## A Page from the Past

Ninety years ago Acton and area was in the midst of World War 1, commonly referred to as The Great War. Although many local boys were overseas serving in the trenches there was still a strong militia contingent here ready to serve if they were called on.

This item from a Milton newspaper of May 11, 1916,

May 11, 1916 – Change in organization of the 164<sup>th</sup> Batallion. The Milton and Oakville contingents are now in A Company, at Oakville. Georgetown, Campbellville and Orangeville in B CO., at Orangeville. Shelburne and Grand Valley in C Co., at Shelburne and Burlington and Acton in D Co. in Milton. The changes in quarters were made last Monday.

The Milton boys marched to Oakville and halted at noon at Palermo, where the people of the neighbourhood gave them a fine spread. The Acton and Burlington boys marched to Milton. H.P. Moore followed the Actonians to the schoolhouse near Speyside, with his car loaded with refreshments, including hot coffee, and the Burlington men marched via Lowville, where the farmers' wives provided dinner at the farm of J.F. Richardson.

The headquarters staff and the brass and bugle bands remain here.

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OTTAWA RECEPTION: The Hon. Michael Chong, Minister for Sport, centre, congratulates Billy Bridges of Guelph, left, and Bradley Bowden of Orton, right, gold medalists in sledge hockey at the 2006 Paralympic Winter Games. Medalists and head coaches were honoured at a reception in the House of Commons from both the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. - Photo by Neil Valois

## MP's honors Olympic, Paralympic athletes

Canadian medalists were recognized today in the House of Commons for their achievements at the 2006 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Torino, Italy in February and March. Among them were Bradley Bowden of Orton and Billy Bridges of Guelph.

Canada placed third in the medal count with 24 medals at the Olympic Games. The total is the highest medal count Canada has ever achieved at an Olympic Winter Game. Canada achieved a top-six finish at the Paralympic Winter Games with 13 medals.

"All of Canada is proud of the outstanding successes of our Canadian athletes at the 2006 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Throughout the Games, our athletes demonstrated what can be achieved through consistent effort and dedication," said Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

"I congratulate all our athletes who provided Canada with impressive performances at the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. This is an exciting time for sport in Canada,3 said Minister for Sport Michael Chong who is also

Wellington-Halton Hills M.P. "Our athletes are important role models for children and young people. They help deliver important messages about the benefits of active and healthy lifestyles. They have paved the way for the next generation of Canadians to participate in competitive sports.'

## precautions Camping?- take

The first long weekend of the warm weather season is

Christina Danielle Cooper

was sworn in as a

Police Constable with

Toronto Police Service on

May 4, 2006.

Christina graduated from

Acton High School in 2000,

and from the

University of Waterloo in

2004. We are extremely

Congratulations!

almost here with barbecues, camping, road trips, cottages, bonfires and a host of other activities notes Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services. It's also a time to take precautions, the Service says, to enjoy safe and enjoyable outings.



There's more to responsible drinking than taking a cab. Don't put yourself-or your family—at risk to fire.

Among the precautions for camping trips: Ensure the tent you purchase has been manufactured with a flame retardant mate-Do not use candles or any

open flame heaters inside the tent. Only use flashlights or battery operated lanterns.

Always check for and obey any campground rules regarding campfires, restrictions or fire bans

Before going to bed for the night, always put the campfire out. Extinguish the fire by drowning with water or cover it completely with dirt.

Always have the campfire down wind from the campsite and tent. Clear all vegetation and dig a pit surrounded by rocks before building a campfire. Keep in mind that too big a fire is not always the way to go.

Always supervise children around the fire. Do not allow children to play around the



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