

Focus on Rea Brinkman

A woman who enjoys life and job

By Rod Lamb
A person who enjoys her job is Rea Brinkman of Sixth Line, Milton.

The first woman to be hired at the new Canada Valve plant, Rea said, "I really had to prove a point."

At 42, she had to show she could keep up with the younger staff.

And keep up she did. There was nothing in the Market Dr. building when Rea joined. "There were just four walls and a roof."

She painted lines on the floor. She helped with machinery when it arrived. She did inventory.

"I'm called the broom

lady" because whenever she had a spare moment, she was sweeping the floor.

"There is always something to do."

Happiness for Rea is operating two machines. When one is operating without her attention, the other needs adjusting.

"I learned 14 machines including radial drills and lathes," she said.

Her ambition is to set up the machines, currently the task of the foreman.

Having been a nursing assistant, Rea helps out on the first aid team. In addition, she is with the plant's social committee.

"People ask me where

I get the energy but if you knew what I have been through, you would understand why I enjoy working here."

Rea came from Cobalt in northern Ontario. She was one of nine children.

Her father was in the dry cleaning business. He drank.

"We were very poor," Rea said.

Some of the places were so bad the outside could be seen through the walls.

"I have no intention of going back," Rea said.

At 16 she came to Toronto, working as a waitress.

Her first marriage was

an escape.

"He had a steady job. He was from Kirkland Lake. He offered security," Rea said.

"Marriage in 1955 was glamorous."

Unfortunately, it didn't last.

Two children and 11 years later, they were divorced.

During that time, Rea became a Registered Nursing Assistant, working at the Garden Court Nursing Home in Mimico.

Depressed by deaths at the home and depressed with her marriage, she switched to become an employee with the Tek

Use Brush Company, "putting bristles in the brushes."

In 1965 she went to North Bay as a cocktail waitress through the Continental Hotel through a cousin who is a booking agent. He introduced her to the owner, who hired her on the spot.

She was there three years. Much of that time she spent fishing on the town wharf.

"I would gather up my children and pack a lunch and go down to the dock to fish."

She would be there for the day.

"I liked to meditate," Rea said. "Fishing was very peaceful."

She met a divorced concert pianist with

"three beautiful children."

"They needed a family life."

So, Rea married a second time and the family moved to Monticello, Indiana.

Unfortunately, her husband drank. Rea had to support the family.

While he was home taking care of the kids, she was working as a waitress, delivering rural papers and tending bar.

Her husband's drinking eventually killed him. Prior to that, in 1972, they were divorced.

Rea continued to live in Monticello. She opened a health spa and became a successful businesswoman.

However, with no family or relatives there, she sold out and came back to Canada in 1976.

"I was lonely," Rea said.

She worked as a hairdresser for her sister in Port Credit.

