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NEWS ITEM: HALTON REGION IS WELL UNDERWAY TO START "SOURCE SEPARATION."



Let's help Santa

We've said it before and we'll say it again: Milton is one heck of a town.

On Saturday the 1980 Santa Claus Parade was held and the number of people who showed up was just staggering. The support this town gives to every one of its public functions should be a lesson to the rest of Ontario.

But while the turnout for the parade probably set records for attendance, the support in terms of donations is sinking each year.

In fact, it is now probable there will not be a 1981 Santa Claus

Parade, as even now the 1980 version is still in trouble from not having enough fiscal support.

That spirit which Milton shows for public activities must now be turned towards showing some support for the work of all those people who pooled their efforts to bring off the 1980 Milton Santa Claus Parade.

Money is still needed, and to that end, The Canadian Champion will be accepting donations and we will pass them on to the committee so the Town of Milton can be sure that in 1981, yes, there will be a Santa Claus.

Source separation

Friday was perhaps the first day at which those people who govern Halton Region began to believe a method of sorting and recycling garbage can be a reality.

Source separation is basically asking residents to sort their garbage into separate bundles of glass, metal cans, and paper. By recycling these products, a valuable resource can be reused, and it means much less is going into the dump. For instance, one ton of Halton garbage contains enough refuse paper to equal a stand of 17 trees. In the community of Montclair New Jersey, residents have a recycling program which is saving that town of 40,000 the equivalent of two-thirds of a barrel of oil for each ton of recyclable materials saved.

In addition, the Ontario Minister of Energy, Dr. Harry Parrott, told the seminar he is making money available to any Ontario municipality which is prepared to start a source separation program. All Dr. Parrott asks, in

return for the funding, is each program have the potential to be self-supporting within three years.

But there are other savings besides money to be made by selling recyclable waste products.

In Boca Raton, Fla., where a program is strongly entrenched, the city's public works department director says that if the program was terminated, it would mean spending thousands of dollars on new garbage trucks and salaries for garbage men.

There can be little doubt, based on Friday's conference, that source separation is an idea whose time has come.

Halton Regional Councillors will be asked in the new year to consider setting up such a program and getting it into full swing during 1981. It is going to take a massive education-public relations effort to get the message across and keep the program going, month after month.

But it can be done and must be done if we are going to lessen our dependence on using the land to store our waste.

No one wins

Regional councillors are today expected to vote on a move which is legally and politically necessary, but is going to cost us all a lot more as of the first day of the new year.

Fraught for the past 10 months with controversy and deficits, the Halton Regional water rate-sewer surcharge system has been, as everyone at the region will admit, a tremendous failure.

It was expected to bring everyone's water and sewer bill down through the adoption of the "user pay" principle, but in many cases, the bills every two months have gone up, in several instances the rise has been more than 100 per cent.

Why did it happen? Probably the system was too strict, too new, and did not come with enough-technical-man hour back-up. Industrial users got a "break" in order to keep them here and to attract new industry. Halton, however, also has a very poor record in attracting industry.

The net result is the sewer surcharge system will be about \$500,000 in the red by the end of December, and if continued, it could reach a staggering \$3 million by 1983.

But Regional Solicitor Dennis Perlin will be advising councillors today the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs has decided it is illegal for a council to operate in any form of deficit financing, and/or to take deficits into the next council to let them sort it out.

To this end, Mr. Perlin will be advising councillors to take all "reasonable steps" possible in the current term of council, which ends today, to rectify the deficit and bring in methods to balance the books in 1981.

This can only come, as Mr. Perlin sees it, with council today endorsing a hefty increase in the water-sewer rates, of sufficient magnitude that the amount of revenue generated will be enough to offset the deficit by the end of 1981.

What this increase will be is anyone's guess at this moment, but it must be anathema to all those councillors who managed to get re-elected to Regional Council, only to now turn around and say thanks for the votes" and "here's a nice big billing increase for your faith in me."

Regardless of the outcome, it will be the ratepayers who lose out.

If the councillors accept Mr. Perlin's advice, the bill at the start of January will be going up. If they reject what Mr. Perlin has to say, the deficit will just continue to mount and it will have to be made up one way or the other. Of course, one way or the other translates into how much and when the mill rate will go up at budget time in April, 1981.

That any of the current term's regional councillors were returned to office, let alone two-thirds of them, mystifies when one considers the other long list of flops at Halton Region.

Viewpoint

with LINDA KIRBY

The young boy clutched his heart, breathing ooh-la-la under his breath.

He was maybe six years old, but like so many his age, he instantly recognized Miss Canada when he saw her. And he was impressed.

Dominique Dufour was a hit on her Saturday trip to Milton and as much as the crowds enjoyed her presence, she made it no secret she was thrilled by them too.

