

# To thine own self be true

There's a great too-haw these days about conformity, which has become a dirty word. Educationists and editors, social workers and sob sisters warn us that one of the great threats to freedom in the modern world is conformity.

These Cassandras claim that we're turning into a nation, a world, of conformists. They threaten that the golden age of the real individual, the rebel, the non-conformist, is nearing an end, and that very soon we shall all be slaves, eating what everybody else is eating, wearing what everybody else is wearing, doing what everybody else is doing, and thinking what everybody else is thinking.

I find myself remarkably calm in the face of these prophecies. In fact, I think they are pure poppycock.

In the first place, I see nothing wrong with conformity. It merely means,

"compliance with established forms." In short the individual accepts the responsibilities and the restraints which society imposes on him.

The vast majority of people have always been conformists. If you happened to be a cannibal, and the piece of resistance was roast missionary, you sat down with the rest of the boys and enjoyed the preacher. You didn't say, "Gee, I don't know, fellas. Maybe we're making a mistake. Maybe we shoulda boiled him." No, sir. You conformed. You went along with the crowd.

If you happened to be a Roman legionary, happily hacking up Gauls and ancient Britons, you didn't stop in the middle of the orgy and ask yourself, "Is this the real me, or am I just doing this because everybody else is?" If you did, you were a dead non-conformist.

Equally, if you happen to be a modern

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man, and your kids and wife are putting you over the jumps, you conform. You don't take a two-by-four and pound your kids into submission. You threaten to cut off their allowance.

In the second place, the deliberate, or conscious, non-conformist is a simple pain in the arm. He is the type who thinks he can't be a painter unless he has a beard, who thinks he can't be a poet unless he

needs a hair-cut badly.

Perhaps the greatest conformists in the world today are teenagers. In their desperate attempt to avoid conformity, they become the most rigid conformists in our society. They dress alike, do their hair alike, eat the same food, listen to the same music. All this, in an effort to revolt against society, to be non-conformists!

Not that there haven't been great non-conformists. Beethoven, Tolstoy, Gauguin come to mind. But they were great, not because they were non-conformists, but in spite of it. They had talent, Mac. On the other hand Bach was a church organist, music teacher and had children. Shakespeare worked atrocious hours, lived an exemplary life, and never missed getting his hair cut regularly.

Alexander the Great, Napoleon, the Marquis de Sade, Hitler and Lee Oswald

were non conformists. You know what they contributed to the world.

Does this mean every non-conformist is a nut? Not necessarily, though probably. He is usually an unhappy chap who, for some deep-buried reason, must attract attention.

Trouble is, the people who constantly warn us of the dangers of conformity have confused the non-conformist and the individual. The former is to be pitied. He is seeking firm ground in a quagmire. The latter is to be envied. He has found a prune (himself), in the porridge of society, and he chews happily ever after.

Perhaps old Polonius put it best in Hamlet. His son is going away to college. The dad gives him a lot of advice about conforming. Then, in an unexpected and untypical flash, he adds, "This above all. To thine own self be true; thou canst not then be false to any man."

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### 1 Births

**BAMBER**—Jim and Nancy (nee Edge) are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Adam James on February 29, 1984, weighing 8 lbs., 3 oz. at Humber Memorial Hospital. Fourth grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Peter Edge of Milton.

**DE GRAAF**—Jack & Cathie are thrilled to announce the birth of their son Ryan Jacob, 5 lbs. 1 oz. on February 29, 1984 at 8:33 p.m. A brother for Leanne and Aimee. First grandson for Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Gardner, Richmond, B.C. and first grandson for Mr. & Mrs. Louis DeGraaf, Acton.

**HILL**—David and Louanne proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Laura Emily, on March 3, 1984, weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. Many thanks to Dr. Gelb and staff at Guelph General Hospital.

**POINTNER**—Frank and Lisa (nee Bassett) announce the birth of their special daughter, Carla Magdalena, on February 21st, 1984. Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Ford, Dr. Ashenurst and Dr. Bowyer and the wonderful O.B. staff at Georgetown Hospital. A special thank you also to the team of doctors and nurses who are caring for Carla at the Hospital for Sick Children.

