### Just before World War 1

By Mel Robinson In the years prior to 1914 the people of Europe were never free from the news of wars and wars to come. The news was of particular concern to Miltonians who had recently come from the United Kingdom. Many of them were regular readers of British periodicals, and they had letters from friends and relatives 'over home.' Most long time residents got their world news from their daily papers from Tororto or Hamilton. The Champion did not offer regular commentary on European affairs. Items about Europe were inserted in a most casual way.

The sabre-rattling of Kaiser Whilhelm, the King of Prussia and Emperor of the German Empire, was the subject of occasional comment. His passion for

mentioned. German preparations for of German's threatening challenge. air warfare came in for some comment. In August 1908 the development of Germany's fleet of 'air cruisers' (dirigible ships) was under way. The sixth of her big zeppelins, a secret model, was being constructed by the Siemens, Schoekert Electric Co. In April 1912 there was a long item about the great aeroplane fleet being built by

Britain's main preparation for war was in the further development of her great naval power. In 1909 the news was that she was building four more super dreadnoughts. She was calling on Canada and other parts of the Empire

#### Between the Willows

## Out of the rain

By Don Byers

Out of the rain she came, wearing a full-face, white mask.

Her black coat was matted with burrs. She was thin and hungry. And, the style she displayed, suggested that roaming the woods on a soggy evening in October, was not something to which she was accustomed.

But, her brown eyes flashed vitality and despite her obvious fatigue, she moved with poise and grace.

David who was working outside, was the first to greet her. Shyly, and after much coaxing, she made her way to the back deck, and stood before the French doors, anxious, but with head held high. We brought her food, and she ate

voraciously, losing some of her ladylike manners in the process. David then took over. She followed him down to the family room. There, he

gently groomed her coat, and calmed her down. Later, they returned upstairs. The

lady seemed at home. Almost. She spent the night on the front deck, and was on hand to greet us early the

following morning. I drove Rhea to Milton and when I returned, discovered our guest had disappeared, as mysteriously as she had

Out there, somewhere, is a wandering, young Husky. I hope she finds her home. Failing that, I hope she finds ours, again.

Thanksgiving Day, as I write this piece.

supplement housing in

Milton are beginning to

group of women seeking

to move into the homes.

by spokesman Sharon

anger. They face the

possibility of spending

the winter in their pre-

In a stormy and pro-

fane debate, the women

accused Milton Council of

not caring about their

plight, otherwise they

**Housing Corporation into** 

finding homes for the

suggested there was no

trouble in finding homes

for Vietnamese refugees

who came to Milton, and

compared the situations

Council also began to

lose its patience with the

Harrison said the OHC

was "useless" and had

and

description should

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slide controls with

push-push, on/off

control. We regret

any inconvenience

caused by this error.

not have read

of the two groups.

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Johnson,

council's

sent homes.

(council)

pressured

women.

Mrs.

situation.

Councillor

Some of the women led

Monday

Ontario

Rose

Johnson

tax the patience of

angry delegation

the women.

Councillor

and pray."

done nothing at all to help

sympathized with the

Hinton agreed, saying:

rezoning until the rent-

supplement program is

do is cross our fingers

by OHC to rezone a

parcel of land on Bronte

St. She said OHC would

"Every time this thing

Mrs. Hinton was re-

hat OHC will not get the

Councillor Rick Day,

on the other hand, said he through...

Blanche

that country.

for financial support in her efforts to re-

We had our turkey dinner yesterday, enjoying the welcome company of Donna-Jane who had zapped up from

Toronto in her red MGB. It is cool and drizzly outside, but a cosy fire crackles in the fireplace. have the football game on the radio, listening to the Ti-Cats clobbering the

A long-suffering Toronto fan, I seek some confort in recalling (with great difficulty) the years, long gone, when l had something to cheer about.

Back then, the home games were played in Varsity Stadium. Tickets did not cost an-arm-and-a-leg, and I got to join the mob in the bowl quite often.

I remember one Grey Cup tight struggle between Argos and the Blue Bombers of Winnipeg. Hugh Robertson, an old buddy, had accompanied me on this occasion. Susceptible to laryngitis, Hugh was at the game, with strict instructions from his doctor not to do any

He did quite well at refraining until the last minute of play, when Joe Krol kicked a towering punt into the 'coffin corner' to give Argos the win.

Like the rest of us, Hugh let go a long,

loud cheer. And that did it. As we walked across the field to get the car, my friend opened his mouth to

out but an inaudible whisper. From what I am now hearing, about the progress of today's game in Hamil-

ton, Hugh's voice would be safe. He wouldn't have a solitary thing to cheer about.