It is difficult to know what to expect from a beauty queen. The mistake easily made is to assume that is all you will get from a beauty queen—just a gorgeous creature.

But this 22-year-old lady made it obvious that it was more than her appearance that won hearts.

She arrived Saturday afternoon for the Santa Claus parade, 30 minutes ahead of schedule.

She doesn't like to keep people waiting, explained her chaperone Margaret Nicolson.

There was no fetching her a coffee. Having some time to spare, she walked up

the street to a coffee shop.

She seemed genuinely happy to be here and more than willing to smile for any number of pictures.

She remembered names. And the faces that went with them.

Resplendent in a luxurious silver fur coat and silver tiara, she was a sight to behold.

Somehow, she didn't get swept away by her own grandeur.

When it came time to step into the convertible she was riding, she insisted on carrying a paper foot mat. She didn't want to leave marks on the car's vinyl seats.

It was a typical November day—brilliant cold.

She laughed and said she was warm and delighted to ride in an open air car. For proof, she was just as cheery at the end of the parade.

She had practiced her English, it was clear, but she was thrilled when youngsters and older fans stepped forward to greet the French Canadian in her native tongue.

She was impressed



Sugar and Spice

with BILL SMILEY

I sometimes wonder if my college contemporaries are as happy as I, or happier, or less happy and just walking the old treadmill until they reach the end of the road and the dust to dust business.

My wonder was triggered by a recent letter from no less a body than Sandy Cameron, the Ambassador to Poland. He seems happy, but that's only on paper. We used to kick a football around when we were ten or twelve until we were summoned home in the gathering dusk.

He's since returned to Ottawa, after three years in Yugo-Slavia and two in Warsaw, and has invited us to drop around. I shudder at the cost of that, if my old lady thought she was going into ambassadorial regions. Can you rent a mink coat for an evening?

Another guy I knew at college has emerged into a fairly huge job, much in the public eye. He is Jan (now John) Meisel, a former Queen's professor who has been appointed head of the CRTC and is determined to move that moribund body. Jan is, as I recall, a Czech, gentle, brilliant, fairly frail but strong in spirit.

Let's namedrop some more. Jamie Reaney is a playwright, poet, novelist and professor of English at Western. Two Governor-General's Awards for literature, but he's just the same sweet, kooky guy he was at nineteen, a real scholar, absorbed in children's games, yet a first-rate teacher and writer.

Alan Brown has been a dilettante with the CBC, producing unusual radio programs from faraway places, and lately emerging as a translator of French novels. He came from Millbrook, a hamlet near Peterborough. How we small-town boys made the city slickers look sick, when it came to intellect.

George McCowan was a brilliant English and Philosophy student who was kicked out of school for writing an exam

for a dummy who happened to live around the corner from me when I was a kid.

He went off to Stratford as an actor and director, and suddenly disappeared to Hollywood, after marrying and being divorced from Frances Hyland. He is now on his third or fourth wife, has an ulcer, and directs Grade B movies.

I knew Don Harron casually. His first wife was a classmate of mine, who later married that Hungarian guy who wrote In Praise of Older Women, made into a movie. Harron, with lots of talent, energy and ambition, has parlayed his Charley Farquarson into a mint, and is still producing a lot of creative stuff.

Another of the drifting mob was Ralph Hicklin, a dwarfish kid with rotten teeth, and a wit with the bite of an asp. He still owes me \$65.00, because he had no scruples about borrowing money. He became a movie and ballet critic, and a good one, but died in his late forties.

There were other drifters in and out of the gang, including my kid brother, who was mainly there for the girls. And boy, I'd better not start on the girls, or I'm in trouble.

I was the only one who was about half jock, that sweaty and anomalous name that is pinned on Phys. Ed teachers today. I played football, and my intellectual friends had nothing but scorn for this. I loved it.

And I made some friends among the jocks, or the hangers-on, the sports-writers. Notable among them was Dave McIntosh, who still writes a mean letter to the editor from Ottawa, and spent most of his adult life working for The Canadian Press and newspapers.

I also had other friends in the college newspaper. I was a couple of years behind the bumptious Wayne and Shuster, but knew Neil Simon and others whose names

I'll be laughing



"I want to be Miss Canada. I want to be just like you," squealed a 10-year-old admirer.

Miss Canada understood every word. "You will be, you certainly will be my dear, you are now so lovely," she answered.

A request to visit Halton Centennial Manor was met with enthusiasm.

She spent the next half hour meeting elderly residents, taking time to stop and chat and always holding their hand while she spoke.

A quick visit to the Dickens (not planned) and she was welcomed with a round of applause.

