

Weighs, dispatches trucks

The "scale man" is a lady

Truck drivers hauling stone out of Milton Quarries were a trifle startled, one day last May, when a pretty face greeted them at the Steeles Ave. quarry's scale house and a female voice started announcing despatching orders over the yard's loudspeakers.

The face and the voice belonged to Shauna Berube, a 23-year-old housewife and mother who three months ago entered a previously all-male preserve and became the quarry's scale clerk and despatcher. She is Milton's — and maybe Canada's — only female scale clerk, according to quarry officials.

"I think she's the best scale clerk we've ever had," sums up Milton Quarries sales manager Brian G. Harrop. "The truckers don't talk back to her."

Some variety

Although her job is routine, it does present some variety, claims Shauna. She weighs out each truck on the plant's new electronic scale, by using the net and gross weights to figure out the weight of the load they carry from the quarry. Then she makes out their weigh bill and sends the drivers on their way, often consulting maps and giving explicit directions to the job site. She also calls up trucks when

vehicles are needed to deliver orders, using a microphone hooked up to amplifiers in the truck waiting area.

Milton Quarries has 40 trucks of its own and a normal working day might see 100 different trucks pass over Shauna's scales — some as many as 10 times a day. Until recently she worked with a manually operated scale but the company recently installed an electronic scale which automatically figures out the weights and she only has to transpose the machine's figures onto the weigh bills. Eventually the quarry will move its scales up onto the escarpment to the floor of the quarry and the new scales will print out all the information and cut down on the scale clerk's writing.

"The drivers are great here, they don't give me any trouble," smiles freckle-faced Shauna. "It is interesting work, I really like it here."

Working as a quarry scale clerk is a far cry from Shauna's previous profession. She's a trained occupational therapist. She trained as a therapist in Kingston and worked as a therapist's assistant for a year in North Bay before her husband came to Milton. She spent seven months at Halton Centennial Manor as recreation director, but quit in 1970 to have a baby.

Last year she decided to go to work again. For a while she assisted former Manor resident Vernon McArthur with his ceramic tile work, then she worked in a factory. When the scale clerk job at the quarry was advertised in The Champion she called up to see if they'd accept an application from a girl.

"I was kind of embarrassed", admits sales manager Harrop. "But she was the best qualified applicant for the job, so I hired her." She gets the same salary as the other men who have held the same job in the 14 years since the quarry was established.

Shauna's presence in the scale house has one added benefit — there isn't as much of the coarse language for which those truck drivers are notorious!

Couple wed for 45 years

The Canadian Champion was in error when it reported Mr. and Mrs. William Morton had been married for 25 years, in an obituary report about Mr. Morton last week. The couple had been married for over 45 years and had moved to Milton 25 years ago. This newspaper regrets any confusion caused as a result of the error.

MARRIED at Knox Presbyterian Church on Saturday, August 5 were Mr. and Mrs. William Gregory (Greg) Durman. The bride is the former Carla Margaret Early.



SPINNING AND WEAVING demonstrations at the weekend Steam-Era were mainly for the interest of the ladies, but visitors of both sexes enjoyed watching the artisans at work. (Photo by R. Downs)



SHAUNA BERUBE is Milton's (and maybe Canada's) only female scale clerk and truck despatcher. She does her job, and does it well according to company officials, at Milton Quarries on Steeles Ave. (Photo by R. Downs)



About the town

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Three residents of Harmony Court apartments Mrs. M. Keegan, Mrs. A. C. MacNab and Miss Louise Hystead recently returned from a 3,000 mile bus tour to the east coast.

The bus travelled through Quebec and into the U.S. via Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. In Maine they took a six hour boat cruise across the Bay of Fundy from Bar Harbour, Maine to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. They then travelled via the Annapolis Valley to Halifax where they spent two nights. While there they enjoyed a lectured bus tour of Halifax, Citadel Hill, national parks, churches, C.F.B. Dockyards and Dartmouth via the Angus L. McDonald Bridge.

The next day they left Halifax for Cape Breton Island where they visited Sydney, Antigonish, the fortress at Louisburg and the Alexander Graham Bell museum at Baddeck.

From Amherst, N.S. they took the ferry to Prince Edward Island where they spent two nights in Charlottetown; while there they enjoyed a guided tour of the island including a visit to the home of Anne of Green Gables.

