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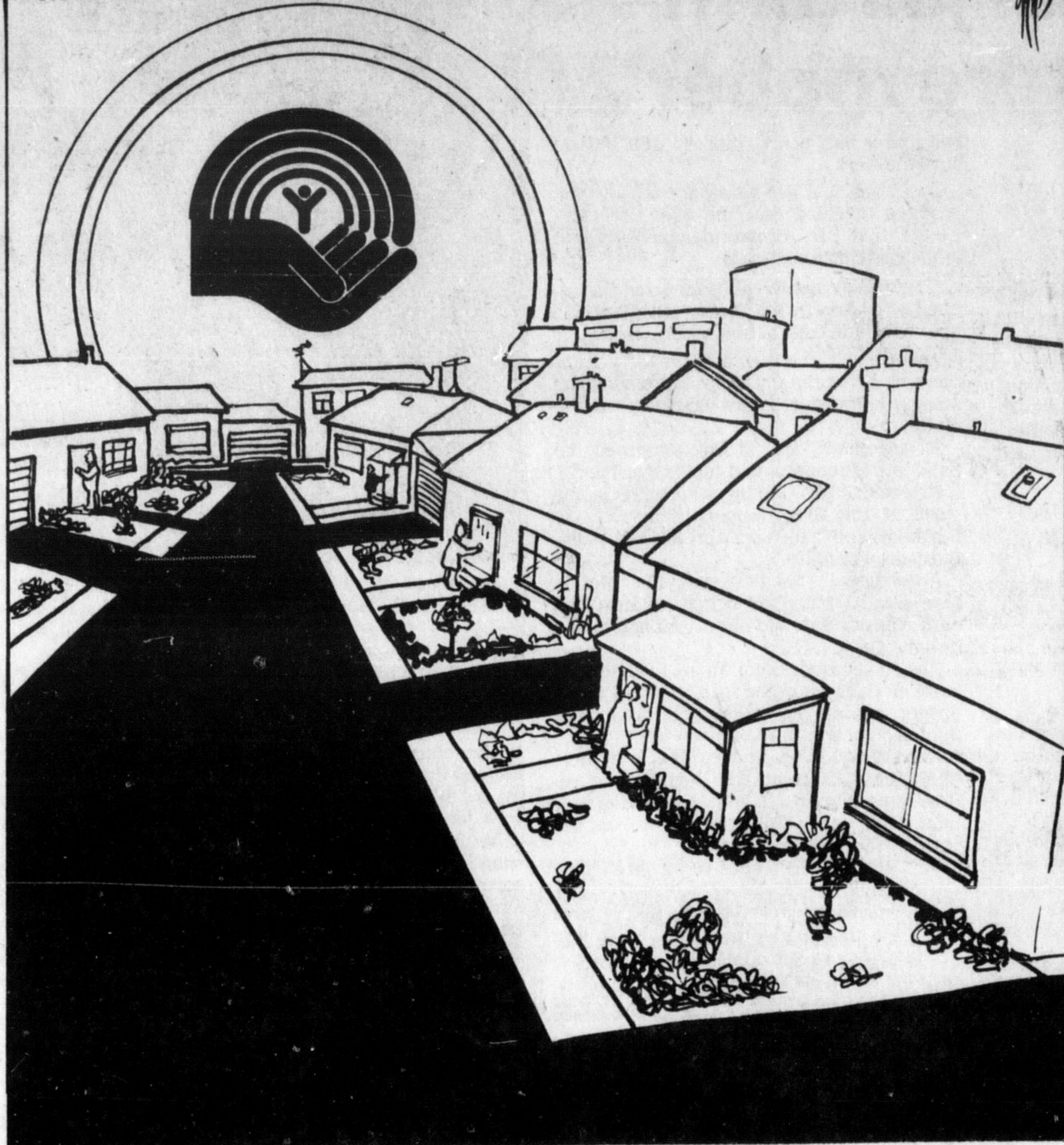
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News item: United Way of Milton needs canvassers to get the job done.



