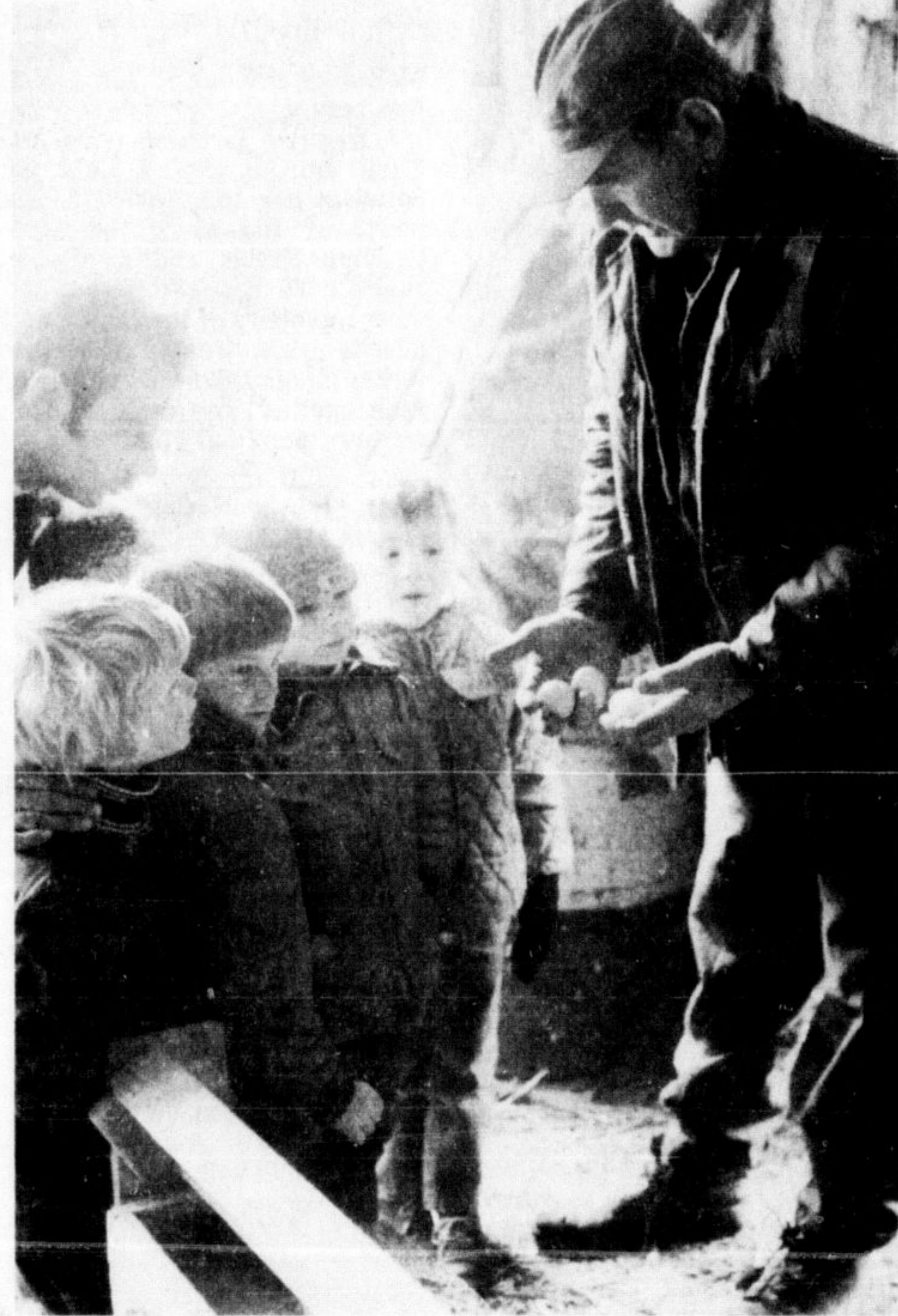


# OUR READERS WRITE



37 CHILDREN of the kindergarten class at Strathcona Public School in Burlington enjoyed a morning's outing at the King farm near Lowville last week. They toured the barn, saw a demonstration of wood cutting and ended the interesting morning with a wagon ride.

(Photos by J. Jeppings)



## Obituary

### Rev. J. Lorne Graham served here 10 years

Rev. J. Lorne Graham, B.A., B.D., C.D., minister of Milton's St. Paul's United Church from 1956 to 1965 died Wednesday, April 26 in Toronto. Funeral service was held on Saturday from the Turner and Porter Yorke Chapel.

J. L. GRAHAM

Rev. Graham had served churches in Toronto, Ottawa, Milton and Dundas during his 44 year career. He was 72.

Graham Hall, in St. Paul's Christian Education Centre, was named in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Graham following his ministry here. The Christian Education Centre was built while the Grahams were serving in Milton.

**Navy chaplain**  
During World War II Rev. Graham served for three years as a chaplain with the Royal Canadian Navy and during his time in Milton he served as Chaplain of the Milton Branch, Royal Canadian Legion. Legionnaires honored him by lowering flags at the local cenotaphs to half mast and pinning poppies at the Canadian Ensign which graced his casket.

