

Between the Willows

Aha, Art and Eddie

By Don Byers
I am fulfilling a promise, made years ago, by writing about two of the most funny men I have ever known.

Art and Eddie were not only close business associates, they were also bosom buddies with a natural knack for getting into hilarious, often ridiculous situations. You may have difficulty believing what follows. I assure you it happened.

It was around this time of year that Art, Eddie, and their wives, arranged a small dinner party, to be held at a well-known Chinese restaurant in downtown Toronto. The group gathered at Art's for cocktails, before setting out for Chinatown.

As the cavalcade of cars was passing through Queen's Park, one of the vehicles became involved in a minor "fender-bender". Art, driving in the lead, pulled over, in order to walk back, and to see, firsthand, what was going on. Getting out of his car, he slipped on a patch of ice, and turned his ankle.

The delay was short-lived. Within a few minutes, the gentlemen were letting the ladies off in front of the restaurant, and stuffing their cars in the nearby parking lot.

The reserved table was waiting and the mood was jovial. It wasn't until the first round had been ordered that someone asked: "Where's Art? Anyone seen Art?"

Eddie volunteered to look for him. He checked the Men's Room and the lobby but his friend was nowhere to be found. In desperation, Eddie headed outside to the parking lot. And there was Art, sitting in his car.

"What the hell are you doing out here?"

"It's my ankle. I can't walk on it."
"Slide over. I'll drive you to Emergency."

Upon arrival, Eddie helped his friend down the crowded hospital corridor, until he spotted an empty wheelchair. "Sit here," he said, as he dumped off the groaning body, "I'll look after things."

And he did. Soon a doctor had completed his examination. "It's a fracture," he said. "I'm afraid we're going to have to keep you over for awhile."
"No bleeding way," screamed Art. "Eddie get me the hell out of here and back to the party!"

Eddie responded immediately, propelling the wheelchair, at great speed, down the hall toward the nearest exit. Unfortunately, in his exuberance, Eddie lost his grip, outside, at the top of a steep ramp. Free from control, the chair and Art took off, heading for the street with incredible velocity. The careening vehicle, which scattered pedestrians in all directions, finally came to an abrupt halt, plunk in the middle of the streetcar tracks—its sole passenger screaming obscenities, and bringing traffic to a standstill.

Eddie to the rescue again. He puffed and pushed Art to safety, and, despite dire warnings, back to Emergency, this time to stay for proper treatment.

It was caat-and-crutches for weeks. Art took it in stride, so to speak, while Eddie performed his impression of a mother hen.

Time heals all wounds, as is said. Art's misadventure was no exception. When he got it all back together again, he and his buddy were ready for another near-disaster. We'll catch up on that one another time.

Amme anniversary held

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Amme of Milton recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

An open house was held at their home for friends and neighbors. Later a dinner party and dance was held at 6 p.m. at the Bayrischer Hof restaurant, Steeles Ave., when eighty relatives, friends and family were guests.

Mrs. Amme received her friends in a charming street length gown in shades of blue and white and wore a gold corsage. Guests were present from Port Dover, Woodstock, New Liskeard, Toronto, Georgetown, Fisherville, Burlington and local. Guests from Holland were Mr. and Mrs. Hendrick Dekker, nephew of Mrs. Amme, and Mr. Amme's sister Mrs. Kaata Wesman of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Amme have a son Mr. and Mrs. John Amme and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller of Milton, and son Fred Jr., deceased.

They have 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Amme family came to Canada from Holland thirty years ago and quickly learned the Canadian way of life and language. They are members of Omagh Presbyterian church and Mrs. Amme a fine worker in the Women's Association and Women's Missionary society. Mr. Amme was a dairy farmer for 17 years, the family first resided at Drumquinn and later on the third line.

Mr. and Mrs. Amme are now retired and reside on Kingsleigh Court, Milton and are enjoying an easier life.

The happy couple received scores of cards, telegrams and gifts from their hometown in Holland and more than 200 cards in all and many gifts. They received congratulations and plaques from Mayor Krantz, Mr. Julian Reed and others.

