



THE AFTERMATH of summer shows the Rockwood Conservation area disconsolate as leaves from the beautifully colored trees waft downward before the final blasts of wintry winds. —(Photo by Lorraine)

## Horse sense

by  
Pretty Fair



Howdy frens! Two weeks has passed since I got a chance 'yuk with all yew guys out thar but god darn it these darn human critters Dick an Jim ain't even been near me for all that time so I had nobody 'till my ma-terial down 't the Free Press office.

Guess ya heard already that I didn't do well last Sunday an only came in 6th. The boys, bless thar bleedin' hearts wasn't so cussed mad as I half expected them 't the cause Bill Troy my new trainer said I just wasn't in shape yet so's not 't expect too much. Well, that 's about wot they got, not much!

All th' guys around these parts is plannin' to be at Orangeville anyway as thars a dad blasted

snow-mobile contraption been drawn for the winnin' ticket holder. Beats me why everybody thinks them stupid machines is so great wot with costin' gas an all th' animal chain' an killin' I keeps herrin' about.

I'm boardin' down hyar at Mohawk fer a spell gettin' my special trainin' lessons from Bill an 't's a kinda a gowd break fer me wot with bein' with a load of good new guys n'all.

Jim Thatcher came in 't day an brought his clipper with him 't cut off all m' long hair. Gads, zooks yew'd think I was a blasted hippy 't hear them guys talk. Yakin' all over th' place about how much work it takes 't keep me lookin' trim an' wot th' world's comin' to wot with all them long hairs around an so on.

Gawsh I gotta a kinda yen fer sum o' them young guys with new cuts an thars no use squawkin' just cause yew don't look so gowd in sunnithin' yerself.

I ain't so sure yet whether or not I'll qualify fer Mohawk this season but, as ole Bill Troy keeps tellin' me as he works mo' around th' track, it all depends on wot is in store. Mohawk has a lot o' fancy ideas about how fast a gal has gotta be to be in th' runnin' so th' next few weeks 'll tell how gowd I am.

One thing that sure was surpin' was that last week I escaped an me an another lilly trotted down 't the Chuddeley apply orchard last Saturday an it really was funny 't see all them human critters hangin' over the bug barrel vats takin' out apples 't fill their paper satchels. Wal, I watched some o' them varnints spend as long as 20 minutes diggin out apples in th' same barrel with thar heads stuck half way in as they reached down low an not one o' them hardly at all spoke 't each other.

Then, one ole gal started 't guffaw an I heard her say 't sum other gal in th' barrel, "Do you realize that we have spent 20 minutes hyar sharin' the occupation o' apple pickin' but we haven't exchanged one word 't each other". An then they go friendly like an it turned out th' th' other lady was from th' Maritimes and that th' folks from Ontario wasn't very friendly cusses anyway and wouldn't speak 't nobody.

Shore is plumb ornery the way these crazy human beings ignore the important things in life like bein' friendly with thar fellow nan n'all. The way I sees it, life's too short not 't go spreadin' joy an friendship around even in an ole apple barrel.

Wal folks, gotta scam now, bye 'till Sunday yer friend. Pretty Fair.

## Traveller impressed by N.Z. friendliness

Excerpts from a letter written home by Don Sinclair Sr. to his family in Rockwood recently are enough to reinforce one's faith in humanity as well as make one speculate that maybe New Zealand would be the place to live.

Touching on the two weeks of damp weather, hitchhiking, and overnight youth hostels Don's trip reads like a story as he tells of meeting up with a cop from Calgary, a plumber from Kitchener, and a forester-electrician-water bomber from Abbotsford, B.C.

### Will treated

Having spent two nights as guests of the Palmerston North Bluegrass Band and the Stony Creek Jugband he refers to banjo picking as no mean pastime. "And the last thing I expected to meet in New Zealand" said the young adventurer, was a Scottish banjo picker wearing a kilt.

"We've been treated very, very well. Some bought us meals, all gave us help, most went out of their way to help. We've seen the hot springs and Maori villages of Rotorua, spent a day at the skiing slopes of Mount Ruapehu, a night on the shores of Lake Taupo, seen the Wellington Parliament buildings, slept in the hut of the New Zealand Speleological Society and seen a cave so lit up by glow worms it looked like the milky way."

