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Support the parade

This year's Santa Claus parade looks just as successful as last year's outstanding event.

The volunteer committee has eight bands lined up and two more in the offering.

Included to entertain Miltonians Nov. 17 are the Burlington Teen Tour Band, Brampton Clown Band, St. Andrews Drum and Bugle Band, Durham Girls Band, Acton Citizens Band, Milton Pipe and District Band, Air Cadets Band, Niagara Frontiersmen and perhaps the Lorne Scots Band and Georgetown Pipe Band.

Bands are the highlight of parades and in this department, the Milton Santa Claus parade shines.

It's a credit to organizers that a town as small as this puts on a spectacle which can rival the large cities.

In a time when many communities are withdrawing these special events, or have dispensed with them altogether, Milton is fortunate it has such dedicated individuals willing to bring the parade back each year.

These are people who volun-

tarily give up their time to work on behalf of the town.

Starting in the sweltering days of summer, they begin organizing for an event which is often held in below-freezing temperatures with snow on the ground.

Although they are assisted by local industries and businesses, they are also dependent on contributions from the average citizen.

The means by which the committee does this is locating two Santa Banks in different spots of town.

Appearing as miniature Santas, these donation boxes are the committee's receptacles for donations from the people who enjoy the parade the most.

The Santa Banks' goal is \$1,500. Only \$120 has been raised to date.

In order for the Parade to return next year, the committee has to cover its costs.

It can't do it alone. It needs your support.

So, if you take the same pride as we do in our community, make a donation.

Help keep Milton special.

A top notch band

After today, there are just three and a half weeks before this year's Santa Claus parade, Saturday, Nov. 17.

The committee which is working on this one has eight bands lined up, not the least of which is the famous Burlington Teen Tour Band.

The big band marched in last year's parade and will be returning.

The band should be appreciated, because it will be participating in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California on New Year's Day.

Only the top bands on the continent are chosen for this prestigious parade.

The band is hard at work selling flowers in order to raise money for the trip.

The Rose parade is broadcast coast-to-coast in Canada and the United States, giving the youthful band members from neighboring Burlington some international exposure.

So be sure to get out and see this top notch band march through Milton, when Santa Claus comes to town.

A new approach

Highlighted in this week's Focus feature is Rea Brinkman, a Milton housewife who works in Canada Valve.

Mrs. Brinkman is the first woman Canada Valve hired on its shop floor.

The enthusiasm which she has exhibited, has encouraged the company to hire several more.

A company spokesman told this newspaper he thought the decision a good one, as the women are just as good as the men.

This kind of remark speaks well for Canada Valve, which had the initiative to hire women in the first place.

Dirty work, heavy machinery and a rough atmosphere are often thought to discourage the fair sex. But given the wages Canada Valve pays and the care with which the company hires, women have successfully met the challenge.

The success benefits Canada Valve. It gets willing, able workers who take an interest in their work.

Given the mechanized, often repetitive nature of today's modern industrial plant, the experience of Canada Valve is a refreshing example of a new approach to hiring capable workers.

Fashions for everyone

When it comes to fashion shows, Milton District Hospital Auxiliary has the format down pat.

Members take a big hall such as the Lions Hall at Memorial Arena. They tastefully decorate it.

They get local girls as models, local fashion shops to supply the clothes, local beauty salons to do the models' hair and local businesses to supply the extras.

They serve wine and cheese. They have a member with a quiet, restrained voice for emcee.

And they get an area person who is knowledgeable on a certain aspect of fashion, to give a demonstration at one of the intermissions.

The culmination is an event which draws a clientele dressed in their Sunday best and a revenue

which assists the auxiliary in its community work.

The atmosphere of local people modelling local clothes for a local volunteer organization gives the auxiliary's fashion show a distinctly Milton flavor.

The success which last year's show enjoyed, is an indication of this year's popularity. The attendance bodes well that the 1980 fashion show will be equally enjoyable.

Welcome to town

It's a pleasure to welcome Canada Valve and its 65,000 square foot plant and office on Market Dr. It would be an even bigger pleasure to welcome about 50 more industrial firms of similar size.



Offbeat

with ROD LAMB

"Much have I seen"



"Yet all experience is an arch wherethrough Gleams that untravelled world whose margin fades Forever and forever when I move."

Written by Tennyson in his poem Ulysses, the words have been my motto. Well have they served.

Always have I striven to learn through travel and experience. Constantly, have I sought to learn from all that I met. For knowledge is a key to wisdom and one can never get enough.

For this and other reasons, I am leaving The Canadian Champion. I have been in Milton less than a year. Coming from Gananou in the heart of the Thousand Islands, I came to learn about a crack newspaper.

Under the Dills and then Inland, opportunities were given to expand my horizons of knowledge.

I met interesting people. I enjoyed rollicking times. And, all in all, Milton was good to me.

I experienced life in a growing community on the fringe of a mushrooming metropolis. Within only a year, Milton changed. And with it, the newspaper which

reflects it, changed as well. Its ownership passed from a family to a publishing empire. While the personal touch of the owner closed an era in weekly journalism, the coming of Inland opened another.

