

'Champion correspondent'

Veteran Bill Shuker always in the cart

(Editor's Note: This article is reprinted, with permission, from The Journal of Telford, Salop, England. The story is about former Milton resident Bill Shuker, who lived and worked in Milton in the early days of this century, then returned to his home in Shifnal, England. Bill, now 90, has been corresponding regularly with The Champion—he calls himself our English "correspondent"—and has made friends with Miltonians Mr. and Mrs. Joe Waters who visited him in 1977.)



Bill takes a break on his cart.

If you walk past a Shifnal shop and find a little green cart standing outside don't jump to conclusions and think that a child has left its favorite toy behind.

The cart belongs to Mr. Bill Shuker, recently 90, who has made a convey of these little green mini Rolls-Royces, as he likes to call them.

Making these carts is one of the main occupations of the Old Sapper who lives in a small cottage at 48 Aston Road, Shifnal.

He has become a landmark of Shifnal trundling along the streets pushing, or pulling, his creation. Occasionally you see him sitting at a corner on the specially made seat on top of the cart.

Each one is made out of an apple box reinforced with hardboard. He takes out some of the slats at the front and adds a hinged top. He hoards

old prams for the wheels and handles to put the finishing touches to what he classes as his "gadabout."

Each cart is painted the same distinctive green and Mr. Shuker is never seen without one of his carts.

174 voters at advance

A total of 174 voters, or just over one per cent of the 16,060 Milton residents eligible to vote in the upcoming municipal election, turned out Saturday at three advance polls in Milton.

Town clerk Campbell Thompson said he did not know offhand how that turnout compared with previous

years, but provincial statistics have shown that a one per cent turnout at an advance poll is fairly normal.

The three polls, one per ward, were staffed by one deputy returning officer and one poll clerk each. Another advance poll, the last before next Monday's election, was held yesterday (Tuesday).

He often goes on trips with the Senior Citizens Club and the disabled club and sure enough his cart comes with him, folding neatly into the boot of the coach or minibus.

He is a well-known character in Shifnal and has lived much of his life in the town. He was born in Wyke Place and was educated at the old St. Andrew's School which is now being pulled down.

He left Shifnal when he was 18 to work in South Wales as a bricklayer and kiln builder.

He worked in Canada for several years making connections with The Canadian Champion newspaper. He terms himself as their English correspondent as he still keeps in touch, sending

stories from the Telford area.

He returned from Canada in 1914 and joined the Royal Engineers which gives him his nickname, the Old Sapper.

He saw active service during the 1914-18 war at Ypres and the Somme. One of his proudest possessions is the Military Medal which he was awarded when he rescued a wounded comrade under heavy shell fire.

A picture of his old company hangs on the wall of his tiny sitting room but Mr. Shuker knows of only one who is still alive.

But he is best known in Shifnal as the ex-landlord of the Unicorn Inn on Victoria Road, Shifnal. He was there for over 21 years with his wife Polly.

He remembers how the Irishmen used to come over for the potato and corn harvest and spend Saturday nights in the Unicorn with McCorsar at the piano.

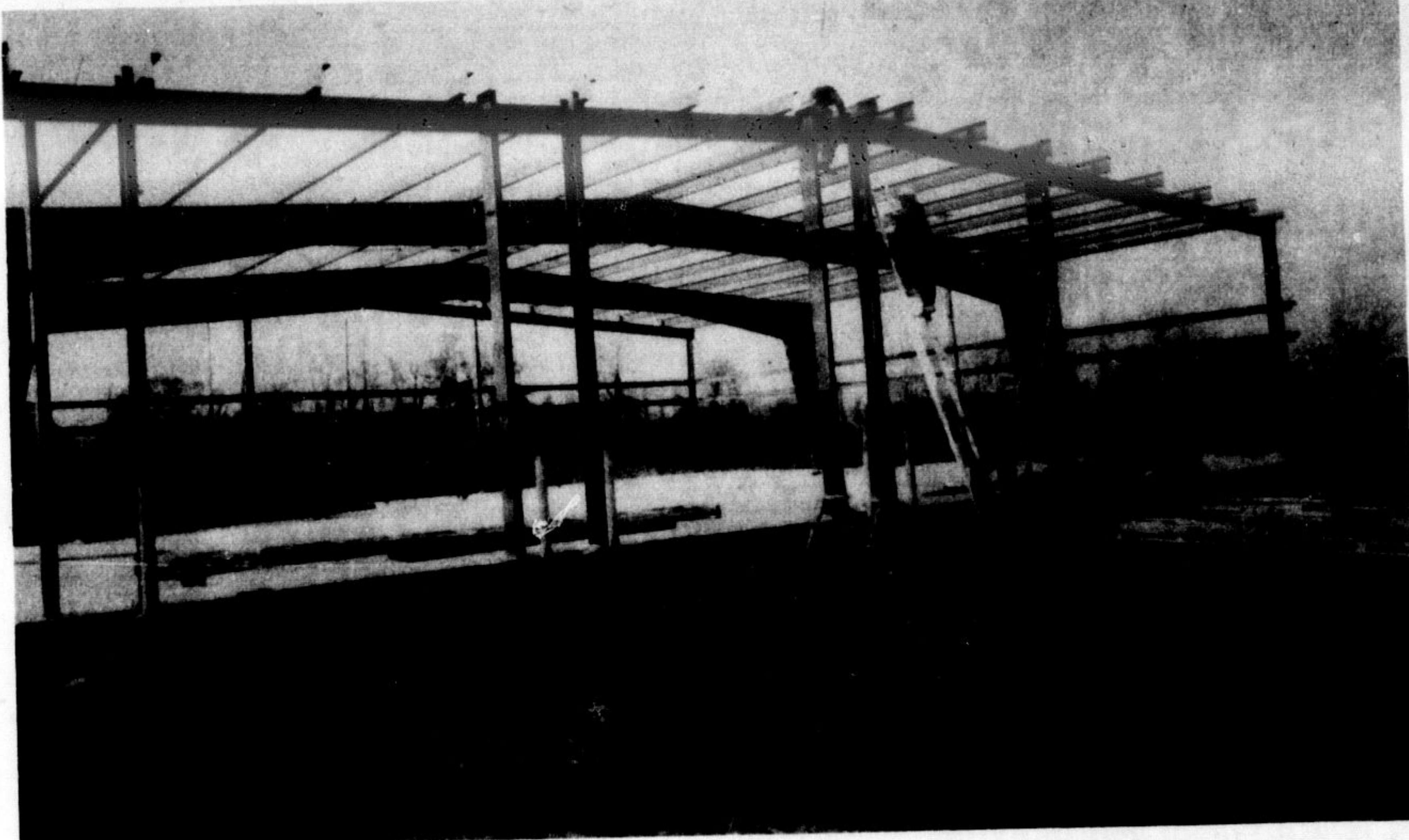
But he was reluctant to talk about his life and was more interested in showing off his convey of home made carts.

