

Pieces of the Past

Special to The Compass

Keepsakes have stories to tell, but people seldom hear them. But at St. Paul's United Church, Milton, members are bringing out their keepsakes for display along with the stories to tell on Saturday April 28. More than 300 keepsakes of all sizes represent local history, travels, toys, furnishings, quilts, paintings, books, drawings, sculptures and other wonderful items. Items too large to drive inside will be on display in the parking lot. Added to the display will be lunch in the Keepsake Kafé at a cost of \$5. Admission is \$5 for seniors/students/children, Adults \$8, or a family for \$15. All are welcome during the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Milton's community-wide Good Friday Service

By Donna Danielli
The Compass

The Milton Ministerial Association wishes to invite one and all, to join them at Milton's first community wide Good Friday Service. This interdenominational worship will commemorate the spirit of Good Friday and Jesus Christ through the Word, music, praise and prayer.

Reverend Rod Lewis, spokesman for the Milton Ministerial Association, states, "For this year, the congregations of Anglicans, Baptists, Presbyterians, Salvation Army and Southside Community will be in attendance. Unfortunately by the time the plans were finalized, a few of the congregations in the area were already committed to their own arrangements and therefore are not able to be part of this gathering." Reverend Lewis is quick to add he hopes that this event becomes an annual one, with even greater participation next year.

The service will take place at Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church on Friday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m. Although Holy Rosary will be holding its own Good Friday services later that afternoon, it is hoped that many of the Holy Rosary congregation will join the other community congregations for the morning service. Nursery care will be available at the Parish Hall, and signing and audio assistance will be available for the hearing impaired.

"The Milton Ministerial Association hopes that this will help to express the centrality of the Cross and God's redeeming Love in all of the Christian congregations, thus proclaiming our oneness in the Body of Jesus Christ."

For more information, please call Reverend Lewis at Knox Presbyterian Church, 905-878-6066.

Renovation Surprises

by Susan Henderson
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On November 1, 2000 Tony DeGaetano, owner of La Toscana Restaurant at 165 Main St. in Milton, began an ambitious project to enlarge his dining room and add an oyster bar. With architectural plans in hand, the main floor of 161-163 Main Street, part of the same building, was gutted from ceiling to floor joists and stone walls were bared.

When this was completed, the measurements of the space had changed by 12 inches and the plans had to be redrawn. Seven openings of former doors and windows were uncovered. A vault that dates back to the early 1900s when Judge Elliot had his office here was discovered hidden under layers of floor boards and linoleum.

If you have ever stripped paint you can appreciate the hours that were spent removing 17 layers to return the window frames to their original warm honey patina. Two ornate 800-pound cast iron radiators in mint condition will be back in service warming the dining room with their ambiance and heat. The old floor joists were individually shimmed so a new pine floor, laid with antique boards and polished to perfection, would be level. DeGaetano pointed out one door at the back of the building which would have been used when The Thompson Hotel was in business here.

"It may have been used for the ladies to enter so they would not go through the men's area," now the newly renovated section. Customs were different in the 1800s.

DeGaetano is proud of the meticulous job he has done in the reconstruction to keep it historically accurate. He is equally proud of the planned decor. The top of the oyster bar is made of mottled black and cinnamon granite and its sides are faced with copper plate. The same granite is used for planters that will be filled and sit in the deep sills of the Main Street windows. A six light candelabra from St. Petersburg, Russia, will shine from the ten-foot, eight-inch high ceiling. Some of the newly uncovered openings will become display cabinets for antiques found on the premises, exposure for artists of one-of-a-kind and rare gourmet condiments that will be offered for sale.

I hope your appetite has been whetted to come and view this beautiful, historical renovation with its many more surprises. If it hasn't, it definitely will be when you read the menu.

The fear of foot-and-mouth (continued from page 3)

Disinfectant mats and sniffer dogs have been installed in airports in the hopes of preventing the disease from entering the country with travellers.

Nevertheless, Canadian farmers are worried. Many are debating what independent measures they should take and are screening the people who visit their farm, an act that Dr. Stämpfli believes is "the right thing to do. People should take [the disease] seriously," he says, and be conscientious about how their movements could play a role in the spread of this disease.

AUCTION SALE

From the estate of Spencer Wilson at his late residence, 8438 9th Line, Halton Hills
4 miles south of Georgetown or 1/2 mile north of Steeles Ave.