Just as in the community, so as in the newspaper, change was the current theme.

And, while some change is good, it is important not all be changed. Things which made the past enjoyable and imparted value, should not be forgotten in the name of progress.

Timberlea and Bronte Meadows, the industrial park and regional water rates, these are the new changes. But, the efforts to preserve the county court house and jail and the on-going struggle of the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens group, are attempts to preserve what an and women deem valuable. Especially the latter—the fight against Site F is an impressive effort by a group of dedicated individuals who banded together to uphold what they believe.

I wish them well. As a newcomer to the controversy, I looked at both sides and theirs is the better.

May success attend upon their endeavors.

I will not be here to witness the outcome, just as I won't see this year's Santa Claus parade.

It was during this event last year when this column first came into being. And now, this week will be the last time it will appear.

I have accepted the position as editor of The St. Marys Journal-Argus.

Stone Town as it is called, St. Marys is west of Stratford at the conjunction of the Upper Thames River and Trout Creek.

It is a community which presents fresh challenges and new opportunities.

It has architecture and charm, stability and prosperity: in short, a good place to live.

Milton has been an enjoyable chapter of my life. I cannot forget it.

Tennyson summed it up best when he wrote in the same poem:

"Much have I seen and known—cities of men And manners, climates, councils, governments, Myself not least, but honored of them all— And drunk delight of battle with my peers, Far on the ringing plains of windy Troy. I am a part of all that I have met."

Sugar and Spice

with BILL SMILEY

Reading the personals



Some people, much too refined to indulge in pornographic books or blue movies, get their voyeuristic kicks from reading the Personal columns of the newspapers.

Not me. I ain't refined. By the time I've skimmed the front page, been bored by the pompous editorials, I'm through with the paper. It is strictly for wrapping garbage in.

Never do I read the classified ads, selling everything from houses and cars to bodies. I haven't time. And besides, they're all the same. Whether it's a car, a house, or a body, it's the greatest buy of the century. Many of them carry the same message: "Must be seen."

Well, I strayed. Yes, I wandered. The other day, looking through the ads for teachers in the hope that I could find my daughter's address in Moosonee (she hasn't written us in over three weeks and I have a piercing picture of her and the grandboys stumbling around the tundra looking for the place), I staggered, by some mischance, onto the Personal column.

No wonder those warpies read it, the people who leave the room, nose in air, when someone mentions sex, or tells a funny, slightly off-color joke. It's a kaleidoscope of sex, sin, silliness and sickness to warm the heart of any peeper through others' windows.

I read with at first amusement, then amazement, and then a bit of shock, though I am fairly unshockable.

This appeared in "Canada's National Newspaper," which maintains a lofty moral tone on most of its other pages.

It was like looking under the rug in a highly moral dowager's house, while she is

out getting tea, and finding a lot of dirt under it.

First under suspicion are the items under "Massage." Some of them are innocuous enough, but what about this one: "No appointment needed. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. 7 days a week." With a woman's name and phone number.

Maybe she's just a hard worker, who doesn't get up too early, and doesn't like days off, but I doubt it.

Then you come to the section headed: "Readers, Palmistry, Horoscopes." Again, some of them are legit, as legit as a fortuneteller can be. But there are some intriguing ones: "Mrs. Selma will help you in all problems of life. No problem so small that she cannot solve (How about big ones?). One visit will convince you." Hunky-panky? Sure sounds like it.

But that is kid stuff, only mildly titillating, compared with the sick, arrogant, lonely, blunt, no-holds barred medicine that comes under the heading: Companions Wanted. This is where the real meat of the "Personal Column" is, and I imagine an inveterate reader skips the masseuses and the fortunetellers quickly, and gets down to peering into private lives.

When I was in the weekly newspaper business, there was the occasional pathetic guy who would come in to the office and place an ad: "Successful young farmer, good farm, stock, house, seeks partner interested in matrimony. Write Box 220B."

It was pathetic because we knew the guy. He was 53, ugly. This farm was sixty acres, mostly second-second-growth bush and pasture. His "stock" consisted of two pigs, four chickens, and three mangy cows. His "house" was a shack without plumbing, heated by a pot-bellied stove.

He never received an answer, but would come in once a week for two months, asking for the mail from Box 220B.

But these city slickers are a lot more subtle and tough. I'll give you a few examples that curdled me a bit. The egos are fantastic.

"Professional man, married, mid-30s, seeks married woman for afternoon or evening meetings." How would you like to be his wife?

"Gentleman, 48, business owner, lives in new apt. seeks charming, attractive lady to share his life with." No mention of marriage.

"Middle-aged business man seeks younger male companion." Well.

"Sophisticated gentlemen, creative type, seeks the pleasure of sensuous woman 30-45. If an exciting affair with an appreciative male is your style, send snapshot and phone no. to..." He could be 80.

But it's not all men. "Lady, 55, R.C., wishes to meet gent up to 60." If you're 61 you're out, but you could be 21.

"One wild and crazy guy wishes to meet one wild and crazy gal who loves dancing and camping and would like to share a serious relationship." On a dance floor? In a tent?

