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Assessment plus jobs equal water

One could physically feel the relief last week when Milton Council was finally able to state the 1,100-acre industrial park along the north side of Highway 401 is ready to be developed.

It took seven years, hundreds of hours of work, a flurry of legal threats, and physical anguish for 19 residents, but the park is now ready to bring much needed employment and industrial assessment to the town.

At this point in time, we are told a number of firms are waiting for the signal to bring proposed plans of subdivision into Milton Town Hall for Processing.

Milton planner Bob Zsadanyi confirms this and states he plans to pull all the toPs, to get the plans through and in operation.

There is one bugbear, however. Desperately restricted water supply and sewage capacity mean many of the industries in the area are going to have to be of the "dry" variety, where little or no water is needed.

In fact, this "dry" criteria is going to be the deciding factor on which firm will be welcomed to Milton and which firm will be told to look elsewhere. It may be safe to say the "wetter" the industry, the more jobs there will be created.

This newspaper understands the incredible cost of running a major water and sewer line from Lake Ontario to Milton, but we must also realize the town needs water as much for industrial development as for the residential development it is having to turn away.

At the same time, the Milton-Highway 401 Industrial Park is going ahead. The Champion notes the provision for yet another industrial park on the Milton border with Mississauga. Mississauga, we are told by a Mississauga councillor, has sufficient water and sewage capacity for this industrial park and several thousand new homes being planned

along the Mississauga-Milton border.

Is it possible, we wonder, to come to an agreement with the City of Mississauga, through an exchange of land along Winston Churchill Blvd. or for some other land swap, to let Milton tie into the water and sewer capacity of Mississauga through a pipeline first to the industrial park, and later to any housing along the 401 stretch?

Halton Region wants new industry so desperately it has brought in a new Business Development Officer and told him to emulate the success stories of Peel and Hamilton-Wentworth Regions.

In fact Halton, which is actually in charge of water and sewer services, offers very generous discounts to industrial users looking to locate in the region.

Halton and Milton both realize that the more jobs created in each industry, the higher the return in the aforementioned assessment and in the number of people who will move to Halton, buy homes and buy services.

In fact, whatever the cost in the exchange of land (notice we don't say money), it would be worth the price if it would mean the development which is badly needed.

Included at no extra cost in this deal is water and sewer capacity for residential use which is being allocated to housing unit by unit these days in the Milton Planning Department.

Several apartment buildings have been turned down because the water and sewer capacity did not exist at the Kelso well or the Milton Sewer plant.

Any Milton councillor will admit the single greatest municipal problem today is finding more rental accommodation.

The Mississauga pipeline is the answer.

It is up to Halton and Milton to get together and ask Mississauga the question.

Poor fellows

Those guys living in Maplehurst really have it tough! A bunch of them went on a short-lived "hunger strike" this week, because of what they called poor food quality. Their examples (get this) were: Cold toast, warm juice and milk, and some cold meals. The super called the complaints "trivial". We call it nonsense.

Those who have seen the inside of this penal institution call it the "Milton Hilton". You and me, Joe Taxpayer, are footing the bill for those law-breakers' care. Compared to the good old days of only a few years ago, when heavy physical work and sparse meals

were the norm, today's inmates live in the lap of luxury — TVs, games rooms, sports fields, well equipped shops and classrooms and a well stocked library are today's fare.

So the toast was cold one morning? Somebody put the juice and milk on the table a little too soon? Come off it, you guys.

We think the boys had a touch of spring fever and a few trouble-makers stirred up a little action, just to break the monotony. Ten days in solitary confinement, or a trip to a "real" jail should cure that kind of uprising.

