

Milton Then and Now

Mrs. Menzies remembers

By Mel Robinson

One day on Main St. Mrs. Mildred Menzies, Joe Waters and I were reminiscing about ice cream parlors. Mrs. Menzies said that Andy Tock operated one before Arthur Norrington and J. M. Mackenzie opened theirs. Point for Mrs. Menzies. She went on to say that it was located in the store next door to the grounds of the Presbyterian Church. Joe and I recalled that store to be one operated by Jack Roper and later by the Carroll Stores—a point for the men.

Mrs. Menzies was puzzled because Roper was the name of a baker whose shop had been on the other side of the street. It was in the basement of a house which was later torn down to make way for the building of Richardson's appliance store.

She could well remember the hot cross buns that came from that shop. Nowadays the buns appear on supermarket shelves long before Good Friday. In those days Mrs. Roper took orders for them in advance of Good Friday, but for sale on that day only. He made them with a recipe that called for the use of water from potato peelings as a supplement to the action of the yeast. Her mother, Mrs. Bradley used to save her potato peelings for him for use with his Good Friday batch of buns. Early that morning they were ready. He delivered them to his customers fresh—in time for breakfast. They provided a special treat for that day.

Mrs. Menzies has vivid recollections of the opening day at Andy Tock's ice cream parlor. It was located at the back of the store which Joe Waters and I had spoken about. (She later recalled that Jack Roper, the grocer, had moved into that location after she had moved as a girl to Buffalo). For Tock's opening her father had the whole family dress for the occasion and walk as a group from their home to the new parlor. Her choice was chocolate ice cream, and it must have been a little rich for a youngster who, like others, did not have such a treat very often. Anyway, it was a memorable occasion.

Her father, John Bradley, was a building contractor. He built the W. B. Clements home on the southeast corner of Thomas and Queen, the James Houston home at 226 Queen St., the Russell Clements home at 114 Main St. (in recent years the McKersie Funeral Home), the William Bews home at 186 Queen St., a home for the Bews on King St. at the south end of Brown, and many others in town. He died in 1917.

Mrs. Menzies still holds a receipt for the taxes paid by her father on the family home at 176 Sara St. for the year 1887. Of the total levy of \$7.20 one third (\$2.40) was towards grants for the two railways built to the town—the Hamilton and Northwestern Division of the Grand Trunk, and the Credit Valley Railway (taken over by the C.P.R.). The amount levied could have been paid in three instalments, but Mr. Bradley paid it off in one.

Back of their home was a barn for Mr. Bradley's horse, a cow, and his brown Leghorn chickens. He won many ribbons at the Guelph Fair for his prize fowl. In winter when combs were apt to be frozen, he used to gather cobwebs and apply them to the combs.

Mildred Menzies remembers taking both butter and eggs to McKay's grocery store (later Blain and Hannant's) in exchange for groceries. This type of bartering was commonplace at community stores for many decades.

There were trips for her to the Bews home at 103 Thomas St. and the Hollinrake home at Queen and Charles for rhubarb. Her mother used to bake eight lovely rhubarb pies each Saturday morning during the season. Parson's butcher shop delivered meat to the door three times a week. At each delivery an order was taken for the next one. Frequently it was for 20 cents worth of steaming meat. Like most housewives, Mrs. Bradley seldom found it necessary to leave her home during the week.

After high school Mildred attended a business college on Yonge St. in Toronto. There she learned typing, Gregg shorthand and other office skills. After that course she received a letter from an aunt in Buffalo who wanted Mildred to come and care for her. In 1917 she married George Menzies who worked in the parts department of a large garage in Buffalo. In the late 1920s they purchased a farm in Niagara County, N.Y. Shortly after that Mr. Menzies became quite ill, and never regained good health from then until he died in 1954. Four years prior to that the two of them moved to the Bradley home in town so that Mildred could care for her stepmother.

Mildred Bradley still takes an active interest in her many friends and acquaintances around town. At times life has been very difficult for her, but she has a remarkable ability to retain her good spirits and her goodwill for others.

Organize Jaycees here at Thursday meeting

Milton's newest service club is taking shape and there will be an organizational meeting for the Milton Jaycees in the Bavarian Restaurant in Milton Mall this Thursday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m.

National Vice-President for the Great Lakes Region Jaycees, Jim Shears will be in attendance.

Barry Quinn, Burlington Jaycee in charge of the organization of a Milton Club said, "We believe that the Jaycees as an organization have something to offer to the young men of Milton and that the Milton Jaycees will make a great contribution to the community of Milton."

The aims and purposes of the Canadian Jaycees are Individual Development, through programming designed to develop individual potential; Community Betterment, through projects designed to enhance the quality of life of the community; Civic Responsibility, through projects and programs designed to enhance understanding of government; Canadianism, to stimulate a vigorous Canadian sentiment and Fellowship, to promote friendship and understanding among all Jaycees and all people.

