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by Eileen Smith

"Your pain in the breaking of the shell that encloses your understanding"

Crises

One day we received a call from a small boy who was most upset by the loss of his cat, for him this was a crisis, he felt much better after talking to us. Often legal matters such as property misuse, consumer problems, housing eviction etc. are for each caller a crisis. Family concerns, alcohol, financial, senior citizens health, accommodation, etc. are crises to the caller. Most people tend to feel that crisis is always an instant matter of life or death. All of us at sometime are naturally exposed to crises of various degrees. What may seem a small thing to those not involved, maybe to the one experiencing concern, a real crisis, for the moment at least.

Contact is an information and referral centre, in the context of that broad description, we certainly handle crises. We would never wish to be known as a crisis centre however. Crisis is dealt with in the natural context of all we do. We could never define when simple information given may have avoided crises. Contact is a preventative service. If people know who to ask for or where to go for assistance, then sincerely use these referrals, they usually find the answers and support they need.

The other side of crisis, is to trust the services and people in our area to care. None of us can create miracles, but at Contact we constantly experience satisfying results due to assistance through our many resource people, volunteers and social services. Contact is a hub where people and services often form a supportive team of assistance, it is a privilege to be that hub.

We would encourage anyone under pressure not to make snap decisions before attempting to talk with someone who can objectively share their concern.

People who come through the pain of struggle tend to emerge stronger and more understanding, usually ready and able to assist someone else. Only those who are sincerely willing to help themselves, can ever "really" be helped.

Lions Club

I enjoyed being a guest speaker at the Lions Club meeting last week. Their convention in Midland April 25 to 27 which will host 600 or more is a very special event, we wish them every success.

Gordon Smith MPP

Will be at the Midland Civic Centre, east side entrance Wednesday April 23 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

Nine babies last week

Five girls and four boys came onto the scene at St. Andrew's Hospital this past week.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fawcett of 615 Bay Street, Midland on April 15. Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Grenier of Midland Point celebrated the arrival of their daughter also on April 15. On the same day, a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards of R.R. 1, Port McNicoll.

On April 16, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Deschamps of 105 Robert Street, Penetanguishene celebrated the arrival of a baby girl. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Smith of 550 King Street, Midland became parents of a baby girl, also on April 16.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Geran,

608 Manly Street, Midland on April 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gatehouse of R.R. 1, Victoria Harbour celebrated the arrival of a son on April 19. The same day, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Evans of Richard Street, Victoria Harbour.

On Monday, April 21, a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Second, 251 Church Street, Penetanguishene.

PGH birth

There was one birth recorded at the Penetanguishene General Hospital this past week.

Labatte - to Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Labatte a baby girl, on April 20.

North Simcoe obituaries

Ralph Wallace Houghton of Midland dies in hospital

Ralph Wallace Houghton of 760 Quebec Street, Midland died on Monday, April 14, at St. Andrew's Hospital. He was 48.

Beloved husband of Rhoda Williams, Mr. Houghton is the dear father of Garth, Mark, Glenn, and Keith, all at home. He is the son of Raymond and Violet Houghton of Toronto, and brother of Mrs. Lorraine Cassels of Toronto and Lois (Mrs. J. Davie) of Colborne. Services were held at the A. Barrie Chapel of the James H. Lynn funeral homes, Midland, on April 16, at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Rod Barlow officiated. Cremation took place at Riverside Crematorium, Weston.

Gladys I. Moreton

The death occurred suddenly on April 14 at St. Andrew's hospital, Midland, of Gladys I. Moreton (Storey), of 520 Elizabeth Street, Midland. She was 79.

Mrs. Moreton is the beloved wife of Cecil F. Moreton. She leaves sisters Mrs. Mary Basset, Mrs. Eva Jessop, Miss Olive Storey, and brother Vernon Storey. She was predeceased by sister Mrs. Ethel Firman. Services for the family were held at the A. Barrie chapel of the James H. Lynn funeral homes in Midland on Tuesday, April 15. Rev. Rod Barlow officiated. Interment will take place at Lakeview cemetery, Midland.

Arthur Thomas Perry

The death occurred suddenly at St. Andrew's hospital on Wednesday, April 16, of Arthur Thomas Perry, of 453 Queen Street, Midland.

A retired captain with Canada Steamship Lines, Mr. Perry is the beloved husband of Margaret Noreen Hudson, and dear father of Eleanor. He is the son of the late Mrs. Frank Wooley and

the late Samuel Robert Perry, dear brother of Helen (Mrs. Hartley Bell) of Edmonton, Alberta, and the late Margaret (Mrs. George Cooper).

A private family service was held at the A. Barrie chapel of the James H. Lynn funeral homes on Friday, April 18. Rev. Rod Barlow officiated. Interment will be later at Lakeview Cemetery Midland. In lieu of flowers, donations to the new Midland district hospital building fund would be appreciated by the family.

Bonnie Banks

Bonnie Ellen Banks, 23, of 6th Street in Midland, died at her residence on February 1, 1975.

She was the beloved daughter of Jack and Evelyn Banks, sister of Gail (Mrs. V. Cruise) and David Banks, both of Midland.

She was the loved granddaughter of Mrs. Nellie McMann and Mrs. Elizabeth Banks, and is fondly remembered by Vickie and Lisa Cruise, Jason Cruise and Jeffrey Banks.

