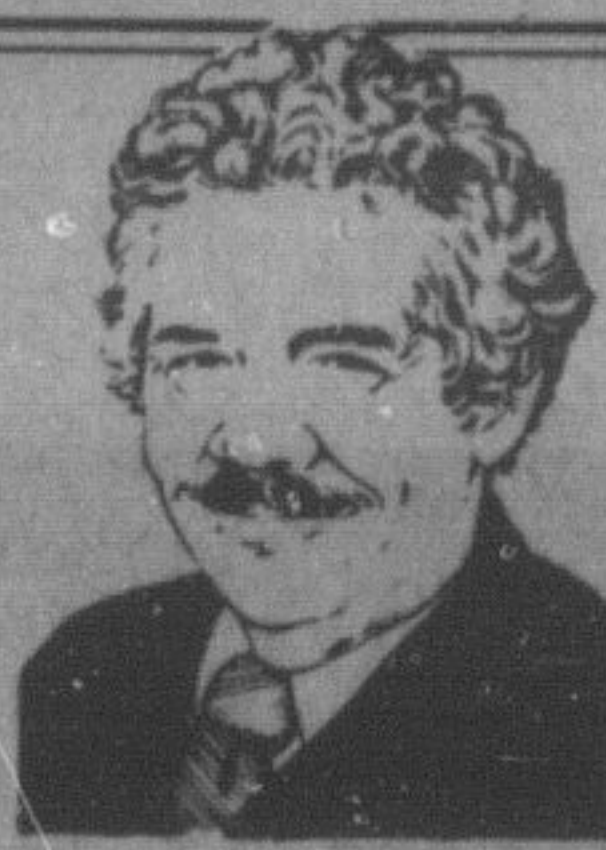


## Between the Willows



### Monkey business

BY DON BYERS

Many years ago, when I was sales training manager with Goodyear Tire, I made several trips a year to the head office, in Akron, Ohio, the rubber capital of the world.

With a group of executives, who also had business Stateside, we'd fly down in the company's DC3.

I stayed in a small hotel downtown, and it was here I came upon one of the most outrageous characters I have ever met.

His name was Bennie, and he reigned over the compact lounge bar, just off the lobby—and I mean reigned.

You had to take notice of Bennie. His appearance demanded it. He had a collection of incredibly loud vests which he changed, with great ceremony, every hour on the hour.

"Beware of the monkey" read the sign behind the bar, and sure enough, dressed as colourfully as his master, there was a little monkey on a silver chain.

At frequent intervals the wee guy would be set free. He'd then scamper down the bar scooping up, to the astonishment of the patrons, any loose change within reach. This he deposited in a special box, the contents of which would eventually go to one of Bennie's favorite charities.

The bartender's manner was as brash as his clothes. He had an insult for everybody in the room... and everyone loved it.

On one occasion a well-dressed lady parked on a barstool and surveyed the scene snobbishly.

"What'll it be lady?"

"I'll have a scotch and coke, please."

"Not in my bar you won't," said Bennie in a loud voice.

"What?" cried the shocked woman.

"Lady. Nobody treats Scotch like that. Take it on the rocks, with water, or with soda, or not at all!"

"With soda, then, she said sheepishly.

On another evening, a sharply-dressed young man was going all out to impress the pretty young gal with whom he shared a booth. He was trying desperately to be Mr. Suave.

The phone behind the bar rang. Bennie answered it, turned to the couple in the booth, and shouted: "Mr. Allan, a call for you."

Mr. Suave got up, straightened his tie, and strode confidently to the corner of the bar.

As he reached for the phone, Bennie shot him down in flames with "It's your mother!"

Believe it or not, people would line up just to get in the bar to be insulted. It had become a status symbol.

In time I was able to find out more about the brash bartender. My research revealed that he was much loved by the people of Akron for his never-ending work to help the needy and the disadvantaged.

