

Report finds

Bright lights can't replace harmony with nature

A group of fourth year University of Toronto students have, during the past few months, literally invaded Rockwood Village getting fresh impressions and attempting to understand the true meaning of life in a rural community.

Under the guidance of their university professor, Rockwood's Dick Strong, the students of Landscape Architecture, have made a point of visiting about the village, absorbing its atmosphere, talking with citizens with the intent of utilizing their knowledge in a project to be submitted to the University. They are also planning and are, in fact, working on a movie of Rockwood which, when it is completed will be turned over to the Village for posterity.

One of the students who had definite impressions about Rockwood's charm was one Rod Kent, who, in his great enthusiasm and delight wrote his thesis based on comparisons between the updated mechanisms of city living and the tranquillity of village life. Rod is a Toronto-born lad who, before his introduction to Rockwood was motivated by city ideologies and attitudes.

Rod wrote: "Today we are faced with a serious problem, 'the value of urban life vs the value of rural life.' Should the rural life style be preserved in spite of the world of technology in which we all live?"

There is a confusion which stems from being human. We of city backgrounds, accept and desire the shiny new conveniences of urban life without question what they represent. One hundred years ago there were no cars, no electricity, no televisions or radios, and I should like to discuss a belief.

Rural life to me now represents an attachment or homesickness for not only a place but a time, a pace, a way of thinking and a way of relating to other people and nature. My feelings for the past are also a reaction to the life industrial urbanism represents.

Although we are all spoiled by the conveniences of technology and by the lure of money, most city dwellers lack spiritual contentment — the most important satisfaction one can possess. The city dishonestly entertains us with movies, bright lights, mass produced gadgets, instead of people entertaining themselves with natural activities, honest materials and simple pleasures. It is much easier to be entertained than to entertain oneself. The city plays upon human weakness instead of human strength.

The North American dream was a dream with materials and idealistic goals and came closer to fulfillment in the small towns of pre-industrial America than it may ever again.

The inhabitants of these small towns had a real lust for life, a full appreciation of the senses, the use of ones hands, a spiritual unity, a belief, a dream and not the fantastic need or desire for money, which exists today and destroys man's respect for himself as a spiritual being.

Another quality of the early

town was the peace and quiet, a quality that does not exist in the city today. No human can stand constant noise for ever, for it poisons the nervous system and confuses the mind.

Rural life possessed and to some extent still does possess a naturalness, a closeness to earth and animals, a feeling for and a knowledge of the natural materials such as, wood, stone, leather, and horn and a pride to produce products of quality and beauty. Today, mass production fails to convey this pride because quantity is more important than quality.

It used to be that life was an enjoyable education, where the making of shoes and harnesses or wagons, the shoeing of horses, the forging of a gate hinge and even the slaughter of animals were carried on in front of all and could be learned from. Work, play and learning were all combined into one word "life".

Children used to use lumberyards, garbage dumps, rivers and forests as their playgrounds. Today the magic of discovery is lost as signs and artificial play equipment tell children where they should play.

It seems evident that the bright lights of modern life cannot replace what has been lost in destroying or altering the small town.

The town was a reasonably pure and honest place in harmony with nature.

Industrialism to the extent it has spread has made us a weed, expanding rapidly at the expense of all other living things.