### Hospitality

"I" said Don, "One sets out to find a cynical philosophy of life, New Zealand is the wrong place to start looking. One train conductor took us about two miles out of our way (a long way to walk) so didn't charge us for the ride. An old, grizzled possum trapper drove us miles into the bush to show us some kiwi hospitality at his cabin. A Maori drove us into one city and wouldn't leave until he was sure we'd find some place to stay."

Praise for the Maoris, and pleasure at the incredible greenness and beauty of the island is noted in the letter and Don continued "Somehow the whole country reminds me of Canada when I lived in Dundalk. Prices are low, work is plentiful, the people are friendly oriented.

May change "I think in a few years the country may become more tourist conscious and commercialized. It certainly has a lot to sell. Most kids our age would like to come to Canada to earn money for a couple of years. Few we've met have any inclination to see the U.S.

With a close that he'll be leaving soon for Sydney, Don

Sinclair accompanied by his friend Fred Simmons from Exeter, Ontario, looks forward with anticipation to his push on to Australia.

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## Comin's and Goin's

Village trustees hope that their Open House for Dr. June Hosdel's welcome into Rockwood will be a happy, happy occasion and one to which all residents of Eramosa will be present. Everyone is urged to attend when entertainers from Guelph, Acton and Rockwood will perform and light refreshments will be served. Remember, Thursday night between 8.30 to 10 p.m. at the Rockwood Town Hall.

A former resident who spent his boyhood years in the village, Mr. George Torrance dropped in to reacquaint himself recently while on his way home from Bancroft where he had been visiting, to Simcoe, Ontario.

Friends of Mrs. K. Darou will be sorry to know that she is presently hospitalized in the Guelph General hospital but it is hopeful that she will be well again soon.

A two week visit was extended to a four week stay recently when Mrs. W. Guild of Mary Street visited her son and daughter-in-law and their little 5 month old daughter, Sara Jennifer, at Mahone Bay, N.S. Mrs. Guild is home after her enjoyable vacation.

Mr. Roy Bacon is reportedly in good spirits after his recent operation at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph. His recuperation period will keep him hospitalized for another week and villagers will be happy to have him home again after that time.

Early October saw another Sinclair family member head for Europe when Rob, with his friend John Van Moassel of Kitchener landed in Luxemburg near Belgium for the first lap of his travels. Good luck, Rob, have a wonderful trip.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST is depicted when little Tracy Tomlinson of R. R. 4, Rockwood, tries to feed her pet donkey with an old weathered apple. But he's more interested in taking a bite out of the camera. —(Photo by Lorraine)

### Happenings at Rockwood School

In Room 10, Miss Wilhelm's class, the children are working with paper mache. The machees are called Pinatos. They are big and small. They are made in Mexico with clay and they fill them with toys and candies. When they are hard they break them and everyone gets toys and candies.

We had elections today for student council. There were seven people nominated for treasurer and two for president, four for vice president and three for secretary.

The votes have been counted. Results are: President: Tyler Clifford; vice-president: Jackie Gooyers; secretary: Ann Wickham.

We had a tie vote for the president's post.

## Teenage booth bazaar highlight

A new spark will brighten the always colorful C.W.L. Christmas bazaar to be held next November 20 at the Rockwood Town Hall. It was decided recently that a teenage booth, selling special apparel articles for the village younger set would be a welcomed innovation and, at the last meeting of the C.W.L. ladies, Miss Cora Gooyers of Balaclava Street, was on hand, to give a general resume of her group's suggestions.

Mrs. Joy Halliburton, president, chaired the meeting which was held in the Sacred Heart Rectory and, after Father Elliott had

given opening prayer, a Stanley brush company demonstration was conducted by a Galt representative and the small gifts received for hosting will be used by the ladies as penny table prizes for the Christmas bazaar.

Several ladies from Oustic and Rockwood were present at the rectory and Mrs. Gail Bacon and Mrs. Marlene Dupuis jointly convened the delicious lunch during which time the nightly prize was won and presented to Mrs. Dorothy Mallinson of R. R. 4, Rockwood.

