



ART 'DEALERS'

The North Halton Y's annual art auction was a success Friday night, raising about \$7,500. Contributing to that success were the volunteer helpers who lined up the artwork and carried on stage for the bidding. They were Blayne Mitton, Barry Carr, Ed Rieger, Kent McClure and Sid Harris.

The angler's apprentice

(Ed. note: Kevin's grandfather recently passed away and he wished to reprint this article as a memoriam to him.)

To initiate yourself into the world of angling, you must start from the very beginning, building up skills gradually as you go.

I spent a great deal of my boyhood strengthening such skills as my father's fishing apprentice. This dreaded job dealt with many techniques which my father believed were essential to learn before becoming a true fisherman.

The morning ritual of every annual fishing trip to northern Ontario's fish-infested lakes followed a regular routine of untangling the lines from the landing net, bailing the accumulated water from the boat and, of course, making sure certain brown refreshment bottles were placed evenly amongst the ice-filled cooler.

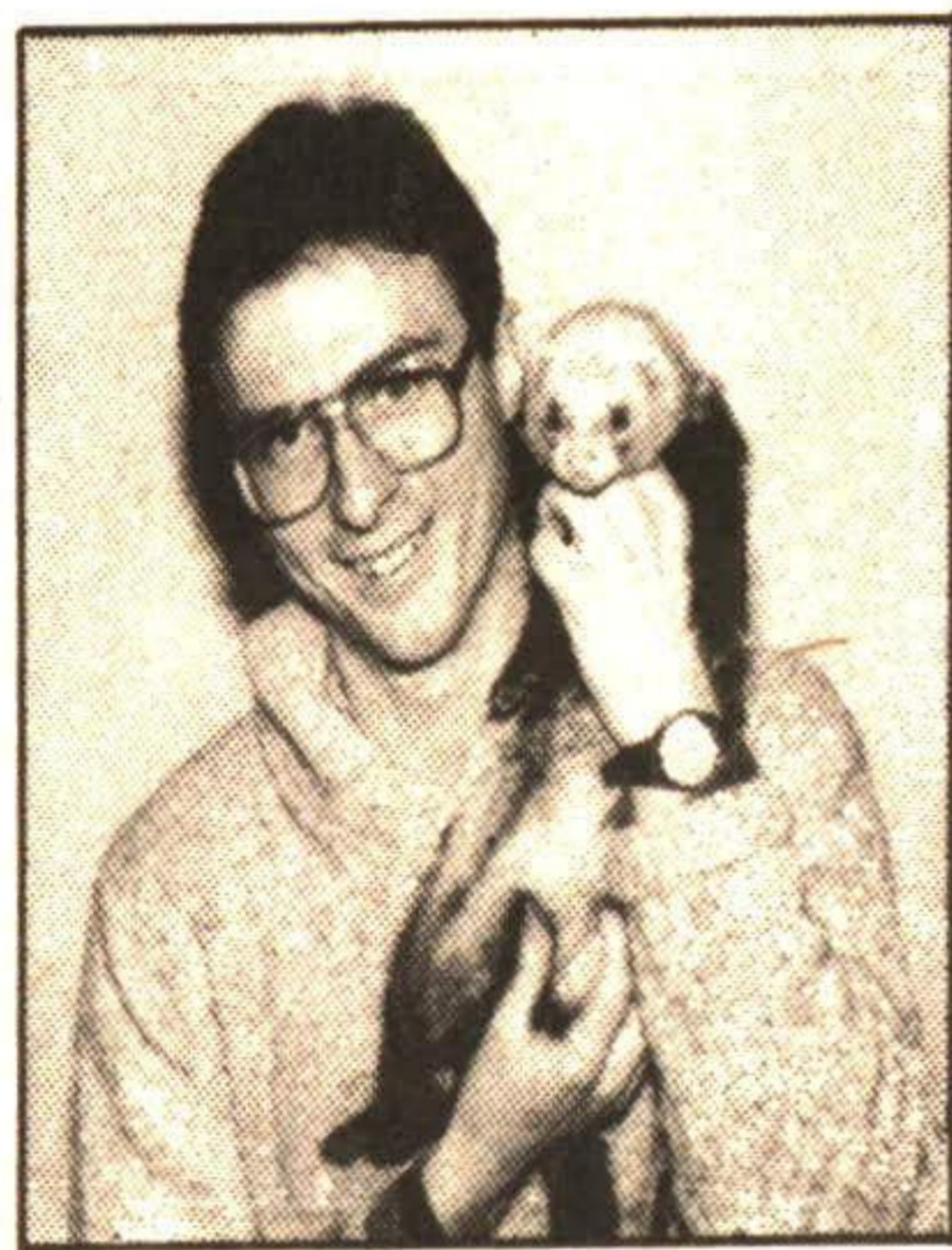
While preparing the aluminum vessel during one particular trip, however, an additional task was placed on my list of frustrating chores—making sure there was room for my grandfather.

