

**Our readers write**

**Free dinner booted**

Dear Sir:  
Having read a story about a \$1,000 Halton Region dinner, I wonder about the sense of values of the region in this instance.  
In the article, Mr. Cann is quoted as saying "It was recognition of the loss in the men's social and family life."  
How long was the strike of public works in duration? A matter of days. So they gave up a few days of their social and family life!  
Halton Centennial Manor is also a department of the regional government, a home for the people who can no longer be looked after by their families, and who cannot function on their own, people who helped to build this county so that it could afford a regional government (barely).

They have committed no crime but did contribute.  
We have supervisors and staff who are called in to attend to duties whether it is their day off or weekends or any time that it is necessary for our residents.  
This situation does not encompass a few days, but years!  
If my memory serves me correctly, never has any recognition to the extent of one thousand dollar (\$1,000) dinners been afforded them.  
Actually, we have not even had a raise in pay for two years, in spite of the fact that our expense along with everyone else's, have doubled.  
Where are the region's priorities?  
Margaret Odehnal,  
Halton Centennial  
Manor Staff

**People**

Mother's day was more merry this year in the Gilbert home at 239 Queen St. Milton as 12-year-old Andrew Gilbert won the Halton Women's Place Mother's Day Draw. This is the first time Andrew has won anything, and he gave his prizes to his mother. Dinner for two at Harrop Restaurant, and gift certificates from The Villa, Selecta Footwear and Heady's Hair-cutting were the prizes turned over to the lucky son's mom.

Ivens; Ryan James, son of James and Iris Lovatt; Andrew James Mackie, son of John and Heather McGillis; Jason Shawn, son of Richard and Donna Morley; Devon Lynne, daughter of Ron and Lynne Salla; Suzanne Rose, daughter of Peter and Susan Tompkins; Todd Daniel, son of John and Eloise Warren; Michael James and Ryan Christopher, sons of Peter and Sandra Weschka; and Shawn Michael Larry, son of Larry and Barbara Spence.

Several Champion carriers got to see a Blizzard soccer game in Toronto Sunday, courtesy The Champion. Circulation Manager Ric Forster arranged the trip for carriers and their parents.

Whoops! Last week's story on the Milton Cubs' Trees for Canada project credited Halton Region Conservation Authority for supplying the lunch. Our mistake — it was supplied by the Ladies Auxiliary of Milton Boy Scouts.

Organizers (and there were too many to name individually) report the hungry boys went through about 600 hot dogs!

Chief Scout Awards were presented to 13 Pathfinder Scouts in a special ceremony in Oakville Sunday, by the Hon. J. W. Snow, Minister of Transportation and Communications.

Among the recipients were Matthew Hodge of 5th Milton group, Bradford Ellis of 1st Kilbride group, and John G. McPhail of 1st Ashgrove group. Congratulations!

**Nassagaweya wants out**

Dear Editor:  
To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Nassagaweya.  
At Milton Council meeting last Monday night (May 5) our vacillating urban councillors led by Rick Day shied away and balked like a frightened horse at the last ditch of "Voting to leave Region"—instead they formed a committee (to discuss the matter at length and confer with Queen's Park.) You surely all know the saying about a committee, don't you? "That a camel is a horse designed by a committee!"  
So Nassagaweyans, let us take the bit in our own teeth, like that superb little filly who won the Kentucky Derby last week, and come up the home stretch on our own—a winner Mr. Day is in danger of becoming a poor man's version of Darcy McKeough at municipal level.  
Our mayor and treasurer are in favor of taking Mr. Rotenberg's 30 pieces of silver so that the town of Milton can be crucified at a later date by region, while Mr. Wells plays the role of Pontius Pilate. "He who would sup with the devil must have a long spoon". (Chaucer)

eed sets the mill rate to include our regional levies. To demand that they give us back our independence, our heritage, our gravel laden and rocky fastness; and Queen's Park do not dismiss our mood too lightly. Our Mountain Men of Nassagaweya are a stubborn lot. Long after William Lyon MacKenzie, a little known and long forgotten body of citizens from here went in concert to Parliament to rebel against an injustice that was being perpetrated against them. They won and it was redressed. Shall we prove to be any lesser men and women today? NO FEAR! NO WAY!  
Let us take our race track and go. We were a working, viable economic unit before we were pitchforked into region and Milton's eager arms by apathy and the political ambitions of our reeve and councillors at that time.

