

Posties deliver cheques—go again Dec. 4

Milton's letter carriers and rural route drivers got a one-day reprieve from the now 37-day-old postal strike Friday, when they were given one day's work.

Posties and rural carriers were asked to return to work for the one day, to deliver government pension and veterans' cheques. Any other local mail which had been sorted by then, was also delivered—including Halton Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association's 1975 Christmas Seals.

Local postal officials said the postmen and rural drivers will be going out again Dec. 4 or 5 with family allowance cheques. The government did not issue November cheques, but will send a combined November-December cheque out about Dec. 4.

Can take more
Postmaster Walter Bell said any local mail delivered to the post office early enough to be sorted, will also go out

that day. Officials figure the delivery will be made on Thursday, Dec. 4 but it may be held until Dec. 5 depending on receipt of the government cheques.

To date only one of Milton's eight striking postal clerks is back at work. Harold Magee went back two weeks ago and has been kept busy sorting any local mail. The other seven clerks remain on strike.

Post Offices in Oakville, Burlington and Georgetown are working at nearly full capacity as most of the postal clerks have backed their union and gone back to work. Rural post offices in Hornby, Campbellville, Kilbride and Palermo are also operating, but no mail is being transported between the various post offices.

Letter carrier supervisor Tom Shields said the full carrier staff of 13 men and women came back to work on Friday.



THREE LARGE TROPHIES are being offered the best floats in this Saturday's Santa Claus Parade in Milton. The Milton Chamber of Commerce trophy (centre) is for the best float on the parade theme, "Christmas in Disneyland". At left is the 1975 town councillor's trophy for the most creative non-theme float and the one at right is the firefighters' and Legion trophy for runner-up theme float. Publicity chairman Pat Ridout is pictured with the trophies and replicas.

Not breaking even

Cancel public swim

The Saturday afternoon public swim programs operated at the E.C. Drury School have been cancelled until after the new year, according to Milton Parks and Recreational Director Bob Small.

Small said the Saturday afternoon time allotment was a poor one and he expressed hope that his department could negotiate a better time for a public swim during the week.

He noted the rental charge for the pool on the weekend is double. The director said there had been a good response from the public with about 50 to 75 taking advantage of the swim each week. No more than 75 people are allowed in the pool at one time. Even with the good response, the program wasn't coming close to breaking even.

The director noted that the hours used were from 1 p.m. to 4.30 Saturday afternoon.

Want double

Pay more for water

Residents outside the urban serviced area in Milton should pay twice the cost of water as those living in the urban serviced area, Milton Council's Community Services Committee agreed.

That all town residents should be charged the same rate for water.

After considering the fact that people outside the urban serviced area had not shared in costs of capital expenditures in the water system, it was agreed their rate should be higher.

21 miles

Urge region to take over roads

Milton Council's Community Service Committee will recommend that council ask Halton Region to assume control of 21 miles of road within the town boundaries, once the region develops its regional road system.

In making the recommendation to the committee staffers indicated that Milton would be paying its share into the regional road system and might as well have a fair share of urban roads left to regional control.

Maintenance
Some committee members were reluctant to turn over control of Milton roads for fear that the region would not

Ministry says

Nassagaweya landfill the 'worst site ever'

Directly opposing opinions on the operation and suitability of the Nassagaweya Landfill Site were voiced during a meeting of Milton Council's Community Services Committee Monday night.

Deputy Clerk and former Nassagaweya Clerk Campbell Thompson said the site had always been kept neat and tidy. He praised supervisor Allan Ferrier for the job he had done in supervising the dump.

Mayor Anne MacArthur felt the site had not been cared for as well since the region took over, as it was while under the control of the former township.

Paul Isles and Alex Giffen of the Ministry of the Environment took a different view to the situation, however.

Worst yet
Mayor MacArthur and Nassagaweya area Councillor Russ Powodiuk had argued that flies and odors should be expected at dumps or landfill sites and shouldn't constitute a good enough reason for shutting a site down.

