

Top flight: Glenn Biederman makes his mark as one of Canada's top flyers



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Milton is also people who have made their mark in the world.

An example is a young farmer's son named Jim Snow who today has gone on to be one of the most competent of Ontario's Cabinet Ministers.

But when we look at last year, we found a 46-year-old father of two who is recognized as one of the best precision flyers in the world.

Glenn Biederman was born in Pembroke. As a young lad he was quick to get up and since that early acquaintance with flight, he says "I always wanted to fly." The president of King Pesticides had other things to do in his formative years and it wasn't until a decade ago he finally scraped enough money together to buy an ex-military trainer.

The DeHavilland Chipmunk he bought was slow but very manoeuvrable and that got him into aerobatics. But he soon outgrew the abilities of his little

Chipmunk and was off for Florida and rigorous training under one of the best aerobatic instructors in the United States.

He soon crossed the fine line from a stunt flyer into the area where difficult aerial moves are made and judged by other experts on varying degrees of difficulty.

He joined Aerobatics Canada in 1976 and took part in his first competition. He did this in the Chipmunk but was quick to learn it was time to move up to a better aircraft.

In Kitchener, he located the disassembled remains of a Belgian Stampe, a pre-war biplane which was built for aerobatic competition. With the help of Milton's Wat Martin, the aircraft was rebuilt but it only was able to match Mr. Biederman's ability for a short time.

Roger Hadfield of Milton now owns the Stampe and Mr. Biederman went into

partnership with Gord Price of Belfountain and purchased the Cadillac of precision aircraft, a Pitts Special.

Almost a miniature because of its size, the Pitts is the way to go if you want to win on the big-time circuits.

In a partnership, the two men have been pleased with their results so far. Mr. Biederman flies in competition and Mr. Price also takes a hand at the controls. Mr. Price, by the way, flies in the top competitive category.

The Pitts Special is the best and the \$30,000 price tag is proof. As Mr. Biederman says, "you can tell the men from the boys by the price of their toys."

They entered their first competition this summer at Centralia and Mr. Biederman was first time lucky, winning the top trophies for open and national sportsmen division.

The results at Centralia brought Mr. Price an invitation to be one of the five-member Canadian team which competes for the world championship aerobatic competition this summer in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

At that meet the team will be pitted against the best in the world including the reigning champions, the Czechoslovaks, the Russians, and the Americans.

Not a bad showing from two men who both enjoy the thrill of flying and stiff competition.



THE MILTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is one of the most active in Ontario. Among its many projects during 1979 was the summer operation of the information centre on Martin St. just south of Highway 401.

Chamber of Commerce is vital to town

The backbone of our town is the Milton Chamber of Commerce. Invariably, when a new firm is planning to locate in Milton, Mayor Don

Gordon says he does three things. He takes them on a tour of the town. He tells them about land prices and taxation and he lets them

meet some of the merchants who make up the chamber of commerce.

This summer for instance, the Milton Chamber of Commerce Information Centre had a busy summer on Martin St. just south of Highway 401.

The hostesses at the information centre handled the queries of people from the United States, Holland, Italy and British Columbia.

Questions ranged from rates for canoe rentals at Kelso Conservation Area to helping out one poor fellow lost on a car rally.

During Canada Week, the chamber of commerce was front and centre. It was the job of one of the information hostesses to cut the "Canada Cake" at Unity Park and get the celebration underway.

Another example of the Chamber of Commerce providing a worthy service can be seen in the Milton Guidebook which is available from most chamber members in town.

It lists everything from clubs and organizations to schools, to service clubs, to recreation, and it even contains a map and reference guide which has proved so helpful to the thousands of new residents who decided to move to Milton this year.

The Chamber of Commerce is also active in the community and among its own members.

Recently, for example, an expert on downtown revitalization programs was brought in for a special Sunday morning conference where the issues were dealt with frankly and openly.

Recreation is unlimited for almost every possible pursuit



MILTON ABOUNDS in recreational facilities. From the municipally operated arenas to the majesty of the Halton Region

Conservation Area parks, there is literally something for everyone in Milton.

Think of Milton and the recreation facilities close at hand must immediately come to mind.

Just to the west are three great conservation parks. The Mountsberg Wildlife Centre, for instance, offers a series of programs year-round which are designed to educate young and old about the wonders of nature right around us.

At Kelso Conservation Area one can go swimming, sailing, or just stop for a quiet summer picnic in this truly picturesque setting. At Rattlesnake Point it is possible to go for a walk amidst some of the most breath-taking views in Ontario.

But right about now, the thoughts of recreation turn to winter activities and this is where Milton shines.

We have a host of municipally operated recreation programs running the gamut from gymnastics to disco dancing. The town's information guide on activities should be in Milton homes now and we urge everyone to browse

through and take advantage of the wonderful programs available.

If you are into the great outdoors, why not try cross-country skiing at any of the local conservation areas.

Chamber of Commerce

DBIA committee

Miltowne Centre is born

One of the most exciting things to happen during 1979 was the first concrete moves towards creating a semi-mall in the downtown core of Milton.