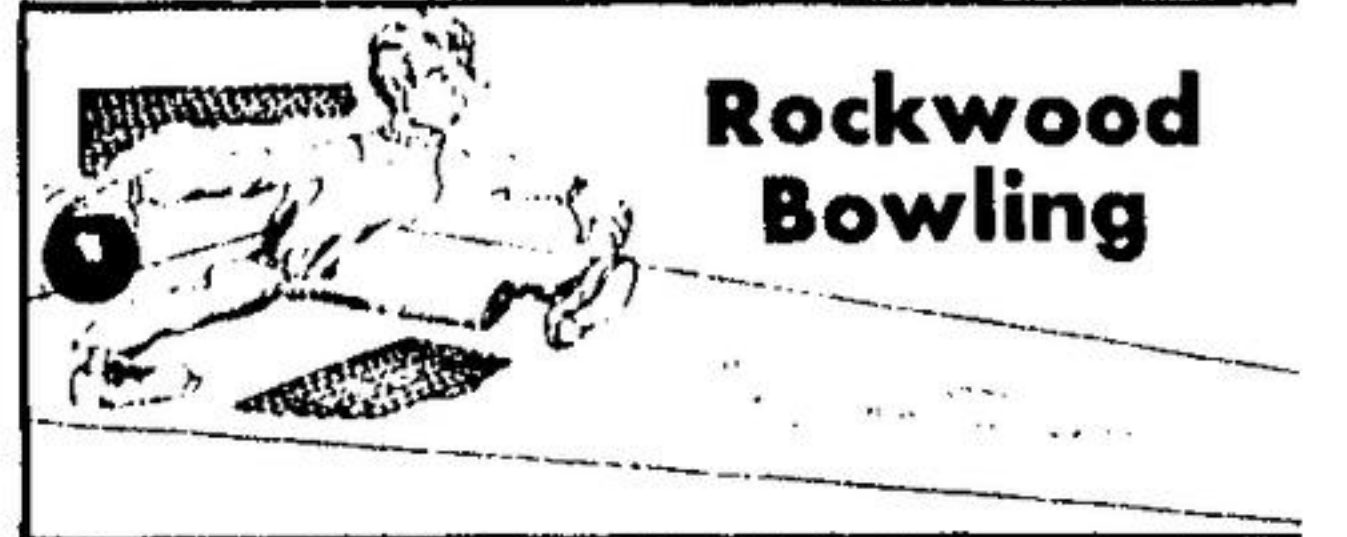
The path the city is following will turn us into termites, destroying nature and always struggling to keep from smothering in our rapidly increasing waste.

As man becomes more and more dependent on the products offered him the more he will suffer from the consequences of not only physical and spiritual pollution but, the inability to relate to real things.

The inhabitants of the city no longer realize what is real. They no longer know the meaning of progress in its intended positive sense.

It is therefore your duty to help the city by preserving what is real and restoring that which was real.

Rod Kent



The positions of teams of the Rockwood Bowling League are falling into place as the last Tuesday score pads show from the Sportmen's Bowl in Guelph.

Team 1 the Clippers have 42 points, the Pacers are number 2 with 39 points, third team is Four Corners with 35 points, fourth team shows the Whitewashers with 34 points, Strattons are number 5 with 33, the number 5 team is the Guelphites with 33 points, no. 7 is Carneys with 25, no. 8 is the Norton's Bluebirds with 24, no. 9 Elmer's Alley Cats with 23, no. 10 the Neighbors with 22 points, Gooyers Bros. stand 11 with 20 points and the Ospringle Slow Pokes show a 12th standing with 5 points.

The Clippers took 7 points straight from the Norton's Bluebirds last week and Harvie Field was tuned in with an 803 triple with one game registering a mean 310 points. Classic bowler Lloyd Hindley made a 114 single for the winning team with Bert Archer running up a 648 triple and Ted Jestin a 648. The Norton's Bluebirds showed Fred Nightingale with a 704 total triple score and Ronnie Hiltche a 213 single.

The Carney's team took a 5 point lead over the Neighbors and Bob Lilley made a 730 triple with Betty Burnett's 221 for a single for the winning team.

The Four Corners ousted Elmer's Alley Cats with a 5 to 2 game. Tony Stokman rang up a 252 single with Neill Stokman showing a 205 single and Jack Parkinson of the name team a 206. Elmer Allan bowled a 203 single for the Alley Cats and Gloria Allan rang a 187 single into a 502 triple. Marlon Allan's score showed a 191 single.

