

Special services under the direction of Epworth Leagues to be held at the Methodist Church next Sunday morning

'Time Capsules' are gems of information extracted from past issues of The Champion and other publications to provide a window into Milton's past. Explanatory comment is sometimes provided to place the situation in context.

January 1895

Special services under the direction of the Epworth Leagues will be held in the Methodist Church next Sunday. Sunrise prayer meeting at 7.30 a.m.; testimony meeting at 10 a.m. sermon to young people at 11 a.m. by the pastor; mass meeting at 3.30 p.m. to be addressed by Rev. Mr. Haddow and Rev. Mr. Mitchell; addresses to young people at 7 p.m. by J.S. Deacon and the pastor. A choir of 50 voices will lead the singing. Evangelistic meetings will also be held each evening of the week, except Saturday, at 7.30 p.m.

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There was a poll for election of a school trustee in the East Ward yesterday. The candidates were Rev. P.T. Mignot and Thomas McDowell. As the latter is not particularly well educated, as both are Conservatives, as Mr. Mignot is chaplain of the local lodge, Sons of England and master of the Orange lodge and his opponent an ex-Orangeman under the ban of suspension, it was expected by many that though Mr. Mignot did no canvassing he would be elected easily.

It turned out, however, that he was defeated by four votes.

The result is accounted for by Mr. Mignot's friends thus: A week ago last Sunday in alluding in his sermon to the death of Sir John Thompson he denounced the "Protestant bigotry" which manifested itself in the abuse Sir John received during his lifetime on account of his change of faith. (Sir John Thompson was Prime Minister of Canada at the time of his death at Windsor Castle Dec. 12, 1894 a few minutes after he had been sworn in as a member of the Privy Council by Queen Victoria. In 1871 he changed from Methodism to Roman Catholicism.)

This gave mortal offense to P.P.A. bigots and led them to work and vote against Mr. Mignot, while on the other hand at least one Roman Catholic voters was canvassed by an Orangeman and told to vote against the clergyman because he was an Orangeman and Mr. McDowell got that vote and others of the same kind while Mr.

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Mignot received only one.

If this explanation be true with such a peculiar combination against him, Mr. Mignot did well to held his opponent down to a majority of four.

February 1895

Milton Council: The committee did not recommend a full compliance with the demands of the Underwriters' Association relating to firemen sleeping in the fire hall.

March 1895

Halton's efficient and thorough-going public school inspector, J.S. Deacon presented his usual comprehensive annual report to the county council at its last meeting.

All that he said was most satisfactory except his statements in connection with the condition of school buildings and sanitary arrangements.

He complained that in some school sections, though he had repeatedly directed the attention of trustees to the fact that the school closets required cleaning and disinfecting, they had been neglected and were in a dangerous condition and a constant menace to the health of the people. In the discussion, which followed the inspector's remarks, school sanitation was the principal topic.

Dr. Webster took the lead having given the subject considerable attention both as a physician and as a public man. He said that the health of the pupils was endangered not only in the way pointed out but also by neglected wells.

He said that too little water was taken from the school wells at all times, but that during the summer holidays they were not used at all and in consequence water became most unwholesome. At the end of the discussion the inspector said that in future he would report all cases of neglect of school sanitation to the local boards of health.

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OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Halton Crime Stoppers chair offers thanks to those who've made program a success

Dear Editor:

Crime Stoppers is one of the most cost-efficient programs available to a community in its efforts to prevent crime and to apprehend criminals.

The program is cost efficient due to the formal and informal partnerships that have developed over the years.

The four crucial partners that make Crime Stoppers work are the volunteers that make up the board of directors and operate the program, the police services that work with the program to utilize the tips to bring about arrests, the volunteers that raise the money either through fundraising events or busi-

nesses that sponsor various aspects of our programs, and the many media players that put our message out in front of the community without fail on a daily, weekly or monthly basis, as in their mode of operation.

I'm truly aware of the values that each of the partners has brought to Crime Stoppers of Halton, having served on the board for eight years with this last year as chairman.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to each of our partners.

A special thanks goes out to our coordinator Lee Ann Ansell of Halton Regional Police and the board of directors that have so dili-

gently supported our program.

Crime Stoppers of Halton celebrated at its 14th annual general meeting and election of its board of directors February 25.

At that meeting we acknowledged the efforts of all our partners in a suitable manner.

But I wish to have those expressions heard or read by as many of our citizens as possible to further awareness of Crime Stoppers of Halton and its benefits to our community.

Once again, thank you all so much.

**R.F. Hilton, chairman
Crime Stoppers of Halton**

Milton in dire need of bigger retail sector as well as some other facilities, stresses reader

Dear Editor:

Wow is Milton growing.

The new developments that are going up east of us are what, 10 minutes to Mississauga and 10 minutes from Milton?

Decisions, decisions. Where do we go? Let's go to Mississauga, there's more of a selection.

That my friends, is a no-brainer.

Milton doesn't have much to offer. Before long, Main Street is just going to be the main street to get you through Milton.

We have a lot of potential on our Main Street with all the original buildings, if you look where it's situated.

We've reconstructed the Mill Pond. It's beautiful. Look at Victoria Park in front of our old jail (now the Town Hall). It's gorgeous. Main Street runs between those two attractions and is going to be under construction soon anyway. Let's do something with it.

