



GOLDEN WEDDING anniversary was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne, Rockwood, when 300 guests extended congratulations.—(Staff Photo)

Wonderful years recalled at 50th anniversary party

The Rockwood Town Hall was decked with gold streamers, yellow mums and white bells, last Saturday afternoon when March 14 marked the Golden Wedding Anniversary of two of Rockwood's best known citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne of Guelph Street were feted with an Open House by their children to which some 300 guests gathered to give them their best wishes and congratulations.

Mrs. Judith Wood of Ajax, the eldest granddaughter of the celebrated couple, created a three tier anniversary cake which charmingly centred the table at which Mrs. A. Duby and Mrs. D. Dean of Rockwood poured tea for the first hour of the occasion with Mrs. R. Barnett and Mrs. L. Fitzsimmons, sisters of Mr. Milne, helping for the second.

Born in the Rockwood district, Mrs. Milne, the former Mary Roberts attended the Rockwood Public School, moving to Guelph in 1915 with her parents.

Max Milne was born in Saginaw, Michigan, and moved with his parents to Eden Mills district in 1902. After their marriage they made their home in the village of Eden Mills until 1934 when they moved to Rockwood and have continued to live here for 36 years.

Mr. Milne, a retired employee of the Guelph Stove Co. since 1962, keeps busy by making daily trips to his son Jimmie's grist mill twice a day and says that he enjoys chatting with the farmers he meets there; he is also an ardent T.V. fan.

Members of the Rockwood Presbyterian Church, very seldom missing a Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Milne are also members of the Acton Golden Age group.

"The best way to keep young is to keep going, never give up and feel sorry for yourself" is the popular Mrs. Milne's recipe for being so active and she is famous locally for her marvellous memory and ability

to recite poetry, many of the poems which she writes herself. When asked if she would care to start the 50 years over again, Mrs. Milne said, "Not the first 25 as it was pretty tough going through the depression years for all of us, but the last 25 have been wonderful".

The happy and energetic couple received many lovely gifts, cards, flowers and mementos from friends and relatives. Various members of parliament sent telegrams of congratulations among which Prime Minister Trudeau, Alf Hales, the Right Hon. Stanfield, John Root, and Harry Wharton were included, with a framed plaque from the Premier of Ontario, the Honorable John Roberts. One special gift of a \$100 cheque was received from Mrs. Milne's aged uncle, Dr. Walter Ramsey of St. Paul, Minnesota, who is still mentally active at 98 years of age. Another important remembrance was a shiny new T.V. set presented to them from their children.

The celebrating Golden Anniversary couple have five children, Doris (Mrs. Ted Jestin) of Everton, Wilma (Mrs. L. Hunter) of Brantford, James of Rockwood, William John of New Westminster, B.C. and Kenneth R. of Acton, 14 grandchildren and 2 great grandsons, all of whom were present for the celebration as well as Mr. Milne's brother and five sisters and their families, Mrs. Milne's sisters and families, Mrs. E. Craig of Rockwood and Mrs. J. Chapman and family from Columbia, South Carolina. Mrs. Milne's brother C. H. Roberts of Vancouver, B.C. was unable to attend because of ill health.

The Rockwood Presbyterian young ladies Twilight Group catered to the tea to which guests came from Toronto, Chelo, Michigan, Brantford, Hamilton, Ajax, Guelph and surrounding parts, and also

Calgary, Alberta. At 5 p.m. a buffet supper was served by the couple's grandchildren culminating two months' preparation for a wonderfully successful event with sincere congratulations being extended from the villagers in Rockwood.

Elect new officers Eramosa recreation

Eramosa Recreation Committee held its first meeting Thursday, March 12 in the township office with Dave Bacon acting as chairman.

After a general discussion, new officers were elected with Monty Root accepting the chairmanship, Bob Love the position of secretary-treasurer, and township clerk Lloyd Hindley acting as general treasurer.