Now you might believe this a very simple task. The truth of the matter is that untangling fishing lines seems like child's play compared to this painstaking problem.

You see, a great deal of space was needed to separate my grandfather, a Scot, who sat up at the bow, and my father, an Irishman who positioned himself beside his second love—the five horsepower outboard motor. The problem was that in my father's eyes, his father-in-law represented a mischievous leprechaun in disguise, and one who is determined to harass him every time they go forth to wet their lines.

My grandfather, however, claims that he's just an ordinary four-foot-nothing Scotsman who just happens to know more about the art of angling than any unexperienced Irishman.

You guessed it, it was the



Nature's Way

By KEVIN CALLAN

greatest mix-up one could ever see and I was in the middle of it.

As soon as we headed out onto the lake that morning in the overcrowded boat, the cursed rivalry began. "Com'on Pat, can't this beast go any faster?" my grandfather asked. My father answered with a harsh order for his apprentice—me—to attach the anchor to my grandfather's leg and throw him overboard to slow us down.

We found a quiet bay later in the day which looked promising for bass—well that's what my grandfather told me anyway. So we crept the boat towards the north point, planning to drift across the bay to the south end. I started doing my duties of handing out the rods and passing out the bait, making sure to follow my father's instructions.

"Psst, Kev, make sure your grandfather gets that old bamboo rod with the tangled-up reel," my father said. Then I heard my grandfather exclaim, "It's okay Kevin, that'll do just fine; besides, I don't need anything fancy to beat a crooked Irishman."

Well, the fight was on. The comebacks of each angler were the only things biting.

An hour had passed and sarcastic comments and brown bottled refreshments were running out. Rain clouds collected across the horizon for a full frontal assault. Just as the first droplet touched the lake's clear surface, however, my grandfather yelled out with excitement, "My God I've got one, Pat."

After the dreaded downpour drained my father's spirit and my grandfather had pulled in

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HAC opposes delay in no fault insurance bill

A number of insurance companies are considering withdrawing from writing automobile insurance because of the delay of the passage of Bill 68, No Fault Insurance.

The Hamilton Automobile Club supports the Ontario Government's plan to contain insurance premium costs and enable injured victims to receive no fault benefit payments speedily and without the need of protracted and costly litigation.

Club President Richard Congdon says, "The HAC, with regret, is compelled to express its sincere concern and disapproval with the filibuster that is being conducted by the Official Opposition Party on the allocation of time for consideration of Bill 68."

Congdon says "This action is hurting the insurance consumer who in many instances is having

difficulty securing insurance coverage outside the facility market (the high risk pool) whose rates are much higher than the normal competitive marketplace.

The tightening of the marketplace is evident in the reluctance of some insurance companies to write auto insurance business, given the uncertainty of the future if Bill 68 is not passed into law expeditiously. It is hoped that our elected representatives will consider the heavy burden placed on the motorist if the Official Opposition is not persuaded to put an end to its filibustering tactics."

The HAC points out, each day that passes causes delays in the Bill's implementation, thus causing further disruption in the marketplace to the inevitable detriment of the motorist.

Book sale

Halton Hills Public Libraries will be selling used books at amazingly low prices at the Acton Library (17 River St.) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 9 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 16 at Georgetown Library (9 Church St.) For more information call 853-0301 or 873-2681.

Farriers competition

Experienced and novice farriers will race against time to forge made-to-order horseshoes as the Ontario Agricultural Museum hosts its second annual "Anvil and Iron—Horseshoeing Competition and Equine Show" May 26 and May 27. The weekend's events will include a riding demonstration by the Metropolitan Toronto Police Mounted Unit. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located five kilometres west of Milton. The museum can be reached from Hwy 401 via exit 320 or 312 north and follow the signs. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for seniors and youths (6-17 years), \$7.50 for families.

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