In January 1960 Rev. Graham was on the Queen's Honors List and was promoted from Chaplain Class three to Class four, the

equivalent of Commander R.C.N.R. While he was in Milton he also received the Canada Decoration.

Born and educated in Toronto, he was ordained a minister of the United Church in 1925. His service included the charges of Century United Church in New Toronto, St. Paul's United in Dundas, Dominion United in Ottawa and St. Paul's in Milton. In 1965 he became visiting

assistant at Royal York Rd. United Church in Toronto where he worked for four years.

**Interest in youth**  
His activities in Milton included a keen interest in young people and for several years he was also a member of the Rotary Club.

Among the pallbearers from Milton were Tom Bradley, T. A. Hutchinson, W. L. McNeil and J.

M. Ledwith.  
Rev. Graham is survived by his wife Helen, a son Cameron of Ottawa and a daughter Margaret of Toronto.

—Save up your bottles, Milton Scouts and Cubs are planning a bottle drive Saturday, May 13. They'll take both returnable and clear non-returnable bottles.

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### FUN, FRUSTRATIONS OF LIVING IN PARIS

Dear Sir:

Nearly four weeks have passed since I left Milton for France, and much has been packed into these exciting (and sometimes frustrating) days. First, I stayed for one week with a missionary family, hoping that room and board would become available in a French home. The second week, an apartment was shared with another single missionary whose apartment-mate was busily engaged in a two-week youth camp. Toward the end of that week, it was apparent that I'd have to settle for other than a French home, so arrangements were made for me to live at the university residence near Orsay, on the outskirts of Paris.

Both language study and settling in the residence fell on the same day, April 10, and since then I've been trying to steer my brain, which only thinks in English, into the "French sea". Sometimes I feel out over my depth, but each day there is new challenge and sometimes, even, encouragement. I'm so grateful for the prayers of many people and for the comfort and strength I've received as a result. I sure miss everyone!

Have you ever lost your way in a huge city and not been able to make yourself understood? What a predicament! I had to find my way across Paris to the American hospital for a booster shot that was due. The going was fine as I followed the map closely. The return trip was something else. I got on the metro (subway) after making a transfer, and soon found I was travelling in the wrong direction. Not to bore you with details, let me just say, I left the American hospital about 3.20 or so, and it was nearly 6 p.m. when I finally arrived back at Orsay residence. Though it was far from funny at the time, it soon tickled me, and I've chalked it up to "experience."

A number of funny things have happened, others very frustrating, but it's all part of getting used to a different county and culture, as well as language.

It takes at least two hours every day to travel to and from Paris for language classes. I eat my noon meal (hot dinner) at the Alliance Francaise student restaurant. Usually breakfast and supper are eaten in my room, as there is a small kitchenette on the third floor for preparation. Since most things are very expensive compared to Canada, it's a bit cheaper this way.

Being on the 4th floor, I was curious to know how many steps I had to climb, since there is no elevator. Would you believe - 83?! That's one way to lose weight!

Paris is really pretty in Spring with her many hills and valleys, and homes nestled so cozily into the hillsides. Many of the people have fruit trees in their yards, which are in bloom, as are so many flowers. To me, it's strange to see the houses with brick, iron or stone fences all around and gates which are kept locked; people walking the streets with long loaves of crusty French bread under their arms; many stores where the wares are out on the sidewalks, and in some cases where vendors are calling out, advertising what they're selling.

Two people have sent me copies of your write-up from The Champion. Thank you for a good article. Two minor corrections - I'll only be four miles from Audrey Lawrence (not 20) and the national language is French, but Ngambi is spoken in the area where I'll be working. I really appreciate your story.

(Miss) Joan Melior,  
"Foreign Correspondent."  
R.U.J.F. - E. 402,  
Rue A. Maginot,  
91 Orsay, France.

—This is the House the Citizens Built" is the theme for National Hospital Day on May 12.

### BRUCE ST. GOOD SITE FOR TOWN YOUTH CENTRE

Dear Sir:

There is much talking about the old Bruce St. School and I admit it does have memories for us, but so does everything in life hold memories. From the time we are born until we die, there are those objects and certain people who hold a special place in our hearts. To remember the good things in life is to be recommended, but time goes on and times change, people change, things get old and we get older. But all things pass away, even people.

What we must think about is not preserving old buildings, but building new things for the future generations, buildings for our children and their children, a place where they can learn, have fun and grow up to be useful citizens. It's what we leave to the youth of Milton that counts. Whether it be a beautiful big library, a recreational centre or a brand new school, it makes no difference. Milton is in dire need of many things, but I especially think it needs a building where the kids can go, have fun, learn sports and feel they are achieving something for their time spent on earth.

The old school has served its purpose for a long, long time but so did other things that have long been torn down. What about the Dr. Gowland Home on Main St. that was truly a big beautiful home. It was a pretty corner, but now it's filled with stores. What about the great tall trees that used to line both sides of our Main Street? They surely made our business section more attractive, but they chopped them down. What about the beautiful view the people on Bronte St. once had of the mountain when they sat in their back yards? Now all they see is a hill and a dirty railroad track.