Talked about for years, the Downtown Business Improvement Area

(DBIA) is a collection of many Miltonians from all walks of life who want to retain the charm of the town and make it commercially viable for the future.

Just this month the section of Main St. from Martin to James Sts. was

released from the regional road system so it can come under ownership of the town.

This allows Milton to apply for a \$100,000 grant which will be used to close off Main St. and create the Miltowne Centre project.

It has not been an overnight project either.

Much planning has been involved and that included a trip in June to Frankenmuth, Mich., a town which has put the DBIA idea into practise.

The Canadian Champion organized a trip to the unique town and included some of the Milton people who united under the DBIA theme. Recently an architect's conception of the Miltowne Centre was introduced and the reaction has been most favorable.

As soon as the grant arrives, Main St. is going to be refurbished complete with handsome street furniture designed to blend in with the surroundings.

And this can not be done without the people. The Milton Chamber of Commerce and the DBIA Committee have put in many hours. They will never be paid for what they have done and they don't seek remuneration.

Milton, because it is a people place, bands together and has always done so over the years.

When it is finally completed, we will have a showplace for people to come and enjoy; and this is probably the most important aspect of the whole DBIA plan.

Shop owners too have joined in and they will be renovating their stores and facades to continue the blend of old and new Milton right through the semi-mall concept.

When visitors start pouring into Milton, we are sure the same friendliness and pride seen in Frankenmuth will greet people seeing Mil-

ton and the Miltowne Centre for the first time.

Yes!

It's people who have made Milton great in 1979 and nowhere can we find this better displayed than in the hours of work and effort the people of this town have put behind a project to retain Milton's rural charm in a day and age when things precious have somehow lost their meaning.



THANKS TO THE DEDICATION of a large number of Milton residents the Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA) semi-mall concept is finally on stream. Much of the groundwork has been completed and lessons learned from a number of sources are being put into play. One of these inputs was a trip to Frankenmuth Mich., sponsored in June by The Canadian Champion.

Craftspeople add that touch of colour and life



CRAFTSPERSON LEA JENSEN is shown working on a tapestry.

Milton is also craftspeople.

Take a stroll through the Milton Fall Fair and you'll find crafts of every kind.

Go to a church at Christmas time, like Boston Presbyterian Church, and you will be impressed by the quilts which have been produced. A recent issue featured the Milton "Crafts Unlimited" groups work on an applehead doll project.

The Canadian Champion would like to focus on one of these people, Lea Jensen who just two weeks ago completed a work of some magnitude and presented it to the Town of Milton.

She weaves tapestries, and the latest commission is the coat of arms of the town. The Lower Base Line resident put more than 170 hours of work into the final product using no less than seven pounds of wool to fabricate the 20 square foot banner.

And it had to be exact. Starting with the "Look To This Day" motto, all the wools had to be specially selected for color and thickness.

Because of her skill as a rug hooker, Mrs. Jensen was able to create the illusion of three dimensions because she worked three different colors into the fabric.

"It's a memorial to my grandchildren and great-grandchildren," she said.

"They will be able to go in the council chambers and know their grandmother did that."

Mrs. Jensen has been working with her hands since she was a child.

She is adept at crocheting, knitting, needlepoint, cross stitchery, handangery (using special threads), smocking (used on babies' dresses), beading, hem stitching, French cut embroidery, compuse (Turkish knotting), liquid painting, and embroidery.

Why does she do it?

"I have great fun," she said.

"People who say they are bored, I wish they could give me their time."

And Mrs. Jensen is typical of the craftspeople who does her work for some inner enjoyment.

"You appreciate other things better."

"You appreciate quality," she said.

Milton is young people



MILTON IS ALSO children and we can be proud of the students. In April 14 Inuit students from Baker Lake in the far north

visited W.I. Dick School were royally treated.

Tonight around Baker Lake well north of Churchill, Man., a group of 12 Inuit children are talking about their young friends at W.I. Dick School in Milton.

Not only is Milton adults, it's children. Nice children who extend that bit Milton welcome when strangers come to town.

The strangers in this case were 14 students who came to southern Canada for the first time and into a land strange, but friendly.

The Inuits saw trees for the first time, not to mention cows, pigs and other animals.

The Milton students took their new friends to the CN Tower, the Science Centre, and to a Toronto Maple Leafs hockey game.

Throughout, the Milton students introduced the Inuit students to "little things" which seemed to make big impressions. There was candy floss and the latest mod haircuts.

And what surfaced is that children are the same all over. The visitors like the lame foods, the same movies, even Egg McMuffins.

As 1979 was International Year of the Child, The Canadian Champion salutes all our youngsters in town and their accomplishments.

Always happy to help, Milton's young people are our future. They have differing ideas from the adults—as witnessed last week in the terrific stories and drawings they gave us for our special Christmas edition.

We think that edition was something special. If readers still have copies around the home, please take the chance to glance through.

There is a vibrancy there which will astound you.

If the children are our hope for the future, then we have everything to hope for from the young men and women of Milton.