

News and views

By LORRAINE

Every once in a while we pick up a magazine, or a newspaper, or whatever, and come across an article which stimulates our mental processes, either from an informative standpoint, a critical one, or sometimes as a downright protest against what has been written and we mentally challenge the credentials of the writer.

Such a piece of choice material was printed recently in which the writer suggested, in his comparisons on how to judge the man "who would make it" as against the one who never would, that the good Joe who constantly did things for other people instead of looking out for himself would never reach the top because he'd always be too busy helping out the other guy.

Well, this kind of crumbly philosophy is just about what we have had enough of. By what criterion can any one judge who has made it and who hasn't. It all depends from where you sit who's winning the ball game and from where I sit I staunchly believe that "doing for others" is really what life is all about.

Who's to say that having the biggest house on the top of the hill is the most important requisite for living; who's going to shine up your edifice for having lived there when you're gone? Right! A large bank account is great for the economy of trust companies and certainly it's important to have some assurance of financial security for one's old age but in the meantime isn't it also important to co-operate in organizations, contribute to causes, instigate work parties, and do anything one can towards helping one's community thrive and flourish healthily whether it's from the area of your church, your schools, or your own local council?

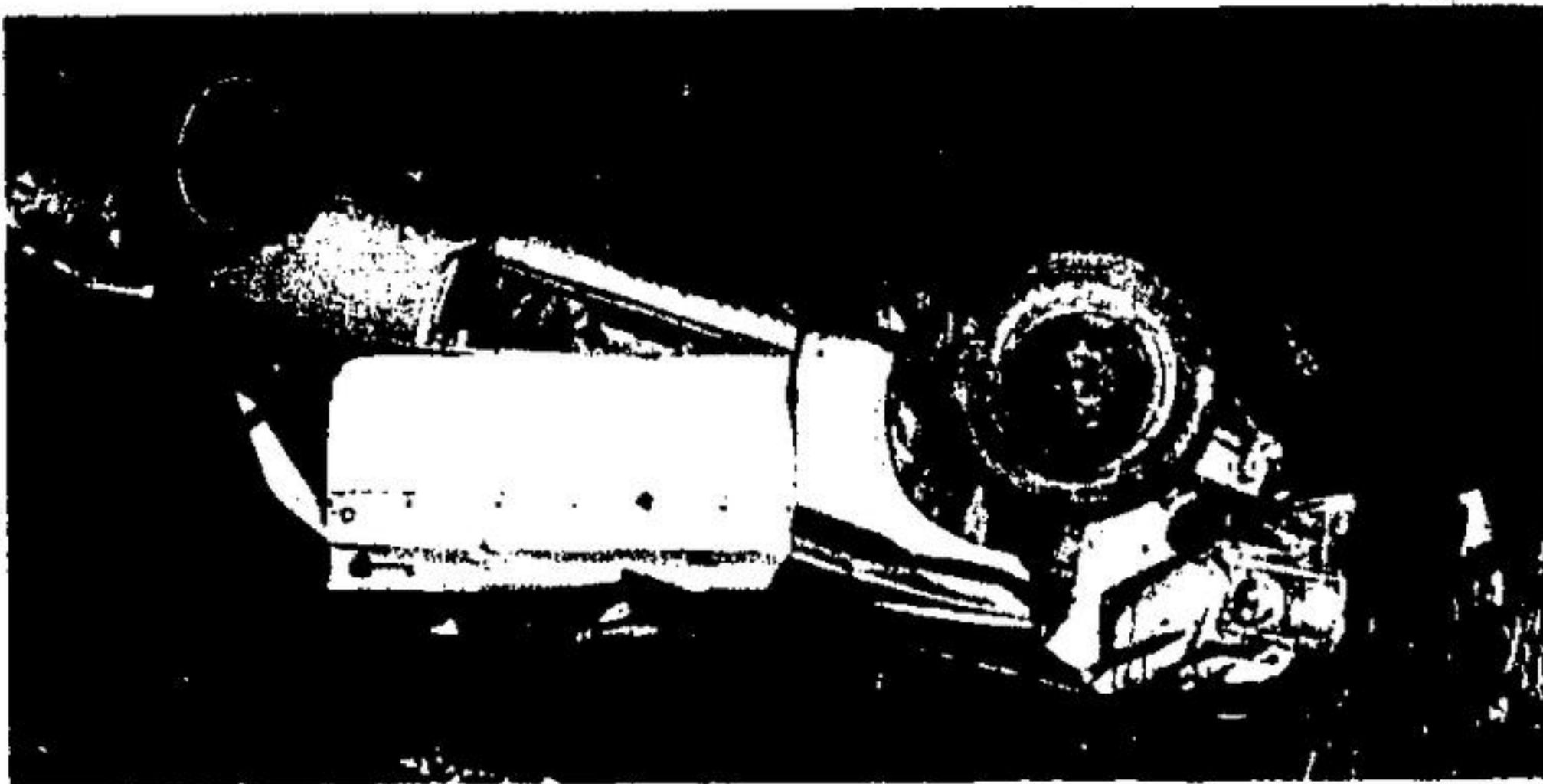
Isn't that what good citizenship is all about? And if everyone's only concern was "how to feather one's own pocket" imagine what a selfish and unidealistic world this would become, with no showing concern for fellow beings or caring about the guy next door.