United for you

This is a crucial week for the United Way of Milton campaign. United Way has set a goal of \$83,266 which they hope to raise during this, United Way month in Milton.

But how to do it? Last year, in its first shot at trying to bring the United Way concept to the attention of Milton resident, the foundation was laid.

This year, the 24-member agencies took to their United Way support as never before; and therefore, they look to you, the residents of this town.

This is a crucial week because it is boiling down to the need of a few volunteers to give of their time and finish the residential, door-to-door canvass of the town.

United Way manager, Heather Smith, said a volunteer need only go to 30 homes and over any period of time and that would be enough to get the job done.

Volunteers are going to be given complete kits and informational backup so that when they do knock on a Milton door, they will have all the necessary answers.

If you, a reader, have never volunteered before, this could be the time when you should overcome your reservations and aid the agencies which aid you directly.

United Way is only a telephone call away. They need you, and when you think about what they do for the town, you need them.

It's about time

For years, municipalities other than Halton have offered business and industry a host of fiscal and other incentives.

Forgetting about levies, capital contribution cost deals, and one-stop rezoning have, and are, being used to make it as easy as possible for a job-creating and assessment producing business to get established.

Halton Region, which has noticeably lagged behind such areas as Peel and Durham, has finally seen the light and will set up a series of special committees to review what industry and commerce need in order to make moving to Halton easier.

One of the first areas to be attacked will be the red-tape jungle which often means business has to wait from two to five years before they can expect to go from proposal to opening the front door for business.

Not only does it take time, it costs a lot of money to the developer who has to wait to get things moving and to the region which is making nothing on the land while the approval drones on.

If these special committees can cut down the time it takes by 20 per cent, that will mean a very large boost in Halton's ability to attract industry and commerce.

Surplus helps

What must be considered rosy news by regional councillors is the expectation of a \$462,000 to \$905,000 budget surplus.

It was not that long ago that the councillors were all talking about deficits and the only real concern was just how vast the deficit would be for that year.

It would appear Halton Region has accomplished a major turnaround in a very short period of time.

Halton regional staff and councillors should be praised for this.

crime prevention

with CONST. DAVE CRAWFORD

Home security



How many of you have, at one time or another, locked yourself out of the house? It's an embarrassing situation isn't it?

How did you get back into the house? Most people will say either through an insecure sliding window or by jimmying open a door and saying it was easy.

If it was so easy for you, how easy do you think it will be for a criminal?

Home security is very simple. In my first column several weeks ago, I asked you to take a walk around your house to see how vulnerable it is to crime.

If you haven't done so yet, do it now.

How secure are your doors and windows? Are your basement windows obscured by trees and bushes? Does your garage door lock tightly? How good is the lighting around the outside by your doors and windows? These are all simple questions with simple solutions.

If you find any problem, a little common

sense will give you the answers.

Ensure your doors have a solid core and you install a secondary door lock on them. I suggest a deadbolt lock with a minimum one inch throw. This makes it more burglar resistant.

For your windows, ensure the locking mechanisms work properly. For added protection, you can pin your windows or purchase a good quality locking device.

For sliding patio doors, you can place a piece of wood in the lower track to prevent sliding. As a secondary precaution, you can pin the upper tracks to prevent lifting.

If you have any basement windows that are obscured from passing traffic by trees or bushes, trim them.

This increases the criminal's visibility if he tries to break into your house through the basement windows.

Use timers for your interior lights. This gives the house an "occupied" look. Add a

little extra exterior lighting around your windows and doors. This increases the chances of a burglar being seen.

When you go away, be sure the house is locked up tight and let your neighbours know that you will be away. Ask them to make periodic checks and to pick up all mail and newspaper deliveries. If they have two cars, ask them to park one in your driveway in order to make it look like someone is at home.

What I have just given you are some precautionary measures to help prevent a burglary at your home. These are not guarantees that your home will not be broken into, but if you do use any of these measures, it will deter the burglar from victimizing your home.

For a full home security survey of your home, contact me at 878-5511 extension 298.

