

Our Readers Write

Mail delivery problems continue

The following letter was sent to Milton Postmaster Cal Hart, a copy of which has been filed with The Champion for publication.

Dear Sir:
Approximately two months ago I spoke with you at your office, in regard to mail I was getting, but that was clearly not meant for me, as it was

addressed to Turners of varying given names, addresses and rural routes.

At that time you advised me to ensure that my name was on my mailbox, in plain view for the postman to see. I complied by affixing my name, in dymo tape, to the mailbox door, and included both my initials as a further point of reference for the postman. Unfortunately, this did not solve the problem,

so I have resigned myself to simply leaving mail meant for other Turners in the box, where, to the best of my knowledge, it is picked up the next day, and sent to its proper (perhaps, maybe) owner. I refuse to return mail improperly delivered to me to the actual post office any more. It is a waste of my time, and money, and something that is not my responsibility in the first place.

However, this constant problem did lead me to wonder how much of my mail was being delivered to the wrong person, and I did mention my concern about this to you, while at your office. But it was not until I received a letter this past Oct. 1 from Calgary, post-marked Sept. 1, with the words "wrong mailbox" scrawled on the envelope that I realized this problem does indeed exist. So, as well as receiving mail meant for other Milton residents, who are unfortunate enough to share my family name, my mail also circulates to them. The mail service in Canada in general leaves enough to be desired without local "errors" which allow letters to float around from mailbox to mailbox, until by chance, they happen to be placed in the one for which they were originally intended! I enjoy a game of chance as much as the next person, but not with my mail.

And now, the straw that broke the proverbial camel's back. On Oct. 24, I

received a letter for a Turner other than myself, which, by now, I am quite accustomed to. However, this particular Turner lives in Midland, Ontario, not Milton, a fact which is clearly evident, simply by reading the address on the envelope. The name and address are typewritten, so this foul-up cannot be blamed on illegible penmanship by the sender. How anyone could mistake Midland for Milton is a mystery to me (although I realize that both of the names of these towns begin with the letters 'Mi'). Please find letter in question enclosed.

I have really come to the end of my rope with the Milton Post Office. In fact, as much as possible, I now attempt to use the Burlington sub-station on Guelph Line when sending mail out in order that I can have some peace of mind that my mail will be handled efficiently.

It has been said that once the new Post Office is open, service to the Milton area should improve. I can only hope that it does make drastic improvements on the mail service in this community, although I fail to see what the age of a building has to do with providing your customers living in and around a town the size of Milton with the prompt and efficient mail handling that they have a right to, and most certainly deserve.

Graham Turner,
Milton.

Calling all Milton cooks — The Champion wants you (and your favorite recipes) for its first-ever family cookbook.

The book will be published Wednesday, Dec. 3 and recipes are invited for each of the following categories: Hors d'oeuvres, microwave oven, salads, men only, canning and preserving, gourmet dinner for two, main dish, punch and desserts.

Not only will the best

recipes be published, various local celebrities



will share their cooking secrets, and their favorite recipes, in this special publication. And entrants with recipes in each of the open categories can win prizes, too.

Each recipe chosen for publication will make the entrant eligible for one of the nine main prizes. Names will be drawn at random, so anyone can win.

Deadline for submitting your recipes is Friday, Nov. 21. So get busy selecting your recipes now — the cookbook is a sure winner,

and you could be a prize winner, too.

Entries are now being accepted at the office of The Champion, 191 Main St. E., Milton, L9T 1N7. Get cooking!

Youth and election

Dear Sir:
This letter is addressed to the candidates who seek election or re-election to office and to the citizens of Milton who make the final decision.

During the past two weeks, the readers of the local newspapers have been introduced to the youth of Milton. They have been shown to roam the streets, engage in sexual behaviour in public, vandalize and hang around the Milton Mall and, in short, get in everybody's way.

A bit over-reactive don't you think? I have been a resident of Milton for only eight months and have extensive experience in the community and social services profession as a senior childcare worker. Perhaps I can provide a few observations and suggestions.

