### Town fortunate to have secured representation on new county council, although a rural area has been left out in the cold

'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 1897

Milton is fortunate in having secured representation in the new county council and that by as able a representative as Dr. Robertson, but the arrangement by which one of the municipalities included in No. 4 county council division is left out in the cold is anything but a satisfactory one.

It is to be hoped that it will be changed before another county council election comes off.

The prospect that we shall shortly have an important industry established in Milton is very right. Local capitalists have been canvassed to take stock in a company for the manufacture of barbed and twisted wire for fencing, nails, washers and metallic shingles.

The Firemen's Ball at the town hall was a gratifying success with a large attendance. Representatives from nearly all parts of the county were present and the hall and dining room were tastefully decorated with bunting and evergreens.

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The music of Anderson's orchestra from Hamilton was good and dancing was kept up until after 4 a.m. Receipts were over \$100 and the committee cleared about \$60.

The first game of hockey in town this season was played at the rink on Saturday night.

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The centre of the ice was boarded in to a height of four feet, making a very good hockey rink and enabling the spectators to stand along either side. The attendance was very good and if enthusiasm counts for anything the rink should be crowded at the next game.

Acton hockey team was the visitors and they received a defeat at the hands of the Milton club by six games to one. Both teams were evenly matched so far as size went, but the home club displayed in better form.

The following are the Milton players: goal Sam Brush; point C. Burrows; c. point Wm. Hamburgh; forwards J. Campbell, R.

Milton Time Capsules



Sproat, G. Cooper and F. Lawrence.

There were about 40 or 50 farmers present at the meeting held at the Bennett House on Friday to hear what Walter Cole of London, England, had to say about his process of making butter without churning. Mr. Cole gave a very interesting explanation of the process and also explained his plan for organizing a creamery company in every county in Ontario, The first company has been organized at Toronto, Mr. Cole being its manager.

He offered the farmers 60 cents per 100 lbs. for their milk, to be delivered at Milton and the skim milk returned, or 70 cents to those desiring to dispose of their milk entirely, these rates to stand until the middle of May, the prices then to be rearranged. Mr. Cole then retired while the meeting took his offer into consideration. It was decided to ask for 70 cents for the milk, the manager of the creamery to collect it from the farms. On Mr. Cole's return, he stated that he could not improve on his original offer and subsequently a number of farmers agreed to accept it, payments to be made weekly.

To show that the payments will be prompt and certain it is only necessary to say that Capt. Nelson of the Rossin House is largely interested in the Toronto cream-

We are informed, however, that the organization of a Halton company is well under way and will be completed as soon as it has been proved by experiments that Mr. Cole's process is all that he claimed for it. For the present the Toronto company has rented Messrs. Cockburn & Co.ís machinery to which a first class new separator is about to be added and will be in operation within a few days.

The new process, which all expect will prove to be a great improvement in the old one would put the creamery on a much better footing in this and every other county.

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# \* OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

## Martin Street School Council chair voices concern over education funding shortfall

(The following letter was addressed to Education Minister Elizabeth Witmer and a copy was filed with The Champion.)

#### Dear Editor:

We as parents have great concern over the funding shortfall facing the Halton Board of Education. The Province implemented an education funding model based on 1997 provincial averages. This doesn't cover the costs in 2002.

If the funding for our education system continues along this recent path, our children's future will be at great risk.

It has become increasingly frustrating as a parent and school council member to listen to the ministry's position over the increases made to education spending in recent years.

Your government has made changes to the system as promised. However, the amount of money you're currently putting into Ontario's education system isn't enough.

The grossly inadequate funding model means that our Halton school board will be forced to dramatically and negatively impact school education. the programs and services offered to students in order to achieve a balanced budget.

Since 1997, this board — as a result of inadequate funding — has already cut positions to special education, resource teachers from 109 to 85, speech and language pathologists from 12 to nine and librarians from 50 to 36.

All these cuts and many more have taken place while the board's enrollment has grown by 4.7 per cent and inflation has risen 8.4 per cent during the past five years in Halton.

As the parent of a speech and language-needs identified child that has received no attention from the board for this year due to a chronic shortage of funding, your government's increases haven't benefited my child.

Unlike the private school tax

credit, I've received no tax credit for the private help we've had to pay to supplement her public

government the Recently, announced an increase of \$350 million for students in Ontario.

However, this money simply reflects the General Legislative Grants received by the board for next year.

It's time to act now to re-evaluate the current funding formula and/or look at new ideas from parents and school councils.

It's time the government stops bickering with the boards at the children's expense.

We can't sacrifice this generation of children — our children, my children — for the sake of tax cuts or a re-election strategy.

The government can pay now or we will all pay later as a society.

Mark Wallis, school council chair Martin Street School

### Long-range thinking needed by Town: Mr. Tate

#### • from PAUL TATE on page 6

Shouldn't the Town have passed its approvals for the tennis courts last fall? What's the hold up? The development currently taking place in Milton, I think most would agree, is certainly helter skelter.

The new tennis facility is resting upon 3.5 acres of 100 acres of land set aside for recreation in the Town's plan. We should recognize as the tennis club has, that we have at this moment a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build facilities that should be enjoyed and patronized by a majority of our residents over the next 30 years.

