

# Peach nighties better than fruit baskets

How many of you have opened your hotel room door late at night and discovered a strange good-looking gal in your bed? I did. Gosh, I was speechless for all of a split second.

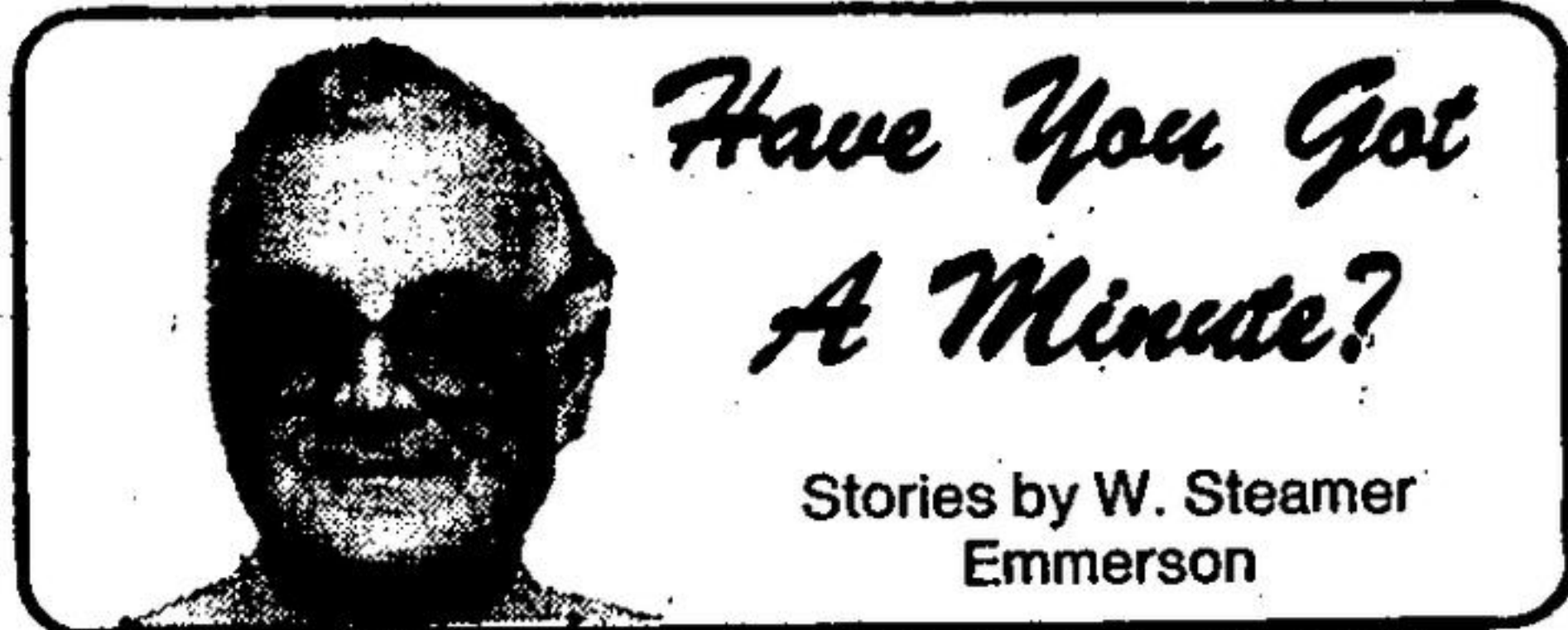
I've checked into a lot of different hotels holding conventions and have been pleasantly surprised to find some little company gift, or hotel discount coupons entitling you to a deal at the hotel's hair salon, shoe shine shop or whatever.

Once at a municipal convention for Mayors and Reeves at the Inn on the Park I opened my hotel room door and lo and behold, there was a lovely gift basket of fruit with a beautiful Tory blue ribbon with a card from Premier John Robarts of Ontario. I liked John Robarts.

