

# One young man's travels on the rocky road of life

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The road of life is full of twists, turns, bumps, road blocks and awaiting potholes. For some the road of life is relatively smooth and yet for others the path to one's completeness is dangerously bumpy.

After some ten years of travelling this so-called road of life, Dave Harley, 21 Ewing Street in Georgetown, having witnessed both the light and

dark side of life, with many a test along the way, can now consider himself more than half-way there to his ultimate finding of a life with God.

Dave, 29, was raised in Georgetown in what could be termed as an ordinary atmosphere for a child. Dave would faithfully attend Sunday School with his mother and refers to his younger days as being, "The typical Sunday School life."

It was not until Dave

reached those adventurous, yet confusing, years of 18 and 19 that he began that long, long road of self-finding. It was then the age of flower children, where morals of almost every aspect of life were questioned and in most cases abandoned. Dave was one of the many who partially abandoned the old style of life to find the "truth". Leaving the Young People's work he had been doing in the Knox Presbyterian Church, Dave

turned to Yorkville, to the parties, demonstrations and to the new generation of revolt. "It was during this time that the 'God is Dead' theory evolved. Everyone was in a state of confusion and despair. Shortly after I got into the Yorkville scene I became very disenchanted. I found that I couldn't teach Sunday School on a Sunday because I had gotten completely bombed the night before," said Dave with a toss of his blond haired head and a smile accenting his youth.

"I had to drop something so it was the Sunday School. I still don't know if it was a good or bad move," continued Dave.

Dave agreed that there was a lot of searching done by the young people in the late 60's. Their search was aided with drugs, alcohol, so-called free love and peace. However, Dave stressed that young people of today of the mid 70's are still searching and are still using drugs, drinking candy-pop wine but in today's world the reality of it all has been covered and masked from the truth.

"Is it really getting better? Sure we may be making ten or fifteen thousand dollars a year and we might own two coloured televisions and own a \$150,000 home but I wonder if all this pronounced optimism of 'things are getting better' is really true?" questioned Dave.

In the early 70's Dave turned away from the church completely and described himself as sitting on the last limb of hope and life. Dave, on his doctor's advice, left his factory job to take a holiday. Travelling to Vancouver where he stayed for ten days Dave, once again disenchanted, began the trek home. He was half-way home when the thought struck Dave, that he did have friends in Ontario and in Georgetown: Many friends (referring to the Young People in the church) who were praying and caring for him, while he was searching.

"It was at this time that I thought I had better stop feeling sorry for myself. I knew that I could either have a life of failure or I could seek the road of Jesus Christ. Some may think that it is a easy road but it takes more of a man to stand up and struggle through."

About one year after his return from his short holiday Dave and a friend from Guelph, Lawrence Pentelov, decided to go on a Christian Mission by hitchhiking across Canada and in doing so hopefully reach out and help all the other lonely, desperate ones who have resorted to hitch-hiking in hopes of grasping the truth.

It was June 1, 1972, when the two packed their sacks and began travelling that road once

again only, this time by foot. Throughout their journey the two young men did a lot of searching, questioning and ultimately discovering.

It was at this turn of the road when Dave had his first glimpse of the Presbyterian Fellowship House in Prince Albert. After a three-week stay Dave and Lawrence reversed their direction and came home. A mere three days after returning home, Dave was contacted by the Board of World Missions and asked to take over the directorship of the Fellowship House.

The Fellowship House is a Christian supported house which provides a home for native boys of Canada so that they may continue their schooling.

Dave remained at the Fellowship House for one and a

half years. Learning and experiencing the trials and prejudices faced by the native people of Canada. He helped the boys with their high school work, helped them with their social lives and all the other problems faced in adolescence. Dave was more of a brother to the boys, setting examples and leaving it up to the individuals whether they chose to follow the examples or to go out on the limb alone.

However after one and a half years of being without a family, being a father- brother,

to about ten teenagers at a time, attending countless meetings, keeping a three-story home in condition, the pressure built up to a point where Dave thought it was best to return home.

Near the end of January, 1973 Dave hit Georgetown once again and up until the warm, summer months, he seemed to have fallen into another pothole as he returned to the crowd which he so desperately tried to leave.

"I guess it hit me then that I had hit bottom and I knew I

needed help and I then knew where to go for that help," said Dave. He returned to the Presbyterian church, to work with the young people of the church, and he returned to the straighter, smoother path.

Dave admits that he has not arrived at his ultimate destination as of yet and he realizes that the path will still be bumpy and treacherous however according to Dave, "my commitment to Christ will allow me to reach the final salvation, to eventually be with my creator for eternity."