There are various models from the de-Luxe to the more homely children's trolley. Each one has its own little speciality. Perhaps a special hinge or a particularly clever slat as a back rest, or a special place for his walking stick. One even has a number plate—SHU 1.

Most of the convey is stacked away in a shed at the bottom of his well kept garden.

One is half-completed at the moment and a stack of timber indicates he is planning to make more.

When Mr. Shuker is not working on his latest model or pushing his cart in the general direction of the shops, you could well find him at the Senior Social Club where he will be studying the best moves at draughts or trying his luck at the raffle.



KILBRIDE is likely to have its new fire station by the new year. After nearly seven years of planning, construction is now underway for the

new hall to serve the Kilbride community. Both Burlington and Milton firefighters previously answered fire calls in the Kilbride district.

Kilbride fire station construction underway

Kilbride will likely have its own fire station in operation by the new year.

Following nearly seven years of planning, construction is now underway to outfit the rural area of North Burlington with its first fire station.

The site is a 1.3 acre lot located on Kilbride Rd. next to Kilbride Public School. For the past two and a half years the city of Burlington, which serves the Kilbride district has been actively searching for a piece of land, but it was only recently that final approval was given for the present location.

Two other locations were previously named as strong possibilities, but each was later rejected after it was found the sites were too small to accommodate a three-day station.

In addition to the bays, the building will have offices, a

kitchen and squad room. The new station will house a pumper, water tanker and a pick-up truck, according to Burlington Deputy Chief Terry Edwards.

Work started on the site two months ago. The pre-fab steel building measures 70 feet by 62 feet and fire officials expect the station to be completed by the end of the year, or in the first few weeks of the new year.

"That is the tentative date," said Mr. Edwards, adding that an official opening was likely to be held in spring.

While work continues on the building the Burlington fire department is now in the throes of training firefighters for the Kilbride unit.

Twenty men from the Kilbride district are being trained, and it is expected that 30 men will eventually be working from the new fire

station. All of the new firefighters will be volunteers or part time men, said Mr. Edwards with no plans for full time employees at this time.

A district volunteer chief and deputy chief will be appointed for the Kilbride unit, he said.

Prior to the decision to build a fire station in Kilbride, the town was serviced by both the Burlington and Milton firefighters.

The distance to Kilbride has become a crucial factor in fire coverage, and it was decided that the rural part of the town should have its own fire hall, in addition to the services of the two other units.

—It was another warm weekend and crowds ventured out on the country roads in balmy weather.

Life science at ROM soon

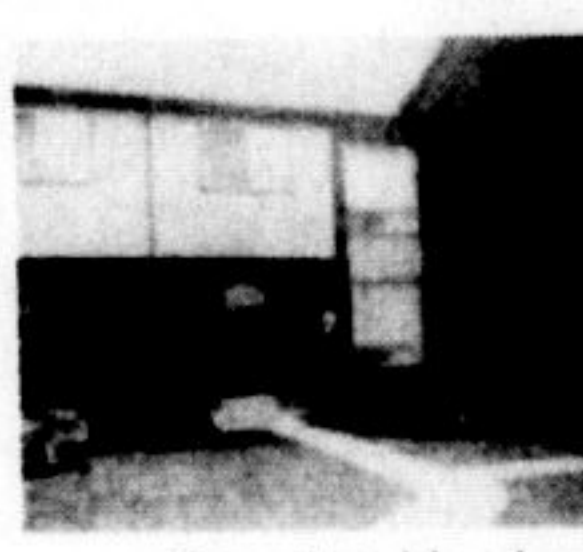
This November the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto is opening a new gallery called "An Introduction to Life Sciences". Using graphics and easy-to-read print panels, the new gallery will introduce the Museum visitor to the story of evolution of life on earth.