I am sure that many of us resort once in a while, on a temporary basis, to envying the fellow with the two-car garage

and the swimming pool and certainly no one questions his right to have such luxuries; we can in fact take our hats off to him. It has taken many extra hours of hard work and diligence to attain such accretments and we might even wonder what it would be like to be there ourselves. But sometimes we should also consider what it has taken to put that fellow where he is and what it has cost him from the standpoint of his own personal family life and whether we would want to exchange places.

There really can be no judgement on who has "made it" or who has not! It's actually a question of values, and what pleases one person doesn't always please another. Hopefully, everyone strives to get from life whatever he puts into it and personally I find the stimulating people the ones who like to contribute and give of themselves. The feeling of "having made it" can be derived often, from understanding the joy of self-accomplishment in an endeavour, or having the ability of being able to relate to other human beings; not necessarily it is based on pecuniary values.

"Making it" then could be a matter of principles, ideals, and good citizenship all bundled together with a splash of "doing for others" and "loving our fellow man" thrown in and, if we can attain some sort of wealth along the way, all the more power to us. It was Mohammed the prophet who said "A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world" and on this vein of thinking, how many of us today are "making it"?



A GUELPH TEENAGER was killed and four others injured in a one-car accident Friday evening. The car left the fifth line north of Rockwood, snapped guardrails and rolled over several times. (Photo by Don Hiltz)

Teenager killed four hospitalized

Friday evening's tragic accident which occurred one mile north of Rockwood on the Fifth Line below Stratton's corner, resulted in the death of one teenager and the hospitalization of four others from Guelph.

Kenneth James Hancock of 12 Tiffany Street E., was buried last Monday morning and a requiem high mass was held at 10 a.m. at the Church of Our Lady. He was buried in the Marymount Cemetery.

Lorna Perkins, 16, of 24 Verney Street, one of the occupants of the 1964 Plymouth, has recuperated and was released from the Guelph General Hospital last Monday. Brian Showman 17, of 12 Dumbarton Street, suffered undetermined injuries but is in satisfactory condition with an injured shoulder and back. Jane

Anderson, 17 of 117 Stevenson Street remains in a semi-conscious state with her condition reported as fair.

One other teenager, Gustine Zuccola, 17 of 216 Elizabeth Street, also a passenger in the car, was transferred from the Guelph General to the Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital and is presently under intensive care with a fractured right arm and undetermined head injuries.

The car in which the young people were driving was the only one involved in the accident and, after leaving the road it snapped numerous guardrails and rolled over several times before it was demolished.

The accident is still under O.P.P. investigation with charges pending.

Horse sense

by
Pretty Fair



Howdy again folks an I aint gonna begin by tellin' yew that things is goin' great cause like they really aint! First of all things was all fine n' dandy up until last Saturday when Jack Hamilton sent a gelding name of "Duke Who" down to th' Thatcher's barn cause he didn't have room for him up at the Hamilton's Highway 24 establishment. Me an Duke was gettin' along real good-like when along comes Dick and Jim and they takes me out in the ole second handed trailer which they so almighty proud about and shoots me up t' the Alf Drexler barn on the Fifth Line.

Wal, I guess I aint really got to much t'complain about, they's a little pony hyar wot's not up to tawkin' at all an' she's sorta stickin' pretty much to herself but I'm not gonna worry much cause I've got lotsa other things t' think about besides how to makin' horse tawk with a strange pony.

That Thatcher place was sorta becomin' a palvarin' horse incubator anyway wot with Bob Van Wyck's horse, name of Lady R. K. produc'n a colt late last Saturday night an' with Apple expectin' her offspring sometime next month. Gadzooks, guess it's just as well I got away from that dad blasted maternity ward anyhow.

Right now th' boys is plannin' that I should get into shape for the big Opening Race day at Orangeville so I'll be out trottin' around Vivian Creighton's track tryin' to pull down my time. The boys is tryin' some kind o' manipulation I figgers by buyin' me a trailer this year instead o' borrowin' one from someone like they did last year from Mary Hatch. Bribery I calls it an' you'll notice that, as usual they didn't spend a blasted cent more than they had to wot with buyin' it second hand from Mr. Williston at the Robinwood Stables near Guelph.

Anyways it don't matter much how I gets t' these places to run just so long's I get there. I'm feelin' so fit now-a-days that I'm thinkin' I'll be able to outrun most o' the other animals on the track. Maybe it's the spring or maybe it's just my good

condishinin, in any event folks, if yew promises t' have faith then put yore money on me come th' first race of th' season at that Orangeville track, I'll run t'win just for yew an' I'll try t' bring in some extra cash. So, if I'm

gonna stick t' my promise, I'd best get goin' and begin th' ole exercizin' roo-teen.

