

Obituary

Former Champion editor passes away

Well-respected as a hardworking and community-minded citizen of Milton, Roy Downs died of cancer August 20 in Milton District Hospital. He was 57.

The former *Canadian Champion* editor and businessman was born at his parents' Robert Street home on Sept. 19, 1936 and remained in Milton his entire life.

He and his wife Dorothea raised three children and most recently ran their own company, Ad-Scope Marketing, specializing in custom-printed advertising and gifts.

Despite having been diagnosed with lung cancer about a year ago, Mr. Downs maintained his active lifestyle.

"He never gave up. He just kept going," said long-time friend Donna Coulter. She attended Bruce Street Public School and Milton District High School with Mr. Downs.

While his 26-year newspaper career, as well as his business ventures, kept him busy, Mr. Downs always had time for the community, to which he made contributions in numerous capacities.

He volunteered with the Milton Kinsmen from 1960 to 1966, and served on the Fire Prevention Bureau in 1962, and on the Milton Centennial Committee in conjunction with the development of Centennial Park in

1965 and 1966. He was a director with the Milton Chamber of commerce for two years in the early 1970s and volunteered for several years with the Milton District Hospital Foundation. More recently, he did work for Heritage Milton. He was also the manager of Evergreen Cemetery, a paid position, until his untimely death.

As a reporter and later editor, Mr. Downs was known for his fairness and empathy with people, said Jim Dills, former *Champion* publisher. He described him as one of the best community newspaper editors in Canada.

"He would go out to get five coffees and come back with five stories," he said.

The *Champion* won numerous provincial and national community newspaper awards while Mr. Downs was at the helm. He also won awards for his photography.

Mr. Downs is also survived by daughter Kathryn and her husband Dan Dubois of Quebec, daughter Christine and her husband Carmine Maiorano of Georgetown, son Gregory of Milton and grandchildren Michelle and Stephanie Dubois.

His funeral was held August 24 at Knox Presbyterian Church, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery in Milton.

Committee to look into quarry rehabilitation

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She raised concern over how long such inconveniences would be expected to continue. Mittwollen requested that members of public be part of the rehabilitation com-

mittee and that at least one member of Ward 2 be part of it as well, since this is the area of Halton Hills in question.

