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Keep it going

Milton's second annual Festival of Countries was an unqualified success. Undeterred by rain, crowds flocked to see the exhibits at 14 pavilions scattered around the town, and all seemed to be enjoying the outing.

The Festival showed us that Canada is a diverse nation, with many ethnic cultures blending to weave the fabric of this great land. We are not all Canadians, our roots do come from afar, and we have brought along the culture of our homeland.

Touring the pavilions Saturday, passport holders enjoyed seeing and tasting the food, drinks, crafts, arts, costumes and dances of many far-off places. It's interesting to ponder, though — the exhibitors are Miltonians too.

Out-of-town visitors were prevalent, indicating the event has gained widespread fame. It was not just a day for Miltonians, it was a day for Miltonians to show others we care about our origins and are proud to put our culture on display.

But what's this? Festival organizers now say the event is TOO much of a success. Certainly most of the exhibit halls were crowded, and line-ups were encountered at some of the more popular pavilions. Unfortunately, Milton doesn't have enough large halls to run such a large-scale event, and traffic jams and overflow crowds are understandable.

Organizers fear the Festival will get "tired" and lose its sparkle if it continues annually, and are considering running the event every second year. It would be unfortunate to lose the impetus already gained, by delaying the next Festival until 1982.

But that is their decision — after all, they are volunteer coordinators running a multi-cultural event for little thanks and no pay.

It would be a shame to have to wait two years for another day as enjoyable as Saturday was. If you agree, let your feelings be known to Festival organizers.

Momentum decision

Beset by cost estimate overruns and hobbled by the fear it just might not work, council and members of the Downtown Business Improvement Area Committee have made a momentum decision to go ahead with the Miltowne Centre concept.

There have been times when the serious underestimation of the cost involved (it will be 100 per cent more than first envisaged) threatened to sink the project through sheer weight of the financial implications.

But now the council and com-

mittee have joined in the spirit of trying to pull together and revitalize Main St. and bring business and visitors back downtown.

It will be started shortly, and when completed, everyone will be more than pleased with the results.

Dramatic in scope and much needed in terms of downtown core economy, the Miltowne Centre is a winner and so are all those who decided to band together and get the job done.

Town will grow

The latest statistics on the projected growth of Milton shows this town expecting a massive influx of people compared to the other three municipalities in Halton.

Milton's growth rate increase by 1984 will be 8.5 per cent as opposed to Burlington at 2.7 per cent and Oakville at 2.2 per cent.

The town officially hopes the eventually 1999 population will be about 37,000 people. But we are already at about 26,000 and this is to increase by almost 10 per cent in the next four years.

It means Milton will, whether

welcomed or not, grow into a very large town by the year 2001. With the Milton Industrial Park coming on stream within the year, we are going to have the jobs, and that can only mean we are going to get the population.

When the new Milton Council is elected Nov. 10, it can expect two years of strong pressure to approve many more subdivisions than are on the books at this time.

It is probably futile to try and hold back people who want to live and work in Milton. We can only hope that such growth is orderly and very firmly controlled.

A sad commentary

It should not come as a shock that when we have close to one million people out of work, jobs are going begging.

Here in Halton Region, perhaps one of the premier agricultural areas in Canada, farmers cannot find enough people to harvest crops.

This year Halton farmers have experienced a bumper crop according to Ontario Agricultural Representative Henry Stanley. Mr. Stanley notes the hot weather and sufficient rains have placed farmers in a position where they

are ready to pay good wages because of the substantial returns to be expected from any outstanding crop year.

Yet, Mr. Stanley also notes people don't seem to want to do physically hard work. Even though farmers pay good wages, Mr. Stanley notes people in this area tend to wait around for factory jobs or take UIC instead of working.