"Intriguing. Blond young lady seeks wealthy man for daytime affair." That's the shortest and most honest of the bunch. She probably works nights.

I'm afraid the only one that tempted me was: "Russian lady. Beautiful. (That's nice, nothing against beautiful Russian ladies.) Seeks gentleman over 40. (O.K. I qualify.) Lives in Sao Paulo, Brazil. (Great climate there.) For marriage purposes." Always the stone-dead clincher at the end. I'd have to ask my wife.

Turning the Pages of the Past

One year ago

From the Oct. 25, 1978 issue

Halton Regional Council agreed to sell the old court house and jail to the town of Milton for \$80,000. The condition that the buildings maintain their historical significance caused some controversy at regional and municipal councils. The town felt \$80,000 was too high for such a restriction, and one dollar would be better. Regional councillors said Milton was getting a bargain, no matter what restrictions were put on the building.

The badly-decomposed body of a young girl was found in the bush at Chudleigh's Apple Farm by a family strolling through the wood. The identity of the child was unknown, as was the length of time the body had been there.

Twenty people entered the race for Milton Council and Halton Board of Education as nominations closed for the Nov. 13 election. Running for Mayor were Don Gordon (incumbent) and Anne MacArthur. Running for regionals Wards One and Three, were Jim Watson (incumbent) and Bill Johnson. Running for regional Ward Two were Jim Kerr (incumbent) and Gus Goutouski. Running in Ward One were Rick Day, Brian Penman (incumbents) and Howard Carney. Running in Ward Two were Rose Harrison, Gord Krantz (incumbents) Blanche Hinton, Dave de Sylva, Gord Cartwright, Terry Gibbons and Don McColeman. Acclaimed to Ward Three seats were Brad Clements (incumbent) and Don McMillan. Running in Wards One and Three for Board of Education were Ivan Armstrong (incumbent) and Neil Johnson. Running in Ward Two Board of Education were Bill Lawson (incumbent) and Tom Hill.

20 years ago

From the Oct. 22, 1959 issue

Plans for re-establishing the Wilfred French family, burned out of their Trafalgar farm home Friday, were hurriedly underway in town and district this week. Many friends and strangers have rallied to aid the family. Mr. and Mrs. French lost their year-and-a-half-old baby, who died from injuries after her mother dropped her from an upstairs window of the flaming home, to a pile of pillows and blankets on the ground. She dropped her two sons out the same window and one boy and Mrs. French were injured in the fall.

Tenders for a new six-room school in Kilbride, to replace Bell's and Kilbride Schools, will be let in December.

Burlington "dry" forces defeated the "wets" in the town liquor vote yesterday, rejecting cocktail lounges and dining lounges in the town and beer and liquor stores in the Aldershot area.

While a mild snow fell around him Wednesday, W. P. Ford of Bell St. cut two ripe roses and two strawberries.

One of Milton's most popular and well known men, David Clarke died Sunday. He had been the local CNR express deliveryman for the past 15 years and always had a cheerful word for everyone.

50 years ago

From the Oct. 20, 1904 issue

A car-load of western colts will be sold at the McGibbon House on Saturday.

Miss Nellie Weir accidentally fell down several steps on Saturday evening, breaking an arm and dislocating her shoulder.

A social will be given by the Ladies of Knox Church, Milton, in their school-room on Friday evening, Oct. 28th at 8 o'clock. Tea and a good program will be served.

About 2 a.m. on Saturday, people in different parts of the town heard a loud explosion. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. E. Marchand, who, on looking across Main St., saw a light in the post office. Mr. Marchand dressed himself, armed himself with a revolver and went out. The light had vanished from the post office but he saw the front door was open and he went to the houses of Postmaster Stewart, his assistant, E.J. Wilson and Geo. Storey, and called them up. When the party entered the office they found that the door had been blown off the safe. The floor was covered with wreckage, and the glass front of the lock boxes opposite the safe, was broken and bulged outwards. About \$7 in silver and coppers, \$200 in stamps, a registered letter and a book of blank post office orders had been stolen. The burglars also stole a large rasp and a heavy hammer from E.A. Benson's blacksmith shop.

The annual Thanksgiving supper in connection with St. Paul's Church, Milton, will be held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 6. Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced today that, in accordance with arrangements for Armistice Day, sanctioned by His Majesty the King, the people of Canada are invited to mark the occasion by a two minute silence at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11.

A surprise party was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Shier here on Monday evening last in honor of the newly-weds, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rennie, of Toronto. About 50 people from Toronto and Milton were present.

Election returns at the Princess Theatre on Wednesday night.

William Norman Munro, K.C., recently appointed to the County Court bench in Halton, was sworn in when he arrived here from Palmerston to take over his duties on Thursday last. Judge Munro took the oath before W.I. Dick, clerk of the peace. He succeeds Judge J. W. Elliott, of Milton, who has reached the age of retirement. A number of the officials of the court house were present to welcome Judge Munro.

Mrs. G. Lyle attended the wedding of her cousin, Miss M. DeLaney to E. Rennie, of Toronto, on Saturday last.