While council agreed to include the public, Councillor Bonnette

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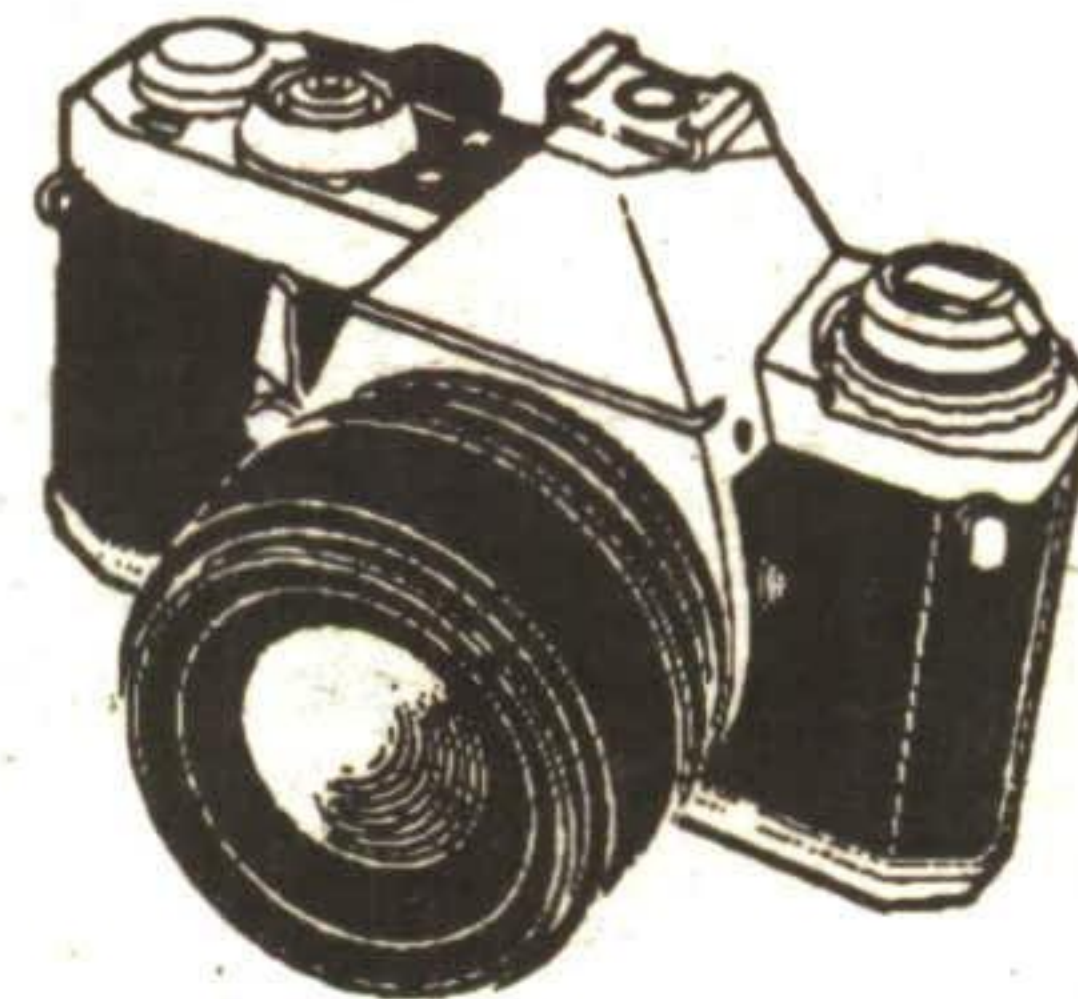
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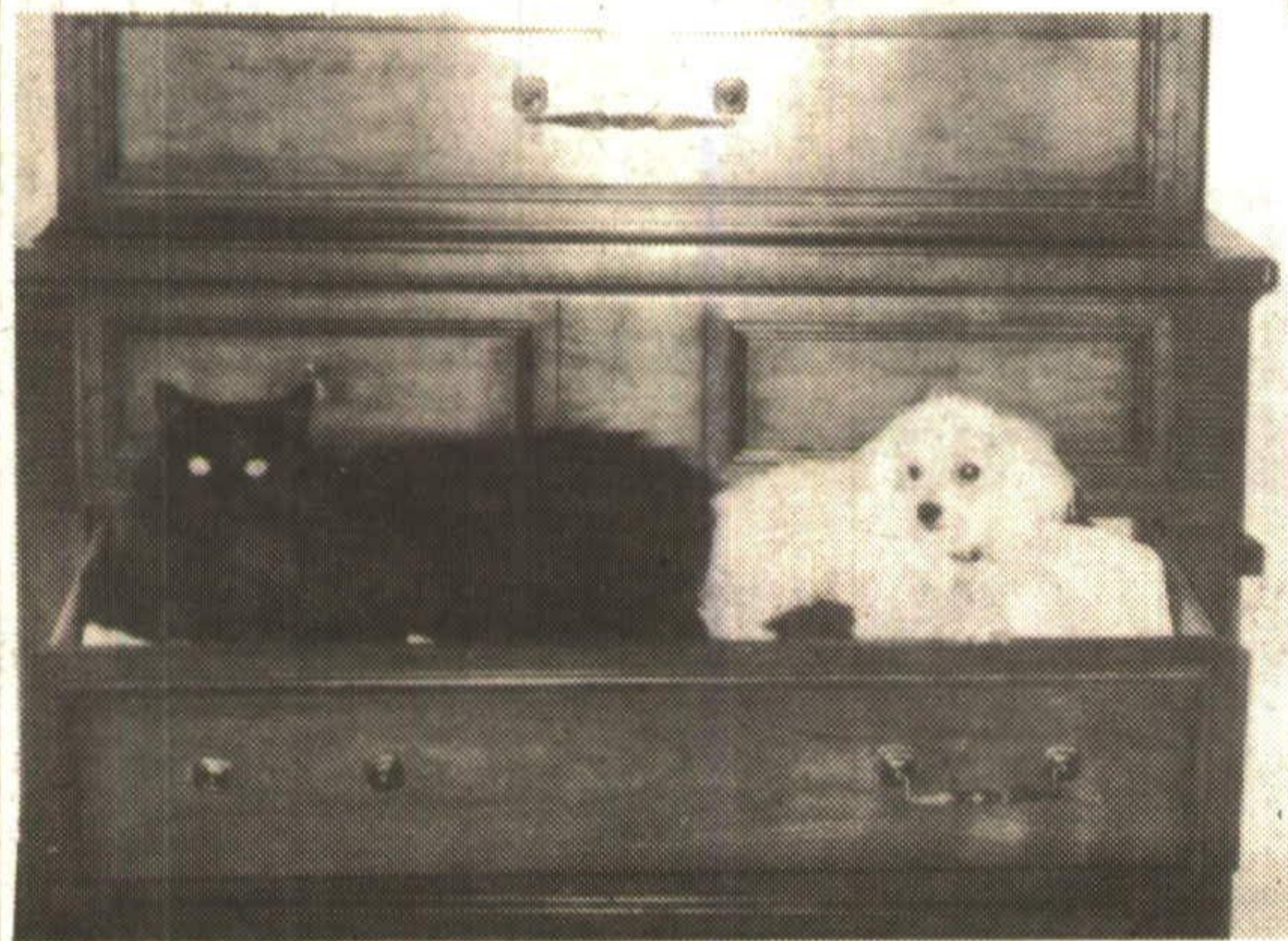
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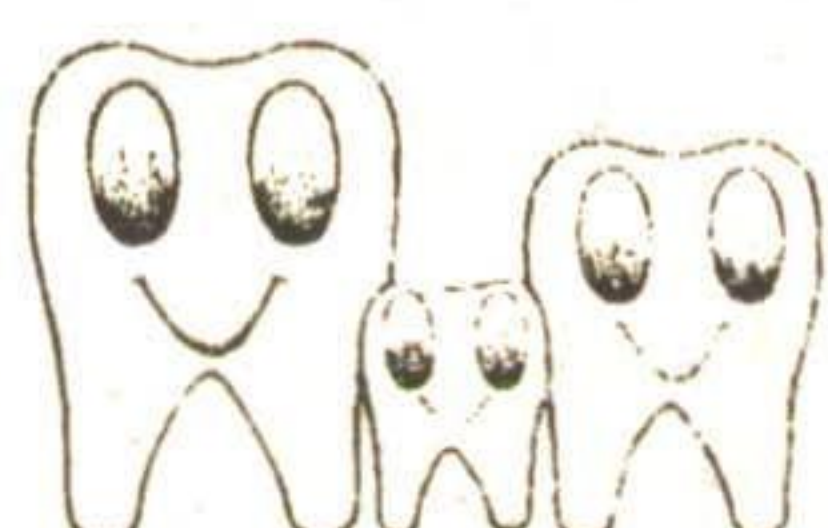
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