

Stratton's Corners

Council picks older name, not most popular

What's oldest is best as far as village names are concerned according to Eramosa Township Council.

Township councillors acknowledged the most popular name for Stratton's Corners is Stratton's Corners, however, they opted to have the intersection continue to be known by its original name—Bruceedale.

Councillors considered the new and old names during Monday's regular meeting at Township Offices, just west of Stratton's Corners, er, Bruceedale, on Highway 24.

Both names appear on road maps. This confusing state of nomenclature came to the attention recently of the Ontario Geographic Names Board at Queen's Park.

In an effort to clarify the matter the board's research toponymist, Pauline J. Roulston, wrote the township asking assistance. The letter identified the board's most important principle in settling such matters is local usage.

"The store's changed hands again, so who knows what it is," observed the reeve.

Township building inspector John Salmon carried out a mini-survey of the tiny municipality's residents to determine if they had preference in names.

Five of five people surveyed with the board's forms indicated that Bruceedale is not used locally.

Most have put down Stratton's Corners, observed reeve Adsett while leafing through the forms.

That was established after the Bruce family settled at the intersection 32 years ago. They built the garage.

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rockwood and district

Rockwood DIGEST

A major fire shocked Rockwood Friday and closed Highway 7 for four hours as firefighters fought to save the Bob Guyett residence on Main Street South.

Situated two houses south of the Presbyterian Church, the frame and clapboard dwelling erupted in smoke and flames at approximately 3.45 p.m. Friday.

By 1 a.m. Saturday the house, one of the original Rockwood residences, an estimated hundred-years-old, was a gutted shell.

Fire Chief Carl Meadows said the fire seemed to have started in an operating wood stove at the rear of the house. The pipes, recently cleaned, caught on fire, shooting flames into the attic area.

Volunteer firefighters answered the call within minutes, receiving the misdirected call from Guelph Fire Department.

One firefighter, on his way home from Toronto stopped to assist without adequate clothing. By-



Firefighters cut a hole in the roof of the Guyett residence in an attempt to get at raging flames in the attic. The Main Street Rockwood residence was gutted Friday.

standers directed traffic, rerouting vehicles to the Fourth Line until the O.P.P. arrived on the scene.

The Guyett family were in Guelph celebrating the birthday of one of their three children when they heard the news of the fire on CJOY radio and hurried home at 5 p.m.

Neighbours and friends are assisting the homeless family.

No-one was injured in the blaze. The family cat escaped early in the fire. An estimated \$60,000 damage was done to the house.

Rockwood finds itself featured in photographs frequently, as visitors appreciate our fabulous scenery.

The film 'Reaching Out', was seen on CBC television in January and was shot in Orangeville and Lake Simcoe as well as Rockwood last summer.

Perhaps we'll become like neighbouring Georgetown—discovered as a scenic area for the movie industry and inundated with wires, cameras, harassed actors and American flags.

New appointments to the Eramosa Planning Board include Arthur Leslie and Rick Lewis.

The Rockmosa 100 snowmobile rally will be held on February 17 at the Rockmosa Community Centre.

Eramosa Public School is in for some unscheduled changes, as principal John Hake finds himself transferred in mid-year to Guelph.

The Rockwood Trail Riders held their annual meeting at Centennial School recently, planning their equestrian activities for 1980.

A competitive ride is planned for this year after a hiatus last year. Rockwood Trail Riders have been forerunners in the popular sport of competitive trail riding.

Other events on the book are the annual Trail Horse Trials, four horse shows, two dances and a possible pleasure ride in the spring.

If you went to school in Rockwood between 1917 and 1922 in all likelihood you were taught by Miss Millicent Milroy.

Miss Milroy will be 90 years old on February 11 and many of her former pupils are planning a celebration for her.

The lady is very spry and lively for her age and tells a good story. She lives in the wee house on Richardson Street she built in 1940, with five adored cats.

She has lived in this home for about 20 years she thinks, having rented out the house the previous years.



Millicent Milroy, well known Rockwood personality and teacher, will be 90 next week.

Miss Milroy was raised in Galt and went to Normal School in Toronto for a year to obtain her teaching certificate.

Starting to teach in a one room country school in Eramosa Township at the salary of \$325 per year at age 22, Miss Milroy talks about the start of World War One.

The soldiers were tramping out, coming down the road, and I asked the children if they would wave flags—I think you should, I said.

After her teaching years in Rockwood, Miss Milroy taught in Etobicoke and in Shillington, a Northern Ontario town, until she had logged 35 years teaching and retired.

Along with her cat care—and she takes in many a stray—Millicent Milroy is an accomplished artist, displaying some charming water colour landscapes.

Happy Birthday, Miss Milroy.

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Spring 4-H project begins

The spring project of the 4-H Homemaking Club has begun, with Mrs. Donna Sandy and Mrs. Debbie Clark as leaders.

The girls will be learning bedroom decorating and macramé. The first meeting was at the home of Mrs. Sandy, with five girls present.

Wendy Van Dam was chosen as president, with the secretary alternating among the girls. If there are any girls who wish to join, they are advised to get in touch with the leaders right away.

The church attracted a good turnout, and provided a pleasant evening diversion. Prize winners for pink cards were: high, Mrs. Myrtle Gray, low, Mrs. M. Hurdle, and one hands Mrs. Byron Bruce.

Eden Mills

New owners for store

A warm welcome is extended to Mr. and Mrs. David Banks, formerly of Burlington, who are the new owners of the general store and postmaster.

Rev. Carrie Doehring was the chairperson for the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church. The Session is Roy Gordon; Wallace Blacklock; William Macdonald; Norman Bernecker and Mrs. Evelyn Barden.