Other members on the committee include past chairman Dave Bacon, carnival committee chairman Frank Allsop, council representatives, Warren Parkinson and Bill Adsett, George Smith, with committee members Herb Saunders and Bill Ward absent.

Next proposed meeting will be held at the township office March 26, at which time a budget proposal for 1970 will be presented to the township council.

Girls canvass for C.N.I.B.

Rockwood high school girls will be canvassing during the school holiday week of March 22 for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

When you give to the annual appeals for funds you help supply an important program of tapes of "talking books" which enriches and helps keep blind persons better informed on today's world.

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News and views

By LORRAINE

There's a great deal of talk these days about how today's children's pituitary glands are functioning earlier and that young 12 year olds are sexually more advanced than their adult counterparts were at the same age. Consequently, we are to understand that this modern early teen-dating routine is only to be accepted as a natural healthy development.

I wonder then, if, by the process of relativity, we cannot safely assume that the pituitary glands of the parents of these children are

regressing at the same rate so that acting on brain motivation they are breaking down thinking processes. In their non-functioning condition they are letting good disciplinary sense fly out the window because it's much easier to be permissive than to coolly say "no".

Said a young 16-year old recently, who would be better qualified to state the view of his peers, "All my friends act as if they want adults to let them do as they wish but we've discussed the fact that we'd really rather have limits of participation laid out for us. We'd like to have discipline because it not only gives us something to beef about and take our frustrations out on, but also it gives us an "out" if we want to keep away from situations and don't want to make like "chicken".

Now, I think it's great that all these little gizmos are functioning so well and efficiently (frankly the wonder to me is that any human organ is working properly at all if the pollution predictions are correct). However, if any adult is not too ancient to think back a few years, we can remember our own little boy-girl schoolyard flirtations and interests sometimes as early as nine years old. Only our parents weren't as pituitary conscious as we are today and they'd just chuckle it off as "growing pains". By 12 many of the kids were still enjoying C.G.I.T. and Girl Guide hikes, always hopeful that there'd be a chance of meeting up with a boy scout pack along the way but it wasn't a dire necessity.

Children who were allowed to go to a Saturday afternoon show with boys, to smooch in the back rows, were the ones whose parents had to work or had other things to do than raise children. But it was all there even back in those dark ages and the chances were just about the same that by 16 those same girls and boys would be hitched up and raising their own little responsibilities.

So things really haven't changed too much. Since medical science hasn't been able to find any more glands

functioning in girls or boys today that weren't there even thousands of years ago, it's a safe bet that it isn't really the kids maturing faster today but the parents just think they are and rather than ask the children they simply accept what Mrs. So and So or Dr. Such and Such has been telling them, without asserting their own brain processes enough to say "Prove it!"

So far there seems to be a great trend towards generalizations. Remarks and statements covering vast fields of youngsters rather than recognizing individual kids of whom there are just as many.

Who says that all pituitary glands are working so early?

There is a terrific rash of so called knowledgeable people these days who are, in actuality what could be termed as guessperts. It is a known fact that once you promote ideas which are often excuses for our own inadequacies, many people will apply them to their code of living because it's easier.

Consequently we are in danger of allowing our children permissiveness and pushing them at too early an age into an adulthood for which they are not ready.

