

## Between the Willows



### On the tube time

By DON BYERS  
Champion Resident Columnist

On Sunday, Oct. 10, history was made at Cragview, right here on Mount Nemo.

The occasion was our annual family Thanksgiving Day gathering, when for the first time for any of us, we appeared on television.

The mini-miracle was in the capable hands of nephew Don Miskow and his handsome son Donnie, who had arrived with a portable television camera and the necessary backup equipment.

Without the usual bright lights, the pictures that appeared on our television set, in the corner of the livingroom, were brilliantly clear.

With Don Miskow in the role of director, his son took the camera outside, there to capture the blaze of autumn colours that draped the mountain and the valley below.

Back in the house my nephew edited the tape, and wound up with a credible documentary of this special day.

I had the honor of presenting the epilogue... which I did from my favorite chair.

Seeing myself on the tube was one of the most unusual experiences I have ever had. And I couldn't help but draw a comparison with the funny, old geezer who traditionally appeared on the cover of Esquire Magazine, grey-flecked moustache and all.

My brothers-in-law, Alec and Les, looked for all the world like distinguished senators on the screen. My nieces, Leslie, Laurie, and Elaine, like movie starlets. As a matter of fact, all the ladies and gentlemen looked just great.

Watching the replay of the tape, I couldn't help but regret the fact that the TV camera was not around, when lungs and limbs were stronger, and we played the strangest games of touch football ever seen... son Rick going for a pass, and plunging headlong into the bullrushes, that border one of our springs, would have been a memorable scene to have recorded.

Be that as it may, this year's video taping of the special day will provide pleasure to the family, whenever it is shown, for years to come.

I have often, in this space, written unkindly about modern technology, particularly those faceless, heartless computers, which get their jollies by sending us snotty dinners.

While I am not about to recant my expressed opinion about that, I would be less than honest if I didn't tell you I was really impressed by the do-it-yourself television equipment that recorded the events here on Thanksgiving Day.

Eat your heart out Dallas!

## Guard not disciplined

A full-time Maplehurst Correctional guard on duty during an escape by two inmates will not face disciplinary action for failing to prevent the escape.

A part-time officer on duty during the Aug. 21 escape from inside of the medium-security correctional centre, was fired for negligence of duty.

"It was decided discipline was not warranted in the case of the full-time officer," said Maplehurst superintendent Allan Roberts.

"He was not immediately responsible for the supervision of the two inmates who escaped," he said, adding the officer was in the vicinity, but was in a secure control office.

The decision to waive disciplinary action against the guard was made following a month-long investigation by the ministry into the incident and a meeting between Mr. Roberts and the guard.

Mr. Roberts said the guard has, however, received a "letter of counsel" advising the officer of "concerns" of Maplehurst management.

He said the letter offers only advice and is in no way a reprimand.

William Wendover, 17, of Stratford, and John McGarry, 17, of Scarborough, have been charged with escaping custody.



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## Our Readers Write

### About those comments

Dear Editor:

During the past few weeks, I have seen my name and reputation attacked in the press, my sincerity has been questioned on a home renewal program, while others sought to draw me into their conflict of interest trial.

I suggest that these rantings are merely the talk of people who see their gain being by way of destroying the reputation of someone else. On all three points I plead innocent.

Before I respond to these insinuations I would like to remind the voters of Milton that they will be the ultimate judge on Nov. 8. I urge you to help me to provide positive progressive management to our municipal offices.

In response to those who have attempted to characterize me as being a man of words and not action, I would like to point out my significant contributions to Milton in my last term of office.

It was my leadership on the question of the need for an underpass on Ontario St. at Main which led council to finally approve the construction project. Many members of the council wanted to stall the project. In the interim, it was my motion and leadership which led to the establishment of a fire department unit south of the railroad tracks, ensuring half the town of fire protection which may have been cut off by a train in emergencies.

I was instrumental in expanding the crosswalk system in Milton, and

this is still an area of key concern to me. All three of these items were part of my campaign objectives in 1979, and I can report that all three were accomplished in my term of office. How many other politicians can say that?

As for other projects, I spearheaded the effort by our Regional representatives to successfully obtain the former court house and jail for \$1. I was largely responsible for the Turner and Lyons report being completed, giving Milton a blueprint for renovation of our building facades and town entrance ways and future possibilities.

As president of the Chamber of Commerce, I engineered the movement of the former CNR station to Unity Park, where it now serves as the information bureau for visitors. I instituted the annual fundraising Easter Seals dinner, and in the past two years, I made the necessary arrangements to finance and develop The Centre.

