

COMIN'S AND GOIN'S

Friends of Irene Lavole will be happy to know that she is recuperating after her recent operation at the Guelph General Hospital. Well wishes are being mimed and everyone hopes to see her around the village feeling well again soon.

Mrs. Millicent Millroy is once more to be seen taking short trips about Rockwood and visitors who missed her during her recent illness will be glad to know that she is feeling much better.

A mammoth birthday cake with all the trimmings was only part of the exciting tenth birthday celebrations of Patricia Ann Nightingale of Alma Street which eleven girls from Rockwood and Eden Mills shared together last September 23. Beautiful presents and cards and a special Happy Birthday from village friends hope that the next ten years will bring continued happiness to last week's birthday girl.

The 25th wedding anniversary celebrations were exciting ones for Don and Winnie Hills when daughter Joan Mason came home from Vancouver to spend it with her parents. Last Tuesday, Sept. 20 was the big day and a family celebration was held in Donna Hills apartment in Hamilton and another celebration last Saturday night was held at the Hills home on Main Street when many friends and relatives dropped in and visited. Cards and presents were a delightful surprise duffed only when, after a week's stay in Rockwood, Joan had to leave for

Vancouver via plane last Sunday. Although her trip was much too short and although she did not manage to visit all her friends in Rockwood, many of them were happy to see her back in village surroundings and everyone is hoping for another visit again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Berne Hinton, Illinois, visited with Mrs. J. A. Little over the weekend and for a few days.

Vocal requests submitted to the Rockwood Village trustees prompted a motion which was passed at their last meeting held at the Rockwood Town hall on Date of Thursday, September 23. The resolution was to advertise for sale certain parcels of land in the village one of which is situated behind the Louella's Beauty Lounge on Main Street, the other, immediately between the new fire hall site on Alma Street and the playgrounds of the Rockwood kindergarten school.

"All tenders will be considered" said trustee chairman Ken Murray, "but not necessarily will any bid be accepted. Whatever is going into that area must be beneficial for the village and there is a definite need for a drug store which could possibly be situated beside a doctor's office."

According to the 1968 Planning Board composed of township and village officials, the Alma Street area of Rockwood village was designated as village zoning with the Guelph Street area slated for post office or residential. The

tenders will, according to Mr. Murray, be a way of lining up interested buyers while Rockwood still has jurisdiction over land sales.

"The village is not in the business of buying and selling property" said trustee Murray, "but when sales are requested they must be considered and the money could be used towards such facilities as municipal offices, lowering of taxes, or even cutting down on the cost of the proposed water and sewage system."



MORRIS "MO" and Agnes McGinnis of R.R. 2, Rockwood and their horses Tawnya and Kid Golden were prize winners in The All Breeds Finger Lakes Competitive Trail Ride held recently in

Honeoye New York. "Mo" and Agnes were the only Canadians among 25 entrants. Both are members of the Rockwood Trail Riders.—(Staff Photo)

McGinnis' win prizes in U.S. trail ride

A Rockwood area couple, Morris and Agnes McGinnis and their horses Tawnya and Kid Golden brought home honors in the All Breeds Finger Lakes Competitive Trail Ride held at Brooklea Farms, Honeoye, New York, Saturday and Sunday September 19 and 20.

"Mo" received a trophy donated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sykora for placing first in the heavyweight division of the two day 50-mile ride, while Agnes earned a red ribbon for placing second in the lightweight division. Competitors rode 25 miles each day over a course

containing very hilly terrain.

Only Canadians "Mo" and Agnes were the only Canadian entries among 25, who took part in the ride. Both are members of the Rockwood Trail Riders.

Winning honors in trail rides is nothing new for the McGinnis'. "Mo" placed first in the heavyweight trail class at the Rockwood Club's ride and first in the heavyweight division of a ride held in Flesherston. Agnes finished fifth in the lightweight division at Flesherston.

Both are looking forward to competing in the one day 50-mile endurance ride at Briar Hill Stables near Oak Ridges, on the Thanksgiving weekend. "Mo" also intends to enter a 30-mile ride in Wheatley this weekend.

Conditioning important Long hours of conditioning are required to prepare Tawnya, a six year old Appaloosa Mare and Kid Golden, a four year old gelding and registered palomino quarter horse, for rides. "Mo" and Agnes usually ride 20 to 25 miles every Sunday.

"Competition is becoming so tough, you have to have your horse in top condition," "Mo" explains. Following a ride horses are judged on their condition (pulse, respiration etc.) as well as time.

The McGinnis' also own a two and a half year old colt, they hope will be a big winner in trail rides in years to come.

Their farm is located on the Fourth Line of Nassagaweya, south of 30 Sideroad.