Of course, were you to comment on that aspect of his life, he's probably say: "Yeh? So what?"

And that would be the end of that.

## Local artist helps Scouts

The sale of a limited edition print by Bonnie Coulter of Campbellville is aimed at earning funds for the local scouting organization.

A maximum of 400 copies of a charcoal print depicting the Niagara escarpment in the winter will be sold for \$10 each Friday, Dec. 3 at Milton Mall beginning at 6 p.m.

The Lady's Auxiliary of Campbellville Boy Scouts organized the fund raising scheme which is hoped to add \$3,500 to the local scouting bank account.

Proceeds of the sale will be used to replace equipment and help sponsor a scout who will attend a jamboree in Calgary next year.

Organizers choose this time of year for the sale as many will be looking for inexpensive Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Coulter plans to sketch more local scenes to be offered for sale by the organization each year to complete a series representing the four seasons.

For further information about the purchase of the print, contact Linda Robertson at 854-2759.

## Our Readers Write

### Gas rip off

Dear Editor:

Recently I took a pricing tour of 12 gas stations in Milton to see where I could purchase the cheapest gas and found out it pays to shop around. The cheapest gas was at Durante's Esso on Hwy. 25, north of the 401.

The following is a price list on regular gas:

Durante Esso Hwy 25 north 401—38.9c per litre \$1.77 per gallon.

Bell Shell Corner Martin and Steeles—42.4c per litre \$1.93 per gallon.

BP Corner 25 Hwy and Steeles 42.4c per litre \$1.93 per gallon.

Sunoco Corner Steeles and Ontario St.—42.4c per litre \$1.93 per gallon.

Esso Corner Main and Ontario—45.4c per litre \$2.06 per gallon.

Bonins Esso Corner Main Bronte—45.4c per litre \$2.06 per gallon.

Johnson Texaco Main St.—45.4c per litre \$2.06 per gallon.

Palermo is 39.5 cents, Oakville 38.5 cents to 40 cents per litre also Mississauga and Burlington. Most gas stations are bleeding the public. Drive a little further and you will save a lot.

### Publicity appreciated

Dear Editor:

During the five years the Milton Historical Society has been in operation, we have often remarked amongst ourselves how much we appreciate your help in publicizing our events and running our stories. I believe it is time to say "Thank

### History lesson

Dear Sir:

Last week you were kind enough to run the research on the Duncan Dewar property, 213 Queen St. However, our researchers said some facts were omitted and we would like to correct this.

Mrs. Duncan Dewar died in 1911 and the property was left to their unmarried daughter, Miss Edith M. Dewar. Miss Dewar remained in the house, sharing it from time to time with other members of her family, until her death in 1943. The estate was purchased by Dr. C.K. Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson in whose possession it remained until 1967.

### Hospital praised

(Ed. note: The following letter was sent to Milton District Hospital administrator Brian Brady. A copy was filed with The Champion for publication.)

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the excellent medical attention and care which was given to my two sons Kevin (5 years old) and Brandon (2 years old) during their recent illnesses. Especially I would like to commend Dr. Sax, Dr. Peers, Dr. Edwards, Dr. Bradley, and Registered Nurses Marcia House and Norma Segreto for their quick action and concern on the afternoon and evening of Saturday Nov. 6. I feel that it is their fine work which can be attributed to saving Kevin's life.

Whenever my family or I have been in the hospital, be it for medical

### Whose values?

Dear Editor:

I am a grade 12 student at Milton District High School. During my health classes this term, we were taught many things that I knew were contrary to the values taught to me at home.

Examples:

Premarital sex is okay among consenting students provided precautions are taken.

We were told where to purchase birth control devices and not to feel embarrassed when doing so.

We were taught that abortion is a safe form of birth control and that it does no physical or psychological

25 and 10 BP Hwy 25 and Derry—45.4 per litre \$2.06 per gallon.

