

Twp. council inaugurated

by Doris Fines
Four former officials of Erin Township council were present at the inaugural meeting on Monday in the council chambers—Henry Wheeler, Lloyd Lang and Don Matheson, former reeves, and Elmer McKinnon, former clerk.

Mr. Wheeler expressed pleasure at being back, and that council is still following the old tradition of having a minister at the inaugural meeting.

Mr. Lang reminisced on past inaugural meetings and wished council well in the years ahead.

Mr. Matheson thanked the past council for their co-operation, saying they were a terrific council to work with. They didn't always agree, but they got back to business and carried on. He said the new reeve, Bert Wheeler, is regarded very highly in Erin Township, and will do an excellent job, and we will be well represented in council for the next two years.

Elmer McKinnon thanked all members for the good work they are doing, and welcomed the new member. He said it is 56 years since Henry Wheeler became acquainted with council, that he was in council with his (Elmer's) father.

The clerk, Clive Beardwood, swore in the new reeve, Bert Wheeler, deputy reeve John Reid, and other council members.

The invocation was by Rev. Cross, reading the scripture from Nehemiah who was governor of the land of Judah. He told council they were all in public scrutiny and need to uphold high ethical principles. He hoped to see their had time in their office to serve God as well as their fellow men.

Reeve Wheeler thanked Don Matheson for his work in council, saying Don is finishing 12 years in municipal work. He welcomed the new member Duncan Armstrong, and regarding this years work, they had to straighten out some problems in Glendevon subdivision, make decisions on a tank truck for the fire department, and have discussions on a new snow plow for the country roads. There will be a public meeting in Erin Township for updating the official plan.

Deputy reeve Reid said the retiring reeve has given a lot to the township and they were going to miss him. He welcomed the new reeve and new councillor, and the others' return. He is looking forward to an interesting and challenging year ahead.

Councillor Jo Schneider sees two years of hard work ahead, and her wish is that council will develop a better image for this community, and also that they require public input and direction to county planning.

Councillor George Root thanked Don Matheson for his outstanding service, and was pleased to see the other former reeves. He has the interest of the people at heart, and in times of restraint they

have to watch the tax dollars. Councillor Duncan Armstrong said his knowledge of township affairs was not great, but if they all will bear with him until he learns, he will do his best.

The clerk declined to make a speech, saying the less the clerk says the better. Treasurer Bert Berry said he appreciates the help Clive Beardwood has given to him, and was pleased to see the former officials. It shows they take an interest.

Building inspector John Salmon is learning procedures and looking forward to working with council this year, and will serve the community the best he can. Road Superintendent Ed Barden feels he has been very fortunate with reeves in the past since he started, and they have been very helpful to get things ironed out.

Getting down to the business at hand, nine sheep and lambs and one goat were killed throughout the township, and all but three were victims of wolves. Some were entirely eaten, all but the wool, and sometimes right in the barnyard. Value amounting to \$787.

Donald Matheson was nominated as a member of the Wellington Land Division Committee.

Doug Gamsby of Gamsby and Manner Engineering visited the meeting to speak on what services they have to offer.

Erin Village asked the township to help pick up the deficit on the Arena and Community Centre, as a large percentage of users are from the township. Schneider felt they needed more information before they could even discuss it. Root said "They need our people for hockey. They pay registration fees."

Reid declared that township people also use the arenas in Acton, Georgetown and Orangeville, and how could they help one without another when they don't even pay money directly to their own Erin township arena.

The National Museums of Canada have indicated they work at no cost to the township to renovate an old 1861 map, in return for information which they desire. They will be directed to go ahead.

Regarding the parcel of land left on the Belfountain-Erin road when the curve was put in when renovating the road, Gillespie, Parkin and Fletcher have drawn up a map on how they wish the land to be divided, and signed it. Mr. Hungerford will be instructed to draw up the necessary bylaw to have the land turned over to them.

R. J. Burnside submitted a deposit requesting the township engineers to go ahead and make the drainage study in the Armstrong subdivision. Council decided to get Triton Engineering to give an estimate on how much it would cost before proceeding.

As the township has from time to time, vacancies on different boards, adver-

tisements will be listed inviting anyone interested in working on a certain board, to leave their name with the clerk, so a list will be available when the occasion arises.

John Salmon reported that building permits issued have dropped somewhat lower during the past two years. Forty-eight new dwelling permits were issued in 1978, besides barn structures and other numerous buildings.



Enrolled and ready to taste the tempting cake presented by the Mothers' Auxiliary are the six new Eden Mills Brownies. Front row left to right, Melissa Trudeau, Andrea Turowski. Back row, Tracy Alsop, Tracey Curtis, Jennifer Hoffmann, Heather MacDonald.

Extend thanks to twp. workers

by Barb Wynneck
Deputy Reeve David Masson called it "bureaucratic inflation." The attendance at the fourth annual Eramosa Township appreciation night, held December 9 at Rockwood Centre, has swelled from 90 to 180 over the last four years, he noted.