THEIR SUMMER GOOD-BYES. Ready to return home after a year of schooling the boys staying at the Presbyterian Fellowship House bid their farewells to Dave. From left

to right stand; Isaac MacKenzie, Silas MacKenzie, Dave Harley, Martin Halkett and a friend of the boys, Gerald.



PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP HOUSE. Dave Harley took over as director of the Presbyterian Fellowship House in Prince Albert for one and a half years.



TOP MALE ATHLETE. Don Bird, extreme left, was awarded top male athlete of Riverside Collegiate, the school at which the boys living in the Fellowship House attend.

Sitting beside Don are other athletic winners also living in the House, Joe Charles, Bill Ratt, Martin Halkett and Allan Ross.

## Skill-testing question...

## ...no problem

### They knew the answer

When a Georgetown couple who recently won a 17-foot house trailer valued at over \$4,000 were notified that their ticket had been drawn but that they first had to answer a "skill testing question," they were well prepared. It happened this way:

Ray and Betty Todd were attending the last day of a camping show held at the Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel in Toronto on Feb. 15 and Mrs. Todd filled out a ticket for a free draw on the house trailer offered by the Royal Bank of Canada.

Upon returning home they discussed among themselves what the skill testing question could be and decided it would be something like naming the great lakes which they then proceeded to do. At 6:05 p.m.,

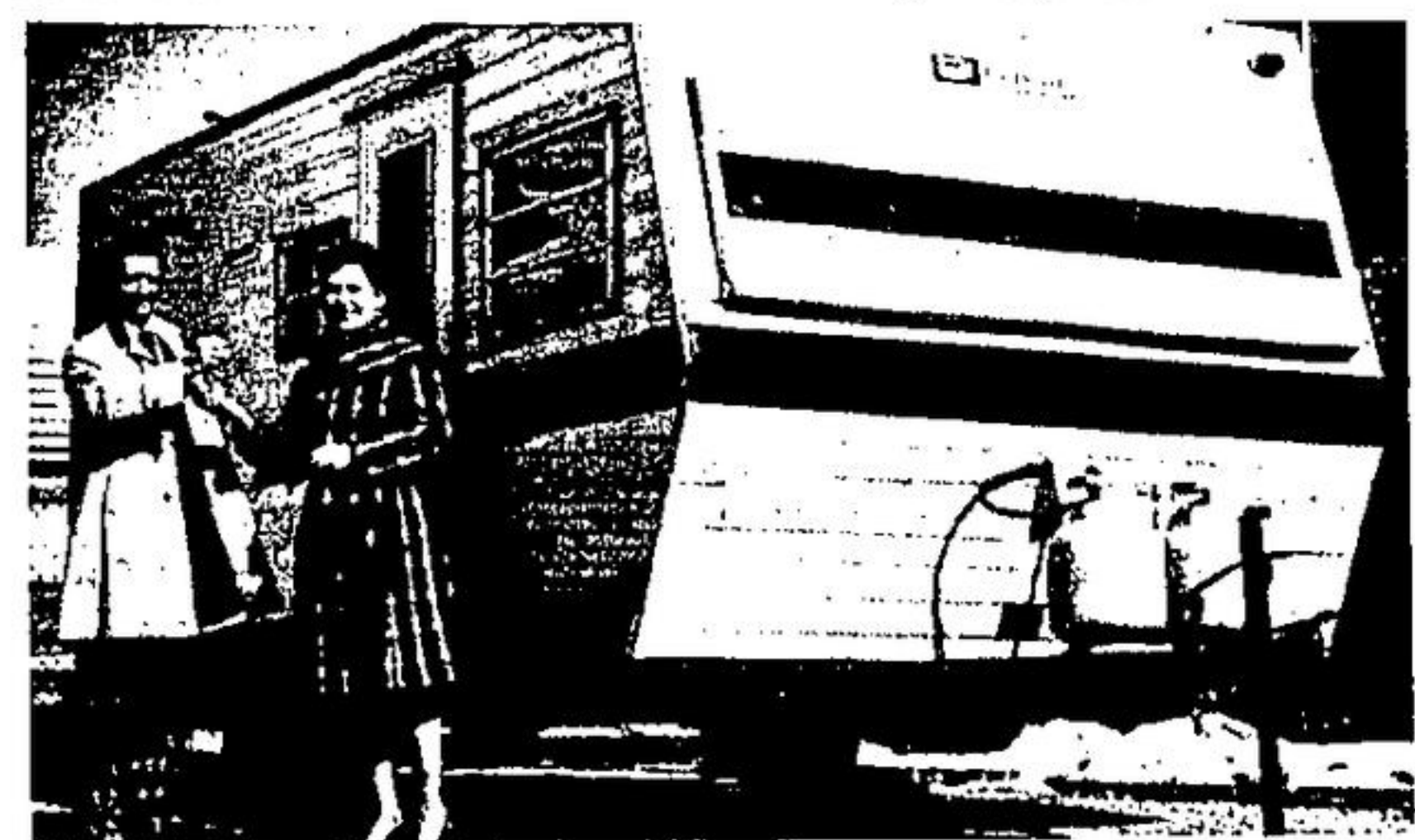
they imagined that the draw had already been held and the winner announced.