Since my letter was published, I've had a number of telephone calls from a wide of variety of community groups. Each one of these association representatives have expressed strong support for the concepts I suggested about the need for the development of a dynamic, multi-functional recreational/sports centre that will meet the needs of the many, not just a special interest group like a tennis club.

So I hope that our town council is putting this on its radar screen. Council should ask for a standing committee to be made up of volunteers from the community to provide steering for what needs to be done, in terms of the feature facility design and construction.

There are a salient number of Milton residents who are informed stake holders and who are able to bring substantial ideas to the planning process.

I would expect this group could come up with several viable alternatives in less than three months that would enjoy broad-based community support, while cost effectively moving this needed project forward.

Failure do this will leave the tennis club as the only feature facility of our recreation park.

I also hope that council is preparing to acquire the 3.98 acres of land that is known as the west end of Bronte Meadows Park when it's put up for sale by the Halton District Public School Board in the near future.

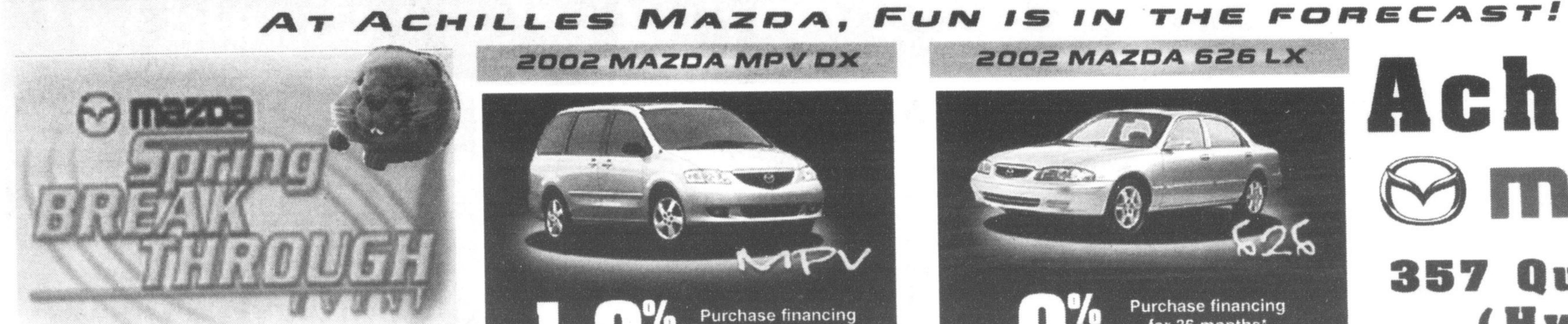
I know the residents of Milton south don't want that land to be anything but a park.

It would be a travesty to have another Drury Park disaster.

We need proactive and thoughtful planning control of our town and its facilities - not reactive stop-gap-

I stand by my original letter.

Paul Tate Sunnyvale Crescent



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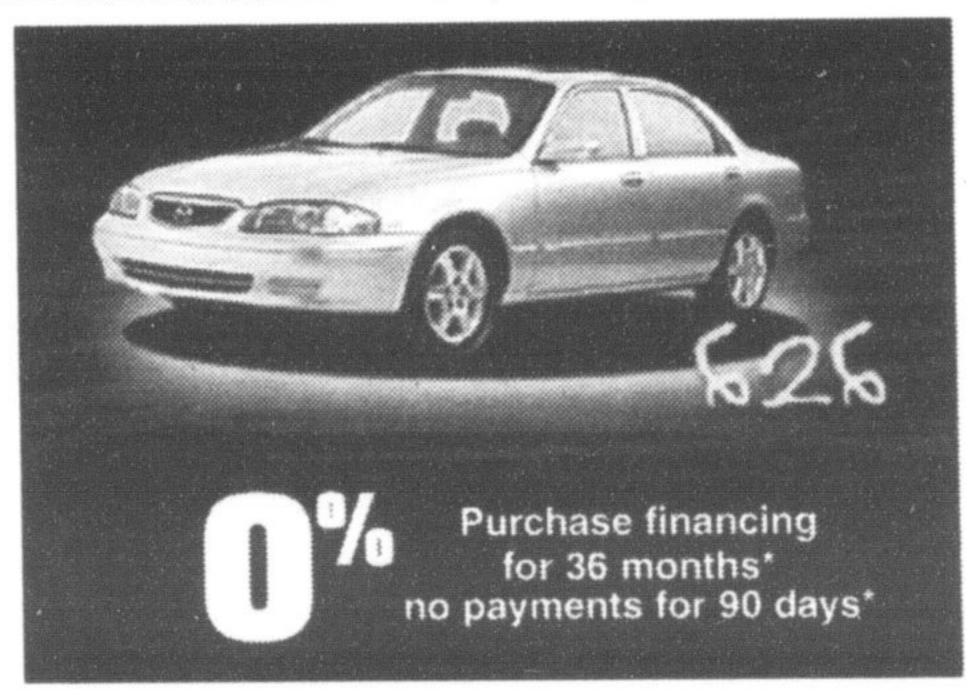
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