To the best of my knowledge, I have been unable to detect a sense of community belonging in the teenagers of Milton. I have seen them hanging around Main Street or the pool hall or the bowling alley. I have not seen anyone take the trouble to care—to provide a service to these kids; to instill

within them a feeling of worth—of value.

We have a valuable resource here which must not be wasted.

Think of the possibilities! There are young, bright, inquisitive minds which could quite easily bring some energy to Milton if they are only given a chance. It's time for election issues and this is one important issue which is largely being ignored. How are we best to utilize and aid the youth of Milton?

Is there a program which can be developed under a co-ordinator of youth services?

Can the Optimist Centre be used more appropriately and effectively? How about a drop-in centre with a good sound system and stage for up and coming musicians?

These are just a few questions which require answers and actions. Let's have more involvement here.

I consider this a worthwhile investment for the future of Milton.

John Bouweraerts,
Childs Dr., Milton

Abandon Site F and save

Dear Sir:
Election time has arrived.

Here in Halton Region, in the next few weeks, the Regional candidates will have to deal with the issues of vandalism, budget deficit, sewer surcharge, industrial management and solid waste handling.

The region has mishandled the sewer surcharge, dropped the ball on industrial management, created an unnecessary large budget deficit and blundered on the handling of solid waste. A poor and disheartening record to say the least. Maybe there is some hope in the future if the Region will listen now.

This writer would like to pose a solution to the budget deficit and at the same time solve the ongoing problem of what to do with our garbage over the next few years. Some Councillors claim the truth is not known regarding the amount of the present deficit. We could be facing a shortage of five million dollars by the end of 1981.

The solution is simple and will allow

the Region to avoid an expenditure of around \$5,000,000, hence alleviating the total possible budget deficit. But even if the deficit is not \$5,000,000, my solution will still save the Region and taxpayer that expenditure.

If Chairman Jack Raftis and company are ready for the answer, here it is—abandon Site F now.

The present landfill site in Burlington, the Burlington Badiands, can be expanded for a total number of years exceeding those requested for Site A. Why should we be spending money on upgrading roads, purchasing land and developing these lands into a garbage dump at Site F when it's not necessary?

The use of prime number one land for burying garbage is not even the issue, it's pure economics.

The Region should abandon a bad decision in pursuing Site F.

Maybe we ask too much of a badly managed Council to listen to the people and apply common sense.

(Mrs.) Jean Dent,
Burlington

Three escape injury in crash

Three Mississauga youths escaped serious injury in a car accident at the Bronte St. CP railway line late Saturday evening.

Halton Regional Police said the trio were south-bound on Bronte St. shortly before midnight

when the vehicle went out of control on a curve in the roadway.

Police said the car left the road and became stuck on the train tracks, causing an estimated \$500 damage and a delay in train schedules. Damage to the car was

estimated at \$2,000.

Injured in the accident were driver Steve Mason, 16, of 1526 Glen Rutley Cres., passengers Emanuel Anassis, 17, of 1615 Bloor St. and Eric Harding, 16 of 1602 Wavell Cres.

The three were treated for minor injuries.

Thanks for support

Dear Sir:
On behalf of the Evangelical Medical Missionaries' Aid Society, (EMMAS), we wish to thank you and the Champion staff for the support given in collecting eye glasses for the Dominican

Republic, Haiti and Central America. The response of the local citizens is very much appreciated.

M. Ho, M.D.
W. Stephen Legate, M.D.
Milton

Drumquin

Euchre parties begin

By Mrs. Cecil Patterson

The regular weekly euchre parties held at Hornby Centre got underway on Saturday evening Nov. 1 with 10 tables in play. Prize winners were Beatrice Downs, Clara Price, Eileen Jackson, E. McMenemy, F. Peacock, M. Peacock.

A large congregation worshipped at Bethel United Church on Nov. 2. The service was conducted by Mr. Geo McPhee and Miss Linda Stemp.