Commenting briefly

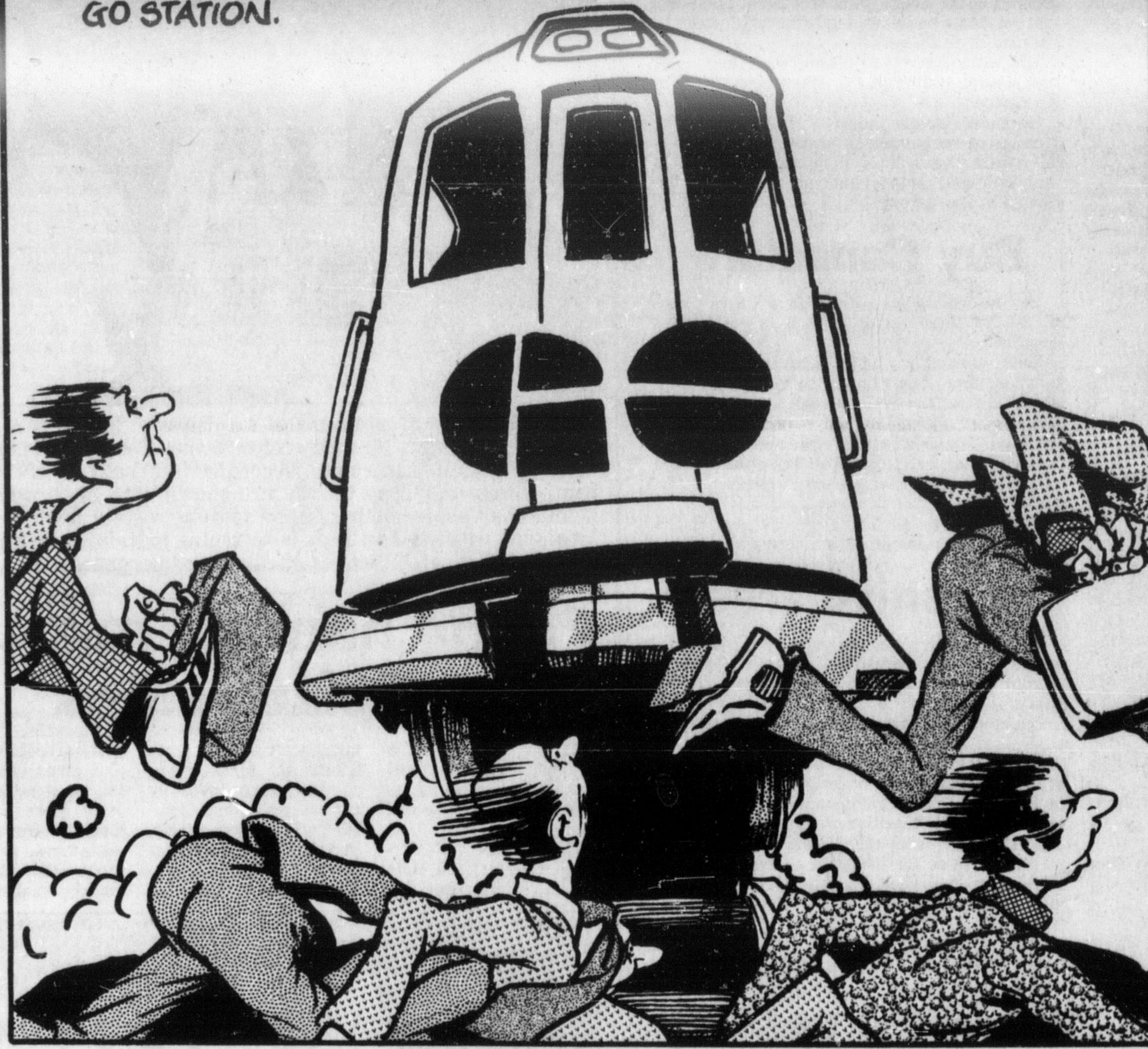
Help The Centre

Hats off to Donna Coulter and friends who organized a highly successful flea market Good Friday, to raise money for The Centre. It was a lot of work, but the efforts paid off handsomely. If you didn't contribute to (or buy something at) the Friday sale, you still have a chance to help out. The Centre needs both cash donations and part time volunteer helpers. Call 876-1244 if you want to help.

It's 878 or 876

Milton now has two telephone exchanges, the original with an 878 prefix and the new 876 lines. All new phones in Milton will be getting an 876 prefix. Don't get the two mixed up, as the 8 and 6 in the prefix are the only difference between many phone numbers being utilized in both exchanges. As Bell says, check the number before you dial. There have been a growing number of reports of wrong phone numbers lately, and the new prefix is being blamed.

NEWS ITEM:
MILTON RESIDENTS
WILL NOT GET BRIDGE
OVER TRACKS TO NEW
GO STATION.



Private property means just that

Viewpoint

with MIKE BOYLE

It's the opening of fishing season Saturday which means another successful year (it is hoped) for all concerned. The pursuit of fish for food goes back to the beginning of civilization and will be with us as long as there are fish.

