



Special guests. Milton Rotary Club member Bob Scott, left, presented five-year-old Cory Wright with a fire station and truck Saturday evening, at the club's annual Easter Seal Dinner. With Cory are his mother, Brenna Wright, his father Gary and twin brother, Brandon.

Milton's Timmy is honored at Rotary Easter Seal dinner

By Linda Kirby
Over 200 people turned out Saturday evening for the annual Milton Rotary Club Easter Seal dinner at the Optimist Centre. Special guests of the evening affair was the Wright family of Milton. Chosen as this year's "Timmy" to represent crippled children in the area is five-year-old Cory Wright, the son of Gary and Brenna Wright.

problems with the disease, there are many "positive" experiences. "Tonight is one of those experiences. "As a result of our problems, we have had a great deal of exposure to a side of people that most don't see too often. "And that is the side of generosity and understanding for people less fortunate than themselves."

normal Saturday business hours. April 11 is the third Saturday of this year's Easter Seal campaign which runs from March 16 to April 19.

Oakville man dies in crash on Ninth Line

A single car accident on Ninth Line south of Derry Rd. claimed the life of a 22-year-old Oakville man early Sunday morning.

Dead is Christopher Mark Etherington of 1271 Ingledine Ave., Oakville, driver of the car. His passenger, 20-year-old Karen McCabe of 45 Durham Cres., Bramalea suffered only minor injuries. She was treated and released from Milton District Hospital.

Halton Regional Police said the fatality occurred when Mr. Etherington, travelling northbound on Ninth Line, lost control, crossed the road twice and struck a tree on the west side of the road.

He was pronounced dead at the scene by Milton Coroner Dr. Donald Aikenhead. Damage to the 1980 Datsun is estimated at \$5,000.

Parking increase seen as downtown priority by semi-mall planners

By Jane Muller
Barry Lyon and Peter Turner, architectural consultants hired by Milton Civic Committee are nearing the end of their task to suggest means of beautifying and improving the town.

Their original April 1 deadline has been moved ahead with final results of surveys, sketches of facade improvements and downtown parking schemes expected in the next month or two.

"We are continually impressed with the very exciting potential Milton has," said Mr. Lyon.

He and his partner introduced some new aspects of their research and the results of their second survey Wednesday afternoon at a Civic Committee meeting in the council chambers at Town Hall.

In a study where 100 residents living in various parts of the town were interviewed, results were predictable according to Mr. Lyon.

Questions such as how well do you know Milton, do you work locally and where do you shop for various items were asked. The results showed generally that more people shop at Milton Mall and out of town for clothing, and grocery items, gifts and

furniture and appliances than downtown.

"What we learned is something we all knew before," Mr. Lyon said.

Mr. Lyon pointed to better parking downtown as "perhaps the largest single improvement which can be made without much problem."

Peter Turner suggested there "should be some general planning sense for downtown and parking is one example."

Two concepts have been designed for downtown Milton's new look. One is referred to by Mr. Turner as slightly idealistic and includes the extension of Mary St. making a well organized parking area to the south of Main St. rather than the jumble of parking spots which exist there now.

In his more realistic version, Mr. Turner rated buildings at 5 levels of improvement requirements which are color coded and parking areas have been designated almost as they exist today.

The two downtown concepts are presented as topographical drawings and illustrate locations for pedestrian walkways, decorative plantings and signage.

Mr. Lyon and Mr. Turner suggested in an

effort to improve parking downtown the merchants should get together and organize individual parking lots into a more space efficient lot made up of a combination of existing ones.

"The biggest criticism of downtown we encountered was parking. It just is not adequate in terms of numbers or appearance and invitation," claims Mr. Lyon.

As a major improvement to traffic flow and parking, the team "strongly suggest" Mary St. be continued and the town would be wise to buy portions of the land in question as they come up for sale in the future.

Mr. Lyon and Mr. Turner have suggested the downtown core would be ideal for two walking tours. One which would include the path at the mill pond would be called a nature trail and the second would lead residents and tourists around older residential areas where century homes stand well preserved and be named an historical walk.

"A walking tour is such a natural not only for visitors but for those living here," said Mr. Lyon.

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