

"Doc" Heslop

Former mayor dead at 86

Dr. Cecil Hartley "Doc" Heslop, a former mayor of Milton and popular horseman and veterinarian, died Monday following a brief illness.

He was 86. Dr. Heslop was the beloved husband of the late Myrtle (nee Mills) of Milton. He was the father of Mrs. Stan (Glenna) Fay of Brampton and Mrs. Enio (Helen) Scisizzi of Milton.

He is survived by brothers Dr. Grant Heslop, Martyn Heslop and sisters Margaret Bowen and Ina Dice.

He was predeceased by sisters Myrtle Brecken and May Cline and brother Jack Heslop. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

His body is resting at McKersie Funeral Home, 114 Main St. E. from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. today. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. with interment at Evergreen Cemetery.

Following is the text of a recent People In Our Past feature where Doc Heslop was interviewed about Milton in this its 125th anniversary.

If there's anything to be learned about Doc Heslop on initial contact with the 86-year-old veterinarian, it's that he tells it like it is.

Whether the topic is his favorite pastime (harness racing); municipal politics, (his career as mayor) or veterinary medicine (his 65 years in the profession), the good doctor can turn a phrase.

As Clare Henderson wrote in the March 1981 edition of Trot magazine, Doc Heslop is a marvellous story teller.

Dr. Cecil Hartley Heslop was born in 1896 in Appleby, Ont., a hamlet now located near Appleby Line and the Queen Elizabeth Way.

He was the son of Frederick Heslop, a veterinarian who practised in the area for 45 years, and his mother was Jemima Ezard. His paternal family originated in Leicestershire, England and grandfather John Heslop, also a veterinarian, was the first to come to Canada.

Doc's father graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in 1890 when the college was on Temple St. in Toronto. Doc graduated from the same college at age 18, but did not receive his diploma until he became 21.

He practised one year with his father at Appleby, but began practising veterinary medicine long before that when he was a boy. When his father was at the other end of the country following his practice, and an emergency arose, his mother would come for him at school and he would substitute for his father.

He set up his own practice in Milton in 1917 in the local hotel and has practised in Milton ever since. Inventive from the beginning, he has devised veterinary medications that are in constant demand both here and in the U.S.

Horses made up a major part of a practice in the early days and while he used a car in the summer, his horses were winter transportation. A "young blood" in those days, he raced up and down Milton's main street, often against A.L. Chambers on Sunday afternoons.

He first raced a roan trotting mare belonging to his father in the fall of 1917 at Milton Fair. She was a registered standardbred that was used as a buggy horse. He has owned his own race horses since 1921, which he both trained and drove.

He would buy any bad acting horse. He bought Jack Abbe and paced him for four years—once from 11th post in an 18 horse field at Brockport, N.Y., the horse is front of him broke, he took Jack Abbe through the hole that opened up and won the race.

When he raced the iron-sided mare Grattanette in the early 30s she won the three-year-old futurity at the Canadian National Exhibition, was the leading

Canadian race winner in 1934 and raced the horse in nine dashes in seven days.

He was a charter member of the Dominion Harness Horse Association and a director during the whole life of that organization. He was among those who helped form the Canadian Trotting Association, became a director in its second year and served as president for two separate terms. He was presiding judge, judged may fairs and was judge at London for 12 years.

Doc served as a Milton councillor, reeve and warden of the county before sitting as Milton's