We have always been our own little community,

with no competition.

We also have to keep the shopping here to survive. What my family has experienced this last little while I find pathetic.

We have a son who is planning a wedding. He and his fiancé went to three local stores two months ago to buy tooling, shot glasses and gold pens.

They finally went back to all three stores to find out what was going on because they hadn't heard anything, only to find out that not one of these stores had placed their order.

They were really upset. Unfortunately, there go those sales and any future ones. They are now going out of town.

Pull up your socks Milton if you want to survive. We are not a competitive community.

**D. Heroux
Elliot Crescent**

Reader says thanks for donation of new glasses

Dear Editor:

I want to say a very big and heartfelt thank you to the anonymous person who so generously arranged for me to get a new pair of prescription sunglasses to replace the pair I lost at Tim Hortons on Ontario Street a few weeks ago.

Just after my original letter was published in The Champion asking

if anyone had seen the glasses, I received a phone call advising me that all I had to do was go over to the mall and choose the glasses I would like to wear and this wonderful donor would pay for them.

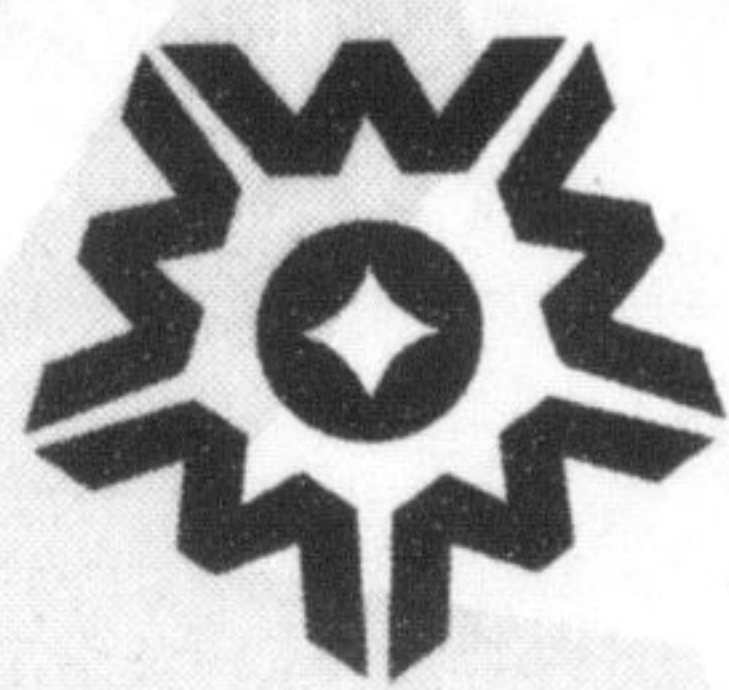
It makes me feel very blessed and also very lucky to live in a caring place like Milton.

I will thank this kind person

every time I put on my glasses, and remember that, despite all the things we read about selfishness and mean-spirited folk, there are some very special angels around us.

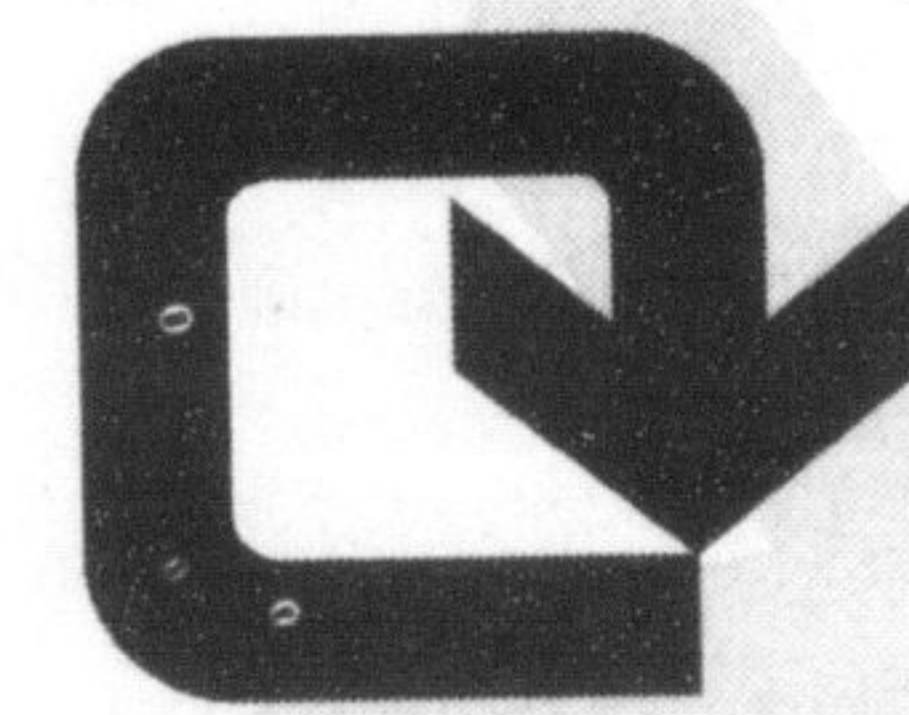
Thank you, whoever you are, I'm so grateful.

**Doris Brown
Allendale resident**



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