



The Canadian Champion Christmas Bureau Fund is hoping to ensure every child has a toy and every needy Milton family has a Christmas dinner Dec. 25. Les Feero, fund co-ordinator, left, and Susan Brethet who is assisting him, have both been out placing donation bottles in area stores. (Staff photo by Jon Borgstrom)

# Christmas Fund is rolling

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, but in many Milton homes it's just going to be a shade of grey.

While people were humming a few bars of Christmas carols on Friday during the snow storm, other people were sitting at home trying to think of ways to tell their children not to hope for too much this Dec. 25.

While that may sound like a bleak way to begin a story of hope, things are shaping up that will help take away some of the yuletide gloom for our less fortunate families.

The Canadian Champion Christmas Bureau Fund is now in its second week, and things are happening as people start to pull together for their neighbors.

The Milton Jaycees and Milton Mall have set up a toy collection booth in the mall.

Anyone wishing to donate a new toy can do so simply by putting it in the large Milton Jaycee receptacle.

Jaycee program director Tom Sullivan told The Champion his club wants to make a

contribution to the community and they thought this could be one more way to make Milton a better place in which to live.

The fund needs this kind of support, and the Jaycees are showing the way in which other service clubs and community organizations can help.

Club financial donations, draws run by organizations, or just a collection during a regular meeting are all going to make a big difference this year.

Fund co-ordinator Les Feero said much of last year's success during the Christmas Bureau drive was due to community-minded groups and organizations offering to help.

Mr. Feero said any club, community group, home and school association, unions, sports league association, or just a gathering of friends are welcome to telephone him at 878-2341.

In the meantime, Mr. Feero, with the help of Champion circulation verification supervisor Susan Brethet, has been setting up our Christmas Fund donation bottles around all of

Milton.

He said the bottles last year proved one of the main reasons why the fund exceeded its \$5,000 goal.

"People understand that Christmas should be a time of joy for the whole family.

"When they were out shopping, they all must have paused and thought of what it would be like without a happy Christmas, and then made a donation.

"The dimes, quarters and pennies really do add up and make a difference," he said.

Mr. Feero emphasized The Canadian Champion Christmas Bureau Fund is a fully registered charity and anyone making a donation will gladly be given an income tax receipt.

Salvation Army captain, John

Norton, and community worker Beverly Gee, have already begun compiling a list of those who will receive food vouchers and toys this year.

Capt. Norton said it is vital those people who would like to receive food vouchers and toys for their children contact the Halton Regional social services department at 827-2151.

He said there is a form which must be filled out, but it is not complicated and does not take long to do.

Capt. Norton said only those who fill out the request forms will be receiving Christmas joy from the fund simply because they need a list to work from and the forms help provide that list.



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## Traffic lights aid the blind

An audible traffic signal which will tell blind people when traffic lights are changing at an intersection may be installed at Milton's Childs Dr. / Ontario St., / Oak St. intersection.

That decision will be finalized by town council next Monday evening, but received unanimous support from general committee Monday night.

The device, which will cost \$500, emits a distinct tone when the signal changes and warns the pedestrian of the anticipated colour.

## Cookbook reminder

A number of recipes have already been received at The Champion from community cooks who want a place in our fourth annual cookbook.

Anyone wishing to submit favorite recipes must do so by Wednesday November 30.

The cookbook will be divided into seven sections including hors d'oeuvres, salads, main dish, men only, soup, desserts and canning and preserves.

Printed or typewritten copy will be accepted at the office, 191 Main St. or it can be mailed to The Champion Cookbook, Box 248, L9T 4N9.

Watch for the 1984 cookbook in the edition of Dec. 7.

Be sure to include your name and address to ensure you'll get credit for your contribution.

## Bail given

Five Peel region and Toronto residents are out on bail on charges stemming from a drug investigation involving five police departments.

Investigation involved the seizure of an estimated 50 pounds of marijuana valued at between \$125,000 and \$150,000.

Some of the marijuana was found in an airplane at Burlair Park but police state the owner of the aircraft and the owners of Burlair Park have nothing to do with the drug seizure.

Four suspects in Peel region and one suspect in Toronto were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Following bail hearings last week the dispositions on the five are: David Vanzeyl, 21, of Fifth Line W., Mississauga, \$20,000 bail; James Vanzeyl, 32, of Moon Rd., Downsview, \$15,000 bail; Sandra Perry, 21 of Fifth Line West, Mississauga, \$2,000 bail; and William Vanzeyl, 27, of Fifth Line W. Mississauga and Sharon Hudon, 28, of Brampton, were both released on their own recognition.