Remember, an ounce of prevention goes a long, long way.

viewpoint Kittens need your love

WITH JANE MULLER



It has the most adorable face, its head no larger than a golf ball.

From behind its tiny pink nose sprout whiskers, perfect for tickling the face of anyone who ventures to cuddle the fuzzy ball of fur.

Baby animals, be they kittens, pups, lambs, even piglets are able to stir affection in the hearts of most humans.

What little boy or girl doesn't long to own a pet.

Of course many won't get the opportunity because of where they live, because of allergies or because their parents recognize the huge responsibility which goes with acquiring a pet.

If only more people would consider the practical elements of pet ownership when their heartstrings are pulled by those furry little faces peering from the depths of box-like cages in pet shops.

There is evidence many pet owners do not deserve the privilege of owning an animal and also evidence they are endangering not only the animal but their fellow humans as well.

There are certain challenges to owning a dog or cat.

First they must be trained, and most importantly they must be cared for. That care goes beyond feeding and grooming and providing an all-round "good home."

Consider the expense of spaying or neutering a pet. A female will run up a bill at the veterinary hospital of from \$40 to \$60, a male usually costs less.

That type of medical attention is a one-time expense, but there are ongoing costs in the form of annual vaccinations. Sure everyone knows the effect of numerous vaccines on prolonging human life and nearly eliminating certain diseases. We recognize the benefits of the protection vaccinations provide and in fact it is illegal not to have children vaccinated against polio and other serious viruses.

Pets of course require the same type of protection and it's as simple as administering annual injections which effectively prevent the animal from contracting distemper, parvo virus and rabies.

For about \$25 a year your pet can be protected and in the case of rabies you are protecting yourself as well.

Of the approximately 2,400 cases of humans contracting rabies last year in this province, half were infected by domestic animals. In speaking with local veterinarians, I learned the reason pet owners ignore the importance of vaccinations ranges from a lack of care to ignorance of the disease.

It is hard to believe that our wonderful "developed" nation can still support vast numbers of unenlightened people.

If cost becomes a problem, which it could if someone were to own several pets, a clinic will be run in town at the Boy Scout hall located at the fair grounds, Sat. Nov. 5 Rabies shots will be administered by local vets who are donating their time in the name of public health, for a cut rate of \$5 per animal.

If you care you'll be there, unless your animal is



Niki, the fuzzy little critter staff writer Jane Muller is cuddling, and her fellow feline Moe need a good home. Give Jane a call if you fit the bill.

already protected.

Perhaps the Ministry of Health's advertisements which proclaim—Rabies: It's no way for a friend to die—will get through to careless pet owners.

My friend, who happens to have been my companion for eight years, must wonder at her treatment each August when she is hoisted onto a stainless steel table and poked, prodded and pricked by some white-coated man. It's an experience she moans and shakes through but I've got the rest of the year to show her she is indeed my pal.

I admit I love my crazy canine and I guess that has a lot to do with the sickening feeling I get when I witness or read about abuses which befall the creatures we have domesticated. The careless, heartless treatment of these creatures should come as no surprise however in a world where people treat people with the same abuse.

Thankfully there are certain saints among us, like the gentleman from Detroit who was travelling along the 401 recently and upon noticing a stray kitten in the ditch, stopped to rescue it. He arrived at Milton town hall with the emaciated animal to inquire about the local humane society's whereabouts.

He ended up taking the kitten to a veterinarian who offered assistance and left without leaving his name. It took several days of TLC (tender loving care) to revive the little guy but he's going to be fine.

From that incident, the contrast between caring and inhumane practices is blatantly obvious and serves as yet another example of the complexities of the oh so imperfect human race.

The same vet who brought the kitten back to good health admits he's had more than 100 unwanted kittens in his care in the three years he has practised in Milton. He has found a home for them all.

Now there's Moe, the kitten who was abandoned on the highway.

The little guy is in good company with a somewhat smaller female kitten who was saved from what might have been a similar fate—abandonment.

I am appealing to the caring portion of society, whose members realize and accept the responsibility of pet ownership to adopt these kittens.