"Jaycees is not a service club, and, unlike service clubs, the Jaycees do not have a national pet project in which all clubs must participate. Instead the Jaycees take the view that each community is unique and has its own unique needs which the Jaycee unit in that community will attempt to fulfill," said Quinn.

"The Jaycees, however, do recognize that there are areas of concern to the country as a whole. Each year at the National Convention they approve the National Programs which will be promoted on a national level from the Secretariat in Kanata, Ontario and which each unit is urged to participate in," he said.

The current national programs are Lock It and Pocket the Key, Mental Health, Canadian Unity, Project Concern (the International Hospital Organization) and Five Outstanding Young Canadians.

"The Jaycees take great pride in the success of their programs and in the belief that the Jaycees of today are the leaders of tomorrow. This can be borne out by a review of the backgrounds of many of the business and political leaders of Canada," Quinn said.

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18) South TAXES FOR 1887.

Municipality of the Town of Milton, County of Halton.

Milton, 20th October, 1887.

John Bradley
No. *S. Sarah* Street, Lot # *1*

Amount of Assessment on Real Property.....	\$ 4.00
Amount of Assessment on Personal Property.....	
Amount of Assessment on Income.....	
Rate, 18 mills in the \$.....	
County Rate.....	24
Hamilton & N. W. Railway.....	24
Town Rate.....	2.20
C. V. R. Debentures, Interest and Sinking Fund.....	2.20
Waterworks Debentures, Interest.....	5.6
Snow Tax.....	
Public School Rate.....	1.76
Dog Tax, No. of Dogs.....	
Arrears of Taxes.....	
Total amount to be collected.....	\$ 7.20

In accordance with By-law No. 139, Sections 3 and 4, it is enacted as follows—
Section 3. Be it further enacted that the Taxes to be levied and collected for the year 1887 shall become due on 1st November: shall be payable in three equal instalments to the Collector, who shall forthwith pay over the same to the Treasurer of the Town of Milton. Each of such instalments to be payable on the 1st November, 1887, 28th December, 1887 and the 1st day of March, 1888.
Section 4. Be it further enacted that in case default is made in the payment of any or either of said instalment of taxes as aforesaid, on the days and times above mentioned, the Collector shall add ten cents on the dollar to the amount of the instalments so in default and unpaid, which he is hereby authorized and empowered and instructed to collect, with such instalments, the additional sums so collected to be paid over to the Treasurer as aforesaid.

Taxes to be paid to Joshua Allison, the Collector, at the Town Hall, once on each of the following days—

1st November, 1887.....	\$ 2.40
28th December, 1887.....	2.40
1st March, 1888.....	2.40
Total.....	\$ 7.20

Paul Allison Collector

Please keep this and present when making payments of instalments.

Gas rates going up

Approved energy increases by Union Gas for natural gas service will add slightly less than \$2 per month or six per cent annually to residential Milton customers' average monthly bill.

A new rate effective Feb. 15 to offset rising operating costs will increase the average monthly bill for a residential customer by approximately \$1.60, according to Union Gas Limited officials.

A March 24 increase in the amount of 18.17 cents per 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas "results from higher wholesale prices established for natural gas by the federal government."

According to Union Gas, the company has been paying the higher prices since Feb. 1, 1978 but has been able to delay passing the increase on to its customers. Union Gas will use "the portion of its inventory of gas which was purchased at the lower, pre-Feb. 1 wholesale price. Prior to Feb. 15, the average cost for residential gas service was \$2.87 per 1,000 cubic feet. The average cost now rises to \$3.20 for the same quantity.

—March is Red Cross Month and the annual meeting of the Milton Red Cross is scheduled for next Wednesday, March 8 at Boyne Hall.

Refuse to endorse education criticism

Despite a suggestion from Councillor Jim Watson that council lend full support to it, councillors outvoted him and rejected a resolution from the County of Grey calling for the restructuring of boards of education in Ontario.

The Gray resolution suggested boards of education and the educational system of Ontario should be more responsive to the people, noting growing costs, a system top-heavy with administrative and consulting personnel and a system that is unresponsive to the people in the areas of costs and quality of education.

Councillor Watson said it was all true, and urged fellow councillors to endorse it and "start calling it the way it is." In the area of responsiveness, he suggested Halton Renaissance group chairman Ken Campbell of Milton, who has been warring with the Halton board and the education system in general for the past four years, has "probably

made a greater contribution to education in Ontario than Egerton Ryerson."

Councillor Brian Penman said the Gray resolution calls for global endorsement, but the problem is not province-wide. Draft a resolution to suit Halton and he would debate it, he said.

He also claimed the Ministry of Education is "not in the business of education, Lions Lines

but in the politics of education."

But Councillors Art Melanson and Rose Harrison said the resolution was a waste of time. Let Grey go to the Ministry if there is a problem, said Melanson.

A motion calling for the Grey resolution to be endorsed, fell short of the required number of votes, and was defeated.

Lions Lines

Villagers visit

Visitations are in vogue for local Lions Club members and the Campbellville club visited Milton during a February meeting. Milton members returned the favor later the same week, with a contingent of 11.

