



NEW FIREFIGHTERS EXECUTIVE

Members of the Halton Hills Volunteer Firefighters Association Area 2 elected its executive for 1978. They are front row (L to R) Paddy Woods (Captain), Bill Cunningham (District Chief), Ace Bailey (District Department Chief), Bill Barber (Captain). Back row L to R: Jim

Valentine (Lieutenant), Tom Massena (Secretary), Ed Pearce (Fire Prevention Officer), Peter Hayes (Lieutenant), George Mann (Treasurer), Brian Fife (Captain), and Rick Appleyard (Lieutenant).

ON THE HOME FRONT

A commentary on identities

By SUSAN De FACENDIS
Did you happen to read the feature article appearing in the Toronto Star recently, depicting the sad plight of the young wife who claims to have lost her identity since becoming a new mother?

Which identity is she referring to?
Presumably she has been labelled a "wife" for some time, so that has not changed. She must still be someone's "daughter", a "sister" to her siblings and a "niece" or "cousin" to various relatives.

The only loss I can imagine (and I do not know the young lady) is that she has probably exchanged the identity of being Mr. So-and-So's secretary or - worse still - his "girl", for the old and honourable title of "mother."

What this particular young suburban mother has yet to discover, is that the broad-ranging title of "mother" will provide her with so many identities, she will eventually lose count of them.
A mother usually becomes an expert in the behavioural sciences first. She soon learns to stop worrying over the little tot who insists that mashing a fistful of peas is more fun than eating them; learns that mashed sweet potato rubbed into the hair promotes a healthy shine and consoles herself that the fine motor skills the child is developing will make her an outstanding kindergarten student.
She will become a proficient actress, able to switch from the demanding characterization of Santa to Tooth Fairy to Easter Bunny, without having to first study role motivation.
The mother will necessarily earn the title of short-order

cook. It possibly will not be of Cordon Bleu calibre, but will be sufficient to keep 30 neighbourhood children from various stages of starvation. Her reputation as a culinary guerrilla will also become firmly established, as her skill at invisibly concealing spinach within hamburger patties increases.

She will master the art of nursing and learning to differentiate between a genuine temperature and a school math test, when the child awakens in the morning complaining of everything from a broken leg to an onset of the black plague.

A mother can soon lay claim to being a schizophrenic and, with only a little practice, mentally transport herself away to a world of Tony Bennett, candlelight and wine when the children insist on explaining in full detail at the dinner table, how they dissected a frog in science class that day.

If it is identity with an official title that you are looking for, relax. You will eventually, and inevitably, become president or chairperson of everything from the P.T.A. girl's softball, minor hockey, cub, brownies and home owner association, to chocolate bar sale co-ordinator and hawk of cookies. This one also leads to your obtaining the rank of official family chauffeur, earned in your spare time via music lessons, ballet classes, baton twirling and driving through roads six feet deep in snow to find a ski hill.

You will become a computer analyst. Your mind, honed to razor sharpness will not need to be reminded that, while L. likes corn and peas but not sprouts, T. abhors peas and only wants beans. It, on the other hand is easy, turning up his nose at everything except Kentucky fried chicken or pizza.

When your young teenaged daughter comes breathlessly flying through the front door with the news that the tallest,

smartest, absolutely "dishiest" boy in the world has asked her to the school dance, this same monumental computerized store of important facts, will enable you to snap rapidly back with: "No way. That's the same little nerd who swore at his teacher in grade one!"

Identity? I don't know about our young Toronto Star friend, but personally I have more identities than I can handle. I am even considering going back to work for the sheer joy of becoming a complete nonentity.

YOUR WEEK AHEAD By DAMIS

Forecast Period
Jan. 15 - Jan. 21

ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Look again at those items you plan to discard. A surprise is in store. Take advantage of opportunities present.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May 20

Get your financial affairs in order. Put your money-making ideas to work for you.

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

It's time for a little self analysis, sweeping the cobwebs away, cleaning out the debris.

MOONCHILD
June 21-July 22

An unusual person is seen on center stage in your circle of friends and may present a problem for you.

LEO
July 23-Aug. 22

Avoid getting involved in another person's problems. Stick to the job and welcome new ideas.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Poor judgment on your part affects partnership finances. Stay alert and avoid the inevitable "I told you so."

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Impulse buying can be hard on the budget. Put your shopping trip off until next week.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

There may be a slight emotional upset the first part of the week. You can overcome it quickly by sound thinking.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Health matters should be tended to. Heed a warning from one concerned about your welfare.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Expansive ideas on the job could impair your good judgement. Success could prove costly.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Be tolerant of those whose thinking is at variance with your own. They could be right, you know.

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

A family situation resolves itself. Property or real estate matters are discussed.

Personality Profile: For your Sun Sign Analysis, send the day, month, year and place of birth plus \$1.00 for postage and handling to Dr. Davis Staff, PO Box 526, Pinellas Park, Florida 33565.

Merryfest set for Jan. 21 at Percy W. Merry school

Percy W. Merry school, Britannia Road W. off Trafalgar Rd, hosts its annual Merryfest on Jan. 21, 1 to 5 p.m.

Activities for the entire family include: Cross-country skiing cutter rides volleyball loom weaving folksinging & folk dancing wood carving St. John Ambulance & Milton Fire Dept. exhibits Chinese auction crafts display and sale (including binder twine weaving) refreshments

Four artists are adding their talents to the festivities. Andrew Posa, local sculptor whose work is bought and admired internationally, will demonstrate sculpting techniques. Mr. Posa has been a full-time sculptor for 12 years. He is self-taught and he casts his own pieces, most of which are made of bronze or marble. One of his sculptures stands at the corner of Avenue Road

and St. Clair. Another can be seen in the Toronto Real Estate Board, on Yonge Street. One of his bronze murals covers the wall of an Ottawa building, near Parliament Hill.