"No site has the flies, the rodents and odor that this site has. I've seen hundreds and that's the worst site I've ever seen. I've been there when the flies and stink were so bad I wouldn't get out of the car. I see reports on this site and know exactly what they say," Isles said.

Giffen told the committee that the opinion of the Ministry had never changed. "It was our opinion in 1970 and 1971 that the site should close and it is still our opinion."

He reviewed the poor drainage, the high groundwater, the potential of creating off-site problems, (polluting groundwater supply) and the fact that garbage has not been covered by six inches of soil as requested by the Ministry as reasons for closure. "The hydrogeological setting is totally unacceptable," Giffen added.

Photos on file
The ministry representatives told the committee that pictures of the site on file show mounds of garbage in water and garbage that had been pushed over the bank.

Mayor MacArthur insisted that no one had ever offered any proof of contamination of groundwater or surface wa-

ter. She said she would be the first one to close the site if there was a serious indication that the creek was being polluted.

She pointed out that closure would mean a trip of 20 miles for some residents to dispose of their garbage.

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Handicapped helped out by students

Students from Milton District High School are making plans to help the handicapped residents of town.

They are to undertake a survey of Milton stores and offices to determine what areas are accessible to persons using artificial means of support like wheelchairs and canes.

Teacher Don Leonard has organized the project, which will result in the preparation of a brochure to be made available to those who can benefit from the information.

Councillor interested
The plan resulted in part from a recent Champion article detailing the interest of Councillor Marjorie Powys in housing for the handicapped.

The councillor is a former teacher at the high school.

In a related move, Milton Council last week asked that special apartment units for handicapped persons be considered for the new highrise condominium apartment building to be built on Millside Dr.

Council asked the developer, Popov Construction Ltd. of Mississauga, to alter several units if the need arises.

Construction work is expected to start shortly on the new building, to be located between Noble Towers and the Milton Curling Club.

Railway underpass?

Tough decisions ahead for capital budget committee

Milton Council met twice during the past week to deal with the town's five year capital forecast. The council met Tuesday night and again Saturday morning in what has been described as information meetings.

During those two sessions council has not come to any concrete decisions, but several major issues requiring policy decisions have emerged from their discussions.

The railway underpass and connecting link program at the corner of Main and Ontario Sts. will probably represent one of the most controversial decisions council will have to make.

An old problem
The proposed budget document calls for a \$48,000 study for traffic volume and pre-design engineering in 1976, followed by an expenditure of \$375,000 in 1977 and a further expenditure of \$4,120,000 in 1978.

The present council has looked at the problem at that location several times since taking office in 1974. No decision has yet been made.

The intersection has been identified as a hazardous situation for more than 20 years. According to the files of this newspaper, residents attended council meetings 20 years ago and were advised that an underpass might be going in at that location—soon.

More traffic
Twenty years later, council still faces the same situation. The expansion of Milton Mall and the additional traffic subsequently created at that intersection aggravates the situation even further.

Mayor Anne MacArthur described the situation there at busy times of the day as "simply wild—and it's going to get worse."

The mayor noted something has to be done and the area is crucial to the town.

No decision was made on that problem but Councillor Gordon Krantz seemed to be expressing the opinion of several councillors when he said the town might just have to live with the situation for another year or so.

Work Superintendent Bruce McKerr told council that traffic was often backed up across the tracks on Ontario St.

Need fire hall
Council spent a considerable amount of time discussing the needs of the fire department. Council finds itself in the position of having a

\$168,000 aerial platform truck due here this spring and as of now, the truck is without a place to house it. It won't fit in the Main St. fire hall.

The budget forecast allocates \$375,000 for a new fire hall but the council hasn't yet decided where that hall should be built. The town owns a five acre parcel on Steeles Ave. but some councillors prefer to sell that land and purchase less expensive land someplace else in town.

At least two sites are under

investigation but no decision on a land purchase or sale of the Steeles Ave. property has been made.