**3 Engagements**  
MR. and Mrs. Ted Allen wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Tracy to Raymond (Peanut) George, son of Mrs. Helena George and the late Arthur George of Guelph.

**4 Coming Marriages**  
**GOODING-McNABB**—Mr. & Mrs. John Y. McNabb of Georgetown are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Marilyn Joan to Mr. Grant Gooding, son of Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Gooding of Milton on Saturday, March 24th at Hillcrest United Church, Georgetown.

**6 Deaths**  
**BUCHAN**, Andrew John Scott—Suddenly as a result of an accident on No. 7 Hwy. on February 29, 1984, Andrew Buchanan of RR 3, Acton, beloved husband of Victoria Jayne Thomas. Funeral service was held at St. Alban's Church, Acton on Saturday, March 3 at 11 a.m. followed by cremation.

**JUDD**, Harry William on Friday March 2, 1984 at Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital, Harry Judd, beloved husband of Olive Cazaly and loved father of Gary and Irene Judd of Brampton and Brenda (Mrs. Robert White) of Georgetown. Dear brother of Betty Lord of Toronto. Rested at the J. S. Jones and Son Funeral Home, 34 Edith St., Georgetown. Funeral service was held Monday afternoon at 1:30 at St. John's United Church, Inverness Greenwood Cemetery. In memory contributions to the Salvation Army would be appreciated.

**MORRISON**, Christina E.—At North York General Hospital on Tuesday, February 28, 1984, Christina E. Morrison of Toronto, in her 95th year. Dear sister of D. Stanley Morrison of Acton and the late Margaret Cole. Aunt of Margaret Hannah, great aunt of Jessica, Julia and Nelson. Rested at the Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton, where funeral service was held on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. followed by cremation.

**ROY**—Theresa Rose (nee Thibault) of St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Tuesday, February 28, 1984. Theresa Rose Thibault in her 66th year. Beloved wife of Norman M. Roy of Acton, dear mother of Jacqueline McCall of Vancouver, Norma Mahannah of Trinidad and Denise Byrne of Mississauga. Loved grandmother of Ken, Neil, Terry and Darla McCall, Jeffrey, Mark, Robin, Cheryl Mahannah, Kerri Mumby and Kelly Byrne. Great grandmother of Adam Mumby. Rested at the Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton. Funeral service was held in the Chapel on Friday at 1:30 p.m. followed by cremation.

**7 Cards of Thanks**  
**GARVIN**—Sincere thanks to neighbours and friends for their cards, flowers and donations. Special thanks to Rev. Graham Bland, J.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home, St. Alban's Ladies Guild, the nursing staff of Georgetown Hospital. Family of the late Verna Garvin.

I WANT to express my sincere thanks to all the wonderful friends who showed so much kindness to me at the time of my accident and while a patient in Orangeville Hospital. The prayers and visits, flowers and fruit, cards and letters while there and since returning home brought so much cheer to me. To those who so kindly brought communion to me and to those who brought in delicious meals. I am very grateful.  
Phyllis Meeks

THE FAMILY of the late Gerry Eggleton extend sincere thanks to all their friends and neighbours for their support and caring friendship during Gerry's illness, and their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Drs. Kennedy, Hobart and Browning, the nursing staff of Ward B, Georgetown Hospital, The Rev. Dr. T. Bandy of St. Andrew's United Church, and J. S. Jones and Son Funeral Home. Our love and thanks to the Georgetown Little Theatre, Georgetown Globe Productions and the Ferguson family for all their help and support. Your many kindnesses will never be forgotten.