Members of the Board of Managers are Russell Blacklock; Wallace Lasby; Norman Bernecker; William Macdonald; Mrs. Donna Henry; Shirley and Wilma Gilbertson.

Visitors in the same home last week were Dr. and Mrs. Dan Stevenson and family, Kemptville; Kelta and Suzanne Fleck, Mississauga, Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Douglas, Marnie and new son Brandon, Oakville; Jim Gilbertson and Jean Francis.

Rockwood bowling

Rockwood Bowling League team standings at the end of the fourth week of the third series are: Unpredictables 24, The Slaves 21, The Lost Causes 17, Lady Luck 16, Up and Downers 16, Rovers 16, Guelphits 15, Henpecked 14.

Latecomers 5—Ellen Hainer 661, Marjorie O'Krafka 587, Carney's 6—Ted Jestin 578, Bob Lilley 546, Guelphits 0—Dunc McPhedran 544, Dunc Kingsbury 616, Unpredictables 5—Greg Dales 577, Ned Vander-valk 554, Lady Luck 5 Pete Stokman 573, Dick Stokman 565, The Lost Causes 2—Walker McLaren 548, Maureen Bolzon 474, Rovers 7—John Roche 565, Gordon Ostrander 528, Countrymen 2—Ann Van Milligan 461, Bert Gould 428.

Women over 500 for January 29 were: Ellen Garner 661, Marjorie O'Krafka 587, Alice Johnson 568, Marg McKersie 673, Erke Van Driel 600, Nancy Gordon 597.

Men over 600 for January 29 were: Ken Lush 613, Elmer Allan 652, Roy Nightingale 643, Dunc Kingsbury 616.

Results of games January 29: Henpecked 2—two highest bowlers: Dick Halliburton 577, Don McKersie 558.

The Slaves 5—Marg McKersie 673, Erke VanDriel 600, Ivy Leaguers 2—Roy Nightingale 643, Alice Johnson 508, Up and Downers 7—Elmer Allan 652, Ken Lush 613.

Men over 600 for January 22: Dunc McPhedran 731, Walker McLaren 705, Don McKersie 638, Rick Seim 643, Dick Stokman 627, Paul Holman 618, Howard Dunk 603, Chris Dales 601.

Draft plan submitted

Eramosa Township Council is asking its engineers to check over a draft plan of subdivision concerning eight lots on Queen Street in Rockwood.

copy of the draft Monday from the developer's consulting engineer Doug Gamsby. The key issue is drainage, said Mr. Gamsby. The developer is J. W. Developments Limited.

Parkedge offer cross-section

The next move in the unfolding story of Parkedge's proposed development for Gordon Hill in Rockwood will come from Eramosa Township's engineers.

Council forwarded a copy of a cross-section of the proposed subdivision to the engineer Monday. The engineer will forward his comments to council.

One of the principals in the development company, Gino Civiero, asserted to council that the cross-section answers all the concerns raised by council in its detailed motion concerning Parkedge.

Churchill

Hear plight Chile's poor

Representatives from Churchill attended the informal gathering Monday morning at Trinity United, Acton, to hear a visitor from Chile give a very articulate and interesting account of his work among the working classes, the unemployed, and impoverished, of that country.

In Chile the plight of the poor is steadily worsening as major forces in the government and military combine with foreign-based multinational industry to strengthen and enrich themselves through export of the country's rich natural resources.

A priest of the Roman Catholic church, he had spoken at three church services in Acton and Georgetown the previous day, as part of the Ten Days for World Development programme now in progress. In the same connection, there will be a panel discussion this Friday evening at Knox Presbyterian. Local men representing management, labour, and humanitarian views will discuss questions related to everyone's right to earn a living. Please plan to attend.



Fire gutted the home of the Bob Guyett family on Main Street in Rockwood Friday afternoon. Highway 7 traffic was rerouted for four hours, as firemen fought to save the hundred-year-old residence. No-one was injured in the blaze.

Fire chief warns drivers

Eramosa and Rockwood Fire Chief Carl Meadows is warning nuisance drivers they'll face prosecution if they do not start obeying the Highway Traffic Act concerning emergency vehicles.

Chief Meadows said the police will be called if drivers do not get off the road and stop for fire trucks. Moreover, trucks are followed to fires too closely, said the chief.

The law requires drivers to stay farther back than 500 feet when following an emergency vehicle. Chief Meadows aired his concerns at Monday's township council meeting. There was no problem with drivers during Friday's major fire.

8th ANNUAL ROCKMOSA 100 SNOWMOBILE RALLY
Sunday, Feb. 17
 STARTS BETWEEN 8 a.m.-11 p.m.
 at Rockmosa Community Centre
 Main Street, Rockwood
 lunch available at noon
PRIZES - TROPHIES - DRAW
 Prizage sheets available at:
 • Rockwood Pro Hardware
 • Petty's Garage
 • Royal Bank, Rockwood
 • R & M Shopette
 • Swanston's Farm Equipment
FREE HOT BUFFET from 5-7 p.m.
FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS
NON-PARTICIPANTS:
 Adults \$4
 Children under 12 \$2
RIDE FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

rockwood and district community calendar

The Rockwood and District Lions Club in conjunction with the Acton Free Press will be running a community calendar column each week

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when the coming event also appears in The Acton Free Press.

To take advantage of this double exposure please contact Jennifer Barr or Pat Kentner at The Acton Free Press 853-2010 at least one (1) week prior to the time you want the notice in the paper.

All Candidates Meeting at Rockmosa Community Centre, February 11, 8:00 p.m.
Rockmosa 100 - Sunday, Feb. 17 starts between 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. at Rockmosa Community Centre. Lunch available at noon. Prizes, trophies, draw. See advertisement in Free Press for details.