## ... demanded by council



Sod turning at Crawford Lake

Sod was turned last week for the new Crawford Lake interpretive centre. Taking part were from left: Brock Harris, Halton Region Conservation Authority chairman; Milton Mayor, Gord Krantz; and Louise Hebb, chairman of the Halton Region Conservation foundation.

## New centre grows on site

The sod was turned last week for construction which will eventually result in a new interpretive centre at Crawford Lake.

The \$337,480 contract calls for completion of the centre in the next 90 days, or by the middle of February.

When completed, the centre is designed to be a focal point for much of the work already completed

on restoration and discovery in the area.

The centre will be for school visits and offer a variety of educational opportunities.

Crawford Lake is the site of a plan to reconstruct an Indian village which stood on the hill overlooking the lake. Dating of corn pollen found in the lake puts the village at about 40 years before Columbus discovered America.

## Crack down on absenteeism...

By STEVE ARNOLD  
News Editor

A tougher stand is going to be taken by regional council against Halton Centennial Manor employees with high absentee records.

Councillors launched their first salvo in the latest round of the fight last week when they rejected a health and social services committee recommendation to extend the contract of an occupational health nurse for another six months.

The nurse was hired in January of this year to help with what administrator Rick Kaufman described as a record of absenteeism higher than any other regional department and any similar institution.

During the next nine months, according to a report to the health and social services committee from social services director Debbie Oakley, the new program had only a marginal effect on staff attendance.

The statistics she gathered showed absenteeism was generally better in 1982 than 1981, except for the second quarter of the year when the situation was reversed.

In 1983, staff absence was generally worse throughout the Manor, and especially in the nursing and dietary departments, due to a 'flu epidemic.

Miss Oakley admitted part of the problem with the program was resistance from Manor staff, "particularly regarding what the program was to achieve."

"Some staff have seen it only as monitoring of absenteeism and a number of those have seen the monitoring as a policing function only and not also as a positive attempt by the Employer to show genuine interest and concern in those having health and absenteeism problems," she wrote.

Concern over the goal of the program reached a head when three

employees launched a grievance against what they called harassment from the nurse and the region's corporate physician to return to work from legitimate illnesses or injuries before their own doctors felt they were ready.

Two of those employees have since received compensation from the region for lost wages.

Miss Oakley said some of the initial mistrust the employees had of the program has been overcome during the first six months and added the effect of the new measures wouldn't be clearly measurable until

August of 1984.

In her recommendation to the committee, Miss Oakley urged a 17 month extension of the nurse's contract and a change in the system to have her report directly to the administrator. She also urged making the position full-time, rather than the three day a week current arrangement.

"It is premature to evaluate the Manor's Occupational Health Unit Program at this point in time," she wrote. "As previously stated it took until early April to complete

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# Hobby ends in death

By LINDA KIRBY  
Staff Writer

Flying was a special hobby for Raymond Parkin of Milton—he was the proud owner of an ultra light machine and spent many a weekend flying from the bluffs surrounding Milton.

On Sunday afternoon the 38-year-old man was killed instantly when his bright, multi-colored aircraft clipped a television antenna on the roof of his home and spun into a tree.

Mr. Parkin had taken off from a field behind the home he shared with his mother and stepfather at 7217 Tremaine Rd. at noon and came down one hour later in the front yard.

It was his stepfather who was the first on the scene and pulled him out of the wreckage.

Crawford Burkholder recalled hearing the engine rev loudly.

His worst fears were confirmed seconds later when his wife went to the window and saw her son slumped over in the crumpled wreckage.

Raymond Parkin was pronounced dead at the scene by Milton coroner Ivan Hunter.

Department of Transportation and Communication officials are continuing an investigation into the tragic accident.

Mr. Parkin, who held a special licence for flying ultra light machines, had been flying since August when he acquired his machine.

He had built the aircraft himself from a kit with help from his stepfather.

Mr. Burkholder described his stepson as careful, someone "who stuck to all of the regulations" and added he had taken the aircraft to the manufacturers to be safety certified as soon as it was built.