Oh yes, I could go on and on about saving these old things for posterity, but changes come and with them, changed ideas and people. Let's give our children something to do, something to keep their minds occupied, a centre where they can go and "do their own thing." I would hate to think we older citizens are going to be responsible for not helping our town build for the future generations to come. Milton is my home town, I was born here, went to the schools here and I, as much as anyone, can look over at the old school and remember what fun we had there, but I can also look out across the road and visualize a beautiful new building, equipped with all the things one needs to build a better body, a fine mind, and a good character—a building that any child can be proud of in years to come.

Idle hands and minds make work for the devil. I only pray I live long enough to see a youth centre here in Milton that will give the young people so many things to do, they won't have time to hang around pool halls, beverage rooms and other places where they are learning nothing and not accomplishing any worthwhile project. Don't put the blame on them when we can't take the trouble to give them a place to go when they are out of school.

As I said before, we all have to face change, in our way of life, in our thinking and in our attitude. The only person who never changes is Jesus Christ and even He said, "and a little child shall lead them." Even in those days Jesus knew it's the young who will keep this old world going. So let's help them to keep it going by giving them a place they can find strength of character, health and happiness.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. Edith Sharpe,  
429 Pearl St., Milton.

### CONCRETE MONSTROSITY IS NOT "CONSERVATION"

We read with amazement in The Champion of April 19 the decision by the so-called CONSERVATION Authority, ably abetted by our Town Council, to channel the Sixteen Mile Creek into a concrete bed.

We chose to live in Milton 16 years ago, because we liked its attractive natural setting. For some reason the powers that be have decided that a concrete channel is better than a natural meandering creek, where birds, fish and all small animals can live a natural life.

Is it really so necessary to channelize the creek, because it happens to be higher and wider than usual for perhaps only two or three days each year? For most of the time there is a normal flow, and a concrete channel would be a half empty gaping hole, cutting through our town. Brampton, Oakville, and Port Credit are fine examples of this.

Perhaps if the CONSERVATION Authority had embarked on a program of tree planting in strategic places, years ago, at the time they hired engineers to dream up concrete monstrosities, some of the problem, if indeed it does exist, would have been partially solved by now.

However, it appears that development and the almighty dollar are far more important in today's world than parks, green fields, trees and nature in general.

Mr. Dills was certainly correct in his remarks that from time to time the creek could do with cleaning out, as garbage collects in it, but unfortunately, this garbage will still collect whether the creek is straightened, channelized or whatever. As he stated the planned cure is worse than the disease.

Dorothy M. Brown,  
H. Brown,  
400 Kingsleigh Ct., Milton.

—The pond was a busy spot on the weekend as anglers young and old flocked there to fish for trout. The season opened Saturday.

—Milton Youth Council reports a profit of \$200 on their last dance. Another dance is planned May 13 at Martin St. School.

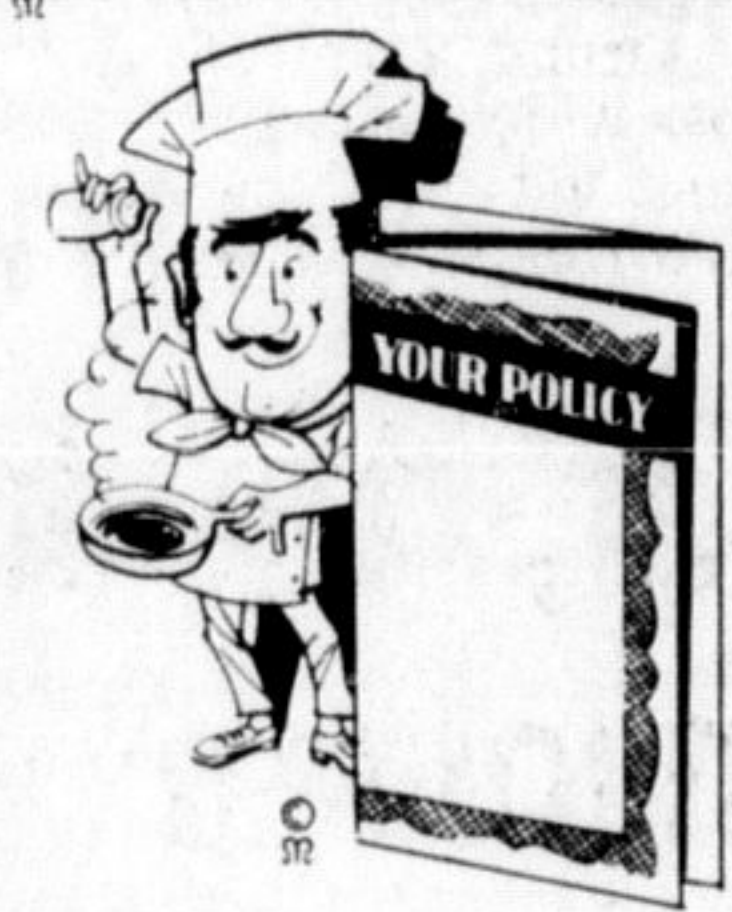
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