At 6:10 p.m., Mrs. Todd answered the phone and learned that the voice at the other end was that of W. Earle McLaughlin, chairman of the Royal Bank, who asked if she was sitting down.

After informing Mrs. Todd that her ticket had been drawn, McLaughlin then proceeded to ask the skill testing question: "Name two of the great Lakes."

Mrs. Todd said that when she answered she heard over the telephone a great cheer from the audience at the hotel but that she was so excited at winning, she can't remember what kind of statement she made after winning. "We were going around in a

state of shock," Mrs. Todd said. "When we got up the next morning, my husband said, 'Did we dream it all?'"



LUCKY WINNER of a 17-foot mobile home, Mrs. R. Todd, receives the keys to a house trailer she won Feb. 15. Presenting the keys is Bill Ward, manager of the Georgetown

branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, which held a free draw for the trailer at a recent camping show in Toronto.

## Explain Christian School to Acton parents

The Acton chapter of the Toronto District Christian High School held their annual

meeting Wednesday, February 25 at the Christian Reform Church and about 30 people, including Bert Hinton, recently retired from the Board of Governors of Sheridan College, attended.

The purpose of the meeting, said Dick Voskamp, president of the Acton chapter, was to inform parents who may be thinking of sending their children to the Woodbridge High School, of the school's

curriculum. To answer questions, J. Cappon and J. DeBoer of the school's board of trustees and J. Grooter Boer and L. Wierunga of the teaching staff were present at the meeting.

Among topics discussed at the meeting was a proposed 20 per cent increase in the \$450,000 budget which is raised entirely from the tuition paid by parents who send their children to the school,

Voskamp said. About 2,000 families in 15 chapters send their children to the high school.

Voskamp said the school receives no money from the government and that the group is lobbying with other independent private schools to get money from the government.

Also discussed at the meeting on a speculative basis, was the idea that if

growth of the Woodbridge High School were to be kept at 400 students in an effort to retain a "personal touch" between staff and students, a christian high school may be built in Halton Hills which would draw students from Georgetown, Acton and Brampton. Voskamp said that if such a high school were to be built, it would be about five years away.

## Red Cross is there

Fires, storms, floods, have no timetable. They hit at any time of day or night; any time of year, and very often those who can least afford it. This is

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8:00 a.m. - The Eucharist  
9:15 a.m. - Family Eucharist  
11:00 a.m. - Choral Eucharist  
Church School 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.  
Nursery service 9:15 and 11 a.m.

## 1,200 Jehovah's Witnesses attend circuit assembly

Keith McCann, District Supervisor and a representative of the Watch Tower Society, addressed approximately 1,200 Jehovah's Witnesses Sunday afternoon at the semi-annual circuit assembly of the Jehovah's Witnesses held at the assembly hall in Norval.

Mr. McCann, speaking to 11 congregations of the Jehovah's Witnesses, spoke on the theme

"Are you doing what God requires of You", an aspect of the semi-annual circuit assembly's main theme "Become Doers of the Word." The weekend assembly incorporated some 27 guest speakers which included Mr. McCann; Lloyd Payne, Circuit Supervisor; and District Overseers, Doug Beckman, Mel Taylor, Alfred Bernst, Jim McLean and Hector

Lapalante. Sunday morning featured the Baptism of some 20 members of the congregation of the Jehovah's Witnesses with the afternoon slated for the various guest speakers. This area's circuit incorporates the towns of Georgetown, Acton, Brampton, Bramalea, Malton, Erin, Milton and Oakville.



VOLUNTEER FIREMEN were called to the scene of an accident on Halton Rd. 3 at the Milton turnoff last Wednesday to hose away the gasoline which was split on the road when the driver ran up onto the median strip and tore open his gas tank.

## Alcohol and Youth seminar

On Thursday, March 4 an open forum is being held on the Oakville campus of Sheridan College. The topic is Alcohol and Youth.

