

Water woes winding

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president of the Milton Chamber of Commerce, and developers Gordon Shipp, Hugh Herron and Mitch Fasken all spoke in favour of a timely solution to Milton's water problem.

Tom Muir, representing a Burlington based taxpayers' watchdog organization, slammed politicians for "not taking place over a year during the American Civil War."

It is carried by Kristina Nicoll through a very strong performance in the role of Jo.

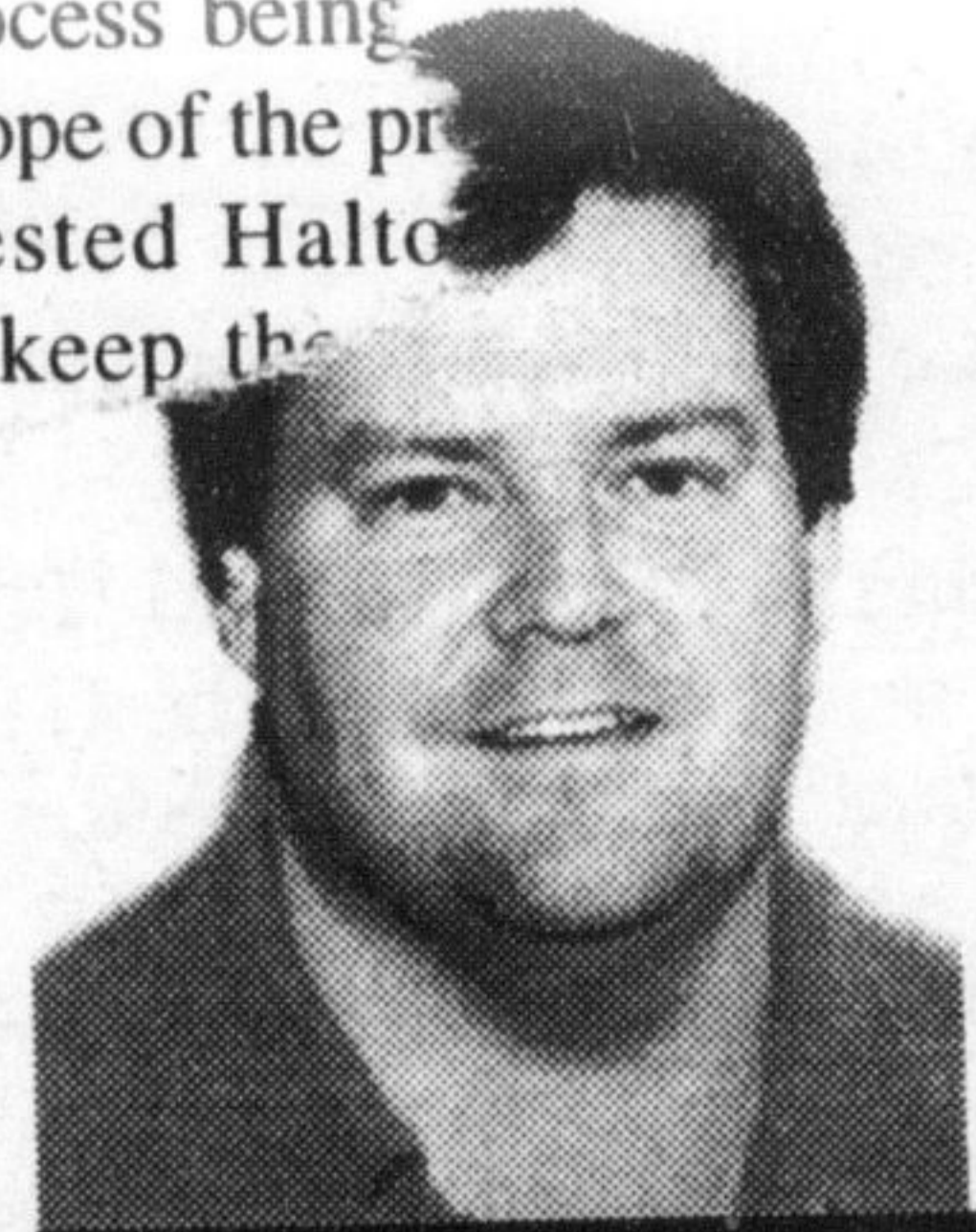
At times funny and touching, the play is also tinged with sadness. Given the shortness of a stage adaptation, some of the characters are not fully rounded.

Because of this, events of great power in the novel are somewhat flat on the stage.

However, it does not diminish the achievement of the adaptation. If the predominantly female audience was any indication the play was

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a rousing success.

Stratford's production values were in evidence, particularly in the music. Only one stage device, the entrance way to the house, was unsatisfactory.

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However that criticism is minor and perhaps itself suggests how strong the production is.

In fact, during one sequence where characters stage a short play within the play, the production values used are perhaps a bit too good.

Males in the audience, likely unfamiliar with the story, are in for an enjoyable evening. Low expectations usually lead to the highest satisfaction.

In at least one instance the story line follows a path difficult for males to appreciate or understand.

One sister destroys the very hard work of another, and while tears are shed and anger exists, the proper balance is never restored. There is no satisfaction.

From a male perspective a similar action requires exacting revenge, which in the context

of a stage play or film, would be very tactical, sweet and ultimately accepted as necessary to even the score.

So strange did I find this part of the play that I would like to see it again as a window on the mental processes of women.

