



**JOYCE  
BEATON**

Turning 45, as I did the other day, is a sobering experience. That's why, when I poured myself a glass of wine, put a log on the fire, and settled back to reflect my life I knew there was no danger of getting drunk!

Forty-five... it's neither here nor there. I suppose it's half way up the tree of life. Because of my optimism I prefer to think the next 45 years are a continuation of a climb upwards... instead of a steady decline to old age.

I don't really believe it's all downhill from this middle part of my life. If I were to take a look at the way my life has flowed I'd say I reached several "middle ages" in my growth.

But they had nothing to do with age. They were the times when I was offered a choice and I either accepted or rejected the challenge to expand my horizons. In my lifetime I've chosen to accept:

...the challenge of an education  
...the responsibility of raising a family  
...the gift of loving and being loved  
...the trust and shared hopes of partnerships

And I've also accepted, sometimes not too graciously, my failure to succeed, the heartbreak of losing loved ones, and the shattering of dreams and hopes.

The greatest gift life has to offer is choice. I suppose that's why I dig in my heels so hard when I see choices being denied mankind... to women in particular.

When we make our choice with a free will we can accept graciously the failure or success. But when no choice is given we meet failure with bitterness and resentment and we hardly recognize success it is so clouded with frustration.

So... happy birthday all you other 45-year-olds! Remember from here on it's uphill all the way!

## Chess Mess

The Brampton Chess Club gave out the prizes for last year's Open and closed tournaments.

Steve MacLeod won the Open tourney by defeating J. Kalewicz 2-0 in a best of three match. Second went to J. Kalewicz and Third place was a tie between Horace Walton, Kevin Pacey, and Brian MacLeod.

The closed tourney was a close race all the way, however, the end result was Steve Mikloska 1st place and S. MacLeod was second in the A section. B section was taken by Victor Belochlavak. C section was won by Bert Millenar, and the consolation prize was won by Alice Laimer.

Here is an important game from round 5.

S. MacLeod-B. Story Pirc Defence

1. e4 d6 2. Nf3 Nc3 3. Nc3 g5 4. f3 (A sharp method of countering Black's Pirc Defence. White intends a K-side attack. Black should play... c6. Nbd7 and b5, on the queen's wing. As he plays, he is in great trouble) 4... Bg5 5. Be3 0-0 6. Qd2 Re8 (or else 7. Bb5 forces Black's KB off.) 7. 0-0-0 (Preventing... c5) 7... b6 8. h4! Bx6 9. Nge2 Nbd7 10. h5 Nxh5 11. Bh6! (The point is that the natural 11... Bb4 loses to 12. Rxb1 g5 13. Qg5ch) 11... Bx2 12. Nxe2 e5 13. g4 Nf6 14. Ng3 e4? (Better was 14... Nf8) 15. Bxg7 Kxg7 16. Qh5ch Kf8 17. g5 Nf5 18. Nxh5 g5 19. Bb5 Re6 20. Qh5 Nf8 21. Be4 Rg6 22. f4 Qe7 23. Bd3 Rg7 24. Rdg1 Ne6 25. Rh4 Rg8 26. f5! (Now every White piece is after the Black royalty. He threatens the immediate mate) 26... Nf8 27. e5 de5 28. Qx7 Rxb7 29. Rxb7 Nxh7 30. Rxb7 mate.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Brampton Open 7 round swiss starts Oct. 17 at the Brampton Chess Club. At the Brampton YMCA.



## SEMINAR

Andrew Ferguson, Tim Garton, Ted Moyses and Sean McVeigh from Acton put their heads together to figure out the items on display in a game at a special instructional day at Pineview school last Saturday for new

## Hornby girl wins crown

A Halton girl won the Queen of the Furrow competition at the International Plowing Match in Kingston last week.

Lynne Stewart, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Stewart of the Sixth Line near Milton, was Halton's 1976 Furrow Queen and went on to win the international title against 29 other competitors Friday.

In order to win Miss Stewart had to do some plowing, (she did well but was not the highest), be interviewed by a panel judging her poise, personality, and appearance, and make a five minute speech.

Miss Stewart spoke at the International Plowing Match and traced the history of plowing from its beginnings with a cleft stick to modern 16-furrow plows.

Spencer Wilson, a Georgetown area farmer, was Miss Stewart's plowing coach.

Miss Stewart's prizes include a 1978 Pontiac, money and jewelry.

The Furrow Queen Competition is not Miss Stewart's first such win. She won the title of Champion Dairy Showman at Milton fair last week and was Champion Showman at the

Royal Winter Fair in 1975.

Miss Stewart has her provincial honors in 4-H Homemaking club work and has also taken 12 dairy and judging 4-H club units in the past seven years.

The 19-year-old Furrow Queen graduated from Milton high school last January and is currently taking a two-year course in Travel and Tourism at London's Fanshawe college.

Part of Miss Stewart's duties will include advertising the 1978 International Plowing Match to be held in Huron County.