Following the delicious dinner meal, dancing was enjoyed until 1.30 p.m. Music was supplied by a friend from Kitchener who delighted the guests with German accordion numbers.



Wedded bliss. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Amme have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

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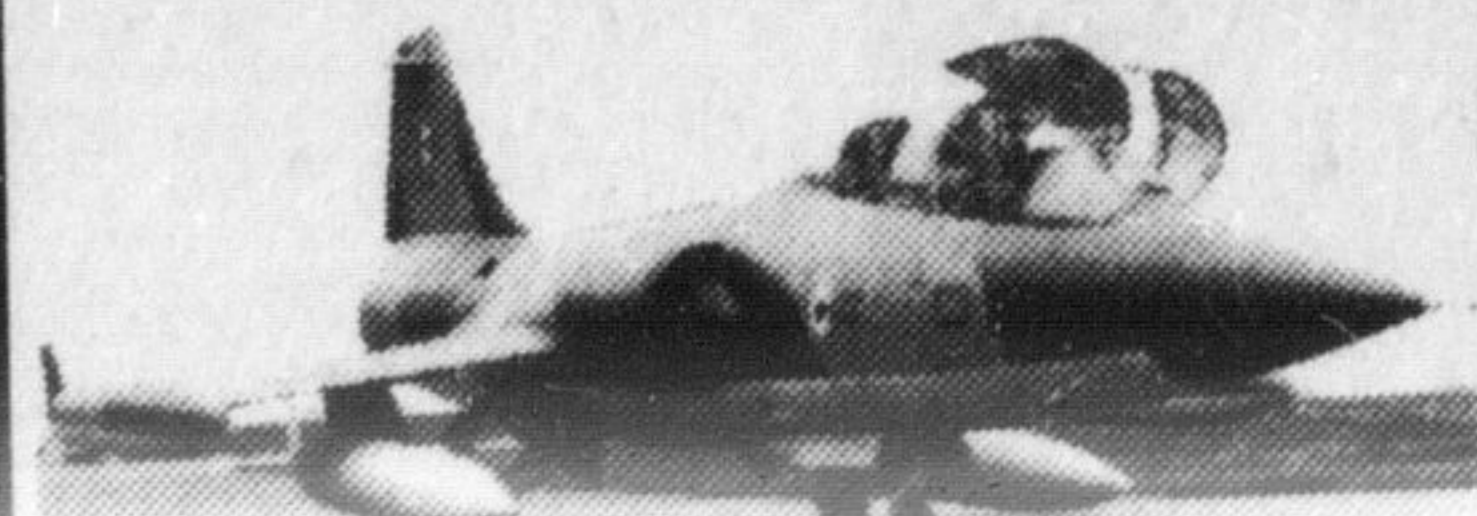
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Third world baby plight explained

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Bess Robinson led the devotional period using Ephesians 4 as her text. Positive "Absolutes" are stressed in the scripture, however in everyday life we tend to stress the negatives, such as "Don't do this or that."

Joan Lewis introduced the speaker for the evening, Sister Helena from Holy Rosary, in Milton. She spoke on the topic "baby bottle disease" which every year claims the life of 10 million babies in Third World countries. New mothers, anxious to do the best for her baby, against great odds are being encouraged to use prepared baby formulas rather than breast-feed their babies. Large companies, Nestles in particular, are using various methods to encourage mothers to use

their products. Glossy posters of healthy, happy babies are placed in hospitals showing them being fed formulas. "Milk nurses" who are employees of Nestles visit the mothers in hospital, dressed as nurses and give the new mothers free samples of their formula before the mothers ever begin to nurse their babies. Once the formula is used up, it is no longer physically possible to nurse her baby. Back home, the mother goes to the stream that is the village water supply and also the village

sewer. There is no fridge and no way to sterilize the bottle. As there is no money, it would take 75 per cent of the family income to keep on buying formula. So she dilutes it more and more with dirty water, stretching a tin, meant to last three days into three weeks. As a result, babies become very sick and eventually die or if they live, they are retarded due to infant malnutrition. The part that we can play in stopping such practices is to join the Nestles boycott and not

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