Margaret and Nicola Eggleton  
WE WISH to express our sincere thanks to relatives, neighbours and friends for their sympathy in our recent bereavement. Your donations to cancer and heart funds, the beautiful floral arrangements, and all who called at this time is greatly appreciated. Our sincere thanks to Rev. Bandy for his impressive message. To the Jones Funeral Home, Ballinlad UCW and the people at Centennial Manor, your kindness will always be remembered.  
Helena Sinclair and the families

### 8 In Memoriams

**BROOSTAD**—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Kevin, who passed away March 6, 1976. Sadly missed along life's way. Quietly remembered every day. No longer in our life to share. But he's in our hearts and in our prayers. Sadly missed by Mom, Dad, Andrea and David.

In fond memory of Kevin's friends, John McHugh, John Oudelusky, Scott McTavish, Lynn Marshall and Tim Brusanski, who died March 6, 1976. "A friend is someone you think of while they're away."

The Broostad family  
In memory of John's friends, Kevin Broostad, Scott McTavish, John Oudelusky, Tim Brusanski and Lynn Marshall who died with him March 6, 1976.

Their presence we miss. Their memory we treasure. Ever remembered by the McHugh family.

**MACCOLM**, Gil—in loving memory of a very dear husband and father who passed away March 10, 1978. Gone, but not forgotten. Memories linger every day. Lovingly remembered by Doreen & family.

**McHUGH**, John William Jr.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Johnny, who was taken so suddenly March 6, 1976. When ties of love are broken and loved ones have to part. It leaves a wound that never heals. In our ever-aching heart. Sadly missed by Mom, Dad, Gail and Karen.

**McHUGH**—Fond memories of a dear grandson John McHugh Jr. who died suddenly March 6, 1976. "Sweet memories will linger forever. Time cannot change them its true. Years that may come cannot sever. My loving remembrance of you. Ever remembered by his grandmother, Ann Talbot.

**MORGAN**—In memory of Father Vincent Morgan, who passed away March 10th, 1977. Eternal rest give to him, O Lord; And let perpetual light shine upon him. Prayerfully remembered, Bernadette Whelan.

**PALK**—Godfrey, dearly loved father and Da. Beautiful memories are wonderful things. They last till the longest day. They never wear out, they never get lost. And can never be given away. To some you may be forgotten. To others a part of the past. But it's us who loved and lost you. Your memory will always last. Sadly missed.  
Brenda, Tom & Shelley

**PAPILLON**—In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, and grandmother, Nora Elizabeth Papillon who passed away March 11, 1983. Though her smile is gone forever and the hand we cannot touch. Still we have so many memories. Of the one we loved so much. Her memory is our keepsake. With which we'll never part. God has her in his keeping. We have her in our heart.

Sadly missed and ever remembered by husband Theo, daughters Joyce and Donna and son Dennis and families.

**PRUCYK**, Josephine, March 6, 1979. Time may heal the broken heart, Years may make the wound less sore. But it cannot fill the longing. For the loved one gone before. Who shall say the grief is lessened. Though the smile may hide tears. Memories keep the wound still open. Despite the passing of the years. Sadly missed by her mother,  
Mae Rowe

**VAN OOSTEN**—In loving memory of my dear husband John, who was taken suddenly eight years ago, March 8, 1978. What I would give to clasp his hand. His happy face to see. To hear his voice and see his smile. That meant so much to me. Sadly missed and always remembered by wife Charlene.

**VAN OOSTEN**—In loving memory of our dear son, John, who passed away on March 8, 1976. Lovingly remembered and sadly missed, Mom and Dad.

**WHITE**, Margaret Catherine—In loving memory of a dear wife and mother who passed away March 12, 1975. Always a smile instead of a frown. Always a hand when one was down. Always true, thoughtful and kind. Wonderful memories she left behind. Lovingly remembered by husband Sam and daughters Nancy and Linda.

### 10 Coming Events

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**THE British Club monthly meeting and social evening** will be held on Friday, March 9th, in the Town Hall, Glen Williams, at 8 p.m. Visitors welcome. For information call 877-5797 or 853-0477.

**THE Survival Series**... second lecture in the series on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. Wendy Vermeerch will speak on New Perspectives for Survival in Non-Traditional Areas. Georgetown Public Library, lecture fee \$2.00.

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