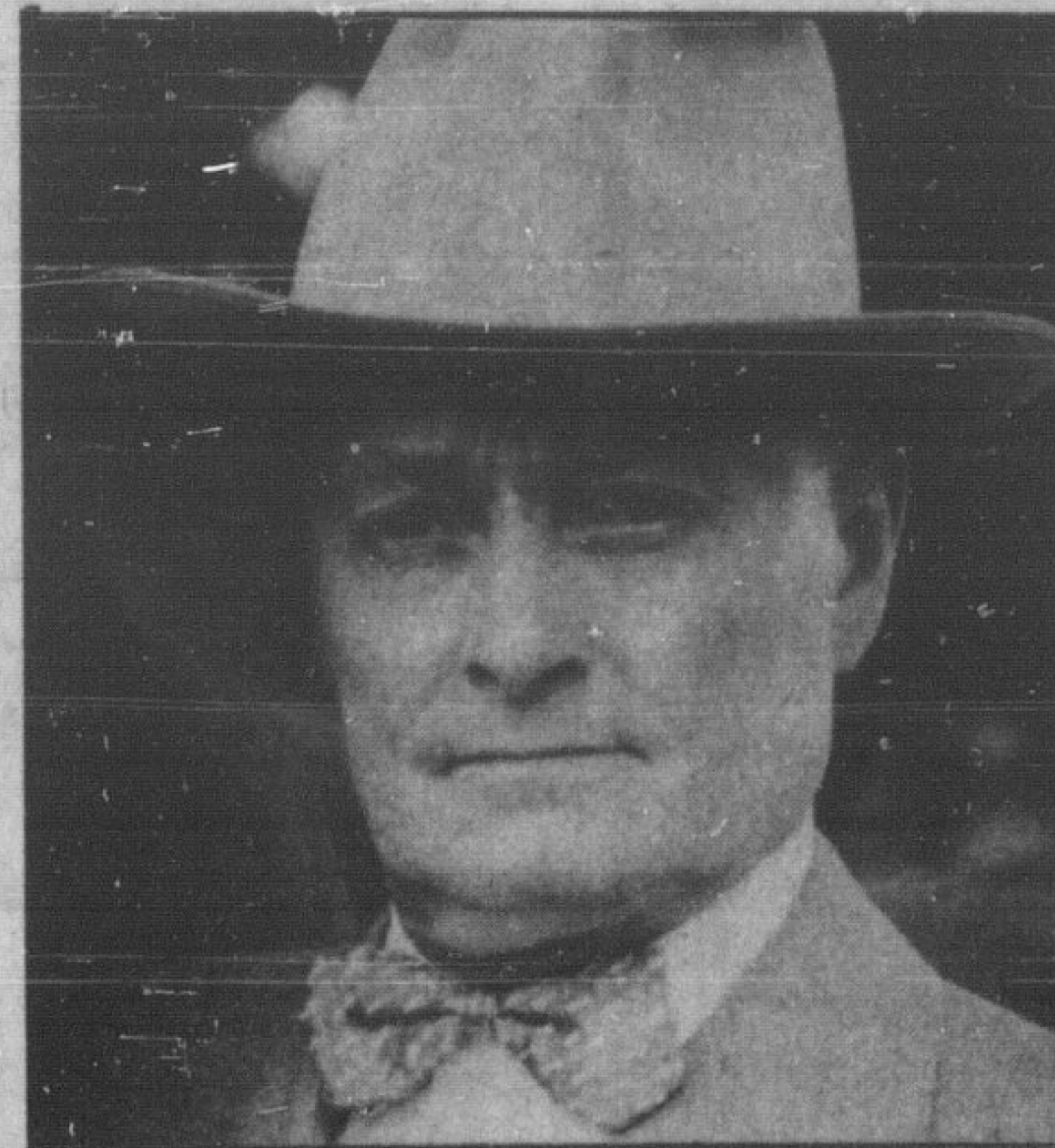
Mayor from 1948 to 1951 and from 1954 to 1955.

Asked why he entered politics while balancing a heavy schedule as a veterinarian and horseman, he said it looked like a "good change."

