

OUR READERS WRITE:

Sarah Martin Park

Dear Sir:
In your issue of The Canadian Champion, dated Feb. 26, 1975, you made mention of the purchase by the Town of Milton of the Kernighan property for use as a passive park for the town.

At that time it was pointed out that one of the conditions of the purchase agreement was that Mrs. Kernighan be permitted to continue living in the house on the property for another two or three years, and our then Mayor, Mrs. Anne MacArthur, expressed the hope that this time would be used to develop plans for the use of said house.

I am therefore delighted to learn that The Rotary Club of Milton is now in the process of soliciting ideas and suggestions for the development of the property, and I sincerely hope that all Miltonians will respond enthusiastically to the Rotarians' appeal.

I personally feel that development of this property as a park, along with the eventual location of a large national supermarket outlet in the downtown area, will do much to help revitalize downtown Milton.

I fully endorse the idea of a "passive" type of park on the Kernighan property, and I hope that my comments on this subject will help to encourage your readers to offer suggestions of their own.

At the time of the purchase, Mrs. MacArthur expressed the hope that the new park would be left in its natural state "with a bridge of some kind connecting it to Rotary Park, a bicycle path around it, and some picnic tables in the park for family picnics". She also saw it as a place to relax, a place to walk, a place to sit, and a place to dream.

I would tend to agree with most of her suggestions, except that while I agree with the idea of a path around the park, I do not particularly agree with the idea of allowing bicycles in the park.

My own suggestion would be for the pathways to be restricted to all vehicular traffic (including skateboards and bicycles) except strollers, baby carriages and wheelchairs.

Let us create a park for the enjoyment of people of all ages, a park where mom and dad can take the kiddies for a leisurely stroll on a summer day, without having to worry about the frustrations of modern everyday living or the nuisance of bicycle traffic. A park where children can laugh and play and sing to their little hearts' content, and the older folks can stroll down their private "Memory Lane" in peace and safety. A park where even the kids and folks at the E.C. Drury School can come and enjoy themselves freely.

Perhaps a bandstand of some sort might

also be included, where any of the many talented bands in town, from school bands to senior citizens, might perform and entertain us on Sunday afternoons while enjoying their own art.

As for the old house itself, I would agree with the suggestion that it be used for shows and displays of various kinds, including art, antiques, handicrafts and photography, with special emphasis being given to the encouragement of such displays by children and older residents.

Of course, it might also be used for performances scheduled for the bandstand but threatened by inclement weather.

One other suggestion which might be worth some consideration would be the staging of an annual Regency Ball which, I feel, would be a rather unique attraction for this area and would be in keeping with the Rotary Club's desire for an historical and cultural character for the park.

But most of all I would like to see the park called the Sarah Martin Park as our tribute to that brave young woman who sacrificed the comforts of her own home in England to come to Canada with her husband and eventually to settle with him here on Oct. 15, 1821, in what must have been a very forbidding place at the time.

At the tender age of 24, and with two small children in tow, this courageous lady worked alongside her husband in planting the seeds of what has since grown into the lovely little town which we all now love so well.

At 33, an age when today's young women has just come into her own, Sarah Martin died, but the town which she helped to build lives on, much to the enjoyment of us all.

Today we pay considerable lip-service to our "great heritage" yet very rarely do we see any monuments or memorials to the likes of Sarah Martin, the real heroines behind this country's greatness.

While this land abounds with monuments to "The Glorious Dead" who gave their lives in often-silly man-made wars, the Sarah Martins of this world have been perpetually fighting the longest battle in history — the battle of motherhood, with all of its trials, hardships, sacrifices and often thankless devotion to duty "above and beyond the call".

I wish the Rotary Club of Milton every success in their efforts to provide us with a park of which we can all be truly proud, and I urge "Champion" readers throughout Milton to heed their call for ideas.

Yours sincerely,
Hugh Deane, Jr.
410 Woodward Ave.

Response to N.U.R.S.E.

Dear Sir:
In response to the executive of N.U.R.S.E. regarding the proposed certificates of competence regulations, I would like to point out that under the Health Disciplines Act of 1974 the objectives of the College of Nurses include:

"to establish, maintain, and develop standards of knowledge and skill... qualifications, practice... and professional ethics among its members." C70, s2 (a,b,c,d).

In order to do this it is legally empowered to "govern standards of practice for the profession." C74 (f)

Thus the approval of the Minister of Health is not necessary for the implementation of the regulations proposed for the issuance of certificates of competence. The College is acting in the best interest of the profession and the public, whether Ms. Dundas and her colleagues recognize it or not.

The members of N.U.R.S.E. would be

behaving in a more responsible, constructive manner if they devoted their energy to suggesting a more flexible method of maintaining competence. This could be done by either a minimum employment requirement or a recognized program of continuing education credits. Again referring to the Health Discipline's Act the College has the power to make regulations—

"providing for a program for the continuing education of members to maintain their standard of competence and requiring members to participate in such continuing education." C74 (i)

They could also provide input in the shaping of these regulations and of the proposed re-entry programs more effectively and professionally if they worked through their provincial association rather than as a selfish, vocal minority.

Yours sincerely
Carolyn Keyworth, R.N.
373 Wilson Dr., Milton

—Sunday was Daffodil Sunday in Milton, in honor of the Cancer Society's campaign.

—Kindergarten registrations for local public schools will take place Friday, April 28 at local schools.

Jelinek wins . . .

