by Eric Elstone

When 26-year-old Mike Marshall attends the Eden Mills trustee meetings, he is upholding his part in a family's way of life that goes back nearly a century. Mike's mother and earlier his father, and his grandfather and his great-grandfather have each

had a hand in shaping life and politics in Eden Mills village and Nassagaweya Township.

Although Mike, who is in his first term as a trustee, denies that taking part in village decisions has become a Marshall family tradition, there is

evidence to the contrary. The record, for instance, is pretty much as

Nearly 100 years ago, in 1884, John Marshall,

Mike's great-grandfather was elected to Nassagaweya Township council. Two or so years later he became township reeve.

From 1887 to 1911 John Marshall was on the township's board of health. For the next 25 years, until he was 83 years of age, Marshall acted as the township's secretary. In all, Marshall spent 52 years in local public service.

While John Marshall was secretary he helped his son Norman Scott Marshall, Mike's grandfather, when he and other villagers were trying to get Eden Mills recognized as a police village in the '20s.

A police village is the smallest organization in the municipal world. However, attaining that stature meant a number of things for Eden Mills. For one thing, there could be a council. That council could set its own mill rate. Other things-new street. lights, snow plowing and garbage collection

taken —could be care of by the village rather than relying on others.

Police village status was granted in 1930. Norman Scott Marshall was one of the members of the first board of trustees. In 1934 he was appointed village secretary; a post he would hold off and on until 1967 when he retired.

Norman Richard Marshall, Mike's father, was elected trustee in 1968. Norman Scott Marshall credits his son Norman Richard with getting the

Norm Marshall the 200 acres of the village, which rested in Halton, officially attached to Wellington County. The younger Marshall died in 1972.

Betty Marshall, Norman Richard's wife and Mike's mother, was a trustee for three years starting in 1975. Mrs. Marshall indicated there was no single issue which attracted her to village politics: "I wanted it to change, but controlled change, . . I dldn't want big subdivisions going in."

"I always had that feeling, that if you got too many people in here; it'd be a bedroom community," said Mrs. Marshall.

The newest Marshall trustee said the trustee board plans "to keep it (the village) as rural as we can."

"What we do plan to do, is keep the village as small as possible. Up grade whatever has to be upgraded, but don't over do it. Like we don't really need sidewalks because it is a small village."

There are about 360 Eden Mills villagers, according to Eramosa Township Clerk Lloyd Hindley. The figure could soon push the 400 mark with the new subdivision on the south side. That subdivision could add as many as 80 new faces.

Fifty-one years ago when Eden Mills was debating the change of status, there were 163 souls living on 500 acres, according to Norm Marshall. Three hundred acres rested in Wellington; the balance in Halton.

Norm, who is 85, acknowledges that there were some village folk in that 1929 summer bucked the

change. They wanted to keep the place the way it was. "Oh, there wasn't much reason for it (the opposition) just some people are always against 15.8 something."

The first chore the new trustees tackled getting Wellington and Halton county councils to help pave the main road through the village. It took three or four years of pressure, mainly on Halton, in order to get pavement down on the road from Highway 7 through the village to the head of the Guelph Line.

Betty Marshall

The 1981 trustee board also has some major objectives. The roads don't really need to be widened, according to Mike Marshall, however, the bridges need some attention.

"I hope to at least clear up matters. . .like the bridges. . . we've been promised and promised and promised," said Mike. "It's like all other big governments, you know, little places get filed at the bottom I guess.'

Mike's in his first term as trustee. And if the Marshall family record is any indicator: there is a career for him in village politics.

And after Mike? Well Debble, Mike's wife, is expecting their first child in August.

Ballinafad

Four receive membership

by Winifred Smith There were many worshippers out for the Palm Sunday Service at church when the junior choir under the direction of Mr. Pinkerton sang a beaut-Iful anthem. Four new members were received into the membership of the church. Those received by confirmation were Gerald Clarke, Cameron Munro, Paul Volmar, and Mrs. Ursula Eckert.

Rev. Stiles, gave a day. brief, but meanfully message especially for those who were just welcomed - Ballinafad Church will be into the membership. The

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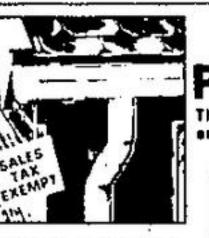
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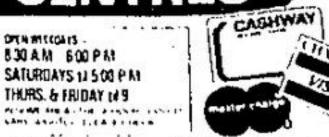
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