

Albert Loof, 27, dies Highway 7 collision

A holiday season tragedy ended Sunday, December 31, when Trinity United Church of Guelph was packed with friends, relatives, and acquaintances, who attended to mourn the death of one of the district's fine young men.

Albert Loof of R.R. 5, Rockwood, was the victim of a two car collision on No. 7 Highway on the hills east of Crewsons Corners on Friday December 29 at approximately 6 p.m. Travelling home from Toronto to his Rockwood residence Friday night's wind and snow storm made vision difficult. He was pronounced dead at the scene by coroner Dr. Walter Scott of Guelph.

A native of Marknesse, N.O.P., Holland, Albert Loof came to Canada with his family in 1958. The Loofs settled just outside Rockwood on the Fourth Line in 1961. Albert and his wife, the former Ruth Ann Hamilton, formerly of Wingham and Guelph, were married in 1967. They moved to their new R.R. 5 Rockwood home on December 20th, 1971.

Eramosa district, Albert was a graduate of Guelph G.C.V.I. He was an inveterate curler who, during his stay in Toronto, was a member of the Toronto Curling Club. More recently, since moving back to Rockwood, he joined the Acton Club.

An avid worker, he put enthusiasm into his employment as a data processing systems analyst and business associates and fellow workers were his friends.

Neighbours, hitchhikers,

fellow in need, everyone was the friend of the young man who had time to share for his closely knit family as well as enjoy all phases of outdoor activities in both winter and summer.

Friends and relatives attended the Sunday service from as far west as Vancouver to a brother in Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Picton, Wingham, Toronto, Guelph, St. Catharines, London, and Rockwood were all represented in Guelph Church.

He lay in rest at the Wall Chapel of Lee and Constance Funeral Home in Guelph and, after the 3 p.m. Sunday service at Trinity United Church was taken to the Riverside Crematorium in Toronto for cremation.

Pallbearers were George Dean, Norman Kelly, Andrew Campbell, Gary Yearsley, Don Crow, and Gary Schenk, all family and business friends.

Eldest son
The eldest son of Jan and Rika Loof, he is also survived by his wife Ruth Ann and his young son, Albert James (Jamie), 14 months old, his sister Gerrie of Vancouver, a brother Bert of Nova Scotia, and his sister and brother living at home in Rockwood, Joanne and John.

Previous to their family Christmas celebrations Albert and Ruth Ann had spent two weeks holidaying in the Barbados. Until their move to Rockwood they lived for a short time in Toronto.

Also hurt in the accident, the driver of the other vehicle, Barry Hume, of 21 Inverness Drive, Guelph, was taken by ambulance to Guelph General Hospital where he was admitted for observation suffering from head and abdominal injuries. He is presently listed in satisfactory condition.



Albert Loof

Well known
Well known and liked in the

Grand River Authority upset by grant cutback

The Ontario government was criticized by executive members of the Grand River Conservation Authority, upset over a \$91,000 cutback in provincial grants.

The cutback was made in grants towards the authority's administrative costs for 1972—money which has already been spent or committed.

Vice-chairman Ted Heeg of Guelph said the cut was hard to understand "from a government committed to the environment—it makes you wonder how sincere they really are."

Similar cutbacks have been experienced by other conservation authorities in the province and protests have been made without success, said chairman James S. Bauer of Waterloo.

He said it was paradoxical that while regular budgets had been cut, the province was urging authorities to undertake winter works programs with large budget allocations.

Mr. Bauer said some projects may have to be delayed next year because grant allocations from

the province will probably be reduced.

Mr. Bauer suggested that one way to raise more money would be to increase admission fees at authority parks "but that will hit the low income families again."

Local ties

Prime Minister Pearson had ties with this district. His father, Rev. Edwin Arthur Pearson, was minister of the former Norfolk United church in Guelph just after the first world war. During the two summers he spent with his family in Guelph he played ball for the Partridge Rubber Co. team in the senior inter-county league.

Mr. Pearson's daughter Pat lived in Milton while her husband Dr. Walter Hanna had a practice there. Actonians went down to meet the prime minister while he was visiting his daughter.

Bell ringer

Ringling the town hall bell at midnight has become a New Year's Eve tradition in Milton the past few years. About 200 gathered Sunday and Frank Thompson, former mayor and Children's Aid Society director, pulled the rope.

John Benham to talk at conference

John Benham, a Rockwood dairy farmer, will talk about his success with high moisture corn at the Waterloo-Wellington silage conference being held at the Waterloo Motor Inn, Waterloo, January 3 and 4.

Mr. Benham's talk will be one of the highlights of the conference which will attract commercial operators, livestock and crop specialists to discuss a wide range of topics related to silage systems and the production and feeding of all types of silage.

Ontario dairy, beef and swine producers rely on some of the most elaborate mechanized systems in the world. Key to many of these systems is silage and high moisture grains.

The conference is being sponsored by the Waterloo-Wellington Soil and Crop Improvement Associations in co-operation with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Comin's and Goin's

Snowmobilers are running amok these days and parkland owners, operators and proprietors are unhappy at the havoc they are creating. Poor, unabashed bad manners—that's why they're complaining. "Only God can make a tree," are their mutterings after they see the machines zip in and smash off the tops of vigorous growing young seedlings. "What's about that, clubs and presidents, are you allowing your members to break courtesy laws?"

off to the local group committee for their effort in community education.