The next day they left P.E.I. and travelled via Moncton and Fredricton in New Brunswick to Ste. Anne De Beaupre in Quebec where they stayed overnight and were graciously entertained at the Auberge.

They then visited Trois Rivieres and Cap de la Madeline in Montreal before returning home.

The tour guide was the Rev. Andre Simard (C.S.S.R.) of Georgetown. This was his 10th tour (all with the same bus driver) and several of the passengers had been on all 10 tours. A trained nurse was also on the tour. All were delighted with the trip and looking forward to another one next year.

Happy birthday wishes go to Billy Corradetti, 168 Lydia Ave, who celebrates his 5th birthday on Friday, Sept. 8.

Congratulations and best wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. William T. Randall, 92 Charles St. who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, Sept. 7.

Mrs. George Menzies, 176 Sarah St. recently travelled to Riverside, California to attend the funeral of her nephew, Dr. William T. Hall.

Jim Hodson, 65 King St. is a patient in Milton District Hospital. His friends are thinking of him and wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peddie of 89 Miles St. have been busy entertaining visitors during the month of August. They include: Newly Weds Mr. and Mrs. M. McCrank of Kirkland Lake; Rev. and Mrs. George Anderson of Lenore, Manitoba; Mr. and Mrs. Court Marsh and family of Kelowna, British Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Anderson and son from Wichita, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hardy of Hudson's son's Bay, Saskatchewan; Miss Joan Baker of Chicago, Illinois;

Mr. and Mrs. David Debenham and daughter Shelly of Streetsville; and Mrs. John Gilbert of Woodbridge.

Happy Anniversary wishes go to Robert and Jeanette Noble, 145 Bell St. who celebrated their Ninth Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, Aug. 31.

They celebrated with Jeanette's parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reid of Thornhill who were celebrating their 35th Wedding Anniversary. The two couples enjoyed an evening out for supper and dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Sosnowski of third Sideroad (Milton Heights) were recently visited by their son Johnny who is working in Edmonton, Alberta. Following his visit, the Sosnowskis and daughters Frances, Paula and Monica took a trip to Alberta where they visited another daughter and her husband Susanne and James Lehr in Medicine Hat.

Call Dolores with your news items. She'll welcome your call and friends will enjoy hearing about your trip.

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Women's Page



JANE W. DEWHURST, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Dewhurst of Campbellville, graduated from the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto as a Registered Nurse on Sept. 5. She has accepted a position in the operating room at the Hospital for Sick Children.