Clements Sunoco Bronte Rd.—45.5c per litre \$2.07 per gallon.

Gulf Steeles and Ontario—45.8c per litre \$2.08 per gallon.

Northend Datsun Gulf Hwy 25 at 401—45.8c per litre \$2.08 per gallon.

Fifth Wheel Esso Hwy 25 at 401—46.9c per litre \$2.13 per gallon.

The difference of 16 to 36 cents per gallon is a complete rip off. One Esso station can sell gas at 36 cents a gallon cheaper than another Esso station and they are less than half a mile apart. Prices outside of Milton are far lower.

Palermo is 39.5 cents, Oakville 38.5 cents to 40 cents per litre also Mississauga and Burlington. Most gas stations are bleeding the public. Drive a little further and you will save a lot.

You" to you and your staff, your co-operation is very much needed and appreciated. In short, you have been good to us. Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,  
V.A. Grimshaw  
President,  
Milton Historical Society

Dr. Stevenson, as most Miltonian's know, was the much loved physician who acquired Milton's first hospital, and dedicated his life to that institution. His home on Queen street was often shared by hospital staff who used it as a half-way house while looking for their own place of residence.

Your co-operation in publishing this additional information is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,  
Valerie A. Grimshaw,  
President,  
Milton Historical Society

attention or just visiting we have always found the staff to be cordial and obliging as well as very professional in whatever their work capacity. From the doctors and nurses to the maintenance staff, all seem to exude a sense of responsibility and caring.

I would be very grateful if you could pass along my deepest appreciation to all of your Staff and especially to those in Emergency and Pediatrics for all their help and kindness.

I believe that the residents of Milton can feel assured that they will be given the best treatment possible at Milton District Hospital and I feel that you can be very proud of your staff.

Yours very truly  
Keith Sommerville, P. Eng.  
Milton

harm to a woman. Trial marriage was recommended as the "up and coming thing" and that it has many advantages over conventional marriage.

On Nov. 18 the Pro-Abortion speaker asked for a show of hands of those students who favoured the Pro-Life position. Mine was one the only hands raised.

Are my parents values wrong and outdated?

Yours truly,  
Audrey Steenhof  
R.R. 2 Campbellville  
Age 17

## Procor layoff

By ROBERT ASHE

Forty-five Procor plant workers will be permanently laid off Dec. 3 while another 130 will be placed on temporary layoff, the company announced recently.

The workers on temporary layoff are subject to recall by early March spokesman Gordon Stainton said. He held out little hope the permanently laid off employees will be recalled.

Procor attributes the move—first announced to affected employees in early November—to the slumping resource industries such as oil, gas, minerals and lumber.

Also blamed is the overall state of the economy.

The layoffs leave slightly over 50 employees to run the plant—about 12 of whom are in maintenance.

The Oakville Procor plant produces railway tank cars.

The move follows layoffs in May and July, at which time 74 and 100 men respectively were laid off. Mr. Stainton said that unit production has dropped sharply since early this year.

All of the 175 workers affected are members of Local 75 of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers.

He said the reason for the tentative March recall date is "there are orders that have to be produced at that time. Obviously we are hoping there is going to be a change in the resource industries between now and then."

Local 75 chief steward Richard Arseneault said he would better be able to react to the news after union lawyers look into the legalities of the timing of the layoff. Arseneault said the union is questioning the matter because the plant goes on a paid two-week shutdown over the Christmas break.

## Watch out

An increase in incidents of crimes which violate private property has prompted citizens to join ranks and try to make their neighborhoods more secure.

An organizational meeting has been planned for residents of the Robert Baldwin, St. Peter's schools area interested in establishing a Neighbor-

hood Watch program. Members of a Neighborhood Watch program in Burlington will offer their expertise at the meeting set for Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 7.30 p.m. at Robert Baldwin School.

In addition to the guest speakers, a movie called the National Crime Test will be featured and discussed.

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