These young people are theology students at Emmanuel College, Toronto and will be working with Hillcrest and Bethel churches for this year.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ross Gowan of Jarvis on the birth of their second son, Robin Clark, at Simcoe Hospital on October 17.

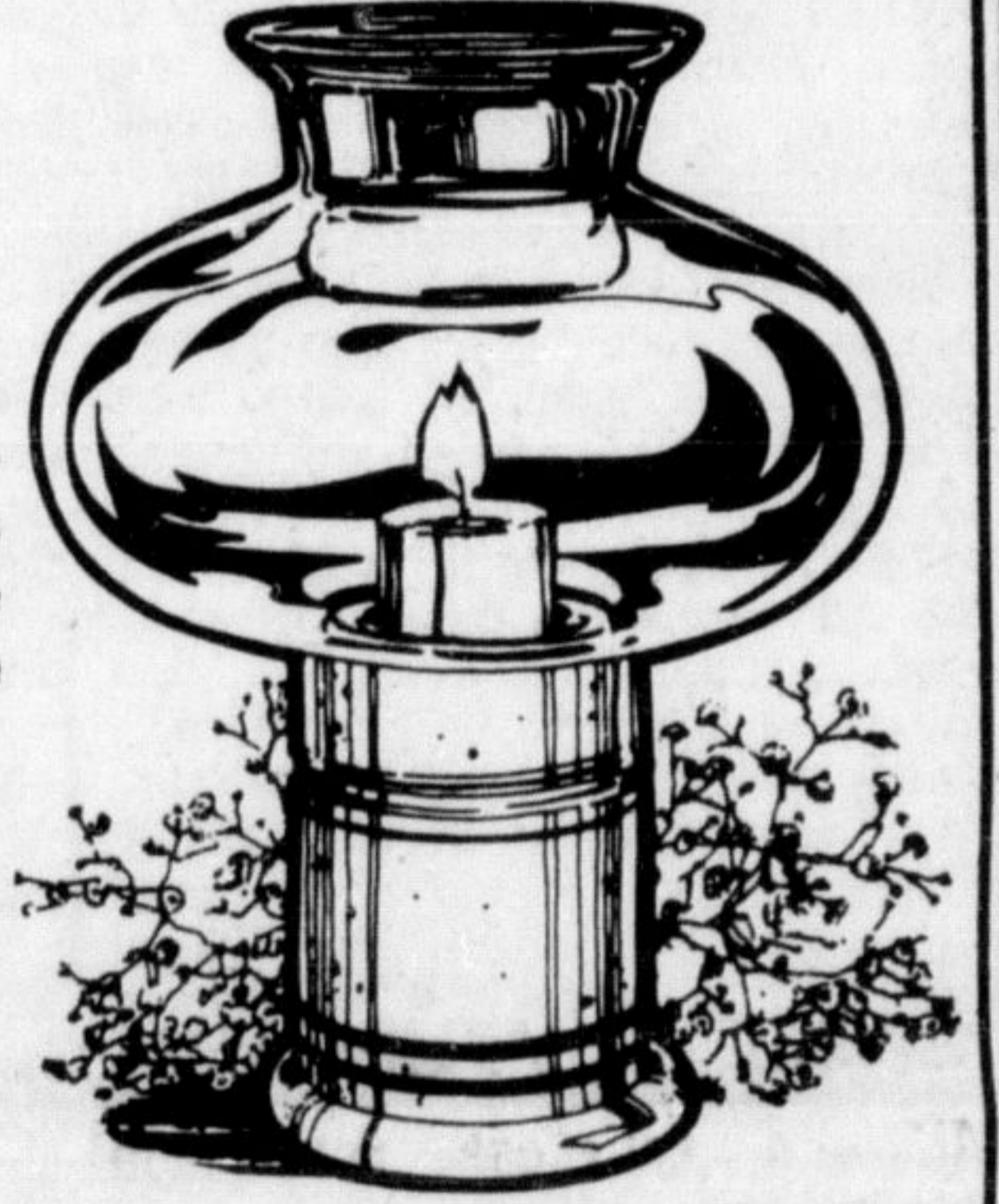
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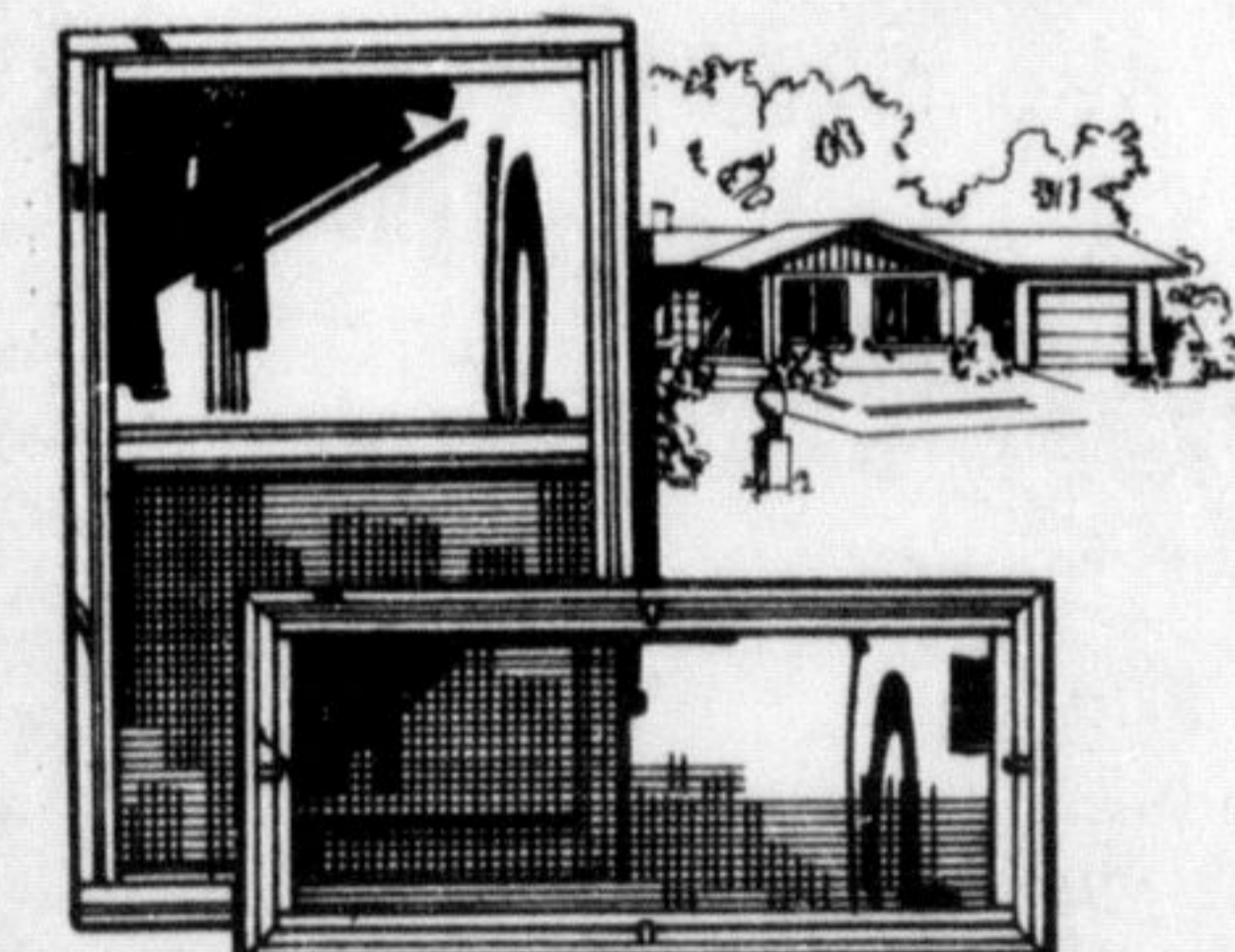
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