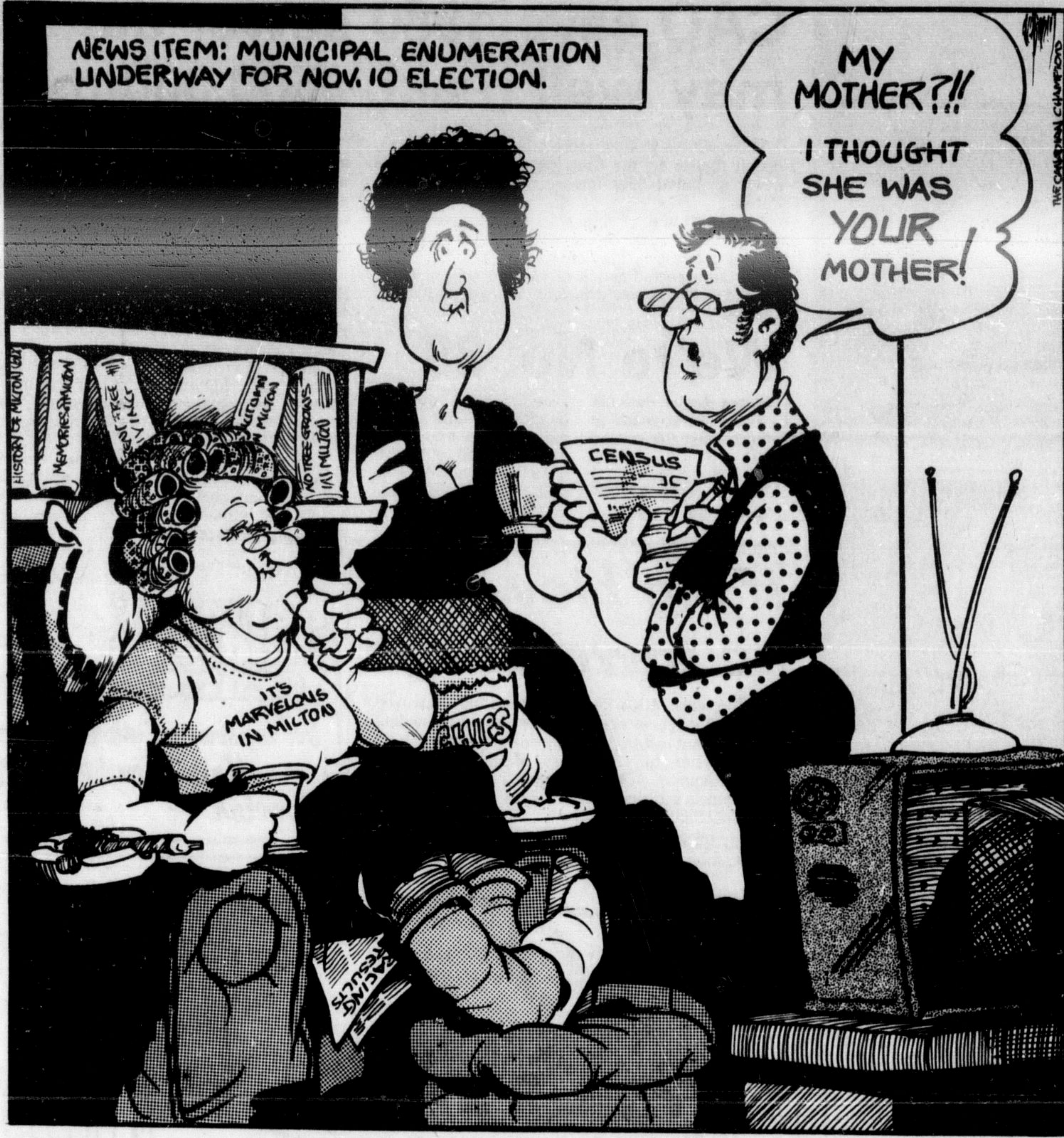
It's a sad commentary when we have people out of work who demand food, but refuse to work for it.

Well done, Terry

Congratulations Terry Fox, on being awarded the prestigious Order of Canada in recognition of his heroic cross-Canada run for funds for cancer research. And thanks to Dorothy Stone of

Georgetown, who organized local support and gathered 1,700 names on his nomination. It's an honor well deserved, for a brave young Canadian who has done so much in the fight against this disease.

NEWS ITEM: MUNICIPAL ENUMERATION UNDERWAY FOR NOV. 10 ELECTION.



Viewpoint

with JANE MULLER

Growing pains



They all went back to school without me. For the past 17 years, when September arrived I geared up for another session of learning, but not this year.