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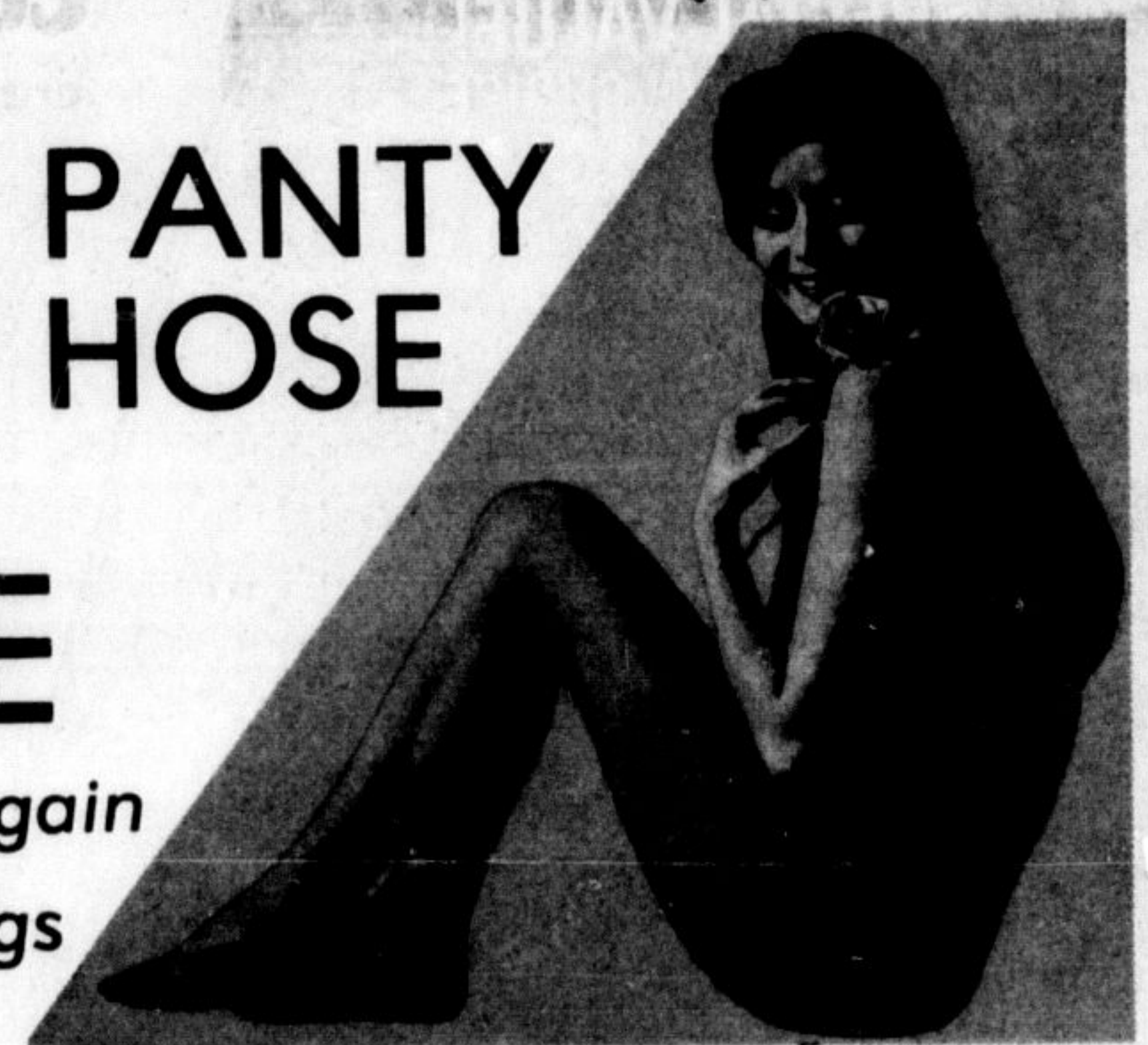
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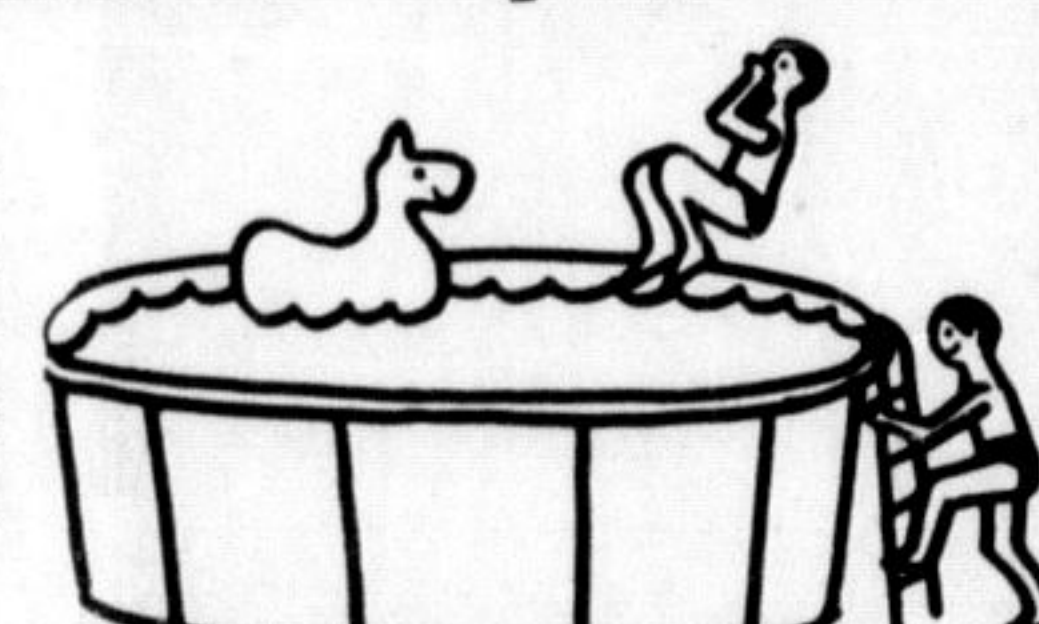


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