Mr. Posa has two children in Percy Merry and he is a member of the Home and School Executive.

Another gifted artist, Heinrich Boehringer, will demonstrate how he carves sugar pine and bass wood into delicate figures - animals, Canadian and New England pioneer figures, and Eskimo scenes.

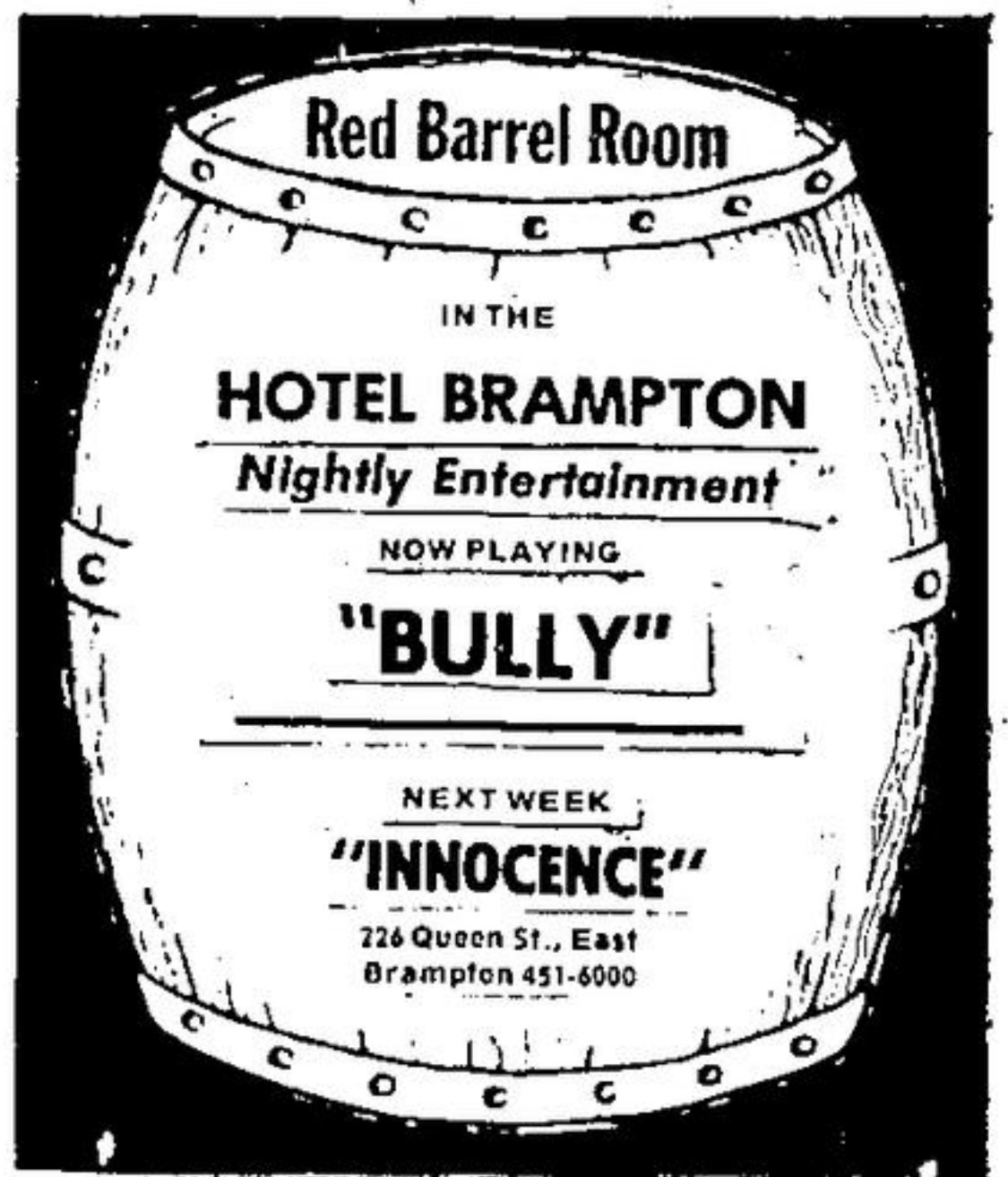
Mr. Boehringer pursues his hobby in his Bramalea basement workshop. He earns his living as a pattern-maker at a Weston firm where he carves machinery molds of wood and metal. Occasionally he does commissioned work, but prefers to choose and work on his own subjects.

James Gordon, 22 year old folksinger, will perform with his accompanist, Mr. Gordon collects, promotes and performs Canadian folksongs in conjunction with Dorothy and

Homer Hogan, heads of the Music Department at the University of Guelph. He owns and performs in a disco club in Guelph four nights a week. He and the Hogans have produced two records: "Maple Sugar" and "Great Canadian Fiddler Music."

Lari Wills has been a weaver for 5 years. She is a member of the Oakville Handweaver's Guild and for 2 years has displayed her work at the CNE with the Canadian Guild of Craft. She has displayed her work extensively throughout Ontario. Mrs. Wills is an executive member of the Halton Home and School Council.

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Please clear hydrants: Chief

Fire Chief Mick Holmes has issued a plea to all property owners in The Town of Halton Hills to clear snow away from fire hydrants. "So much time can be lost looking for a snow covered hydrant. The ability to find a hydrant might mean the difference of a lifetime to someone trapped in a burning house."
Chief Holmes also states that during winter months the threat of fire increases greatly because of the amount of time spent indoors. "People are having all sorts of parties and get together at this time of year and because of the festive season we are perhaps, a little more careless about where we drop cigarettes and so forth."
Our firefighters enjoyed a quiet holiday this year and would like to wish everyone a fire safe 1978.

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