

PAM IN PORTLAND

by Pamela Fry

Guess Who's in Who's Who?

I was so pleased the other day to get a very interesting and amusing letter from my good friend - and one of my favourite authors - Mike Murphy. As many of you will remember, his book, My Kind of People, was published in 1987, and is available in our local libraries.

Mike has long been a familiar figure around these parts. He spent several years of his childhood living with two maiden aunts in Elgin, and has continued to keep touch with most of his old friends in the Valley. He tells me that he'll be down again for a visit in April.

But the most amusing (and amazing) news of all is that Mike has made it into the newest edition of the Canadian Who's Who.

Typically, he hasn't pulled any punches when describing his life and times, as you will see below. His comment to me was the best of all: "Won't this look nice, Pam, alongside the country's so-called distinguished Canadians."

Well, I think it looks just great, and I had a feeling that everyone else would get a chuckle out of it too.

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MURPHY, Michael Joseph G.; writer; b. Kingston, Ont. 1 Nov. 1927; s. George Dominic and Kathleen (Freeman) M.; e. Regiopolis Coll., Kingston (5 yrs.); single; constr. labourer; reporter, Smith's Falls, Ont.; Locomotive Fireman, C.P.R. (working on steam locomotives 10 yrs.); moved to Toronto 1961; worked as clerk, taxi driver, building supt., etc.; spent 10 years on skid row living in flop houses & park benches; Mem., Alcoholics Anonymous (10 yrs.); Roman Cath.; author "My Kind of People" 1987, "I Met Them at the Track" forthcoming, and several published short stories; recreations: attending horse races regularly; club: Writers' Union of Can.; Home: 416-1684 Victoria Park Ave., Scarborough, Ont. M1R 1R1. 285-4153.

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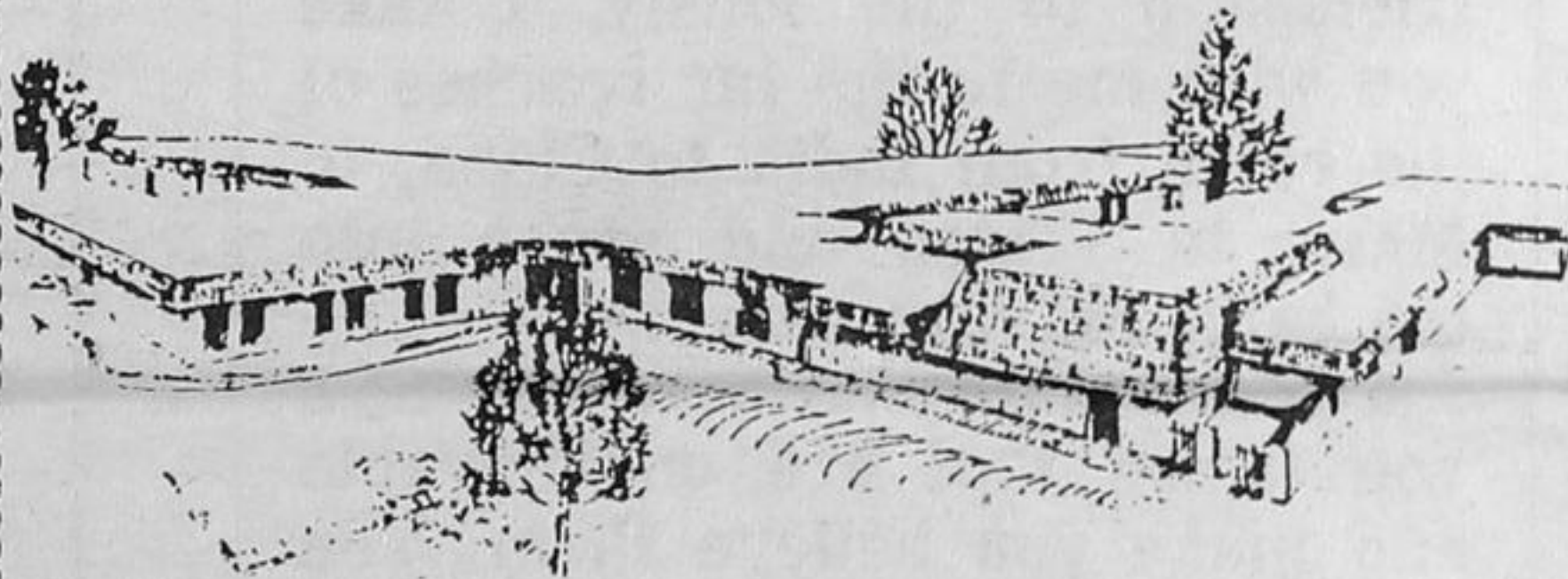
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