## HOME FRONT

### Down for the third time

By SUSAN De FACENDIS

Help! I think I am going under for the third time.

The irony of life sometimes passeth all understanding. Here I sit, a once happy housewife who gained a glorious, well-deserved daytime freedom after 15 years of child-raising, only to suddenly and inexplicably find herself to be the caretaker of two more little people.

Now granted, while one child is with me on a 24 hour a day basis and will eventually be attending school for half a day and the other is only here for lunch (and dinner when the menu appeals to her), for a person who has never considered herself particularly child oriented I now find myself playing the role of "earth mother" with a vengeance.

The line-up of three faces that have always had to be inspected and approved before flying out of the front door for school, has grown to five and extends halfway down my hallway.

The kitchen table that has always comfortably seated five at dinner-time, now stretches and groans to accommodate seven.

Huge batches of homemade soup appear to be simmering endlessly on the stove and my largest pot is no longer large enough for the vast quantities of linguine that are needed. Indeed, as the family gathers each night in

our somewhat small kitchen, I feel as though I have stepped right from the pages of Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs.

While my two older offspring have outgrown all outward displays of affection, young Teresa has continued to give me kiss before I leave for my part-time evening job. Now however, there are three little tomato sauce-smearing faces that have to be kissed, patted and admonished as to good behaviour in my absence.

What happened? With the heady expectation of an incurable dreamer, I believed that in my new-found solitude I was going

to explore the universe or write the great Canadian novel and stand alongside Margaret Laurence in stature. I actually planned to listen to a concerto from start to uninterrupted finish, take a university course, and possibly even experience the joy of a silence great enough to allow me to distinguish the hum of the refrigerator from the ticking of the kitchen clock.

Instead, I am once again conducting lengthy conversations with a dependent little one instead of communing with myself (although if the truth be known there is remarkably little difference);

answering those endless questions that always begin with: "Why?", and giving tooth brushing classes four times a day.

Meanwhile the cookie crumbs are piling up; an endlessly repeated scratchy recording of "The Farmer in the Dell" has replaced my usual morning sessions with Tony Bennett and Shirley Bassey and I am afraid to even look at the pile of laundry that awaits my pleasure.

Yes, my good ship Lollipop is sinking fast and I think my fingers are about to slip from their fragile grasp on the poop deck. Help!

## Budget group formed

Regional Council has established a special committee this year to set up guidelines on expenditures being undertaken by the municipality in 1978.

A tight schedule has been developed for the various departments to report to the committees of council on their budgets, in hope of having the operating budget for the region ready to vote on in early January, 1978. The budgets for individual departments are to be ready in early December.

The region hopes to keep the increase in gross expenditures down to 5.4 per cent this year. The first set of budget proposals for the 1977 budget last year called for a 31.9 per cent increase.

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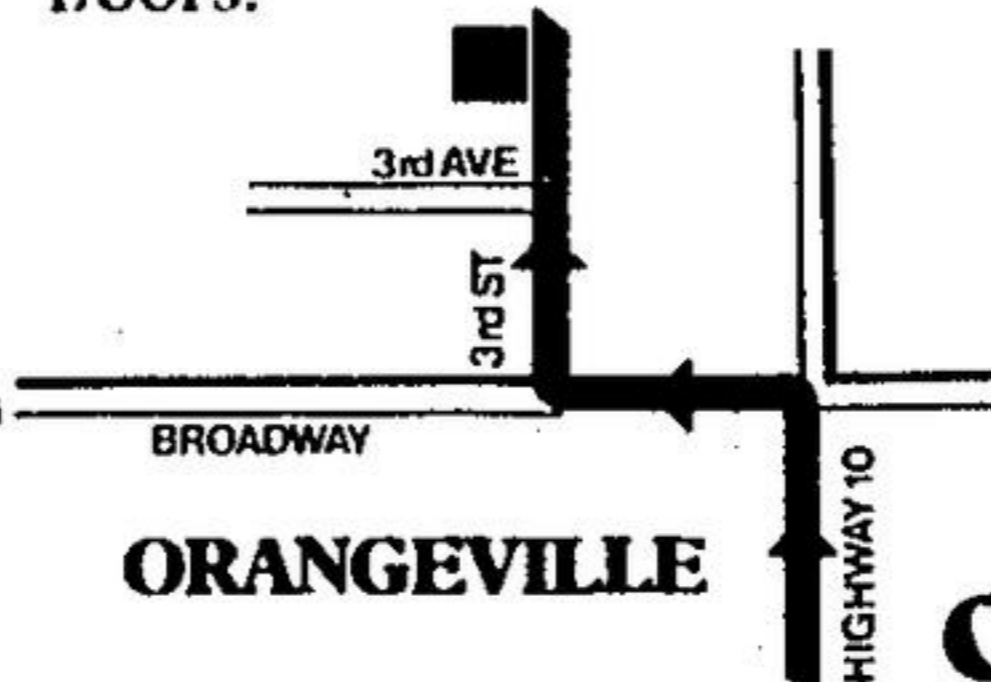
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