

Between the Willows

About big bands

By Don Byers

Two radio programs I have recently heard collided deep in my headbone. One attempted to explain to us older peasants what current Rock is attempting to accomplish—its message and all that.

The other, for which you did not need an interpreter, was a compilation of Canadian Big Bands of days long gone. I was engulfed with a warm wave of nostalgia.

The recordings were scratched with age and repeated playing, but the memories were as young as yesterday. By contrast, the rock 'n' roll stuff was abrasive, unmusical and crude. The commentator, in an attempt to justify who are so lacking in talent, said it wasn't important whether you could hear or comprehend the words of the songs or not. It was the fury of the sound that really mattered.

He's got to have been kidding! I've spent half a century listening to and performing music. Am I now to believe that all this time, I have been deluded in thinking it was a pleasurable, fulfilling experience! There was a fury in Beethoven's works.

There was also immortal beauty. By today's standards, anyone can make the "charts" with a garbage can filled with bricks. They'd just lock it on to a giant paint-mixing machine, bring in a dozen or so microphones, and bang—they've got a hit. Bang-diddy-bang.

But enough of that... and the tin-ears that wouldn't know a good melody if they heard one.

I invite you to return with me to the

Big Band Era. Without the all-forgiving electronic support systems, musicians had to be just that, their performing discipline equating that required of the members of a symphony orchestra. It was demanded that singers should be able to sing on key.

Composers, strangely enough, were expected to compose. (And, did they ever!) If you blew into a horn, notes were supposed to come out the other end. No instant replays until it's right, thank you. You had to get it right the first time when you were on a job.

With the music came the places from which it originated on the fledgling radio networks. In Toronto, the Palais Royale, the Palace Pier, the Silver Slipper, the Brant Inn. "on the shores of beautiful Lake Ontario"; Burlington; the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa; and the Panorama Roof, Hotel Vancouver, just to name a few.

Stateside, during this special time, Big Bands dominated the ballrooms and airways. Who will ever forget Glenn Miller, Woody Herman, Artie Shaw, Count Basey, Tommy Dorsey, Cab Calloway, Benny Goodman? Space does not allow me to mention them all.

The ballads of those days spoke of love, of hope during the dark days of the war, of optimism when it was over.

Today's lyrics (when you can understand them) scream of violence, discord and disrespect. "Punk Rock" it is called. Or "New Wave".

The commentator I mentioned earlier, observed that this new sound honestly reflects the society in which we live. I sincerely hope he's wrong. But I really don't know anymore.



Brownies made simply

When the urge to bake comes, have on hand recipes which require few exotic ingredients. The more basic the better as these ingredients are likely to be sitting on your shelves any day of the year.

This simple brownie recipe made with good old fashioned cocoa is great for keeping small hands busy on winter weekends. Serve them hot with a mug of hot cocoa on the side. A perfect winter warmer.

INGREDIENTS:
1 1/3 cups (325 mL) all purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoon (5 mL) baking powder
1/2 teaspoon (2 mL) salt
1 cup (250 mL) butter
1 cup (250 mL) Fry's cocoa
2 cups (500 mL) sugar
4 eggs
1 1/2 teaspoons (7 mL) vanilla
1 cup (250 mL) chopped nuts

1 13x9x2 inch (3.5L) greased pan
Mix flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl. Melt butter in a saucepan. Remove from heat. Stir in Fry's cocoa. Blend in sugar, eggs and vanilla. Blend in dry ingredients and chopped nuts. Pour batter into a greased pan. Bake at 350 degrees F. (180 degrees C) 30-35 minutes. Cool and frost.

FUDGY COCOA FROSTING

INGREDIENTS:
3 tablespoons (45 mL) melted butter
1/4 cup (50 mL) Fry's Cocoa
1/4 cup (50 mL) milk
1/2 teaspoon (2 mL) vanilla
2 cups (500 mL) sifted icing sugar
Combine melted butter with Fry's cocoa. Blend in milk, vanilla, and icing sugar until smooth. Spread frosting over brownies.

Legion Notes

Dart, euchre tournaments

By George McLeod
The executive wish to thank all members who attended our last general meeting. It was a treat to see such a large turnout, for what I felt was a very successful meeting.

For those of you who didn't make it the last time, the next general meeting is scheduled for Feb. 9, Monday at 8 p.m. sharp. Hope to see you there. Incidentally, the next executive meeting is for Monday Feb. 2.

Sports officer Fred Johnson wishes to pass on the following information.