Also of note in Little Women was the youngest — actress Cassie Fox, 13, who played daughter Amy.

From a town near Minneapolis, Minnesota she has been acting for five years with a list of credits including Cindy Lou Who in the world premier of Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

Ms Nicoll, of Stratford's Young Company for the past three seasons, can carry a production. She did it last year in As You Like It and does it again in Little Women.

Lousy deal gets hairy

By LISA TALLYN

Special to The Champion

Head lice are a year-round problem that doesn't just surface in elementary schools says Mary Gurba, a public health nurse with Halton Region.

Ms Gurba, who works with the region's children's health services team, says head lice are always in the community and preschoolers and adults account for 30 to 40 per cent of head lice cases. Head-to-head contact is the key for spreading the tiny, wingless, grey insects.

Ms Gurba says head lice, which have been around for thousands of years, (nit combs used to remove empty shells of lice eggs were found in Egyptian tombs) live in human hair and feed off human blood.

Each female louse lays about five to eight pinhead-sized eggs a day close to the scalp for warmth and easy access to their food supply. Within seven to ten days the eggs hatch and the new lice start eating.

Ms Gurba says people with head lice may not know they have them, and by the time their head itches there could be hundreds of eggs on the scalp.

For that reason Ms Gurba says adults should check each other's and their children's scalps, particularly near the neck area and behind the ears, once a week. She stresses it's important for parents to check their kids especially after group activities, summer holidays and sleepovers. Finding the problem early means less eggs to remove.

"Parents should teach children to brush and comb their hair every night," says Ms Gurba. Brushing and combing injures the head lice so they fall off and can't breed.

Anyone who finds head lice or their eggs should call Halton Region's Head Lice Information Line at 878-8113, ext. 5423 for information on how to get rid of them, and contact their pharmacist for a shampoo or cream rinse to kill lice and eggs.

Ms Gurba says there are numerous products available and a pharmacist can help to find the right one as some shouldn't be used on young children, people with allergies or pregnant and breastfeeding women.

When head lice have been found on one family member the rest of the family should be thoroughly checked.

"It is important to treat only those with head lice," says Ms Gurba. She says treating people who don't have lice may increase the resistance capabilities of the lice to the treatment products. She added the product directions should be followed exactly.

She says after the shampoo or cream rinse is applied the hair should be rinsed

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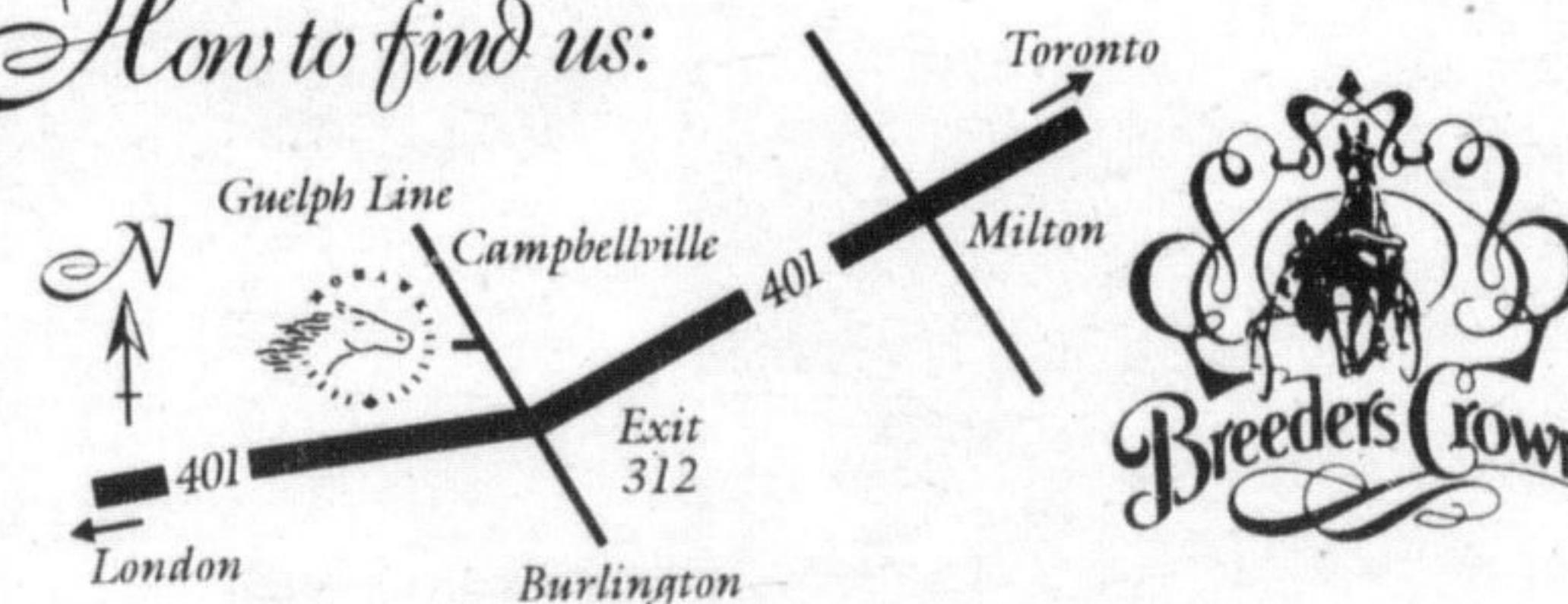
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