Plans are underway for a curling bonspiel on April 1, it was reported. Maplehurst Correctional Centre was recently given a certificate of

appreciation, for the repairs residents made to the Lions' school bus shelter.

Reports show the recent Monte Carlo Night was a success, with proceeds of about \$1,500.

Two members of the Tremaine Britannia Citizens' Group were speakers at the club's last meeting, and explained the Site F campaign to keep a regional dump off Milton farmlands.

AUCTION SALE
Thursday, March 2 7:30 p.m.
to be held at
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• One 3 drawer chest with beveled mirror
• One chaise lounge - needs redoing
• Milk & Cream Cans

Church Services

ST. DAVID'S and NASSAGAWEYA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES
Sunday, March 5, 1978
NASSAGAWEYA 10:00 a.m. — Worship Service
ST. DAVID'S CAMPBELLVILLE 11:20 a.m. — Worship Service
All Welcome

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
4372 Appleby Line
Pastor: Rev. W. E. Payne 634-4879
Sunday, March 5, 1978
9:45 a.m. — Bible School for all ages
11:00 a.m. — "The most astonishing verse in the Bible": Exposition of the Book of Romans.
7:00 p.m. — Evening Communion Service. Reception of new members.
Tuesday 7 p.m. Trinity Boys and Girls Club Intermediate Youth Group
Wednesday 8:00 p.m. — Prayer meeting and Bible Study
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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Main St. at James St.
Minister—Rev. W. Lorne Brown B.A., B.D., M.Th.
March 5, 1978
11:00 a.m. — Worship Service
Theme: Seven Cardinal Virtues (4) Courage
11:00 a.m. — Church School Nursery Facilities

HOLY ROSARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
139 Martin St.
878-6535
Rev. Joseph Bigozoni, Pastor
Rev. Harold Bedford, Associate

MASSES
Saturday Evening 7:15 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
and after the evening Mass

MISSION CHURCHES
St. Peter's 9th Line — 9:00 a.m.
Our Lady of Victory Tremaine Rd. — 10:30 a.m.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH MILTON
170 Main St. E.
878-6066
Minister: Rev. Trevor J. Lewis 878-8687
Organist - Choir Director Mr. Allan Redmond
LENT IV
March 5, 1978
9:45 a.m. — Church School
11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship Nursery Facilities
All Welcome

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Commercial Street, Milton 878-3908
Pastor: Dr. J. R. Armstrong
Sunday, March 5, 1978
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School and adult Bible class
11:00 a.m. — Assembly and worship. Sermon "When Angels Weep".
7:00 p.m. — Evening praise and Bible study. Sermon: "Jesus The Preacher".
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Coffee hour and Bible Study
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Meeting for Prayer and Bible Study
Come and bring a friend
Nursery services are provided at all Sunday Services and on Tuesday morning.

ANGELICAN CHURCH OF CANADA LENT IV
Sunday, March 5, 1978
ST. JOHN'S NASSAGAWEYA
Guelph Line, north of Hwy. 401
9:30 a.m. — Morning prayer and Sermon
Church School
ST. GEORGE'S LOWVILLE
11:00 a.m. — Holy Communion and sermon
Nursery and Church School
GRACE CHURCH
317 Main St. Milton
Tel. 878-2422
8:00 a.m. — Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. — Senior Church School
10:30 a.m. — Junior Church School
10:30 a.m. — Eucharist
Thursday
10:00 a.m. — Holy Communion

HIGHWAY GOSPEL CHURCH
Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
Wakefield Rd. and Hwy. 25 Milton
Pastor: Rev. M. Christensen 878-2064
Sunday, March 5, 1978
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School
11:00 a.m. — Morning worship
6:00 p.m. — Family Prayer
7:00 p.m. — Evening Service
8:00 p.m. — Wednesday — Bible study and prayer
8:00 p.m. — Friday night — Young Peoples
You are welcome to ride our bus to and from Sunday School. Join a growing school.

MILTON GOSPEL HALL
306 Ontario St. N. 878-2022
Christians Gathered In The Name of The Lord Jesus Christ
Sunday, March 5, 1978
10:30 a.m. — Breaking Bread
12:15 p.m. — Sunday School
7:00 p.m. — Gospel Service
Wednesday 8:00 p.m. — Prayer and Bible Reading
All are welcome to These Services
For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6:23

BOSTON AND OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES
Minister: Rev. W. R. Lewis, B.A., B.D. 878-4428
Sunday, March 5, 1978
9:30 a.m. — Worship Service and Church School
Nursery Facilities
OMAGH
11:00 a.m. — Worship Service and Church School
Come and be part of our family at Worship

CHURCH OF CHRIST
1412 Britannia Rd. West
Minister Richard Forsyth 878-5696
Sunday, March 5, 1978
10:00 a.m. — Bible School classes for all ages
11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper
8:00 p.m. — Preaching of the Gospel
Wednesday 8:00 p.m. — Bible Study
"The Churches of Christ Salute You." Romans 16:16

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