Saturday afternoon Jan. 24 starting at 12.30 p.m. there is to be an open dart tournament in the club room, open to all dart players.

The following Sat., Jan. 31, starting at 1.30, all members of Branch 136 are invited to take part in a euchre tournament. This is open to Ladies Auxiliary, Friday night euchre players and anyone else who cares to join in.

Awards are to be presented by George Thornborough and Sons, our friendly bearded oil man from town.

sored Curling team will be competing in Provincial playoffs at London. I'm not sure of the date, but we wish them the best of luck.

Our President Comrade Max Black reports that our sick board shows three members who he keeps in touch with, namely Bob Bell, Huck Kelman, and Bill Mountain.

The latest on Bob Bell is, he is progressing very well, and we are looking forward to seeing you back at the club shortly. Bob. We have made arrangements to knock down the back wall, to accommodate the TV cameras, when you return. As for Kelman, I have a new name for you, "the incredible Hulk". I never did hear how much damage was done to the machine.

I haven't heard any news on Bill, but hope and pray he is improving.

Coming events—Our annual fish and chip night, more details on this in the next edition. I'm a little late on this but congratulations to "Oil Can" on his successful cake.

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Halton 4-H leaders annual meeting

By Douglas B. Miller
Ken McNabb, R.R. 2, Georgetown was re-elected president of the Halton 4-H Club Leaders' Council at their annual meeting Jan. 7.

Twelve leaders were present. Bob Lasby, R.R. 2, Rockwood will be the 1st vice-president and Doug Gardhouse, R.R. 5, Milton, will be 2nd vice-president. Doug Miller, Ontario Ministry of Agri-

culture and Food, was returned as Secretary. Treasurer as Doug Mewhinney as Farm Safety Council Representative.

Several changes in the clubs offered for 1981 were approved.

The clubs offered will include Acton Calf, Beef Calf, Conservation, Junior Dairy Calf, Senior Dairy Calf, Farm Machinery, Farm Safety,

Field Crop, Horse, Horticulture, Maple Syrup, Poultry, Sheep and Swine. The clubs are open to interested young people aged 11 to 19 as of Jan. 1, 1981.

All clubs will be organized in March except the Sheep and Maple Syrup Clubs which will start in January.

A meeting will be held soon with the 1980 club presidents to get their

opinions regarding the future direction of the 4-H program. Halton will be sending two 4-H leaders to the 4-H Provincial Leaders' Conference and five 4-H members to Wisconsin as part of a continuing exchange.

A tree planting special project for 4-H members was approved by the leaders. This will tentatively be a joint effort with the Kingsway Kiwanis Club. A training meeting with a guest speaker for the leaders is being planned for the next month.

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Region attends meetings

Halton Region's Planning Department will have a representative at Land Division Committee meetings for the next three months, on a trial basis.

The experiment will last for three months so that it can be concluded by the time the 1981 operating budget is discussed. If it proves that a person is needed indefinitely, it could be made part of the Planning Department budget requests.

It had been suggested the objections of the region should be made at the Land Division Committee. Letters from the planning department are normally sent but they don't necessarily have to be included in the discussion of land sever-

ances. Planning Committee wants a staff representative on the scene to find out if the letters have any bearing and if the representative can make comment at the time of the severance discussion.

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Church Services

MILTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Kelvin F. Mutter 878-0035
Sunday, Jan. 25/81
Sunday Morning
10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m. - Junior Church in the auditorium of Halton Centennial Manor.
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ANGELICAN CHURCH OF CANADA GRACE CHURCH
317 Main St., Milton
Sunday, Jan. 25/81
8:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. - Parish Communion
9:30 a.m. - Senior Church School
10:30 a.m. - Junior Church School
Lunch & Vestry Meeting To Follow 10:30 Service

THURSDAY
10:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
Church School

ST. GEORGE'S
Lowville (Guelph Line and Derry Rd.)
11:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Beginning of 125th Anniversary Services
Nursery and Church School
Rev. Charles Masters
Rector

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
4272 Appleby Line
Rev. W.E. Payne P10
Sunday, Jan. 25/81
9:45 a.m. - Bible School for all ages
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service P10

Tuesday
7:00 p.m. - Trinity Boys & Girls Club

Wednesday
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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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11:00 a.m. - Junior & Intermediate Schools
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Pastor Dr. J.R. Armstrong
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Sunday, Jan. 25/81
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
11:00 a.m. - Assembly & Worship
Sermon: "God's Work Done In God's Way"
7:00 p.m. - Missionary Service
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Tuesday
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Sunday, Jan. 25/81
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"
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