

Passport to Halton

No need to drive north to see the changing colors and the tourist attractions this fall—stay home and see the sights right here in Halton County.

That's the theme of the exciting new "Passport to Halton" promotion inaugurated by Halton Warden James Swanborough. On three weekends this fall, 16 Halton attractions ranging from the county buildings to industrial plants, parks to libraries, will be open for public tours to help Haltonites learn more about their home county.

The Passport to Halton is a great program to help newer Halton residents get more familiar with their county. Even many of the old-timers will have a chance to go places and see things they never knew existed. We hope everyone will participate, from the youngest to the oldest.

There's no cost (except gas for your car) and no admission charges at any of the 16 places you'll find listed in your passport. The dates are Saturdays and Sundays Sept. 30-Oct. 1 and Oct. 14-15; plus the three-day Thanksgiving weekend Oct. 7-9.

Your passport, available by mail if you write the Warden c/o Halton County Administration Building, 491 Steeles Ave., Milton, is also free. It will be stamped at each "passport"

location and a completely stamped passport book will be a real souvenir of your weekend day-tripping around Halton. Applications should be mailed by this Friday, Sept. 22 to ensure you'll receive your passport in time.

The passports will allow you to view the following locations: Nassagaweya, Ontario Electric Railway Historical Assoc.; Acton, Acton Park and Fairy Lake, also Beardmore Co. Tanners; Esqueping, restored historical lime kilns at Limehouse; Georgetown, Beaumont Yarn and Knitting Mills; Milton, Halton County Administration Building; Nassagaweya, Halton County Museum; Burlington, Royal Botanical Gardens, and Joseph Brant Museum; Oakville, Gairloch Gardens, Oakville Historical Society, the TOWARF rescue post and Sheridan College; Burlington, Central Library and the Canada Centre for Inland Waters.

Any program aimed at making Halton residents more aware and more proud of their surroundings deserves the support and participation of the county's citizens.

Get your "passport" soon... and we'll see you at the park or the museum or Sheridan College one of these weekends!



MILTON FARMERS MARKET continues to be a popular meeting-place for town and district shoppers. Picture shows a corner of Saturday's market where people gathered in groups to chat and exchange greetings, Cindy and Sandy Higgins of Milton entertained with their accordions, and the fresh fruit

and vegetables sparkled in the sun and drew another record attendance. Milton Chamber of Commerce organized the highly successful market project and it continues at the Mary-Hugh parking lot each Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, until Thanksgiving weekend.

(Photo by J. Dills)

Commenting briefly

If we ever have a local radio station giving out daily traffic reports we're convinced one of the trouble spots most frequently referred to will be the corner of Heslop and Thomas. School traffic at that corner added to normal traffic has to make it one of the busiest corners in town. On rainy days the situation is doubly aggravated. The extension of Commercial St. to 10 Sideroad, providing another access to the High School, is one of the solutions often advanced.

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It is sad that a crossing guard has to be added to a crosswalk, clearly marked, to enforce the stopping requirement on motorists. Crosswalks may be relatively new in Milton but surely every motorist must know by now that when someone is in the crosswalk you must stop for them. The addition of a guard on Ontario St. north came after local and through motorists clearly didn't obey the crosswalk

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The absence of the sign at the Main-Martin corner, warning drivers not to turn on a walk signal, creates problems for pedestrians and drivers unfamiliar with the corner's previous restrictions. Probably the sign will be re-erected soon, but in the meantime pedestrians might have a wary eye for right turning drivers on the walk signal.

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This is a municipal election year in Milton as in all other county municipalities. Those who are interested in their community enough to offer themselves for municipal seats on council and county school board should be laying plans now.

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District fall fairs provide a unique opportunity to catch a glimpse of agriculture in the area. Last weekend was Acton Fair and this week Milton stages the county show. Beautiful weather contributed to a great crowd

at Acton, and Milton officials will obviously be hoping for similar treatment by the weather man.

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It seems like it's rushing the season but the Milton Community Service Clubs are talking about the February Snow Carnival. Considering all the people involved and the detailed planning required, of course, it's none too early to start. We're still hoping for an attractive fall however and since it's a favorite season we hate to see it passed over too quickly.

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Glad to see improvements made at the former Milton Greenhouses property on Main St. recently. The weeds have been cut and the land levelled, making a much neater appearance.

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We shouldn't criticize our hard-working MPPs for the odd slip but we couldn't resist poking a certain Minister of Governmental Affairs in the ribs over a boner in a recent press release issued under his signature. It said Ontario School for the Deaf is located "on Highway 25 south of the Town of Milton." Come on Jim, that school has been IN Milton for several years now. Better your PR staff.

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Recent figures on legal aid in Ontario indicate Halton's legal aid lawyers have been fairly busy. In the year ended March 31, 1972 Halton legal aid officials received 1,337 applications for assistance and 847 of the applicants did receive help. Of those, 367 were for criminal cases and 480 for civil cases.