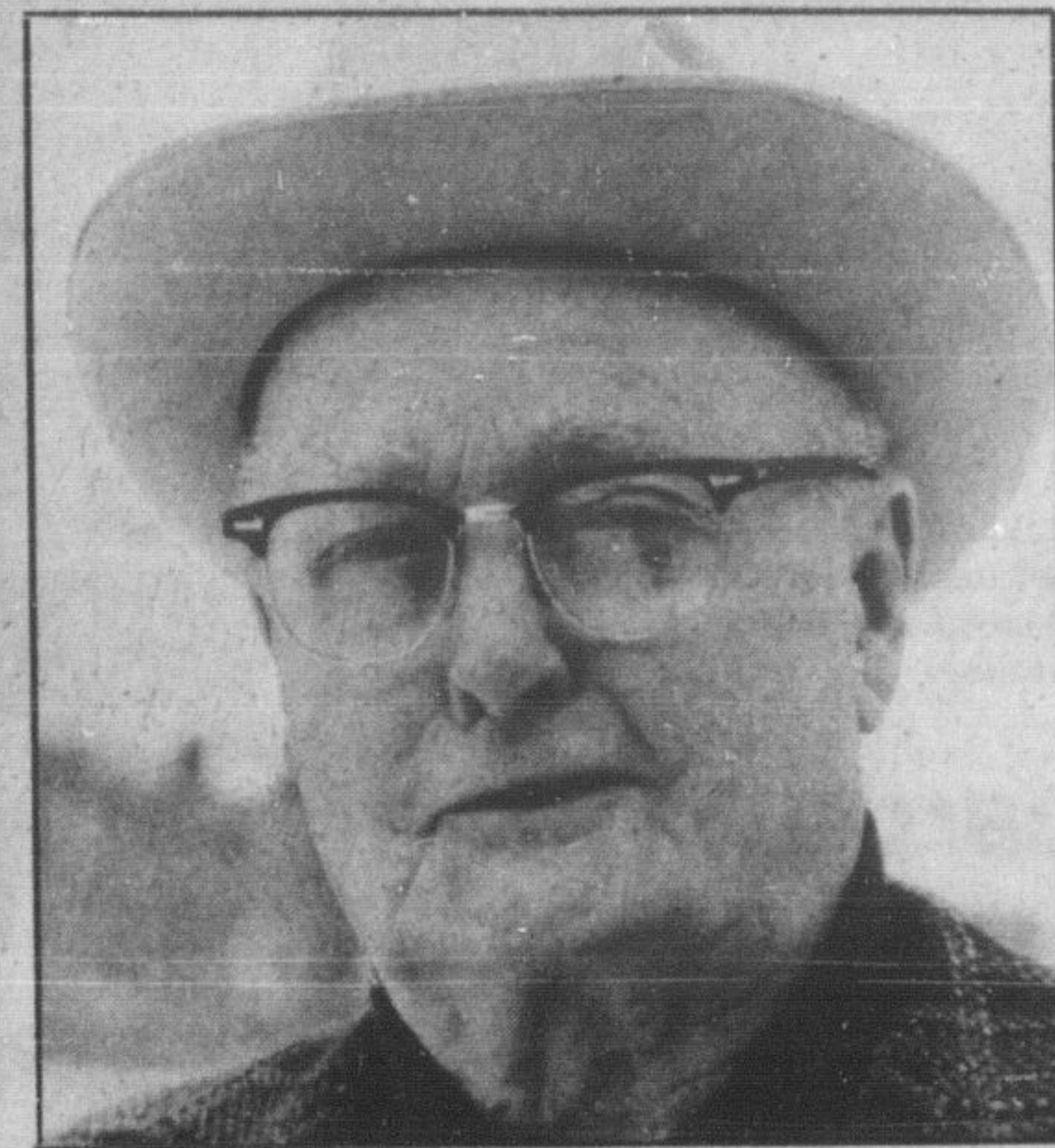
Doc has two daughters. However, none of them have chosen to follow in his footsteps.

But, if this is the case, it has been carried jauntily over 86 years beneath the wide brimmed hat and that big cigar!

He is regarded as something of an old curmudgeon—in his own words "I have a hell of a reputation."



DOC HESLOP AS MAYOR



DOC HESLOP IN 1981

Toronto cop in serious condition

A Milton man has been moved out of the intensive care unit at Hamilton General Hospital, but remains in serious condition.

Doug Downs, 33, of 285 Bell St. is listed as being semi-conscious more than a month after being involved in a car accident on Highway 401 west of Trafalgar Rd.

Mr. Downs was returning home early Tuesday morning Mar. 9 after completing his shift with Metropolitan Toronto Police when the accident occurred.

Milton OPP said Mr. Downs struck the back of a transport as he pulled out to pass the truck and rolled over.

He suffered from a broken neck, fractured skull and multiple injuries.

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Hospice meeting

How do you relate to someone who is dying?

One person's answer to that question will be provided in a public forum to be held Thursday night, sponsored by the North Halton Hospice Care Group.

Slated for 8 p.m. at Milton District Hospital, the forum will feature social worker Elizabeth Kiddle

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If the ketchup bottle's empty while you're serving the kids hamburgers, whip up a quick substitute with 1/2 cup sugar and 2 tablespoons white vinegar added to a cup of regular tomato sauce.

An extra refrigerator in the basement should be turned on only when absolutely necessary. The cost of running it continuously could be as high as \$10 month.

A home movie screen can be quickly fashioned from any card table. Cover with a white sheet, open just the 2 legs on one side, and place atop another piece of furniture.

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