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9:30 a.m. — Senior Church School
10:30 a.m. — Junior Church School
10:30 a.m. — Parish Eucharist
Thursday
10:00 a.m. — Holy Communion
ST. JOHN'S NASSAGAWEYA
9:30 a.m. — Holy Communion & Sermon
Church School
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9:45 a.m. — Sunday School and Bible classes for adults
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7:00 p.m. — Missionary service with Hannah Leutbecher of Pakistan
Tuesday 9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Meeting for Prayer and Bible Study
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KNOX CHURCH MILTON
170 Main St. E.
Rev. Trevor J. Lewis 878-8687
Organist: Choir Director Mr. Allen Redmond
Sunday, Nov. 12, 1978
10:00 a.m. — Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. — Remembrance Service. Dedication of plaque to Miss Edith Dick.
6:30 p.m. — Confirmation Class.
All Welcome

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Sunday, Nov. 12, 1978
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9:30 a.m. — Worship Service and Church School
Nursery Facilities
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11:00 a.m. — Worship Service and Church School.
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Come and be part of our family at worship.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES OF CAMPBELLVILLE & NASSAGAWEYA
Sunday, Nov. 12, 1978
109th Anniversary of St. David's, Campbellville
11:00 a.m. — Joint service.
Guest Preacher: Rev. Roy Gellatly, M.Th.
7:30 p.m. — Film "Pilgrims Progress"
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Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
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Pastor: Rev. M. Christensen 878-2064
Sunday, Nov. 12, 1978
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School
11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. — Family Prayer
7:00 p.m. — Evening worship
8:00 p.m. — Wednesday — Bible study and prayer.
8:00 p.m. — Friday — Young Peoples
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Main St. at James St.
Sunday, Nov. 12, 1978
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Rev. J. McFadden
11:00 a.m. — Church School
Nursery Facilities

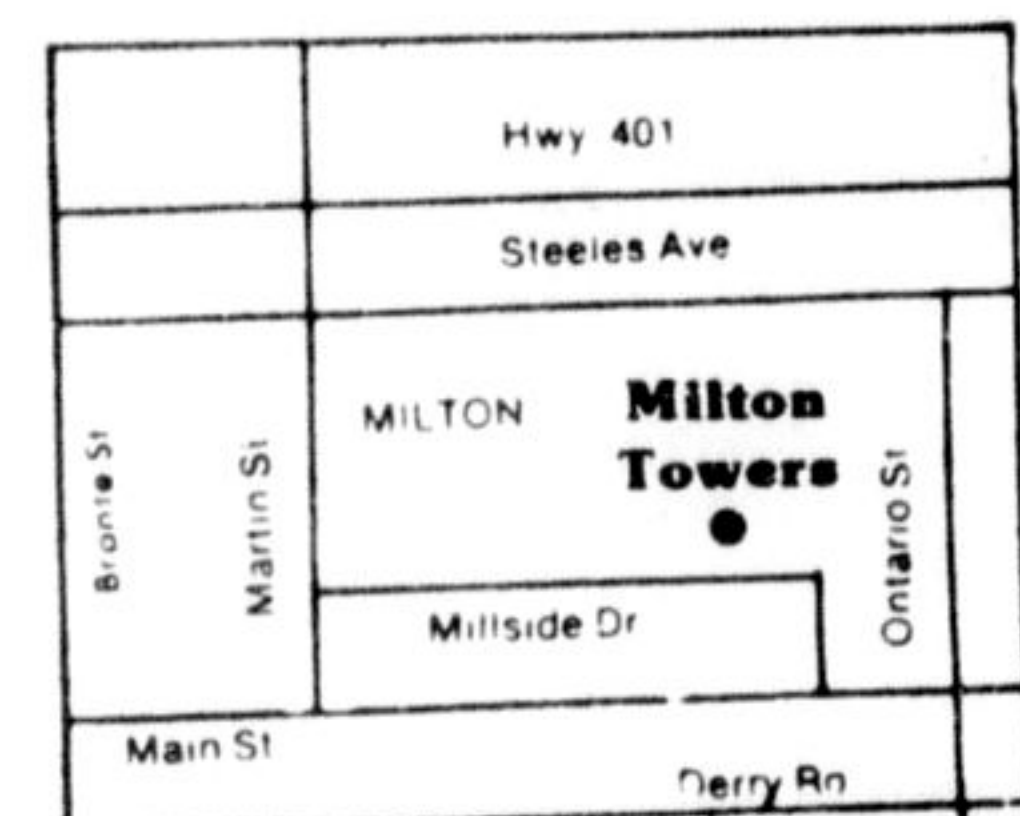


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