When I opened my hotel room door late one Friday night at the old Lord Simcoe Hotel in Toronto, I was amazed to find an attractive gal in the sack, minus a ribbon, or card of course.

She certainly looked better than the basket of fruit John Robarts sent me. She was packaged a lot better too and instead of cellophane she was wrapped in a peach nightie.

Up to this stage of the game I thought a free early morning paper left at the door was a nice touch but the pendulum of personal service at the old Lord Simcoe took a dramatic swing up-



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wards when I spotted Sleeping Beauty in my bunk.

Perhaps this was a new public relations policy implemented by the hotel? If it was, I certainly was going to make a point of congratulating the manager on one-upmanship over fruit baskets.

This room had been mine for two weeks while I and my roomie Earnie Webber had worked the company booth at the C.N.E. day after day. It was a tough grind.

My employer, the old Gilson Mfg. Co. used to bring several of us into work the Ex and would book two of us to a room. That's how I got Earnie as my room-mate. This particular year we were billeted at the Lord Simcoe.

Earnie was a company veteran and I liked him but in all due respect short, balding Earnie in boxer shorts was not to be considered in the same class as my newly found, unexplained attrac-

tive roomie in 1703.

Her first scream made me realize she had no intention of tucking me in or kissing me by-byes. No back rub, no nothing, get out.

Maybe you are wondering where Earnie was during this confusion. Earnie had checked out first thing Friday morning to return home to attend a funeral, so when I got back to the hotel after my tour of duty I was alone for Friday night, Saturday night, home on Sunday but back for duty on Labor Day Monday and then it was all over for another year.

This gal had a pair of lungs on her that were as good as any air raid siren in Baghdad. Like a fool I tried to explain to her it was really my room. There wasn't a shred of my clothing or bags to be seen. She demanded I beat a hasty retreat and I did.

Adjoining hotel room doors were being opened by the curious to see if the place was on fire or what. I fled in panic and embarrassment. Goodness, I was positive I had the right room, my pass key showed 1703. This was not to be a night of bliss:

Out of breath I reached the front desk and as I was explaining my bewilderment at finding Lady Godiva in my bed, I noticed one of my suits along with my bags in a small area behind the desk clerk.

Goodness were they apologetic. It seems when Earnie checked out to go home to the funeral someone as the desk had inadvertently marked us as both checking out at the same time. So when a young beauty checked in she was given my room.

My bags, clothes and personal items were taken out before she

was ushered in, and just thrown aside like garbage in a pile.

The hotel scrambled to make amends. Valet service made sure my suit was cleaned and pressed. My shirts were sparkling when returned from the laundry. All free of course.

Why when I got in Saturday night from work at the Ex would you believe there was a complimentary basket of fruit from the hotel in my newly assigned room?

The card said "Sorry about the mix-up," signed by the manager.

So was I. I like peach nighties much better than grapes and bananas.

## Real Estate director elected

Tottenham real estate broker John L. Agnew was re-elected as a regional director of the Ontario Real Estate Association at its annual conference February 23.

He will represent the areas of Brampton, Mississauga, Oakville, Milton, Oshawa and York Region on the OREA board of directors.

Active in the real estate profession for 18 years, Mr. Agnew is president of Re/Max Simcoe York Ltd. in Tottenham. He is a member and a past-president of the York Region Real Estate Board.

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As a community service your local Toastmasters Club is proud to offer coaching to all permanent residents of Canada (age 17 and over) ready for the local elimination contest. This year's theme is "Exploring the Cana-

dian Mosaic." French speaking contestants are also welcome, and are eligible to compete in the French language series "Explorons La Mosaïque Canadienne." Speeches are to be between 5 and 7 minutes in length.

Free coaching is offered as part of the regular club meetings.

Meetings are held at the Glen Williams Town Hall. The dates for the next four meetings are every Monday night. Meeting time is 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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Details on the local contest will be provided later.

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7:30 - 9:00 p.m.



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