No parking fourth line

Traffic difficulties on the Fourth Line of Rockwood recently initiated the necessity of a new by-law to regulate traffic on roads within the township of Eramosa.

"No Parking" signs have been placed governing both sides of the road from No. 7 Highway down past the Conservation Camping area and Harris Lake to the base of the hill.

The by-law was subject to the approval of the Department of Transport and was tabled number 38-1970.

Dam efforts flood land

Combating the survival efforts of nature here was the job of the road superintendent Bob Hamilton recently when it became necessary to issue instructions and have culverts cleaned out.

A family of beavers had taken over a small pond belonging to Toronto city dwellers who liked to weekend at their summer home near the Mustang Theatre and their dam efforts had caused a deluge of water to flood his property.

PLAYING WITH PABLUM

Let your baby play with his food at mealtimes. Maybe he does make a mess and it's trouble to clean up, but this is how he learns about it. Don't worry about his table manners. They'll come in good time. What is important is that he enjoys mealtimes.

News and views

By TORRAINE

It was the squeaky hour. You know, that 6.45 a.m. one when none but an extremely valiant citizen would dare to come a knock, knock knocking, knocking on anyone's kitchen door, time.

Well, he was valiant, and he was a citizen of sorts but he was a uniformed one with an O.P.P. badge neatly tucked in his jacket and he did come a knocking at my door and after a rhetorical debate as to whether I should accept visitors at such an hour or pretend not to hear the noise, I continued to butter 5 sets of early morning sandwiches clad still in my night-time attire and looking just a little bedraggled.

Who scare first More rapid and pronounced rapping convinced me that the personage on the extension of the appendage which was making such a racket must have a very valid reason for requiring asylum at such a ridiculous hour and, with a goodly supply of masculine strength in the house just 16 stairs away, why should I be frightened. In fact, a furtive peep into the hall mirror convinced me that, if someone dangerous should be lurking behind the portals of my outside door it would be more likely that he would scare before I would.

So I pulled my robe tightly about my being and opening the door, confronted my rapper in a wrapper. A tall policeman stood there and after we had exchanged such early morning courtesies as "How are you today mam and is your name Mrs. Root?" to which I mumbled that I thought so "but I was too tired to tell".

He asked me if I had lost my bicycle and I told him I wasn't wearing one thank you, to which he replied that he didn't mean my bicycle necessarily but had one been taken from our house sometime after 12 o'clock p.m. on the previous evening. I explained that I didn't usually count the bikes in the house after midnight but that if he thought it necessary I would certainly attempt to do so.

At that point two forlorn creatures peered around the back porch door looking bedraggled and just slightly sodden and in a most gentlemanly fashion also said "Good morning madam".

Transportation Well, what had happened was that the evening before, a class of McMaster University students had been dumped in Rockwood as part of their initiation and it was their job to get back to Hamilton as quickly as possible by whatever means they could muster. My two unhappy friends and one other, had purchased upon bicycles leaning against our house and had decided that this would be their means of transportation.

However, not having any apparent sense of direction my luckless acquaintances had headed in the direction of Guelph in the darkness of the night and, upon reaching that city, had given up the ghost and decided to bed up for the night before wending their trip homeward.

Saw the light

Two of the lads had, come morning time, seen the light and decided to report the borrowing of the three bikes to the police and this was why I had been practically hiked out of bed early in the morning to identify bicycles which had become around our house, part of the scenery.

Well, the whole incident turned out well. I congratulated the two lads for their honesty (mentally considering whether I would have been brave enough at that age to have admitted my guilt or just left the bicycles in some easy to find spot near the police station.)

The policeman on the other hand, friendly and kind but doing his job, was making side faces trying to get me to tell the lads what a terrible thing they had done.

Well, he was right too, really, it could have been disastrous because one of the bikes borrowed was a ten-speed racer the purchase of which, son Robin had worked all summer to procure the required number of shuffles. The vehicle represented prestige ownership of a la youth and was practically gone every evening before its retirement and guess who would have been blamed if it had been damaged.

Side issue

One girl's bicycle had been scrapped in favour of a better bike from someone else's house along the highway in a most uncomplimentary fashion. This little side issue has left me in the unfortunate blackmail position of having to promise a new vehicle to someone for Christmas because who could possibly claim ownership to a machine that two conniving university bandits would not even swipe for a half-hour's ride into Guelph.

So the outcome of the matter is a new glance into the honesty of today's youthful generation. They do have integrity and they are courteous. Not athletic maybe, but courteous even at 6.45 in the morning. No charges were laid against the young men and I'm certain they won't repeat their offence. Sometime I hope they'll drop in for a visit at a more respectable hour as they were really nice kids.

Meantime at our house, for the time being anyway, all bicycles are getting more than the usual amount of care and the ten speeder is practically pulled into the living room nightly for safe keeping.

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