



PROTHANE LIMITED, Milton's newest industrial manufacturing plant, was officially opened Friday with a brief ceremony attended by town officials. President Warren Carter shows Mayor Don Gordon a display of the company's moulded polyurethane products at left, and on the right they co-operate to press a button starting up an oven to declare the plant



on Bronte St. officially open. In the centre photo inspecting part of the manufacturing process are Chamber of Commerce treasurer Michael Beaver, Mr. Carter, Clerk Campbell Thompson, Champion publisher Jim Dills, realtor Mike Ledwith of A. E. Mitchell and Mayor Gordon. The 20,000 square foot plant will employ 32, including about 10 from Milton.



The rest are moving to town from Prothane's two plants in the west end of Toronto and a lab in Mississauga. The Milton plant was a \$500,000 investment for the 13-year-old company, which sells its urethane products across Canada and USA.

Between the Willows

The Knights of the Road

By Don Byers

The term "Knights of the Road" was coined, some years ago, to pay tribute to the drivers of tractor-trailer trucks and truck drivers in general.

Their driving was exemplary. And they would often pull off the road or highway to give aid to stranded motorists whose cars, for one reason or another, had broken down.

But my personal observations, after driving the 401 and the QEW regularly, leave me wondering if some of the "Knights" are in a daze.

The trucks, themselves, now-a-days, are the size of freight trains. But many (not all) are driven like sports cars, or better still, like cars in a demolition derby.

There are few more blood-chilling experiences then, while driving at 60 mph (100 k/mh if you prefer) to observe in your rear-view mirror the enormous radiator of one of these behemoths bearing down about three feet from your back bumper... and you are driving the legal speed limit.

This is especially terrifying when you have a monster of equal size in front of you while another is roaring by in the passing lane.

The ear-splitting sound if your windows are down is enough to drive you to distraction, if not right off the road.

In their defence I know that most truckers must have very tight schedules to meet. And I'm certain they have their share of horror stories to tell about stupid motorists who dart in front of them—leaving little room for the slightest error in judgement or defensive driving skill.

I've witnessed that, too.

All I'm asking, guys, if you see a white Olds Cutlass out there, give me a break.

I'm allergic to pain.

You're not going to believe this, but there is a company in California (where else?) that sells, pre-stained T-shirts.

You can choose from eye-appealing stains such as blood, axle grease, ketchup, gravy and chocolate ice-cream. (Not the real thing, but accurate facsimiles.) And they are selling like hot-cakes.

Wonder how much you could get for stains you got honestly?

—There are just 24 shopping days until Christmas.

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Philosobits

By Edith Sharpe

The people who never give any thought about expressing appreciation to others are self-centred. We all like to be appreciated, and told so.

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We are all authors, writing something each day in the book of our own life. You may not set it down into words, but what you live and think and experience makes you the author of your life and it does not need a conclusion.

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Our relations with others improve rapidly when we learn to accept people as they are.

—Five members of 1st Milton Guides and leader Mrs. Donna Rea attended last week's meeting of Milton Council.

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