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Let said the big job ahead of Canada was to get Canadians working again and "restore the pride that Trudeau has done so much to belittle".

Let referred extensively to the need to rebuild the economy and his personal qualifications in that area.

"We have to get rid of the welfare state and restore it with thrift and the lasting value of work."

Doctor Art Ross was nominated by Mel Thorne of Oakville and the nomination was seconded by Nancy Kee of Milton.

Ross said the UIC should be revamped to protect only those who truly could not find work. "I oppose a government which protects those who can work."

He said the elderly feel cheated by what has happened to their pensions and their country.

He also said the gross overspending of the government would be a milestone around the necks of our children and their children. He rapped the PM for what has happened to the Canadian dollar and after listing the Trudeau government's downfalls, he said, "he thinks Canadians can't count, that they can't keep score"

Ross ridiculed Trudeau for telling Canadians to tighten their belts after he had bribed

them with giveaway programs. "Some of our old aged have already tightened their belts until it hurts."

He said Trudeau will ask Canada to have him negotiate with Quebec over separation. He scoffed at the notion, indicating, "that's like asking the Boston strangler to straighten your tie".

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All about / **People**

Congratulations to Bill Greenfield who was elected president of Milton Branch 136, Royal Canadian Legion on the weekend.

Former Acton resident Rob Parker won the Progressive-Conservative nomination in the Eglington Lawrence riding in Toronto last week. He had once considered contesting the nomination here in Halton, but changed his mind and opted for the Toronto riding. He is a broadcaster and businessman and used to work with CBC.

This column is supposed to be about particular people, but the man who stars in this segment chose to remain anonymous. It seems Terry Bromley of Port Credit and a friend were involved in a car accident returning home from skiing some weeks ago, and a "Good Samaritan" stopped to offer assistance.

He drove them home to Port Credit from Nobleton, which was a long way out of his way, as he said he lived in Milton. But he wouldn't leave his name with the two girls. He just told them he hoped they would do the same for someone else, some day.

Now Miss Bromley would still like to find out who the anonymous Samaritan was. "There are still some people who care, and Milton should be proud to have one of them" she said.

When Milton Answering Service held an open house at the new Main St. location recently, the fancy sandwiches made a big hit. Owner Freda Clarke was pretty happy over the lunch and made sure everyone who visited was made aware that the food was especially prepared for the event by 11 residents of Halton Manor.

Manor recreation supervisor Peggy Odehnal explained there is a group of ladies at the Manor who enjoy putting up fancy sandwiches for local functions. They work hard, and have a baking class every Monday afternoon. They often prepare treats for the Residents Council meetings and any funds they raise go to the Council. "They like to feel useful," she said.

Just for the record, these were the Manorites who participated: Annie Akins, Norah Armstrong, Doris Fryer, Lena Whaley, Margaret Murphy, Elizabeth Ralston, Violet Molesworth, Marie Thompson, Millie Graham, Christina Lovies, Hettie Palmer and Nancy Doupagne. Congratulations, ladies.

Obituary

Donald W. Matheson

Donald W. Matheson, 18, died on Thursday, April 6 as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident the previous weekend north of Milton.

An employee of Prothane Ltd. on Bronte St., the youth was described as a sensitive, quiet boy with a deep interest in music.

Donald was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Matheson of 65 Heslop Rd. and a brother of Deborah Ann. He was born in Halifax but lived most of his life in Milton. He attended Milton schools and was a member of St. Paul's United Church.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, conducted by Rev. Lorne Brown. A

—The snow is disappearing and the winter's accumulation of debris is showing.

—There are always big bargains in little Champion classified ads.

—This is Dental Health Week in Milton.

1,400 homes first phase

Underground servicing and storm systems are marking the initial stages of a new Victoria Wood housing complex, expected to represent one of the largest residential developments in Milton.

Victoria Wood have slated development of between 150 and 500 homes in the Ontario St. and Derry Rd. location this year as part of a five-phase plan to build approximately 1,400 homes in the area, to be known as Timberlea.

The homes will include semi-detached and single family units and are geared for combined family incomes of \$20,000 annually, according to Rick Griffiths, marketing director for Victoria Wood. The semi-detached houses are expected to sell within a \$53,000 to \$59,000 price range, he said.

No price ranges have yet been set for the single housing units.

A sales pavilion will be set up by the end of May, said Mr. Griffiths, but houses are not expected to be completed until the end of summer and early fall.

Lot sizes for the houses vary from 70 feet by 120 feet for a semi-detached unit to 50 feet by 120 for a single family unit.

"We feel that Milton definitely has growth characteristics," said Mr. Griffiths, adding the new housing development is expected to attract a commuter market—people who now live in Toronto, but would prefer to move outside Toronto.

"There are good schools, services and a good recreation area in Milton and it is within easy driving distance of Toronto," he continued.

The development follows a year and a half of research into the area, he said, adding that Milton does not now offer a significant amount of affordable housing in single family units and semi-detached units.

"We have determined there is a viable market." Development of all five phases is expected to take between two and a half and three years.



INDIAN ARTIST Ril Gaiashk shows grade 7 Brookville student Ann Samsal a corn husk doll. Ann tries on an Indian beadwork necklace. As well as demonstrating his artwork Mr. Gaiashk described Indian life to the students, related legends and corrected many erroneous beliefs about Indians. The artist, who paints woodland murals for Toronto schools, did a painting of a porcupine for Brookville. A native of Manitoulin Island, Mr. Gaiashk is an Odawa Indian.

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