They require not only physical care but bountiful doses of affection which I can assure you will be returned.

If you think you can measure up to the description of the perfect pet owner (near perfect will do) call me at The Champion and leave it up to the pink noses, playful paws and adorable faces to win your heart.

pages of the past

One Year Ago

From the October 20, 1982 issue
The fight is over before the battle began for nine incumbents left unchallenged for their seats in Milton's Nov. 8 municipal election. Excluding acclamations, there are 23 candidates looking to fill the 12 remaining positions.

After a six year fight for survival, the Milton Weekly Tribune has closed. Harry Funk, publisher for the last seven months, said he was forced to close the doors on the six-year-old newspaper because of a "cash-crash". Mr. Funk purchased the financially ailing publication in March from founder Lee Fairbanks.

In 1907 six young men known as district representatives were established by the Ontario Department of Agriculture in six counties in Ontario. Seventy-five years later, the extension services as it has become known, has achieved significant growth and importance within the farming industry.

Don't complain about local cultural and recreational facilities if you haven't made these gripes known to a special committee attempting to produce a master plan for these areas. Public meetings were held Monday and Tuesday evenings with a final gathering this evening (Wednesday) at Brookville Hall at 7.30 p.m.

20 Years Ago

From the October 17, 1963 issue
Milton's application for annexation of part of Oakville and Esquesing, goes before the Ontario Municipal Board of Ontario Monday.

Three days have been set for the hearing in which the town will seek 954.5 acres from the two adjoining municipalities.

It will be the second time in the town's history that an annexation of more land has been sought. In 1954 the town's size was enlarged by 612 acres from the Township of Trafalgar. Prior to that the town was made up of 400 acres.

Mike Ledwith has been named District Governor nominee for District 709 of Rotary International, it was announced at the meeting of Milton Rotary on Tuesday.

Milton's fifth annual Trade Fair and Motor Show, highlighted by the visit of Miss Dominion of Canada on Saturday evening, attracted more than 3,000 visitors for the three evenings and one afternoon that it was open at the Milton arena.

50 Years Ago

From the October 19, 1933 issue

Shortly after seven o'clock Monday night the fire brigade was called out to extinguish what might have been a disastrous fire in Joseph Peacock's residence on West Mary St. The damage, fortunately, was small, thanks to the efficient work of the firemen.

Charles Lewington picked some ripe raspberries on the side of the CPR tracks, near Milton, on Tuesday. These wild raspberries are from bushes bearing the second crop this year, the result of this fine weather we are enjoying in this part of Canada.

At a largely attended re-organization meeting of the Milton Baseball Club, held last night, the following officers were elected: Honorary Presidents, Judge Munro and W. I. Dick; Pres., Wm. T. Randell; Vice-Pres., Walt Hayward; Secretary, H. Philip; Treas., W. Sales; Auditors, Messrs. J. M. Denyes and J. Irving; Executive Committee, J. W. Blain, H. Tuck, Geo. Cookman, the President, Secretary and Captain.

75 Years Ago

From the October 15, 1908 issue

Carey Bros. will pay their annual visit to Milton on Thursday evening, 29th inst., under the auspices of the Public Library.

For particulars of their concert and moving picture show, see posters.

If heavy rains don't come to Milton soon, this town is in for a water famine. As it is, the water is very low in the reservoir and citizens are on short allowance, their supplies being shut off every night and part of the day.

P.L. Robertson Co.'s machine shop is in full operation now, turning out his patent screws and the Ezeon Rubber Helper as well as doing repairs for local customers. A splendid thirty two lamp acetylene gas lighting plant is in operation, with one lamp outside the front of the building, which brilliantly illuminates the road.

Miss Violet Bowman will be Milton's candidate for the Hamilton Spectator's free trip to Bermuda, advertised on the fourth page of the Champion.

E. Syer has again been successful at the fall fairs with his single comb White Leghorns. At Oakville, he was awarded three firsts, one second, and a diploma, Milton, two firsts and a second; Campbellville, two firsts. At Milton show his exhibit was very neat and attractive.