## Shulman to speak at Sheridan

Dr. Morton Shulman, controversial millionaire NDP member for High Park, will visit both Brampton and Oakville campuses of Sheridan College to speak to students Thursday, Oct. 22.

His talk? He's been asked to say to students whatever he would say if he knew this were the "last" lecture he could ever give. He is the first of a series of powerful speakers who will be invited to the college, monthly, on the same terms.

Dr. Shulman will speak at Brampton at 1 p.m. and at Oakville at 3 p.m.

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### Obituary

#### Mrs. Hancock funeral Oct. 14

Funeral service was held on October 14 at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home for Edith Eleanora Hancock of Everton, who died suddenly on October 11. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock farmed in Caledon township for 25 years and retired in 1962. She belonged to church and women's organizations. Her husband predeceased her.

Rev. Whitehead conducted the funeral service and interment was in Everton cemetery. Pallbearers were Charles and Richard Hancock, Glen Williams, Edwin Jestin and Colin Parker, neighbors; Arthur Harris and Roy McCutcheon, Rockwood.

She was born in Erin township THE ALERT Evening Auxiliary of Knox church held a successful sale of baking Friday in the small store next to the bus depot.

In 1900, daughter of Irwin and Ella Hamilton, and was married in 1930 at Everton. She is survived by a brother Charles Hamilton in Everton and sister Mrs. W. Alexander, Guelph. Sister Mrs. Alfred Couling predeceased her in January.

### Safety talks

Const. Thomas Penrice of Milton OPP conducted safety lessons at Brookville School last week. A total of 375 students were given safety tips by the constable.

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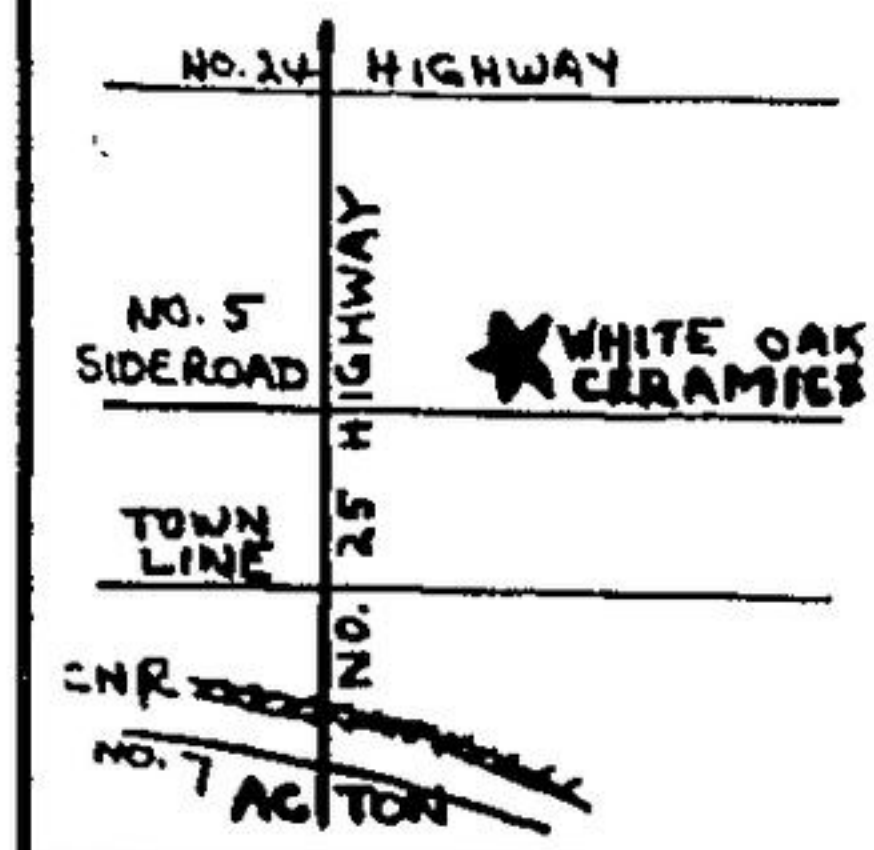
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