Consider sale
With tough financial restrictions and heavy demands indicated for the town treasury, council has even considered selling the \$168,000 aerial platform truck.

Councillor Rick Day brought the matter up and suggested at the Tuesday meeting that perhaps the

town had moved too quickly and perhaps council should offer the truck for sale to another municipality.

Mayor MacArthur agreed that the council would either have to find a place to put the truck, or sell it.

On Saturday council discussed its options with Fire Chief A. E. Clement. Council asked staff to look further into land negotiations and agreed that if it was necessary, the truck could be housed at the new works garage for a time. The laneway to the garage and the gate would have to be altered to accommodate the truck, however.

Village hall
Council is also considering a new fire hall in the Campbellville area as well as some additional equipment for the fire department.

Milton Library Board presented a capital budget for 1976 of \$51,065. The bulk of that capital budget would be eaten up in a basic collection of 150 16 m.m. films at a cost of \$45,000.

Must cut budget Loughheed says

Milton Council should slice the town's five year capital forecast by at least 50 percent, according to Milton Treasurer Don Loughheed.

The 1976 capital budget calls for an expenditure of \$1,927,500 but the five year forecast calls for spending of \$13,355,000.

Of the \$13,355,000 the town's share would be \$6,286,520 and the balance would be made up in grants. The lion's share of the \$13,355,000 is designated for road purposes.

Six areas
The forecast allocates \$8,901,500 for roads, \$130,000 for sidewalks, \$1,762,000 for parks and recreation, \$1,005,500 for the fire department, \$556,000 for library purposes and \$1,000,000 for expenditures encountered by the Milton Hydro Commission.

The 1976 budget calls for work to be done on Thomas St., Commercial St., Pine St., Thompson Rd., and Brown St. as well as sidewalks on Mary St. and Elizabeth St.

The \$305,000 parks and recreation budget calls for \$85,000 in park development, \$65,000 in construction of tennis courts, \$25,000 for engineering on a swimming pool, \$100,000 for arena repairs and \$30,000 for equipment purchases.

The \$631,000 budget forecast for the fire department calls for the purchase of a truck, a car, a van, a fire hall in Campbellville and \$66,000 to a reserve account.

Trafficking is suspected

A juvenile suspected of selling drugs to students at Milton District High School was apprehended by Halton Regional Police last week and turned over to the juvenile officer.

Acting on a search warrant, two Milton officers uncovered 15 capsules and a plastic bag containing a white powder, believed to be drugs.



1975 CHRISTMAS SEALS were delivered to Milton homes by postmen Friday and J. M. Ledwith, Milton chairman for the Halton Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association's annual fund-raising campaign, visited town hall last week to officially launch the campaign. He presented the first set of colorful seals to Marie Tyner, secretary to Mayor Anne MacArthur.