As August drew to an end the usual excitement which hits me every year at that time was there—but for what?

I could not look forward to meeting the familiar old faces of classmates, buying text books crammed with words of wisdom and last, but certainly not least, no new clothes to be bought.

Never again will I experience the anxious night before the big day or the what-did-you-do-on-your-summer-vacation questionnaire.

Maybe this fall was the final experience with growing pains, but I enjoyed school and the buddies that go with it, so why shouldn't I feel a twinge of regret?

It is now Sept. 17 and I have survived the trauma of no more school for me.

Now I am no longer a starving student but a starving reporter. This, in my estimation, is a step forward. At least my 17 years in some 12 different educational

institutions amounted to something. A job. September brought with it another pain. It is the time of year when the Provincial Government requires students who have scraped their way through post secondary school with Ontario Student Assistance Program loans, to pay up.

My time has come.

If I could not look back on my schooling with a smile and a feeling of accomplishment, I would begrudge every cent of the thousands of dollars I used to further my education.

But alas, I'm usually full of smiles and have few regrets about the path I have taken.

Now as I think of all those who returned to school without me, settled into their time schedules, found all of their classrooms and know most of their teachers by name, I don't feel so bad.

Sure the first day is exciting, the friends are great and their stories of summer adventures even greater, it takes no more than one week for the novelty to wear thin. With December will come exams, term

papers and a general frenzy to clear up every assignment ever assigned before the pace cools at Christmas break.

Even then there is usually at least one course instructor who used the old Scrooge technique. Unable to bear the prospect of students relaxing and having some fun during the big break, he pulls a little gem of an assignment out of his sack and takes the ho-ho out of the holiday.

The good outweighed the bad, in my experience however.

There may be no more school days but the experience of life provides ample opportunity for acquiring more knowledge. Armed with an open mind, learning can be a lifelong experience.

Next year when the summer breezes contain that hint of fall and September rolls around, the feeling of school sickness will probably return.

I will ease out of my old accustomed back-to-school excitement in a few years, I imagine.

Growing pains can't go on forever, can they?

Parents Without Partners educates single parents to deal with problems

Single parents experience special problems in a society geared toward the traditional two-parent family.

"When you are a single parent you feel alone. Other people don't understand the special problems of those who raise children on their own," says Bev MacNeil, a divorced mother of two.

Mrs. MacNeil wanted to join a chapter of Parents Without Partners but found none existed in Milton so she, with the help of a friend set the wheels in motion and hopes soon to have established the group in this town.

"I think Milton is a prime area and there is a definite need," admits Mrs. MacNeil.

Anyone who is a parent and is divorced, widowed or never married may join the group even if they do not have custody of the children.

Education is the Parents Without Partners (PWP) organization's first aim. Parents can share their problems with others in similar situations, to make them feel less alone with these problems.

Mrs. MacNeil says the Milton chapter would stress programs and activities in which children can become involved.

She realizes some may

join in hopes of finding a new spouse, but she emphasizes this is not the purpose of the group.

An initial meeting held earlier this month was

attended by 10 interested people, the zone administrator, secretary and district manager all from the Toronto branch.

Mrs. MacNeil was

pleased with the response, saying she had only expected about four or five people—which would have been a good response to this meeting which was not broadly advertised.

The next meeting will be held at Holy Rosary Hall, 139 Martin St. at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25.

An annual membership for this international organization costs \$15.

This money will help cover costs of guest speakers who will be invited to the monthly meetings.

Mrs. MacNeil is looking for at least 25 people to become involved. This is the number required to form an executive.

Age is no barrier, according to Mrs. MacNeil. "Parents are forever," to quote the PWP manual.

"A lot of older people are lonely and they should feel free to get involved," Mrs. MacNeil said.

For more information regarding the formation of a PWP chapter in Milton call Bev MacNeil at 878-5982 or Anne Steadman at 878-5420.



Busy organizer. If the efforts of Bev MacNeil result in good public support, Milton will have a chapter of Parents Without Partners.