On the panel, chaired by Peter Marks of the Addiction Research Foundation, will be Judge A. Jan Fuller of

Halton Family Court and Halton Regional Police Chief Ken Skerrett. Also participating will be MPP Terry Jones of the provincial youth secretariat.

The discussion will center on adolescents, drunk driving, the

validity of I.D. cards and the raising of the drinking age.

The general public is invited and will have an opportunity to voice their opinions. The meeting starts at 7:15 and the admission is free.

## The Citizen of the Year is ...

After serious analysis and consideration of the approximately 12 nominations for Georgetown's 1976 Citizen of the Year, the Georgetown Lions Club has reached a decision. However, the results of the decision will be a carefully guarded secret until the formal announcement is made on Friday, March 26.

The Lions Club of

Georgetown who sponsor this event annually, will be holding a reception and dinner on that date.

The dinner is an open reception to any interested citizens of the community and tickets may be purchased from any Georgetown Lions Club member or by contacting Ron Johnstone at 877-2607 or El

At the time Const. first class MacCarron of the Halton Regional Police was part of a 330-man detachment responsible for patrolling only the centre of Manchester, home not of one but two first division soccer teams, Manchester United and Manchester City. It was like having the Hamilton Tiger Cats at one end of town and the Toronto Argonauts at the other.

On nights when one end of town played the other and anything could happen between the rabid soccer fans flushed with victory or eager for revenge, sailors from nearby Liverpool would mix in. Extra police vans, dogs and mounted horses were brought to maintain law and order "all in city centre," Const. MacCarron says.

By comparison it is "relaxed around here," he says. "We're allowed a coffee break."

At high school in Manchester, Const. MacCarron set records which still hold for the 100 and 220-yard dash. All summer it was athletics with soccer for the school team and soccer for the church team in the fall and winter. Of his six brothers and five sisters, now scattered around the world - none were police, nor was his father but after six months of doing nothing after the end of school, "on the spur of the moment" he became a police cadet, then a police constable at 19, "then I just stayed."

Only for a year and a half, though, until low wages and poor working conditions made him and his wife decide to look overseas for a better life. In April, 1968 he came to Toronto, then to Mississauga where he lives today with his wife and two children. For two years he was out of police work until joining the Georgetown force in February 1970. He says, "I couldn't get back in quick enough."

Here it is general duties ranging from watching a hole in the road, to preserving the scene at a suicide or going in to arrest an attempted-

murderer. "It's a lot better here."

"From what I'm used to as a youngster," he says, "it's small but it depends on what one grows up with."

"Little things annoy you about discipline," he says, voicing a complaint common to all men who must wear a uniform. "But that's the only beef."

Const. MacCarron readily admits that some of the public

do not like police but that it is only a small minority, "we deal with all the time. Another small percentage we deal with occasionally," he says.

"Thousands in town, however, never have dealings with police. Maybe some out there don't like me. Perhaps it's justified," he says, adding that even police officers can get out on the wrong side of the bed in the morning, just like anyone else.

"All the people aren't really nice," he admits frankly. "Sometimes they bite your head off for an inquiry."

But whatever it is, Const. MacCarron drops a hint as to what it is that motivates him when he says, "You can't do wrong by doing right and you can't do right by doing wrong."

When he is off the job, Const. MacCarron is a family man first but still interested in sports. For two years in Mississauga he played soccer until a knee injury forced him out of the game. Although "I've never had a pair of skates on my feet in my life," he says he watches the Toronto Maple Leafs "every chance I get."

Showing his complete transformation to the sports scene in Canada, he says "I can now understand the Argos." But baseball is as "boring as cricket."

He likes crossword puzzles - "I'll try everyone I can get" - and the "bigger, more complicated jigsaw puzzles, "as well as novels and movies with the old-fashioned virtues of having a beginning, a middle and an end while being entertaining at the same time.



Constable Terence A. MacCarron

## Optimists sponsor oratorical contest

An oratorical contest open to all boys and girls who have not reached the age of 18 is being conducted by the Georgetown Optimist Club. Trophies will be awarded to first place, second place and runners-up. In addition the first place winner, boy and girl, of the contest will be eligible for further competition with a top prize of a \$500 scholarship.

The official contest subject is "Tomorrow's Promise." Contestants must speak on the subject for not less than four minutes and not more than five minutes. Scoring is based on personal

qualities, organization of material, delivery and presentation, and overall effectiveness.

The contest will be held at Howard Wrigglesworth Public School on Tuesday, March 9, starting at 7 p.m. Spectators are welcome. For further information contact David Peach, Bank of Montreal in Georgetown at 877-5141.

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