She rested at Nicholl's Funeral Home in Midland, with services held Monday, February 3. Interment was at Waverley United Cemetery, with Reverend Norman Watson officiating.

G. McIndoo

Georgianna McIndoo died recently at St. Andrew's Hospital in Midland. She was 89.

The beloved wife of the late William Toole of Midland Avenue, she was predeceased by a sister Bertha (Mrs. William Dunlop).

Her body rested at Nicholl's Funeral Home in Midland, with funeral services held last Thursday, April 17. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery in Midland, with Rev. Al Farthing officiating.

George Joseph Leduc

George Joseph Leduc, formerly of Midland, died Saturday at the Georgian Manor in Penetanguishene. He was 77.

Beloved husband of the late Ida Marie Lalonde, Mr. Leduc was the dear father of Clifford of Penetanguishene, Leonard of Oakville, Donald and Leo of Midland, and brother of Mrs. Lilian Lakie of Toronto.

He will be lovingly remembered by 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Mr. Leduc was predeceased by grandson, Paul.

After resting at the Nicholls Funeral Home in Midland, funeral mass was held from St. Margaret's Church on Monday, April 21. Interment at St. Margaret's cemetery, Midland.

Alice Martin

Alice Martin died at her home in Penetanguishene suddenly on April 8, 1975. She was 64 years old.

Born on January 19, 1911, in Penetanguishene to Prosper and Mildred Beausoleil (both deceased) she lived all her life in this area.

Funeral services were held at St. Ann's Church with Reverend V. Laurin presiding. Burial took place at St. Ann's Cemetery, Penetanguishene.

Pallbearers were John Asselin Sr., John Asselin Jr., Micheal, John and Tommy Desroches and Vic Frappa. Out-of-town friends and relatives attending the services came from Ham-

burg N.Y., Toronto, Coldwater, Midland, Port McNicoll, Lafontaine and Perkinsfield.

Mrs. Martin is survived by sons Basil and Jimmy, daughters Lucille and Annette (Mrs. John Desroches) of Penetanguishene, Muriel (Mrs. John Asselin) of Coldwater and Gabrielle (Mrs. Vic Frappa) of

Hamburg N.Y., brothers Wilfred, Francis and Julien of Penetanguishene, Arthur of R.R. 2, Midland, sisters Mrs. Eva Butson of Midland, Mrs. Lorette Beauchamps, Mrs. Alma Scott, Mrs.

Valentine Vaillancourt, all of Penetanguishene. Mrs. Martin is predeceased by her husband Captain Henry Martin. There are 10 grandchildren also surviving.

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The new basic rate will be \$2.40 an hour. All agricultural workers engaged in the harvesting of fruit, field vegetables and tobacco will be entitled to the new rate.

People employed by agencies as domestics and people working as funeral directors or embalmers must be paid not less than \$2.40 an hour. Learners in general industry must be paid at least \$2.30 an hour during their first month of employment, and the full rate after that.

Those employed in construction work or as construction site guards are now entitled to at least \$2.65 an hour. There is no learner's rate in the construction industry. Ambulance drivers, helpers and first-aid attendants must now receive at least \$115.20 a week or, if they work less than 48 hours in a week, the regular rate of \$2.40 an hour. Students under 18 who work 28 hours a week or less, or during school holidays, must receive at least \$2.00 an hour.

When employees occupy a room or eat meals supplied by their employer, \$10.00 per week for the room and \$1.05 for each meal or \$22.00 per week for meals may be included when calculating the minimum wage.

Employers of agricultural workers who are entitled to minimum wage will be limited in the maximum deductions they can make from minimum wage, for room and board to \$32.00 per week; for the provision of a fully serviced house to \$40.00 per week; and provision of an unserviced house to \$30.00 per week.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact your nearest Ministry of Labour office.



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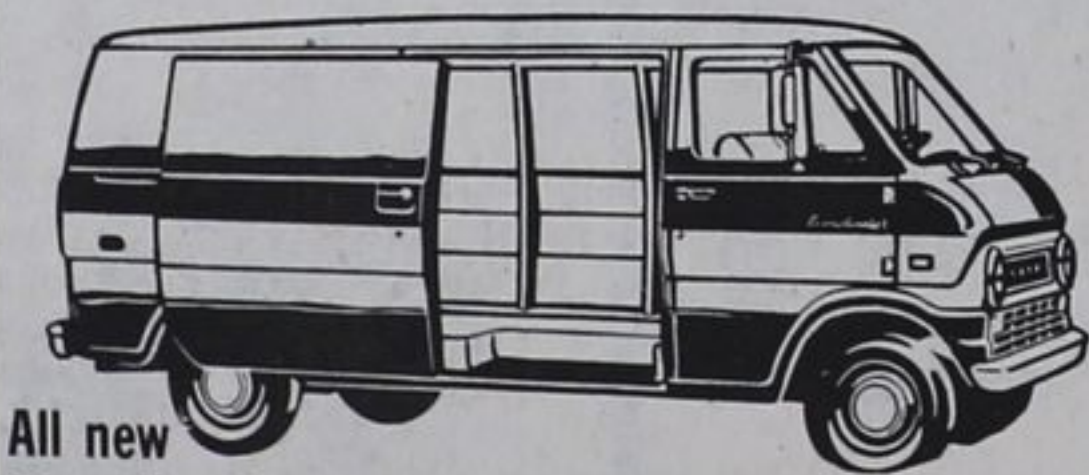
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