The Rockwood town hall was ajumping last New Year's Eve when the gala event of the season pulled in 60 couples to make hoopla with The Wheels of Guelph, providing the music. "Tremendous" was the general comment of party goers who say this year's events were the best while many new attendees pledged themselves to next year's party. Door prizes were a big event with captives Mr. and Mrs. Al Hurnes, Mr. and Mrs. Gord Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lasby and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Leslie. Marg Hart was a booth operator and convener for the affair were Betty and Ray Death with co-conveners Don and Winnie Hiltz. Topping off the evening was the usual amazing repast of turkey roll, cold cuts and all the eatesters of a marvellous New Year's festive dinner. Hi there, 1973, and a Happy New Year to everyone.

The Sandy Hudson family were wintertime hosts last Monday afternoon when 21 kids and five fathers went conservation park tobogganing while five mothers went walking and collecting driftwood for a hearth-burning fun-time back at the ranch. It was hot soup and mulled wine, the specialty of the Hudson home, and the delightful party which began at 1.30 p.m. was tucked away by 7.30, with a great day of outdoor activity for everyone.

Word is that the Rockwood-Eramosa creative arts program committee will be sending out questionnaires some time within the next few weeks to ascertain who wants what and when, with a probable starting time for another set of activities planned for March. So put away your crochet hooks, ladies, and put down your brushes. Take time out for time off and until new plans get into motion; in the meantime let your committee know what you would like to see for spring-time local night-time sessions.

Guests galore over Christmas holidays made the Ray and Betty Death house one of fun and festivity. For family Christmas dinner with all the trimmings special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Earl-Scott of Erin, Mrs. Gladys Death from Guelph, Ronnie, Jan and Amanda from Guelph; Brian from Toronto; Mary Law of Galt and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Evans and their sons Dave and Paul from Erin.

Kansas City, Missouri, is the month-long address of Dennis Death these days. He'll be completing his Atlantic School Air Transportation course and his Rockwood friends wish him the best of luck in his new venture.

Board turns down pension

William Middleton, a former part time secretary with the old Acton School Board has been denied a retirement pension by

Halton County Board of Education.

Special guests at the Rockwood New Year's Eve party were the Campbells from England, visiting with the Greens of Pine St. and Jean Milnes' sister and her husband from Oshawa. Welcome to our village, folks, hope you had a nice stay and that Old Man Winter provides you with better weather than we've had for the past few weeks.

Mr. Middleton served the Acton board for 35 years before it amalgamated with the other Halton boards to form the Halton County Board of Education.

His request was turned down by the board during a meeting Thursday, and was the last piece of business the 1972 board dealt with.

Not in minutes
In an interview board chairman Ernest Bodnar said Mr. Middleton based his request on a claim that a pension provision was made in the Acton board's minutes. However Bodnar says that while board members intended including it in the minutes, they never acted on it.

The chairman said granting the request could set a trend in view of the number of the former boards involved. He also stressed that Mr. Middleton had been a part time employee of the Acton board.

And all the merry little green hatted elf men have disappeared until next year but for the Rockwood Brownies it's back to the Centennial School gymnasium next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for a brand new start off for a great new year.

Forty-nine Lionettes and friends had a hoopla evening last November 30 when they nipped to Toronto via coachline to enjoy The Sound of Music at the O'Keefe Centre and then off to Ed's Warehouse for a fabulous dinner. Oh it's great to be a Lion's mate and next meeting at the school will be Jan. 24 at 8:15 p.m. where discussions on where, when, and what will set up a mid-winter schedule for community activities.

Brother dies in Toronto

Samuel Rachlin, brother of Ben Rachlin, died suddenly in Toronto December 28. He is survived by his wife, two sons, four brothers and two sisters. Service was Sunday and interment in Roselawn cemetery.

Rachlin's jewellery store was closed due to the death.

Obituary Gordon Currie

Gordon Currie died suddenly at his home, 220 Heslop Road, Milton on Dec. 16 in his 68th year.

He is survived by his wife Ethel of the same address, sons Don of Campbellville, David, Bill and Jim of Milton; grandchildren Stephen, Susan, Michael and Brent; brothers George and John D. of Toronto and John D. of Campbellville; and sisters Jean of Toronto, Fanny of Milton and Christina of London.

The son of the late Duncan and Jane Currie, he was born on July 13, 1907. He was raised on a farm at R. R. 1, Campbellville then bought the farm and worked it until moving to Milton in February 1966. Mr. Currie attended S.S. No. 1 and No. 2

schools in Nassagaweya. In March 1937 he married Ethel Marjorie Dennis in Toronto.

Crossing guard
Besides farming, Mr. Currie worked for 17 years at Milton Brick Company. After moving to Milton, he worked part time as a constable at the court house. For the past two years, Mr. Currie was a school crossing guard at Thomas St. and Heslop Road.

Funeral service was held at McKersie Funeral Home on Dec. 18 with Rev. J. Murray officiating. Interment was in Milton Evergreen Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Duncan Currie, Burnett Dennis, Jack Lawson, Art McLeod, Harold Dennis and Cliff Brown.

Esqueuing solicitor named QC

Esqueuing Township's solicitor Terrence F. Baines of Georgetown was one of two Halton lawyers named Queen's Counsels in the New Year's Day list published by the Ontario Government.

Wessell Gail of Burlington was also named a QC. The two Halton solicitors were among 98 named QCs this year. A government press release said those honored include many who have "given

freely of their time, energy and ability to various areas of public service... as well as being leaders in their profession."

More sand

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And, oh yes, Gordon Allen Sinclair, 11:45 a.m. & 5:45 p.m. Monday - Friday. That's me!

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