In Halton, the key word for fishermen of all ages is permission. It is essential to obtain permission from landowners before venturing on their property.

Under the law, it is a civil offence to trespass. Those who jump fences to fish risk fines up to \$1,000 as well as a personal confrontation with the owner.

There are many places to fish in the region which are open to the public. Natural reproduction coupled with man-made stocking of selected ponds and rivers in the area ensure all can fish for fun without breaking any laws.

Although the Town of Milton is growing, it has retained the community spirit and pride. A requirement of pride is the respect for others and their property. The abuse of this essential human right leads to a loss of community spirit and the all-

for-one attitude which makes this town still comfortable.

Bumper sticker: The Gas War is Over—Gas Won.

The signs of Milton's growth continue to show and it makes one wonder how long the town will be able to maintain its "small-town" atmosphere.

As someone born and raised in Toronto, it's not hard for me to see the advantages of working in a small town.

You can't walk down the main street or in the mall without running into someone to talk with. Everything is close and living and working in the downtown one could easily live some time without a car and not miss it.

However, with the price of housing in Toronto and suburbs now getting out of reach for many families, more and more people are moving to Milton to live but work elsewhere.

The GO train arrival next year, the expanding of roads and the continued con-

struction of homes without a stronger viable industrial base will soon mean Milton will become more and more a bedroom town.

There are advantages. The town gets the taxes without providing the essential services to industry meaning more and more money will be available.

However, this shouldn't be allowed to continue at its present rate. Now it looks good. More housing means more people. But 15 or 20 years down the road, when no one knows what'll happen, the risk of a stagnant town is not impossible.

The fibre of a town remains the same through a proper growth of industry and housing. It's the town's responsibility to the province to ensure growth with the times. An imbalance and the town loses and changes significantly.

Any attempts to bring more business to town, to ensure the long-term viability of its downtown and to provide the proper community services will ensure Milton's good image and atmosphere will be here for a long time to come.

Talking Turkey Culture

Tidy promotes conservation

Halton Region Conservation Authority is most recognized by its colorful crest consisting of concentric rings overlaid with a silhouette of a bird called a Turkey Vulture.

Ungainly on the ground but graceful in flight, this bird soars effortlessly as it scans the ground in search of food. These scavengers gather at the carcasses of dead animals including the bodies of snakes or mice hidden

along streams and roads. Turkey Vultures are common in the Halton Region Watershed where they nest on ledges and in crevices of the Niagara Escarpment. This local bird has gained a great deal of notoriety in that it has become the official symbol for the work of the Halton Region Conservation Authority. A contest was held to find a name for this interesting character prior to announcing his special

mascot status. Tidy was the name selected, as it best illustrates the scavenger nature of the species as well as being a good label for conservation areas and projects. Tidy the Turkey Vulture has become rather famous in his official role and his contribution to conservation education has been tremendous with many important messages being relayed to students as well as the general

public. The topics Tidy deals with are resource management subjects that are sometimes difficult to understand, especially in the area of water management. Tidy can be seen in the Authority's newsletter "The Conservation Cornerstone" as he has a regular feature entitled Tidy's Conservation Communique. The character can also be seen in the Authority's

mobile interpretive centre as Tidy is the unifying link that guides people through the 22 foot walk-in exhibit area. The Turkey Vulture can also be viewed as a large stuffed caricature at the interpretive centre at the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre, as he introduces conservation topics to thousands of local school children. On one particular occasion, Tidy was describing a typical river valley and the importance of floor plains.

"Hi there folks! Today I'd like to look at a cross-section of a typical river valley. There are certain lands that belong to the river that are needed when the river rises during heavy rain storms. These lands are called flood plains and include the banks of rivers up to a point where previous flood waters have reached during severe storms.

"And that's why the Conservation people have regulations that prevent people from building on or altering these lands that are so important to the river. So be careful when you buy property or plan to build. I'll be watching things pretty closely!"

Tidy the Turkey Vulture has been an excellent media for the communication of important environmental messages to both young and old alike.



An eerie hush falls on the audience as Tidy the Turkey Vulture comes on stage.



Suddenly the air bursts with beautiful harmony, but what's this? Ah! It's the harmony of water, woodland & wildlife management, conducted by the Halton Region Conservation Authority!