The Strattons were victorious over the Ospringle Slow Pokes as Dick Dupuis made a 254, 214, 204 and a triple score of 732 points. Dunc Kingsbury rang up a 695 score, Sam Nyholm a 605 and Garfield Tarzwell showed a 221 single. Ward Bruce of the Slow Pokes team made a single of 200.

The Gooyer Bros. were defeated by the Guelphites for 7 points straight the Whitewashers took 5 points to 2 against the Pacers. Peter Mulder was the strong opponent for the Whitewashers with his 620 triple and Bob Van Wyck made a 277 single with 613 triple for the Pacers.



ALTHOUGH THE Sunday, November 8 Remembrance Day was warm and sunny for Rockwood citizens, a week later two cubs. Joey Carter and Timmy

Kingsbury of Main Street find the commemoration wreaths covered with snow.—(Photo by Lorraine.)

Large crowd of 400 at Remembrance service

Wednesday, November 11, the day set aside by an Act of Parliament as the one in which Canadian citizens in unison, honor those persons who gave their lives for their country during the last two wars.

Cities across the nation celebrated with Remembrance day services and the traditional poppies were worn as a further commemoration of those who gave their greatest gift so valiantly. Many smaller communities in the provinces celebrated their particular services on the Sunday before the established November 11 date and Rockwood's parade was conducted as it has been for approximately 25 years at the Village Cenotaph on Main Street.

Veterans fell in at the old S.S. No. school grounds and, with comrade James Milne as Parade Marshal, veterans and cubs garbed in their new grey uniforms and under the leadership of Mae Swackhammer and Lou DeBanks, paraded down

Guelph Street to the Cenotaph. Don Hiltz was the flag raiser as Comrade Milne gave the Legion Charge.

Harvey Peart read the names of the Honour Roll veterans and several wreaths were laid in their honor.

The Province of Ontario wreath was laid with solemnity by Comrade Margaret Lambert from Acton, Comrade Fred Wright of Acton, the Legion wreath, Reeve Cam Lush laid the Eramosa Township wreath, and Louis Hiltz laid a family one in honor of his brother John.

Rev. Ken Cardwell then gave a short prayer and Ian Johnston of Guelph played the Last Post and Reveille.

The parade then marched back along Guelph Street to the Centennial Public School where, in the auditorium approximately 400 people jammed to participate in the service of Rockwood's four denominational congregation. Joint choirs of the four churches combined under the leadership of

Mrs. Frank Allsop and Mrs. George Smith and it was a triumphant occasion.

Peter Tucker of the United Church was the master of ceremonies, with Father Elliot of Sacred Heart and Rev. Don Sinclair reading from the bible. "The honour of Remembrance Day and the poppy for its commemoration" was stressed by the St. John's Anglican rector Mr. Cardwell as he gave his short sermon.

"Young people today tend to think that we glorify wars and that is what Remembrance day is all about" said the young minister as he wore a mammoth poppy. "However," Mr. Cardwell pointed out "Remembrance Day is to honor those who gave their supreme sacrifice not to glorify a war."

Memorial services which have, during the past years fallen off with fewer people attending, have suddenly been rejuvenated and this week's series of commemoration services have seen larger crowds than ever. Rockwood's innovation of having congregations from the combined churches in the Village is probably partly responsible for the increased number of local participants.

The original Rockwood cenotaph was unveiled by Eramosa residents approximately 50 years ago and since that time new wings have been added, names inscribed of the last war descendants for addition to the Honour Roll.

Hear candidates for school board

The Hillsburg Town Hall will be the November 23 scene of nominations for Wellington County School Board trustees who will represent Guelph Township, Erin Township, Eramosa Township and Erin Village.

The Ospringle Public School Home and School Association has set aside, as part of its Wednesday, November 25 program at the Ospringle Public School Auditorium, allotted time for the candidates for the School board

to speak after which a question and answer period will follow.

Alfred P. Hanwell, B.Sc., M.Ed., Director of Education for the Wellington County Board of Education, will speak about the administrative side of our educational system.

Election date for the school board trustees will be that of December 7, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the various polling booths as designated by each municipality.

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