Those attending the friendly affair were elected, appointed and hired community members who had contributed to the township throughout the year. They were encouraged by Reeve Bill Adsett to get community

improvement ideas flowing in both directions, from the municipal office to the township residents.

Reeve Adsett pointed out that 1980 will mark the 130th anniversary of Eramosa Township's incorporation. He urged the people start thinking about and planning now for the future community spirited celebration.

Special recognition was given to Rockwood Village Secretary Len Hockey, Rockwood Trustee Audrey Bilton and Eden Mills Trustee Chairman Betty Marshall.

who are retiring from active municipal life.

New township officials, Building Inspector and By-law Enforcement officer John Salmon, and Plumbing Inspector Carl Meadows were introduced as well as Bruce MacNamara, council's appointee to the Goves Memorial Community Hospital Board, Fergus.

Reeve Adsett gave special mention to Township Clerk Lloyd Hindley, Dept. Clerk Jean Gray and Road Superintendent Bob Hamilton "who are in the midst of it all day, every day." Council depended on Mr. Hamilton to get the Rockwood Sports Park site filled this past season, he said.

"In a small community, everybody has to pull their weight to make it work," commented Councillor John McLeod.

Other community groups who are not directly linked to the municipal office, were acknowledged for their contributions for community betterment.

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Appreciate Night does serves useful purpose

by Barb Wynneck
An occasion for the municipality to show appreciation to those who serve the community as elected, appointed, and hired personnel was Reeve Bill Adsett's purpose when he initiated Eramosa Township's Appreciation Night in 1975.

1975 was Bill Adsett's first term in the Reeve's chair. He wanted to involve all municipally connected activities, so that the people could meet one another, know who was who, and who was doing what, and hopefully have a more effective local government system, he explained.

Local groups were chosen to cater the meal. The dollars spent on the evening would then go back to organizations who fund community betterment projects.

The first two appreciation nights were held at Eden Mills Community Hall and the latter two at Rockwood Community Centre.

Those people invited to attend the occasion with their spouses or dates include Municipal Council, Rockwood and Eden Mills Trustees, Municipal Officials, Police Village Officials, Municipal Planning Board, Committee of Adjustment, Fence Viewers, Poundkeepers, Livestock Evaluators, Community Centre Board, Recreation Committee, Night School Committee, Library Board, Local Architectural Conservancy Advisory Committee, Local School Board Members, Groves Memorial Community Hospital Council Appointee, Township Accountant, Township Solicitor, Township

Bank Manager, Intergovernmental Affairs Dept. Prov. representative and local press.

In 1977 The Volunteer Rockwood Eramosa Fire Dept. Members were invited to join the dinner dance.

Rural home starts outnumber urban

by Barb Wynneck
Homes are being built at a rate of two to one in the rural township area, as opposed to the planned condensed housing centres in Rockwood, Everton and Eden Mills and Eramosa Council is concerned.

Building Inspector John Salmon's report indicated that this year, 111 building permits have been issued for 19 rural houses scattered throughout the township, one home in Eden Mills, three in Everton, and seven in Rockwood. A total estimated real estate value of \$200,000,274. Permit fees tallied a \$4,987 profit to the township.

Mr. Salmon is aware of six possible applications for houses on "in fill" Rockwood lots, in the new year.

Deputy Reeve David Masson commented "this strip development is going to kill us"—and "maybe we shouldn't be giving farmers

these severances." Masson sees the Agriculture Code of Practice as severely restrictive to farmers trying to run a profitable operation. Councillor John McLeod would like to see the housing numbers in reverse. People move from city to the country and want all the services. They are not willing to put up with the "nuisances" of living in an agricultural area, he noted.

Councillor Murray Cox suggested that new country home builders should be aware of certain conditions and turned down flat when they approach council, complaining. He noted that there is room for some housing in the township.

Reeve William Adsett commented that as long as there is residential development in rural areas there will be conflict, and the farmer will be on the short end of the stick.



Santa had two big boys on his knee at the Rockwood-Eramosa Fire Department Christmas party! Stu Rockola (left) and Herb Saunders (right) received special yuletide messages from the man from the North pole.

Rockwood Roundup

by Barb Wynneck
Don't forget the Horticulture Club meeting, tonight at the Town Hall.

St. John's Anglican Church annual Carol Sing will take place Sunday, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. on the church green. Everyone is welcome to attend. A bonfire, hot chocolate, and donuts will ward off winter chill.

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at 8 p.m. at Rockwood Presbyterian Church. Everyone is invited to sing familiar carols and listen to the reading of the Christmas Story by members of the congrega-

tion. Separate Christmas Concerts will be held this year at Rockwood Centennial School. The Primary Concert is slated for Dec. 19, the Junior for Dec. 21, and the Intermediate for Dec. 22. They will get underway at 9 a.m. to approximately 10:30. Everyone is invited to attend these yuletide events.

In a county-wide volleyball tournament held Saturday at Fergus High School, Rockwood Centennial's senior girls' team placed third and the senior boys' team finished in sixth position. Seven "B" schools participated in the event.