Turning the Pages of the Past

One year ago

From the Sept. 19, 1979 issue
 Rock climbers breathed a sigh of relief Thursday evening after members of Halton Region Conservation Authority voted in favor of a safety patrol for climbers and decided against a ban on rock climbing. The safety patrol is to be modelled on the Canadian Ski Patrol.

Crowds above the expectations of the most optimistic organizers helped make Milton's first-ever multicultural festival one of the surprise successes of this year. They came in the thousands to wander through the 13 cultural pavilions in the downtown area.

Mary-Jean Robinson, 18, of RR 2, Georgetown is the 1979 Milton Fall Fair Queen. The 4-H Club member was the only girl to enter the queen competition.

The region's health and social services committee has recommended advertising for a new Medical Officer of Health (MOH). The move was prompted by the approaching retirement of the region's MOH Dr. J.H. Chamberlain later this year.

Ontario wants Halton Region to come up with new programs for senior citizens so it can take advantage of the \$2 million in funds available.

Milton's 127th fall fair begins Friday. Exhibitors begin placing livestock and their work on the fair grounds in the morning.

Judging will begin at 11 a.m. and continue through the afternoon.

20 years ago

From the issue of Sept. 15, 1960
 Hazel Reid of Hornby was named Halton's Furrow Queen at the Junior plowing match on Saturday. She will represent Halton at the International Plowing Match in October.

Milton's commerce goes on parade this weekend at the Milton Chamber of Commerce trade fair in the arena.

With a resounding blast, Rotary Park was officially declared open last night (Wednesday). Little Nickie Fetter did the honors, by igniting a blockbuster rocket. Rotary President Howard Griswold said it was "a proud day" for the club and added the present park with its wading pool, swings, sand pile, horseshoe pits and ball diamond is "only a small part of what we hope it will be."

Holy Rosary Church was jammed to the doors Sunday night as Milton Catholics turned out to say farewell to the Rev. J. P. Lardie, who is moving to St. Mary's Church in Hamilton.

Champion special correspondent Bruce Hood reports from Edinburgh, Scotland that the famous Edinburgh Festival has ended and members of the Lorne Scots Pipe Band are making their way home. Ledwith's Super Save has opened a large new addition.

Local schools report 1,664 pupils enrolled last week. There are 390 enrolled in the high school, with grade 9s taking classes at Martin St. and the balance at the new school on Williams Ave.

50 years ago

From the Sept. 18, 1930 issue
 J.M. Denyes is attending the General Council of the United Church which opened at London yesterday.

Wheat is moving. Moving wheat means jobs at docks, ports and on railways. The junior school at Norval village has been closed temporarily because of an outbreak of infantile paralysis.

The large number of Miltonians who attended Acton's fall fair yesterday said that the exhibition was the best in the history of the Society.

If Milton requires any of the money voted by parliament to take care of unemployed by providing work on some civic improvement, our council should make an early move in the matter.

About 8.30 p.m. Thursday last fire of unknown origin completely destroyed a frame dwelling at Milton Heights, occupied by William Thompson and owned by David Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson left at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to visit friends and no person was in the house, which was locked up. Milton fire brigade responded to the call for help, but when the firemen arrived the blaze was beyond control. All of Mr. Thompson's furniture, except one chair, was consumed. The loss to house and contents is \$1,500, partly covered by insurance.

75 years ago

From the Sept. 14, 1905 issue
 A number of English immigrants, men, women and children, came to Milton on Monday, but, except one family, did not stay long. The men were all mechanics and did not want work on farms; and at any rate, there were no vacant houses for their families.

The fruit-packing demonstration will be held today and tomorrow at the packing house of Mr. Cummins, Burlington. The great trouble with Ontario fruit is faulty packing. Fruit growers should not miss this opportunity for instruction in packing in boxes, which is the most approved method.

John Dickin, of Weston, is in town this morning. He and Mrs. Dickin returned last week from a two-month trip to the West. They went as far as Indian Head.

The stables of Harry Giddings, the well-known racehorse owner, were destroyed by fire on Sunday afternoon. The fire, which started in the upper part of the main building was discovered about 4 o'clock and but for the pluck of Mrs. Giddings, who happened to be alone at the hour, 30 valuable race horses would have been destroyed.