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Meet your friends at Milton Fair this weekend.

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Second Section



Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

I am reluctantly coming to the conclusion that Canadians are turning into a nation of crybabies. It hurts, because I love this country and want to respect and admire my fellow-citizens.

But the feeling has been growing for some time and neared full flower after the first hockey game against the Russians.

What an edifying spectacle that was! There were our finest, giving up everything—except salaries, insurance, expenses and other fringe benefits—to defend our national honour against those dastardly Russians who'd had the nerve to think they belonged on the same ice.

And there was a huge and happy crowd of hockey fans, almost slavering over the anticipated slaughter.

And there were the poor old Russians, walking into the lion's den, some of them so pint-sized compared to our hulking menaces that they looked as though they were fairly large Peewee players.

Whack! went the puck into the net and the roof nearly went off the Forum. Whack! again, and across the nation people winked at each other and settled back to speculate on whether the Russians could score a goal before our heroes got into two figures.

But then something began to happen that turned strong men across the country a pale gray. Those dumb Russians didn't know enough to quit and go home and forget the whole thing as a bad dream. They just kept skating and passing and shooting, and every so often, one of their shots would go into the Canadian net.

The happy crowd in the Forum grew glummer and glummer. Team Canada, the greatest, and most expensive collection of

hockey talent ever gathered under one roof, looked more and more like the Hayfork Centre Midgets. But just wait until the third period. After all, these guys are pro's. They'll get organized and come back to win the game with a bang.

Unfortunately, the game ended, not with a bang, but a whimper. Toward the end, the visitors were toying with the Canadians, as a takedown plays a bull. And toward the end, our boys began to resemble bulls, rushing wildly at anything that moved, only to find it wasn't there.

Not content with looking like the Ladies' Aid on skates, some Canadian players showed anything but professionalism and began swinging sticks, throwing elbows, and such. Crybaby stuff.

What about the fans? Did they give the Russians a standing ovation, or even a hearty round of applause for topping the giants?

Not they. They filed sullenly out of the arena, muttering, grasping for excuses, dazed. They hadn't had their blood. The takedown had not been tossed by the bull, and the bull had not even been neatly dispatched, just sort of stunned. Crybabies.

In the next morning's papers, it was rather fun to watch the experts and the sports writers tearing at their own entrails like wounded hyenas, a species which sports writers resemble in some respects. Crybabies.

To be fair, the players and coaches were honest. They'd been well and thoroughly whipped, and admitted it.

Since then, of course, things have changed and our businessmen on skates are showing why they are so well paid. But the

fact is that if it had been a one-game shot, the Russians would be truly world champs. And if it had been a two game series, total goals to count, the Russians would be winners, 8-7.

Somehow, the whole thing was a little saddening. I know a number of people who felt that their personal honour had been smirched. There were aggravated ulcers, endless aibis, and probably some heart attacks across this fair land. Over a game!

I chose this single incident to illustrate this sinking feeling I have that many Canadians have their values all turned around.

We whine endlessly about the Americans taking over Canada, and do nothing about it. Except warn stridently that something must be done about it. And then run to Washington, hat in hand, when the Yanks suggest any form of tariff that might cost us dollars. Crybabies.

We virtually ignore our writers, actors, artists, musicians, until they have made it big somewhere else. Then we can't understand why they don't come home and work in their own vineyard, at labourers' wages.

Same with our athletes. We sneer at their Olympic efforts. "Yeah, we finished twenty-third again." Smarmy sportscasters find all kinds of excuses for the athletes. Admirably, most of the latter are much more honest. The best of them bluntly say they did the best they could, but it wasn't good enough.

Oh, we're great at spending billions on building: highways, dams, high-rises; and on welfare, medicare, second-rate education. But when it comes to spending something on the development of the human being, in this case a strong national team of athletes, we pinch the purse until it hurts.

This is written more in sorrow than in anger. Let's wipe away the tears and stand up in the true north, strong and free. Come on, Canadians. Let's not be crybabies.

Pages of the Past

From Champion Files

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Thursday, September 18, 1952.

K. Y. Dick submitted a change in the original agreement covering the sale of the arena property now owned by the estate of Fred Armstrong at the regular meeting of council. Under the original plan the town was to be paid \$25,000 if the arena was not used as an ice arena until 1972. The present proposal was that the covenant just cover the arena, not the commercial ice plant. Mayor Thompson expressed the feeling that council would not stand in the way of the ice plant.

Honorable T. L. Kennedy, the minister of agriculture of the province of Ontario, will officially open Halton county centennial fair on Saturday, September 27.

Campbellville bowed out of baseball competition on Wednesday afternoon at Caledonia as they dropped their third game of the series with Caledonia 10-5.

