donkey or broken-down blind horse needing a good home.

Instead I went to argue cheerfully with the produce men and fill the car with fresh apples, squash, broccoli and wilted celery for the home rabbits. Much more sensible idea. I'll try not to go to a market again—till next year.



MUSICIANS VIC SMITH, Russel Craig and Henry Leachman, three members of the Sunshine Band, played many a toe-tapping tune during the Old Time Dance in Rockwood's Town Hall.

Seal of approval given for sewer, water project

by Barb Wynneck
Rockwood's \$5 million water and sewer project was stamped with the Ministry of the Environmental seal of approval at the November 7 township council meeting.

Eramosa-Township councillors brought forth several questions to Allan Patterson, MOE project manager, and two consulting project engineers during the information session.

The ministry expects an annual revenue from the 33,200 feet of accessible water and sewerage frontage, said Mr. Patterson.

Homeowners will be charged for their exact frontage, not for a minimum of 66 feet as Reeve Bill Adsett had suggested might be considered.

Revenue is collected from the annual 40 cents per frontage foot service rate, the connection charge, and the usage rate. Rockwood does not yet have a mill rate covering costs as in common in other communities.

Councillor David Masson asked if ratepayers were going to have to pay for surface water entering the system between Rockwood and Guelph. The sewage is

metred at the Guelph City boundary line. Mr. Patterson explained that the closed sewage pipe line is under pressure. The manholes seen at low lying spots are for inspection and maintenance purposes only. Surface water could not become revenue sewage, he said.

Mr. Masson inquired as to who would be responsible for the sump pumps required for sewage disposal at four or five village homes. Each pump costs \$1500. The main roadway sewerage line is installed too high for the homes to be connected to the gravity-drain system.

Mr. Patterson explained that the Ministry's policy is to purchase, install and maintain sump pumps for one year, rather than spend more government money blasting to lower the sewer line depth the length of a whole street. Owners are responsible for the hydro pumps use, he added. Mr. Patterson noted that normally houses requiring pumps are identified to the owners at the start of a project.

The MOE will be responsible for the man hour wages and expenses currently incurred by the township for

the system's operation, he said. The MOE will also cover the costs of the extra time the Plumbing Inspector has been spending on the job, dealing with problems left behind by the construction company.

Mr. Patterson pointed out that council will have to decide what is accessible buildable lot frontage in calculating frontage water and sewer rates. Each situation will be considered on its own merit.

Plumbing inspector Carl Meadows noted that many households have installed water and sewer lines through the foundation walls, but have not yet connected the inside plumbing to the municipal system. Plumbers to finish the job are currently scarce in the area, he said. He questioned if owners would be charged for usage of services from the date the outside connection was inspected, even if they were not using the system. Mr. Patterson advised that this would be a council decision.

Township Clerk Lloyd Hindley will travel to Toronto to work out other specifics of the Rockwood system with an experienced MOE representative.