Turning the Pages of the Past

One year ago

From the April 23, 1980 issue
Milton Council will petition the Ontario government to allow Milton to opt out of regional government. The move is to begin with a meeting between Mayor Don Gordon, Councillor Bill Johnson and Director of Finance Don Loughheed with Ontario Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Tom Wells and Education Minister Dr. Bette Stephenson.

Negotiations between Dufferin Aggregates in Milton and members of Local 304 of the Canadian Union of United Brewery Workers resumed Tuesday morning following a walkout by 41 trucking employees of the local stone quarry 24 hours earlier.

The shops at E.C. Drury School, closed as part of the province-wide asbestos scare, will be operating as normal next week, according to assistant superintendent Wayne Fox. Test results of the material falling from the ceilings of three of the nine shops showed asbestos levels "were well below the guidelines," said Mr. Fox.

Halton Regional Police reinforcements were called from Georgetown to assist Milton officers at a Rockwell picket line early Tuesday morning. Company officials were told at one point by police not to enter the plant following a confrontation at the Martin St. entrance when several picketers threw rocks at a Rockwell security van attempting to enter.

20 years ago

From the April 20, 1961 issue
Over loud objections from two councillors, Halton County Council lent support to the Ontario government's action in implementing the new three per cent provincial sales tax levy. "Part of the three per cent is going for education, it's a step in the right direction," summed up Reeve F. I. Ryckman of Burlington.

Shiny new post boxes at Milton Post Office went into use on Monday, completing the final phase of the reconstruction.

This week in conjunction with Milton Safety Council, The Champion begins the first in a series of weekly reminders about traffic safety. It has been 293 days since anyone lost their life in a traffic accident in Milton.

A steam and antique show, first of its kind in this area, will be held in Milton fair grounds next labor day weekend. The new Ontario Steam and Antique Association has several members in the Milton area. The group has held four meetings to date.

A by-law limiting the number of taxis and setting the rates, as requested by local taxi operators, came under fire at Milton Council. Some members said they wondered if council had authority to set the rates and limit the number of cabs.

The Milton unit of the cancer society has launched a campaign to raise \$1,800 for research, treatment and education.

The Kinsmen Pee Wees brought Milton its first OMHA championship since 1941 (when it was won by the juniors) this week, defeating Huntsville. Stars of the team include Marty Seeds, Craig Brush, Doug Hearn, Doug Naylor, Johnny Forbes, Paul Kitchen and goalie Maurice Cassidy. Chuck Gervais and Herb Higgs are coach and manager.

The trout fishing contest this weekend, sponsored by The Champion and six local merchants, offers over \$50 in prizes.

50 years ago

From the April 23, 1931 issue
The fire brigade was called out on Friday afternoon to extinguish a chimney blaze at Thos. Cox's residence on Martin St.

At a special meeting of the Old Age Pensions Board held here Monday night nine applications were dealt with and eight granted.

For the first time in half a century the village of Norval is without a bank. On April 15th, the branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia was closed and, it is reported, will not reopen.

There will be a number of changes in the CPR timetable on Sunday next. The travelling public will please note this fact and phone the station for information next Saturday afternoon.

If Georgetown town council and the department of highways are favorable to an improvement on the roadway leading to the highway on the eighth line. Esqueving council will initiate the work, as dangerous conditions exist on this particular piece of roadway.

The Milton business men's Wednesday half holiday will commence on May 6 and end on Oct. 28. Farmers and others are kindly requested to note the dates.

75 years ago

From the April 26, 1906 issue
There is talk of re-organizing the Milton baseball club. Most of the old players are still here and there are some new men who are said to be at least equally good. The players being available and a good ground ready for them, the team should be reorganized.

The Corporation of Milton made a good investment when it bought the electric light plant. The income is most satisfactory. However some of the users of the lights complain. Formerly they paid a flat rate. Now their accounts are regulated by meters. They are said to be much higher than they were and doubts are expressed as to the correctness of the meters. If there is any reason for doubt the meters should be tested.

Gordon Mowat, widely known by his pen name "Moses Oates" died at Toronto on Saturday. He was a well-known newspaper writer and the founder of the Canadian Magazine, of which he was editor for two and a half years. In the latter part of the Scott Act term, Mr. Mowat was organizer of the Liberal Temperance Union, anti-prohibition. He organized branches in Halton, and took a prominent part in the campaign, the result of which was the repeal of the Act.