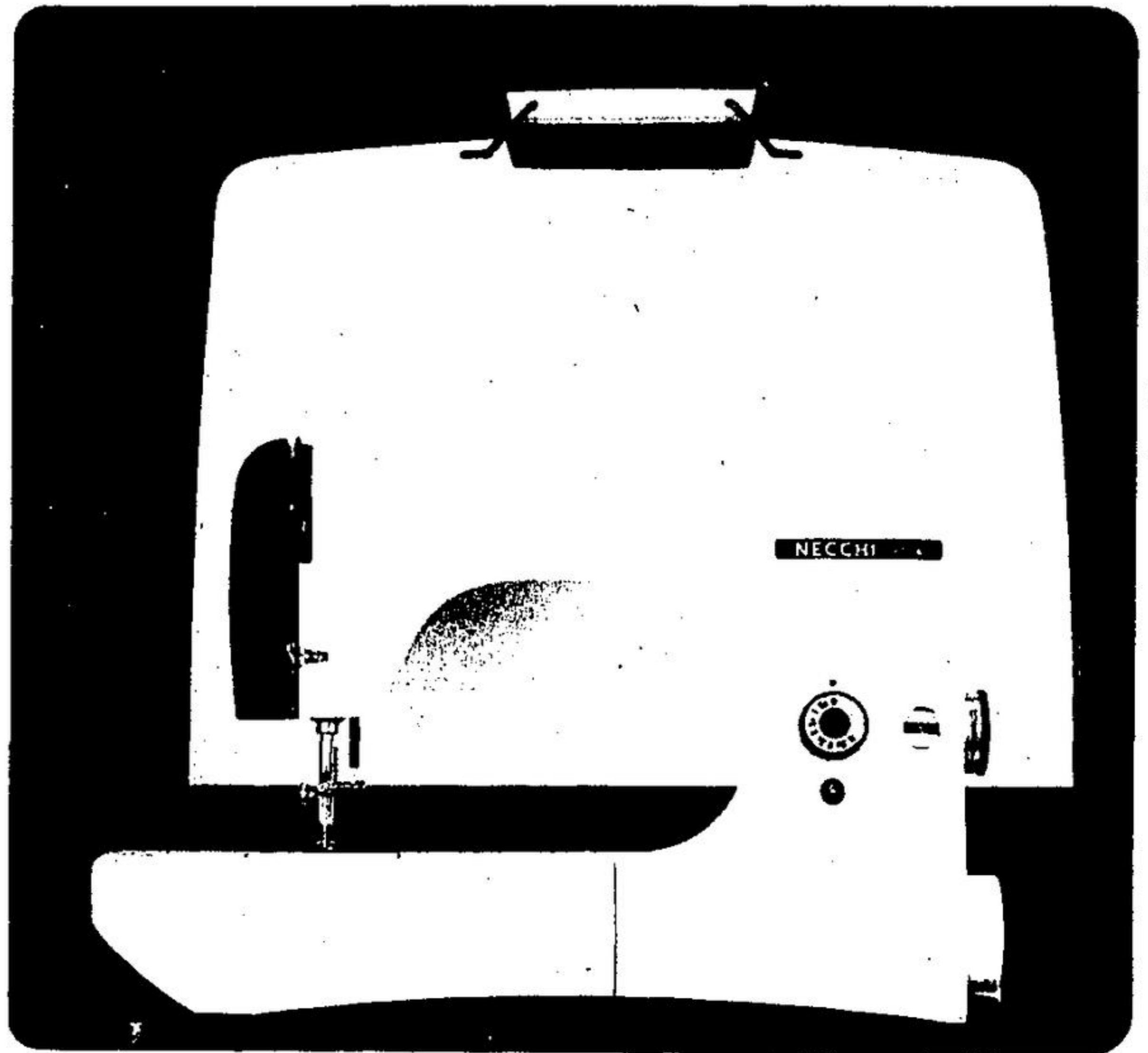
Sad little girls and boys, not allowed to enjoy their short childhood years anymore, because brilliant people have said that their glands are all speeded up. Push, push, push, and the poor kids will be courting each other in the hospital nurseries and the nurses will have to be teaching the young parents how to look after their babies at home while teaching the infants in the cribs lessons about sex control.

Silly isn't it? For my part I think it's just a case of the pendulum swinging too far one way, and will, just as assuredly, start swinging back, and it will be when this present generation of free thinking revolutionists grow up and have offspring of their own.

Then you really will see hard core discipline with tough core rules.

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