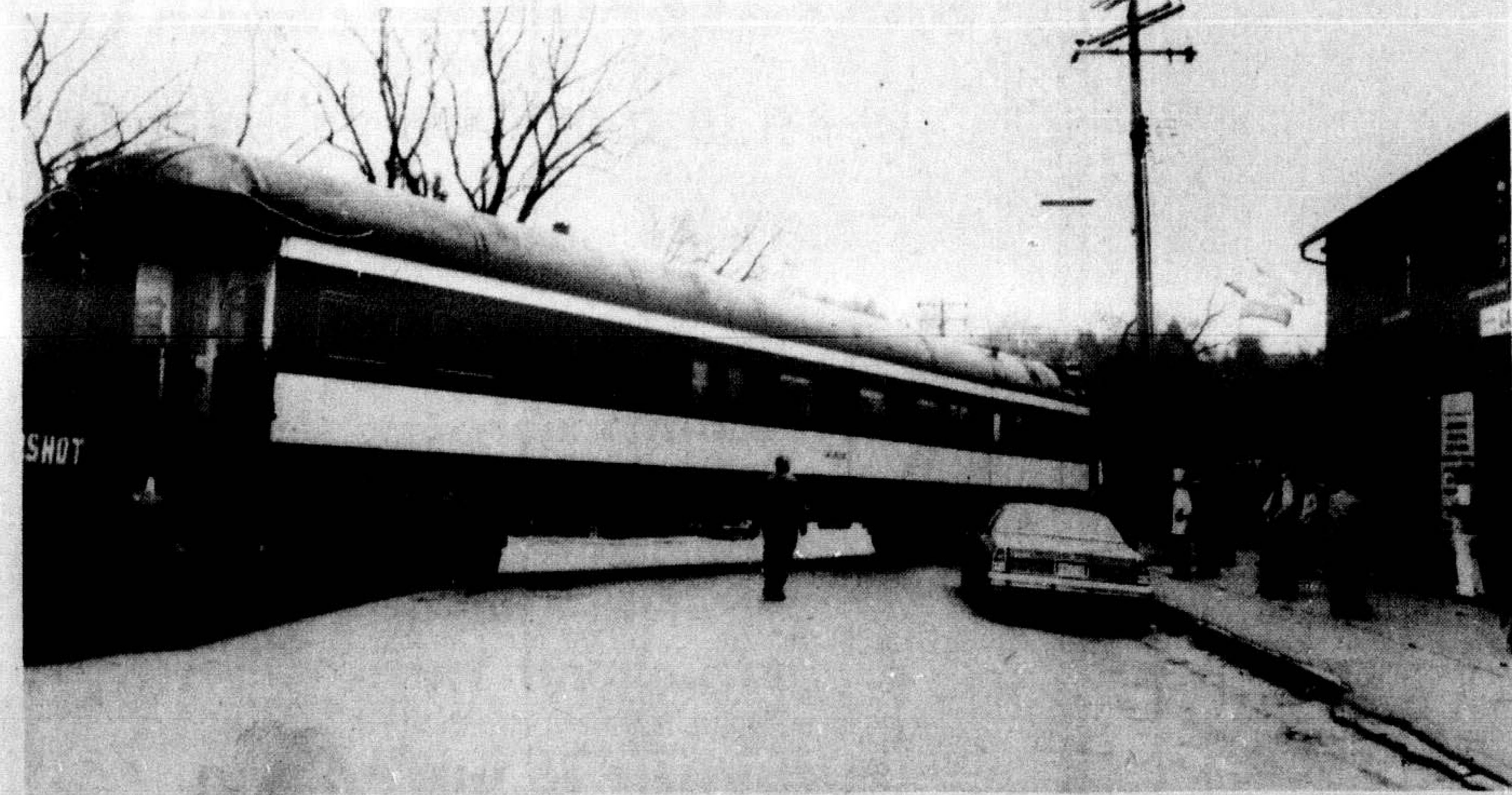
Santa's coming

Guess who's coming to Milton this Saturday, to officially launch the pre-Christmas season?

None other than Santa Claus, that's who. The Santa Claus Parade is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday and full details on the parade theme, route, entries, awards and other highlights will be found in a special feature in today's Champion. See Pages B4, B5.

Inside today

The spotlight is on the community of Lowville, its past and present. See Joyce Beaton's feature on Page B1. Also in today's Champion: Council and region news, Pages 2 and 4. Champion sports, Pages 5, 6, 7. Classifieds, Pages 11 to 18. Youth news and Martin St. School report, B2. Editorials, letters, B3. Maplehurst makes a new float for Santa, B4. Milton's Santa Claus Parade is previewed on B5. Local highrise building elevators are too small for ambulance stretchers. Story on B6. Family page, columns, B10. An old railway car comes to Campbellville, B11. Air Cadets enjoy a weekend camp, B13. Halton does well at the Royal Winter Fair, B14, B15.



SPECTATORS GAWKED last week as a 90-foot-long pullman railway car moved gingerly around a Campbellville street corner. Why was the

old car going through the village? Turn to page B11 for the answer.

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