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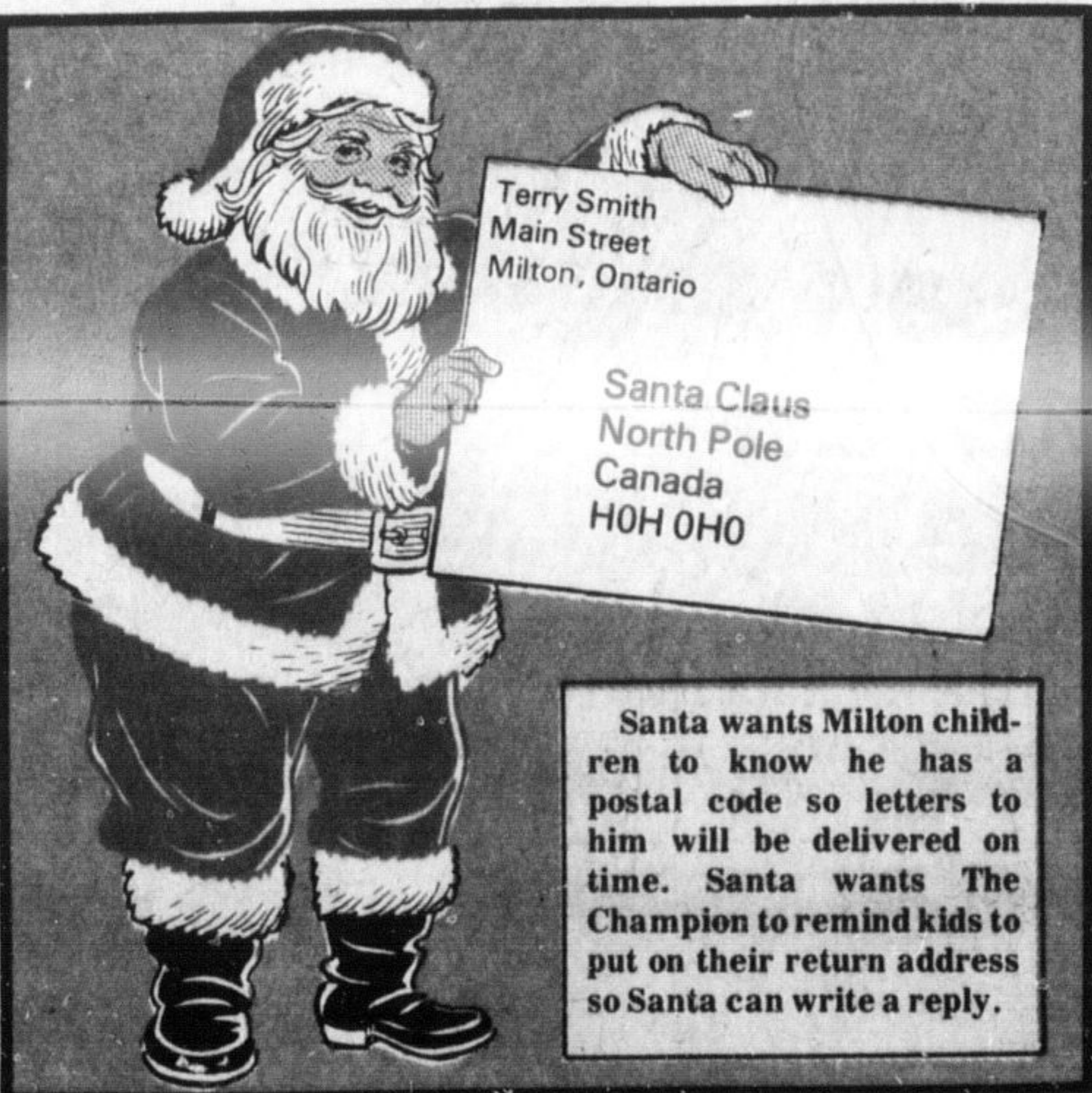
## Who was Mr. P.L.? Find out Thursday

P. L. Robertson, the man who founded the business bearing his name 75 years ago will be highlighted in a special Milton Historical Society event tomorrow evening in the library.

Program co-ordinator Jim Dills said there will be coffee at 7:30 p.m. with the program starting at 8 p.m.

Mr. Robertson founded the company Nov. 18, 1907, and the historical society decided that it was time to collect and display the many artifacts and stories that surrounded the man who brought the first major industry to Milton.

"It's regrettable that a company and a man who touched the lives of countless Miltonians has never been effectively written about in a historical perspective," Mr. Dills said.



## Inside Tough Week

Milton Steamers face a tough week as they prepare to meet both the Streetsville Derbys and the Oakville Blades. For story see page B1.

## Planning is Key

Planning for Milton's future growth, and handling the growth we

have already experienced, is going to be of key importance in deciding what kind of town this will be in the future, according to Milton's recently named chief administrative officer Roy Main. See page A3 for his view of the future and his current position.

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