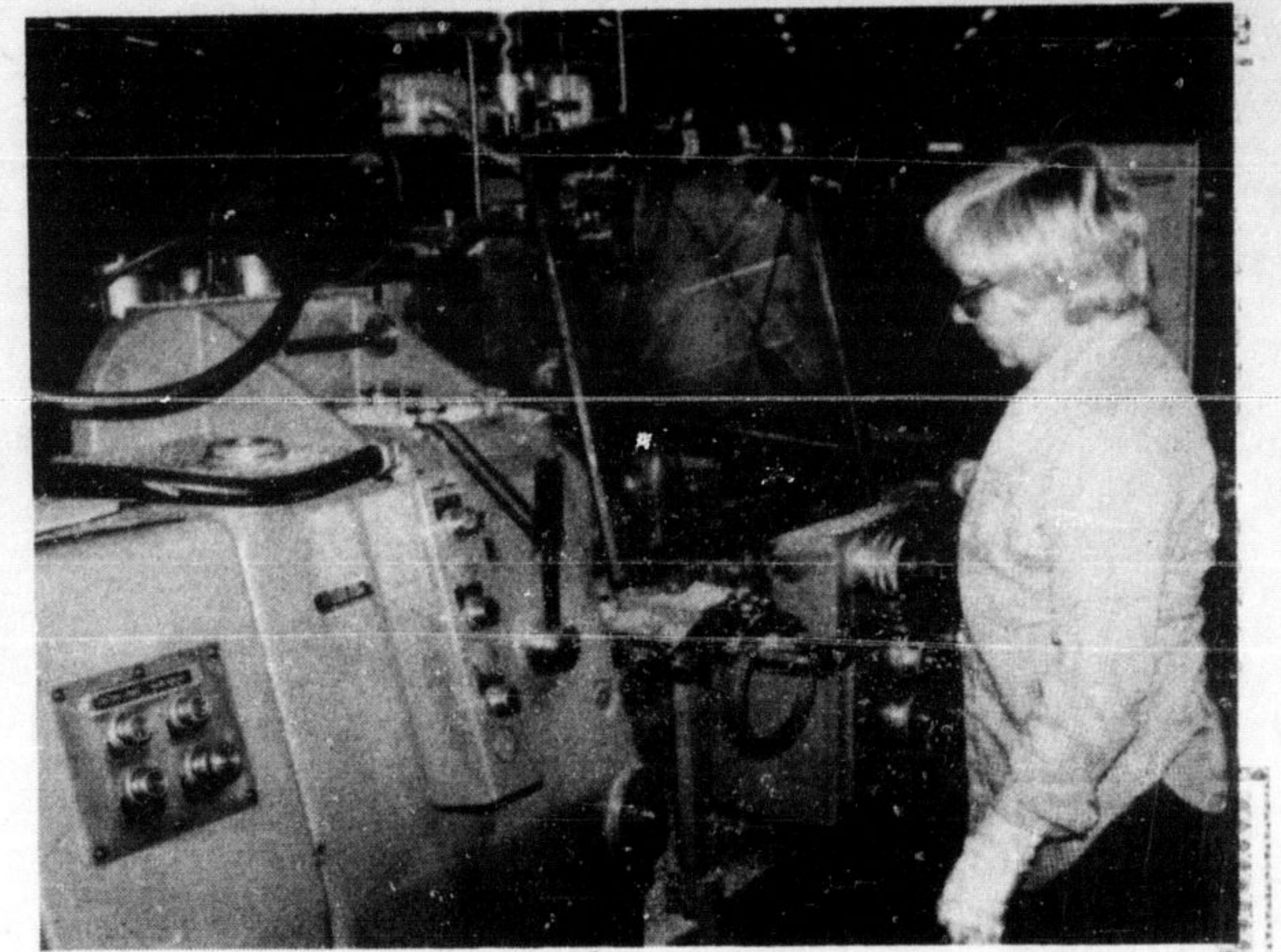
Through her sister, she was introduced to Gerry Brinkman, a widower with five children.

They were married August 6, 1977, and came to Milton, Sept. 15, 1977.

Mr. Brinkman, 54, works in Toronto and is of Dutch descent.

Rea said he is the first husband who doesn't drink, is orientated to a family and believes in sharing life with his wife.

"I am very happy," said Rea.



MAKING SEAT RINGS for six inch valves manufactured at Canada Valve's new Milton plant is Rea Brinkman of Milton. She was one of the first employees hired for the plant, and the first woman hired to operate machines. Mrs. Brinkman says she loves her work, has operated 14 of the company's machines, teaches new employees the work, and also works on the safety committee.



Church Services

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11:00 a.m.
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170 Main St. E. 878-8687
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124th
Sunday, Oct. 28, 1979 9:45 a.m. - Church School
10:00 a.m. - Adult Bible Class
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
Rev. J. Peter Jones, B.D., Guest Speaker
7:30 p.m. Evening Worship
All Welcome
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Rev. Larry A. Welch
878-3888
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BOSTON
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9:30 a.m. - Church School & Divine Worship
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Christians Gathered In The Name Of The Lord Jesus Christ
Sunday, Oct. 28, 1979
10:00 a.m. - Breaking Bread
11:45 a.m. - Sunday School
7:00 p.m. - Gospel Service
Wednesday
8:00 p.m. - Prayer and Bible Reading
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4372 Appleby Line
Sunday, Oct. 28, 1979
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7:00 p.m. - Rev. W.E. Payne Speaking
Tuesday
7:00 p.m. - Trinity Boys' Girls' Club
Wednesday
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1412 Britannia Rd. West
Minister: Brian Cox
878-5696
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10:00 a.m. - Bible School class for all ages
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship and The Lord's Supper
7:30 p.m. - Preaching of The Gospel
Wednesday
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878-3908
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Sermon: Lost Opportunities
7:00 p.m. - Evening Praise & Bible Study
Sermon: The Fall and Rise of a World Leader
Tuesday
9:45 a.m. - Coffee Hour & Bible Study
Wednesday
7:30 p.m. - Meeting for Prayer and Bible Study
Nursery facilities are provided at all Sunday Services and on Tuesday mornings.

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317 Main St. Milton
Sunday, Oct. 28
TRINITY XIX
8:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. - Baptism Festival & Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. - Senior Church School
10:30 a.m. - Junior Church School
Thursday
10:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude

ST. JOHN'S
9:30 a.m. - Holy Communion & Sermon
Church School
ST. GEORGE'S
11:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer and sermon
Nursery & Church School

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878-2064
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5:00 p.m. - Family Prayer
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