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### sponsored a bus trip.

comment on the game. Nothing came OHC delay sparks

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the shooting of game birds was also tain supremacy on the seas in the face Martin St. There were some very good

There was much criticism of this request by many Canadian leaders. It was complained that war mongers and armament makers were pitting Germany and Britain against each other. In 1913 the Canadian government

'finally jammed a naval bill through for the construction of warships. There had been bitter opposimoved in both the Commons and the grey army of defence was led by Col. Senate. In June of that year the Logie of Hamilton. Champion had quoted from the NAT-ION an article which complained of camp again in June, but in August of Britain's interference in Canadian that year there was a long column in affairs. It criticized Churchhill of the The Champion about the difficulty in Germany. In Canada as a whole there needed for training at the June camps seemed to be little realization of the were too busy at their regular empossibilities of a world wide conflict ployment in June. Public support for such as was soon to occur.

which operated a shooting range in the \$22,280,000. early years of this century. It was training and Experience.

the club in 1908. In April 1912 the club's Rifles. season opened with an evening meeting

marksmen in the unit. In addition the Canadian Militia offered active training for velunteers at its camp at Niagara each year in June, but the camp was not overly popular. In 1912 it was announced that the 20th Halton Rifles would not go to camp that year

Some interest must have been gen-Parliament.' It provided for erated in the Militia in October 1912 when it held military manoeuvres near Milton. Col. Sir Henry Pellatt and 2,000 tion to the bill. Amendments were men were the blue army of attack. The

In 1913 the Halton Rifles went to Admiralty for his policies in the face of recruiting men for the Militia. a 'non-existent emergency' regarding Apparently the more desirable men military expenditures was not strong. One local organization which con- There was criticism of the great costs. tributed in a quiet way to military pre- In 1880 the cost of Canadian defence parations was the Milton Gun Club, was \$690,018. In 1910 the grand total was

Late in 1913 it was rumoured that the apparently located out near Milton 36th Peel Regiment was about to absorb Heights. The Champion regularly the Halton Rifles. This was regretted published results from their regular locally because the Halton Regiment competitions. Members were largely had done good work over the years. It men who had active or reserve army had sent many good marksmen to the Ontario Rifle Association's matches. The club had good local support. A. Year after year one or more of Higginbotham, druggist, and some Canada's Bisley team which went to time Mayor of Milton was president of England, were men from the Halton

The unit was not absorbed. In at the hardware store of Mun. E. Nixon, February 1914 the Hon. Sam Hughes at 260 Main St. Unfortunately, interest conferred with the Halton and the Peel in the club had died out by 1914, and the regiments. Their work was reorganized government had withdrawn its support. and the appointment of a commanding The main local interest in military officer for each was arranged. In June affairs was the militia. The 20th Halton the Halton Rifles again attended camp Rifles trained in the 'armouries' at 103 at Niagara.

# Oktoberfest arrives

German-style Oktoberfest celebrations, the Bavarian Inn in Milton Mall held its festivities Friday and Saturday evening.

marked the third niversary of the local restaurant licensed establishment

sponsored its first "Miss Oktoberfest" which drew seven contestants from Milton and Four finalists were

named Friday evening crowned Saturday night. Nineteen-year-old

Miss Allewell is a Milton resident and de-

Debbie Phillips, with runner-up and Rita Krasnokutsky in fourth

Also competing were the Bavarian Inn and a T- using a narrow straw to Vicki Leslie, Val Etienne shirt. and Judy Deutscher.

Prizes for the queen in- both evenings was Beth from Mississauga. floral bouquet Bavarian Inn.

First runner-up Nancy Allewell, part- received a dinner for two time waitress at the at Harrop Restaurant, a Bavarian Inn, won the cut and blow dry at Heady's hair salon and a fruit basket.

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Acting as emcee for The best was Don Ilton

Commerce,

cluded a free evening for Harper of Milton. two at the Bavarian Inn. a gift certificate from Mayor Don Gordon, hand to provide live Darby's, a wine flask Maria Reis, president of German-style music. from Sports Store, a the Milton Chamber of from Hornby Greenhouses and Oppedisano, owner of again next year. a punchbowl from the kitchen staff of the

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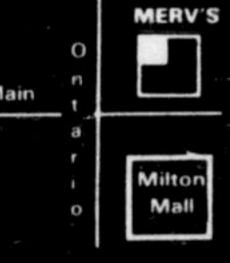
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planting. The bus left Milton and

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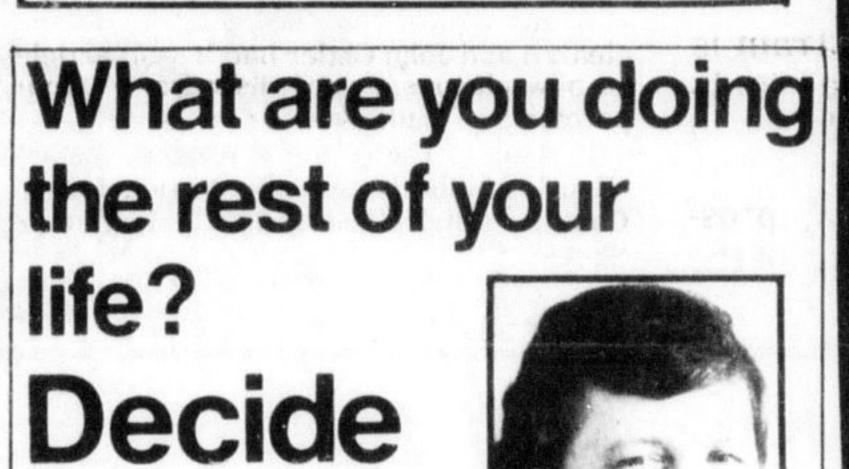
along Highway 24 and Dodge over to Hillsburgh to a country restaurant. The CHRYSLER served owners homemade pies and a Dodge Trucks bottomless cup of tea or SALES/SERVICE

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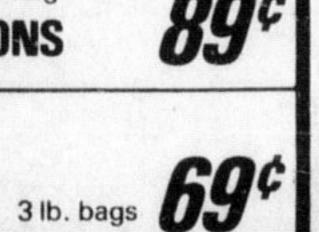
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