Bye for now,
Yore friend,
PRETTY FAIR.

COMIN'S AND GOIN'S

A two week holiday in Burnaby, B. C., with her sister and brother-in-law was the destination plan of Donna Hiltz as she left by Air Canada last Saturday morning. Lots of luck, Donna, and give Rockwood's best to Joan and Alan.

The topic "Drugs" is the one slated for next Wednesday, April 29 when the Home and School Association will present a panel of people knowledgeable in the subject and which everyone is invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

Sincere sympathy is extended by all the friends and neighbors of Mr. H. Edgar Bonner in the recent death of his wife and also to her son Harry and his family, of R.R. 3, Rockwood, and her daughter Mrs. Harry Moore of Terra Cotta.

The Tour to Quebec committee is going all out in its preparations to raise money with the children planning a car wash panorama on the date of Saturday May 9 which will be a follow up of another Centennial School Auditorium dance on Friday, May 8 with the Country D's orchestra in command.

It looks as if Pam Ingle will be in the hospital for a more extensive stay then was originally expected. Rockwood friends could brighten her days by sending a note or letter to the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto and in this way remind her how concerned everyone is and wish for her recovery.

If you need to restore your faith in the initiative of teenagers just drop in to the St. John's Parish Hall and watch kids from about every Church denomination in the village pass along the brush which is rejuvenating and making the Hall a more interesting place to visit. A schedule for painting assistants, a plan to follow, and a program of work detail has all been organized by the young people themselves and their energy, combined with gallons of paint, rollers, and new drapery materials which they have chosen and are planning to make into curtains, is just another example of Christian thinking with fresh, outgoing attitudes.

The Snowmobile Club in Rockwood held its first dance in the Town Hall last Saturday night which over 80 members attended and enjoyed as they danced to the music of the Don Singular Trio.

The regular Thursday afternoon closing of merchants in Rockwood will be changed to all day Mondays beginning May 1 including Root's Hardware, Nichol's Groceteria, Pearl's Variety, Kingwell's Barber Shop and the Mill End Store.

Watch for Operation May Day and keep May 23 open on your calendar!!!

There ought to be a better way to start the day than by getting up in the morning.



It's a dry run for two Ten Cate children of Harris Street, Rockwood, who are trying out for size the new canoe-type kayak that their father Peter just made from his own design. Canvas and paint are the remaining requirements in preparing the craft for launching on Rockwood's Eramosa River. (Photo by Lorraine)

Miss Helen Bain elected president Rock-a-long W.I.

The April meeting of the Rock-a-long Women's Institute was held in the No. 8 Community Centre with Mrs. Norman Harris acting in her capacity as president.

The roll call was answered by payment of fees for the New Year with a fair representation of members and this was followed up with a general discussion of many items of business. Reports of year's work were read and then the following slate of officers were elected for the new term:

President, Miss Helen Bain; first vice, Mrs. E. Johnston; second vice, Mrs. H. Shultz; secretary, Mrs. H. Bain; treasurer, Mrs. L. Dyer; distrit director, Mrs. G. Mitchell; alternate, Mrs. L. Dyer; pianist, Mrs. S. Trousdale; directors, Mrs. W. Patterson, Mrs. N. Armstrong and Mrs. G. Nelson; flower committee chairman, Mrs. E. Johnston; auditors, Mrs. W. Guild and Mrs. A. Shultz; public relations, Mrs. W. Guild.

It was decided that a number of conveners should be elected

who would, in turn be entirely responsible for their own program for that particular meeting.

The following conveners were elected to head up the various meetings: Agriculture, Mrs. A. Shultz; Canadian Industries, Mrs. J. Glendinning; Health, Mrs. G. Mitchell; Home Economics, Mrs. J. Thomson; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. K. Spence; Historical research, Mrs. S. Trousdale and Mrs. H. Harris was then chosen as Federation of Agriculture representative. At the completion of the election Mrs. W. Guild gave a reading entitled "A trip with Enrico Caruso" after which a delicious lunch prepared and served by Mrs. A. McPhedran and Mrs. D. McNabb culminated a successful meeting.

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Villagers survey doctor situation

Rockwood Trustees have been giving the doctor situation in the Village close scrutiny for the past year but to little avail.

Lack of housing facilities could be considered the real reason for the disinterest shown by physicians for moving into Rockwood and taking up residence.

"There are enough residents requiring the services who could well support a doctor" said one local authority, "but when a man is starting up, any housing available is too costly to purchase, and this necessitates living in Guelph and practicing here and such prospects do little to entice any doctor first taking up practice."

At the present time there is a definite shortage of housing in the village and, although office space is available for renting, there are no homes to rent. A grant being offered by the Provincial Government as an enticement for rural area doctors is just not enough and, although Wellington County has several places listed as requiring physician placement there are not enough medical men available to answer the numerous calls throughout the province.

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