For five years, ever since the birth of regional government, it was kept alive by a steady diet of grants from God-fathers Davis and McKeough to hide the real costs of raising the infant. When we criticized its overweening greed and increase in size, we were told to be patient, "only growing pains, you know, give it time and it will outgrow these ailments".

We shall have our own "Boston Tea Party" only it will be a "Brookville Tea Party!"  
Milton Council have sold our new town hall to a veterinarian syndicate, but we still have our old meeting house, Brookville Hall. Built by our pioneer forefathers—kept in good heart by the members of our Women's Institute in spite of the filthy housekeeping of Mr. Arbic's minions, and the exorbitant fees we are charged to use it. Let us gather there—formulate our plans in an orderly manner and set our house to rights.  
Oakville also wants out, for its own good reasons. If the biggest and the smallest units of this Pyramid of Power wish to leave then surely it should occur to Queen's Park that "There is something rotten in the state of Halton" and indeed in all the restless and dissatisfied areas in the province that have had regional government thrust upon them, literally down their throats!

St. Paul's United Church witnessed the baptism of 19 infants at the Sunday morning service. They included Andrew Todd, son of Tom and Sandra Chadwick; Crystal Lynn, daughter of Frederick and Janet Clark; Ilona Tanya, daughter of Heinz and Ilona Cordes; Donald Lewis, son of Donald and Patricia Anne De Baie; Joseph Hebert, son of Herbert and Sherrill Hale; Christopher Gordon, son of Joseph and Dale Handy; Andrew David, son of Paul and Janet Harris; Jennifer Anne, daughter of John Stuart and Vivian Hyde; Kelly Dawn, daughter of Brian and Dawn

**High speed chase**

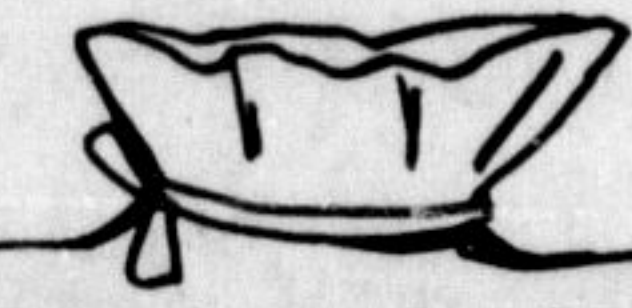
A 22-year-old Toronto man was charged with dangerous driving by OPP Const. Ron Barrett of Milton detachment, following a high speed pursuit from the Milton area to Renforth Ave. in Toronto Thursday.

The officer was first attracted to the car because it was travelling at a high rate of speed. It was later found the 1980 Corvette was stolen from Toronto.

**Chamber issues spring warning**

With spring, come the sales people: roof repairs, magazines, driveway pavers, and more. Milton Chamber of Commerce has already had complaints about sales organizations from local residents, and issued its annual spring warning again this week: Check it out before you sign anything.  
Chamber secretary Margaret Burgess reports one telephone sales firm attempted to represent itself as a member of the Chamber last week. A check of Chamber membership lists shows the firm is not a member.  
Someone was solicited by phone and asked personal questions about pension cheques and money in the house. Don't answer such questions, hang up immediately, she suggested.  
There are many legitimate sales groups, she said. If in doubt, check them out with the Chamber or Better Business Bureau. Companies also need a town licence to sell door-to-door in Milton, so be sure you ask to see any sales person's licence.

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**IF YOU SMOKE.**



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Warning: Health and Welfare Canada advises that danger to health increases with amount smoked—avoid inhaling. 11 mg. "tar" 0.8 mg. nicotine.