She didn't quite expect that and seemed taken aback with all the admiration.

Her presence at the parade was an honor. But it was also fun, and a treat to work with her.

Her job is not all glamor and it takes a special kind of person to do it with the style and polish she possesses.

Turning the Pages of the Past

One year ago

From the Nov. 21, 1979 issue
Maplehurst guards had been warned some form of demonstration might take place, just a few hours before a riot erupted at the institution last week involving over 100 inmates who caused \$50,000 damage. According to Allan Roberts, superintendent of Maplehurst, he cautioned officers there might be an "incident." Mr. Roberts said the rampage was the result of a "minority" of inmates expressing their "displeasure" with the administration for taking action against a group of inmates.

Remarkably warm weather helped make this year's version of the Santa Claus Parade one of the biggest and most successful in its history. Crowds lined two and three deep along Main St. to watch the two-mile long parade of eight marching bands, three majorette groups, floats and clowns.

A new policeman has been added to the ranks of the Milton division of Halton Regional Police. He is 32-year-old Donald Leroux of Oakville.

Police have recaptured all but three of the 18 escapees who scaled Maplehurst Correctional Centre walls during a riot last Monday, Nov. 12. Four of the inmates who took part in the riot that totalled over \$50,000 damage have been sentenced to six months for prison breach.

20 years ago

From the Nov. 17, 1960 issue
Fred Mills reported picking strawberries Sunday, just after the snowstorm. Next Monday, passenger service on the CPR mainline between Guelph Junction and Guelph will end. The service has been carried out daily for the past 72 years.

The 26-mile stretch of Highway 401 from Milton to Highway 8 at Preston, will officially open today.

County Council is still studying the proposal to build a county museum. A committee feels it will cost \$20,000 to \$30,000 to erect a suitable building.

The men of Milton Fire Brigade now have their new uniforms, and a full page ad in today's paper expresses appreciation to the 112 local business firms which contributed to the fund. Members of the brigade are V. J. Coulson, Harold Coulson, Jack Patterson, Chief A. E. Clement, Deputy George Bundy, Don Toletzka, Ivan Clarridge, Jim Mountain, George Vaughan, Jim Coulson, Dunc Patterson, Murray Currie, Ron Patterson, George Winney, Max Black, Frank Jones, Alf Waldie, Harold Coulson, Dean Johnston, Wilf Penson, Sherwood Hume, Bob Pearson, Gord Krantz, Bill Tight, Bill Dyer, Glenn Stringer.

Boston Church dedicated a new addition Sunday.

There were more than 200 in Sunday's Remembrance Day parade.

50 years ago

From the Nov. 20, 1930 issue
H. G. Peacock represented Milton at the 41st annual meeting of the Ontario Hockey Association, held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on Saturday.

At the agricultural grounds here on Friday last Milton High School rugby team defeated Streetsville High School by 17 to 0 before a large crowd of fans.

Twenty-five men started work on a \$10,000 sewer in the north end of Oakville on Monday as a relief measure. Half of the cost is being paid by the Provincial and Federal Governments.

J. F. McCallum, of Milton, recently appointed governor of Halton county jail, to succeed Archie McGibbon, was sworn into office on Saturday last by Crown Attorney W. I. Dick. Former Governor McGibbon and Mrs. McGibbon will reside with their daughter, Mrs. R. S. Hurcheon, in Toronto.

The present mild spell is not considered good "duck weather." The fogs have been particularly bad for the sport and very few birds have been bagged by Burlington Beach sportsmen during the last few days. Give a man a job. You will find the list of Milton's unemployed in the council chamber at town hall.

75 years ago

From the Nov. 16, 1905 issue
On Tuesday evening a farmer's team attached to a lumber wagon without a box, took fright on Main St. near Tock's grocery and ran away. The farmer found that he could not stop the horses and dropped to the ground, hurting one of his shoulders slightly. The team ran foul of and smashed a post of R. Burling's verandah, at the same time splitting the wagon tongue.

Rev. C.T. Bennett and J.M. Bastedo got home on Tuesday morning after hunting deer in Muskoka, camping with three other sportsmen. They report unpleasant weather but good sport and brought home their complement of deer.

Miss Mary Leslie, author of "Rhymes of the Kings and Queens of England," has brought out another work, "Historical Sketches of Scotland in Prose and Verse." It is an account of the kings and queens of Scotland from the reign of Fergus the First to Victoria.

Mrs. Archibald Galbraith died at her home at Zimmerman on Sunday evening, Nov. 5th, after a lingering illness. Deceased had been a great sufferer from heart trouble for years and during the last ten months, in spite of all that could be done for her, her strength gradually weakened until the unseen messenger relieved her of her suffering and although she had suffered much, the end was peaceful.