Clearing the opposition out of the second round of OBA intermediate playoffs, Milton eliminated Port Hope Saturday 13-4.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Thursday, September 21, 1922.

The Bishop of Niagara has appointed Rev. Dr. Renison, rector of the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, Archdeacon of Halton and Wellington.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Milton Athletic Association on Monday evening, when there was some rather warm discussion in connection with last season's intermediate hockey and the summer baseball. Some of the players were rebuked by the executive.

Since August 1 the movement of livestock from Western Canada has been unusually heavy. Shipments consist almost entirely of beef cattle.

The Minister of Finance is offering, on attractive terms, to exchange Victory Bonds maturing Dec. 1, 1922, for new bonds bearing the same rate of interest and running for a further period of five years.

On account of rain only one game was played in the Burlington tournament on Tuesday. Campbellville beat Milton 7 to 1. We did not get the box score.

Miss Hill, for 20 years U.P. Missionary to India, will give an address in Mansewood U. P. Church, next Tuesday evening.

100 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Thursday, September 19, 1872.

An Ottawa telegram says: The troupes about to start for Manitoba will be uniformed in scarlet instead of Rifle uniforms. The Indians are disposed to doubt whether the green coats are really the Queen's troops or not, and the traditional scarlet will doubtless have a good effect.

Captain Thomas, the celebrated magician and ventriloquist gave a series of entertainments in the Town Hall on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday evenings.

The "Unions" of Brampton played the "Sycamores" of Milton in a ball game on the ground of the latter last Saturday and came off victorious with a 22 majority.

A team belonging to Mr. Denton ran away from opposite Smith's store, on Monday, and came up Main St. at a rate that would have done credit to Jackson-on-the-green. They were, however, stopped by coming into contact with a load of lumber near Robson's Hotel. Nobody hurt.

Reports of damage done by lightning during the recent thunderstorms come from all quarters, but they appear to have been severest in the Huron district, many buildings in that section having been destroyed by lightning.

The Trafalgar Township Show will be held at Oakville on Monday and Tuesday, October 7 and 8.

Milton branded as "black sheep"

Growing animosity toward county town

By Bob Burt Staff writer

Milton's stand on regional government has led to the town being branded as a black sheep and the seventh most popular municipality in Halton County. Halton County only has seven municipalities.

At meetings of Halton County Council and its committees the animosity that has been generated for several months now continues to grow. Often the ill regard obviously felt by neighboring councillors is reflected in decisions and comments flung about the council chambers.

While Milton has been the whipping boy for some time, the decision not to go with a North Halton municipality with Georgetown, Acton, Nassagaweya and Esqueping in a regional setup appears to have triggered outbursts of the ill feeling that has

been harbored for some time. A recommendation asking Milton to provide 10 trees to replace those destroyed when the town widens Steeles Ave. serves as a small but fine example as how anxious some county councillors are to cast the county town in a bad light.

Rather than simply request the trees or payment for them, Oakville Deputy Reeve Harry Barrett and Nassagaweya Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur put their heads together and agreed the trees should be 20 feet high and four inches at the trunk, rather than the standard requirements of eight to 10 feet high and two inches at the trunk. At a later meeting a roads committee recommended on the county engineer's advice that the resolution be rescinded as the request was unreasonable.

The expense involved in providing what

the county demanded would be about \$7,000 while cost and planting of smaller trees would run about \$15 to \$20 each. One can't help but think the whole hassle would have been avoided if it had been any town but Milton was expanding the road in front of the county administration building.

At the same meeting of the roads committee last week, a letter from the town of Milton asking the county not to delay the reconstruction of the Martin St. Bridge irked some members. One suggested filing the letter without discussion and another suggested it be dealt with by the North Halton municipality, (a proposed amalgamation of the five northern municipalities, of which Milton does not want to be part). Had the request come from another town, likely no bitter comments would have been uttered.

One might look at Milton's new Main St., constructed by the county, and say the county is doing things for the town. Even there, Warden Jim Swanborough had fought to have the project delayed so that a Burlington project might be undertaken. The warden lives in Burlington.

It was only on the recommendation and assessment of county engineer Jack Corbett that the Main St. project was undertaken when it was.

Another favor the county has rendered for Milton was supporting Bruce St. School's preservation and asking of help from Queen's Park.

It is interesting to note however, that the main push for the Bruce St. project came from a Burlington man, Vern Connell and was brought to County Council by Burlington Deputy Reeve Dave Coons.

Even then Nassagaweya Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur couldn't refrain from knocking Milton. She asked for confirmation of the town's intent to use the building and property for something other than a parking lot.

Had the request for support come from Milton representatives, the project likely would have been drawn out and members would have had difficulty overcoming personal feelings to vote in favor of the proposal.

With the current atmosphere at the county level it wouldn't come as an entire surprise if Milton opted for secession from the county. Unfortunately Milton is located in the heart of the county, surrounded by angry neighbors.

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