Saturday, April 14 at 10 a.m.

FURNITURE, CLOCKS, ETC.: 45" five-drawer pine chest, good one; 1887 pine dough box; pine blanket box full of quilts, linen, etc.; pine Captain's chair; oak ext. dining table custom made by Wm. Drake Ashgrove, opens to 83", nice old piece; magazine rack by Wm. Drake; oak chair on porcelain castors w/ uph. seat & spindle back; Vic. settee uph., in floral sateen; pr. of Vic. uph. parlour chairs w/ porcelain castors, good; 22" 1 drawer Burrell walnut table; 2 uph. parlour chairs, 1 is on castors; walnut magazine table; maple 4 drawer chest and 6 drawer dressing table w/ bench; 54" spool bed, good one; 2 drawer maple dresser on castors w/ oval B glass mirror, c. 1900; pressback chair w/ cane seat; oak armchair; 3 drawer maple dresser w/ bev. glass mirror & brass pulls, c. 1900; round bentwood chair w/ cane seat; chair w/ pettipoint seat; Fr. Prov. chesterfield & chair; Fr. Prov. Coffee table & 2 end tables; round Duncan Phyfe table; Fr. Prov. parlour chair w/ tap. uph.; uph. parlour chair; 30" parlour table; coffee table & 2 end tables; pr. French table lamps; maple table & 4 chairs; old wash basin table; walnut 1 drawer 3 shelf china cabinet w. 24" door c. 1930; Lowry double manual electric organ in nice mahogany cabinet; organ bench; piano stool w/ brass serpentine feet; gingerbread clock in oak case; Blackforest mantel clock; Seth Thomas mantel clock presented to F.C. Shipp former Hornby resident 1919; hand powered table model sewing machine mfg. by J.W. Gates Toronto; Raymond treadle sewing machine in nice cabinet, c. 1879; Clark & Co. 3 drawer mahogany sewing cabinet w. porcelain pulls c. 1880, rare & mint; 17 1/2 x 14" glass display cabinet;

PRIMITIVES & MISC.: Wilhelm Duerer Fecil violin in nice old pine case; 1905 Edison phonograph; 1855 map of Canada West; mirror in ex. old 26" x 32" frame; 3 oils in antique 32" x 55" frames; large offering of old pictures & frames; oak wall telephone (all original); 4 smaller telephones; Tiffany table lamp, old & good; H.P. satin glass lamp; 14" cranberry shade, perfect; 3 old hanging lamps, some prisms missing; brass lamps from Brampton Church; finger lamp & misc. lamps; min. steam engine; steam show books to 1957; 1927 salesman car books; household scales w/ scoop; 1905 bayonet; 1914-1918 war medal; 1939-1945 war medal - defence; bowler hats, top hats, & other hats; collection of old pipes; metal lunch pail; about 25 old crocks & jugs; 4 flour scoops; a few 8 gal. milk cans & strainer; large dough pan; old whey table; large tea caddy; 35 wooden planes to 33"; buck saws & log saw; 3 pr. of oxen shoes; 3 broad axes, implement seat, skillet & 30 more good iron pieces; 2 pr. candle molds; 2 Imp. Qt. oil bottles w/ spouts; 3 old spigots; 3 fire extinguishers; boot jack; bear trap & chain; copper boiler; 35 straight razors; oil can collection; large railroad lamp & fuel can; railwood letter hoop; old butter table; 2 wooden bobbins; wooden mallet; misc. harness bells, apple peeler, 3 old sickles & about 35 misc. old tools; 3 crates of milk bottles; box w/ old coins, 6 watches & jewellery; beaver qt. jar; Johnson Bros. partial dinner set w/ 3 platters & 2 veg. dishes; Noritake partial dinner set 34 pieces; 10 Noritake plates Romance pattern; German china fruit bowl & 13" floral plate; 9 fancy cake plates; 25 fancy cups & saucers, Royal Albert etc.; German mint dish; Royal Winton candy dish; large silver teapot & 30 or 40 pieces of glass.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: many fine old pieces sell in this country auction; in case of bad weather sale held inside.

Terms: cash or cheque with I.D. Preview 9 a.m. Lunch booth on the grounds.

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Ward Brownridge, Auctioneer 905-878-6730




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