With my past record in mind, I can say with all honesty, that I will accomplish those things which I set out to do, if elected your mayor.

I can make little comment at this time about the alleged lawsuit against me, because of the legalities involved, even though the newspapers have made it public knowledge. Is it not interesting to note that as of this day—Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1982—I have not been served with any kind of legal document?

Gus Goutouski

See story on page A3.

### Thanks for cartoon

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank you most sincerely for your kind assistance and co-operation in forwarding to Miss Terri Brenton, the original drawing by cartoonist Larry Dickson which appeared in a recent edition of your newspaper.

You may be sure that I will indeed have this caricature framed and hung on my wall as a regular reminder of a very enjoyable day at the annual Steam-Era.

Yours sincerely,  
Dennis R. Timbrell  
Minister of Agriculture

### Not adoption—guardianship

Dear Editor:

Mike Boyle's editorial comments in last week's paper concerning Minor Hockey Players within the organization was not completely accurate. The relationship of my family with Mark Haskett was not one of adoption, but rather legal guardianship.

We took legal guardianship of Mark at a time when all concerned, Mark and his parents included, felt that it would be in his best interest to do so. The prime reason, as Mike indicated, of playing hockey for me as Coach of the Midget team is irresponsible reporting on his part.

Mark spent the better part of a year with us and only this past August, decided to return to Missis-sauga to live with his mother. His hockey ability and the opportunity for Mark to advance, should not be placed ahead of his desire to live with his mother in a family environment, as Mike inferred in his report.

Perhaps rather than question the motives of parents in hockey, Mike should first question the journalistic accuracy of the reports he writes!

Bob Davidson  
Coach  
Milton Major Midgets

### Thank Festival of Countries

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank all those who organized the Festival of Countries. It was a treat to be able to see the crafts and taste the foods of four different countries—Egypt, Germany, Latvia and Holland. It was especially kind of the Legion to build a ramp so that their entrance is accessible for those who have difficulty with stairs.

It was too bad that the Irish barricaded the ramp at the side of the Laurier Arena so that it couldn't be used; and that the Welsh put their displays, and food, in the lower hall of Grace Church, when the upper

hall and vestibule are accessible. Everyone obviously enjoyed the entertainment in Grace Church.

Hopefully, next year the Presbyterian Church will have their hall as available as their church; and maybe the United Church will have investigated the problem of accessibility—they offer a variety of entertainment throughout the year but limit the attendance to those that are physically fit.

Looking forward to "travelling" to more countries next September, I am.  
Sincerely yours,  
Mary Sinclair

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## Thanks for coverage

Dear Editor:

At the beginning of this school year, it seems appropriate to express our appreciation to you for your excellent newspaper coverage. Not only did it help build greater school spirit at Robert Baldwin but it also gave the Milton communities a glimpse at our many special ac-

tivities throughout the year.

The staff and students look forward to another year of working closely with you and the Champion, Jane. In addition to sending you our monthly newsletters, we will also contact you for extra special events.

Yours sincerely,  
J. Felce,  
Vice-Principal

## More coverage needed

Dear Editor:

It has been a concern of mine for about a year now that I feel must be addressed.

As a member of rural Milton, I think that we are being ignored. Many news items of interest and concern to the farming community are being omitted from the Champion, or at best, printed as old news.

A startling example of this statement was the lack of coverage at the 4-H awards night held in the E. C. Drury Auditorium in October, 1981. Approximately 100 4-H young people from both rural and urban Milton, along with parents, friends, 4-H leaders, our mayor, some councillors, our MPP and others witnessed presentation of awards to worthy participants.

Although your office was notified in advance of the evening, no staff reporter was present. Three weeks later the event was briefly written up in the back pages. I cannot ever

recall such an oversight by the Champion.

Several weeks ago I came into your office to read through the Acton Free Press and Georgetown Independent, hoping to find coverage of the 4-H competitions in the Acton and Georgetown Fairs. I found no such news.

For the last two Wednesdays there has been no write-up or pictures pertaining to the activities of these industrious 4-H young people at the Milton Agricultural Fair.

Your readership, Mr. Challinor, goes beyond the town limits. We as farm families would appreciate reading news of rural interest and information helpful to farmers as well. Above all do not forget our rural youth. They are tomorrow's bread basket.

Sincerely,  
Geraldine Kunica

P.S. The 4-H Awards Night will be held at St. Paul's United Church Main St., Milton, on October 29 at 8 p.m. See you there.

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