Rockwood bowling

Team standings at the end of the 13th week of bowling are: Guelphites 58 points, Kay's Feeds 54, Carney's 51, Four Corners 50, Rovers 49, Unpredictables 48, Erk & Jerks 45, Good Timers 43, Happy Gang 42, Rockwood Postles 38, Late Comers 31, Countrymen 29.

Ladies over 500 for Tuesday, Dec. 5 Bev Dahmer 723, Vivienne O'Brien 660, Erke Van Driel 605, Ellen Garner 600, Marjorie O'Kraffa 592, Alice Johnson 588, Sue Nightingale 578, Joanne Davies 568, Ivy Ritchie 559, Joy Halliburton 536, Verna Blair 529, Jane Murlison 516.

Men over 600 for Tuesday, Dec. 5 Howard Dunk 760, Gordon Ostrander 759, Fred Vandervalk 643, Peter Bosch 616, Bert Gould 615, Dunc McPhedran 610, Elmer Allan 608, Danny Bolton 601.

Results of games bowled Tuesday, Dec. 5, Four Corners 2 points, 2 highest bowlers, John Gordon 552, Don McKersie 549.

Guelphites 5 points Dunc McPhedran 610, Jim Cerniuk 580, Erk & Jerks 5 points, Bev Dahmer 723, Erke Van Driel 605, Rockwood Postles 0 points Alice Johnson 588, Sue Nightingale 578, Carney's 2 points Howard Dunk 760, Doug Carney 503, Countrymen 5 points Peter Bosch 616, Bert Gould 615, Kay's Feeds 3 points Elmer Allan 608, Verna Blair 529, Late Comers 4 points Ellen Garner 600, Marjorie O'Kraffa 592, Unpredictables 7 points Fred Vandervalk 643, Chris Dales 549, Good Timers 0 points Danny Bolton 601, Kathy Bolton 471, Happy Gang 0 points Rick Seim 597, Paul Holman 519, Rovers 7 points Gordon Ostrander 759, Vivienne O'Brien 660.

Eden Mills

Mike Marshall heads Community Club exec.

by Wilda MacDougall
The annual meeting of the Community Club was held Monday evening. Bob Love was chairman for the election of officers for 1979. President is Mike Marshall, secretary, Irene Cole, and treasurer is Debbie Marshall. She would like two assistants so if there is anyone interested in helping out, please contact Mike or Debbie.

Anyone interested in booking the hall for an event, please contact Jean Turowski at 856-4217.

Plans are underway for a Youth Group in the village. The Christmas tree burning is scheduled for January 13, 1979, at the baseball park.

There are still a few tickets left for the New Year's Eve dance. Contact Lorna Tomlinson at 856-9633. The constitution of the Community Hall was revised at this meeting.

The Community Club sponsored a lovely Christmas dance in the hall on Saturday evening. Now is the season to be jolly and several folks have attended their place of employment's parties.

The United Church Women served another tasty noon luncheon in the hall on Wednesday. The Craft Club showed their wares and the winners of the lucky draws were Faye Milbourne and Orillia Pitcher.

The Friendly Seniors enjoyed a bountiful and good tasting Christmas dinner convened by Ev. Barden for the Community Club. Euchre was enjoyed in the afternoon with some lucky prize winners.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rinehart entertained the Rinehart family for a Christmas dinner on Sunday.

Those present for the enjoyable day were: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rinehart, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. George Sutton, Helen and Glenn, Puslinch;

Mr. Rob Miller, Guelph; Miss Peggy Sutton, McAllen, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. David Sutton and Vicki, Morrison; Mr. Roy Rinehart, Hespeler; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schewenker, Geoffrey and Stephen, St. Catharines.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Koehn, Dundas, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. G. MacDougall on Sunday.

White Gift Sunday and the congregational Christmas luncheon will be held in the Presbyterian Church this Sunday, Dec. 17.



Sounds of glee echoed throughout the town hall when Santa visited the Rockwood-Eramosa fire department's children's Christmas Party. The jolly red elf distributed gifts to the excited youngsters.

Outdoor skaters wait on weather

It all depends on the weather when the Rockwood ballpark outdoor skating rink will be ready for eager skaters, says villager Lloyd Dyer, the man responsible for the whole volunteer operation.

"We need constant below freezing temperatures, with a good 10-12 inch heavy or wet snow base, before we start," he pointed out. To ensure a smooth ice surface, Lloyd pounds down the frost and snow base with the recreation department tractor wheels. In past years 18,000-20,000

gations of river water have been hauled in the Fire Dept. Pumper to flood the rink. This year, a nearby hydrant and the new municipal water system should make the task an easier one.

The establishment and maintenance of the rink required many volunteer labor hours, donated by Lloyd and the Rockwood Eramosa firefighters-community spirited men.

Floodlights illuminate the hockey players' and figure skaters' fancy maneuvers from 5:45 to 9 p.m., every night throughout the season.

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