

Opening and blessing of new altar at Catholic church slated for Sunday; Rev. R.T. Burke will preach at two services

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.

July 1897

The opening and blessing of the new altar in the R.C. Church, Milton will take place on Sunday, July 11. High Mass will be sung at 11 a.m. and vespers at 7 p.m. A sermon will be preached at both services by the Rev. R.T. Burke. The choir of St. Andrew's Church, Oakville will supply the music. A special collection will be taken up both in the morning and evening in aid of the repairing fund.

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On Monday, July 5, E.F. Hartley picked 312-quart boxes of strawberries on his father's farm on the mountain south of Milton — 175 were picked in the forenoon and 137 in the afternoon.

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John Miller of Esquesing on the base line had a 54-foot x 90-foot bank barn raised on Friday. The frame was put up in quickly, in less than an hour. The framing was by Jos. J. Peacock.

Those who attended the raising had a very pleasant dancing party at Mr. Miller's in the evening.

There was a question as to which side won at the raising and when the party broke up in the evening W.J. Clements, Pete Elliott and John Adams were still arguing the point.

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Physicians are warning people against the habit of wetting a lead pencil in the mouth. Whoever has the habit runs considerable risk, for he may, while in a bank or some such public place, involuntarily moisten a pencil that has recently been in the mouth of a person suffering from an infectious disease.

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The covering of the old tailrace from the grist Mill that crosses Main Street at the Commercial Hotel and runs down Commercial Street has decayed and caves are frequent.

Monday night's heavy rain caused another

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er on Main Street.

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Miss Bastedo's exhibition of paintings and drawings is now open on the second floor of Messrs. Bastedo and Co.'s building on Main Street.

The pictures shown are all the production of Miss Bastedo and her pupils. They are in oil, watercolors, pastel and charcoal and embrace an infinite variety of studies, besides a number of life-like portraits painted by Miss Bastedo herself.

Among these is a large portrait in oil of School Inspector Deacon — which is particularly noticeable and particularly true to life.

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The Brampton Club, having forfeited its membership in the Halton-Peel baseball league, and Acton having done the same thing by refusing to play the scheduled championship match last Saturday, the championship which Milton won last season remains with Milton.

August 1897

Jas. Boyd, of Preston, wheeled down to Milton on Saturday afternoon and spent Sunday with his parents. He returned on Monday afternoon.

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Frank McDonnell, the Owen Sound rope walker, who crossed the Niagara River at the Falls a few years ago, attempted to ride a bicycle on a live electric wire at Ridgewood Park, N.Y. on Monday. He wore a rubber suit to protect him from the current, but it leaked and he was killed instantly.

He had saved \$25,000 by his exhibitions. He visited Milton a few years ago to give an exhibition but a chimney, to which his cable was attached, collapsed and the performance did not come off.

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OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Reader says adult video stores and strip joints are an easy scapegoat for problems

Dear Editor:

I'd like to respond to the letter written in the July 23 issue of The Champion by Kathy Christie, and actually all the letters written opposed to Exxotica and the soon-to-be opened strip joint.

First of all, I'm not sure where most of these people have been hiding but Milton isn't a perfect little town where nothing bad ever happens.

We've had a drug problem for years, but it just isn't discussed. I was in high school here eight years ago and trust me, if you wanted a drug — almost any drug — it wasn't hard to find. As for young people having sex, they were having it then and they are still having it now. The store or bars aren't to blame.

To Richard Ganton, I'd like to say that the responsibility of sex is not only on girls. In your last letter you stated that girls should learn to say no, but maybe the boys should learn to stop asking.

It takes two and it isn't always peer pressure that's the reason for females engaging in sex — some of us do because we want to. Welcome to the 21st century. We as women are as in charge of the act as men are.

As for someone's personal religious belief, if that's the reason why you don't agree with either of these establishments, you have a right to not like it, to express your opinion about it and to not go near them yourself.

However, you don't have the right to point your fingers at certain groups of people and make anyone who may visit these places into criminals.

To address Ms Christie's letter, I'm a 25-year-old female and I have been ogled by a bunch of smelly, drunk men (also sober ones) and it has been happening for years. I've also in the past been flashed and then propositioned by the guy.

This all took place before any of these places opened in town and they would continue to happen even if they weren't present. As for the sexual urges that these places cultivate, have you ever watched an adult video or been in a strip joint?

I'm guessing not, so how can you even say what kind of urges these establishments cause? They're not selling smut films and hookers, they're adult pornographic movies, and exotic dancers — nothing more nothing less. People having sex in the videos is neither disgusting or illegal, and if someone enjoys watching these movies it's no one else's business.

If the owner of Exxotica was selling illegal material or the strip joint was to start prostitution, both places would be shut down, especially with all the controversy. People in town already watch the movies and go to strip joints. They may have left town to go get the movie or go in the bar but guess what, they always came home here

in Milton. Videos and dancers don't cause rape to happen; a disturbed individual does, and no one else is to blame but the person committing the crime. People just like scapegoats and I guess many people in Milton are trying to help them out by giving them one.

Milton to me is still a family community, and I still feel secure and safe here. For Ms Christie to compare us to Chicago, Detroit, New York or Toronto is extremely unrealistic.

We're nothing like those cities nor will we ever be — at least not in my lifetime. A strip joint and an adult video store won't cause this to happen and if you honestly believe this I feel bad for you and anyone who feels the same way because you're living in a narrow-minded world. I know many don't share my view, and that is fine — to each there own.

One more thing, as a young female who everyone is supposedly trying to protect, saying how vulnerable we are and how the females need to be protected from the big bad videos and strip joints, I don't need your protection and quite frankly I'm sick of you using my gender as an excuse.

Not all women are against these places and many visit them themselves. So next time use yourself or your own moral reasons for justification and please leave the rest of us out of it.

Daina Huli
Milton

Milton hospital auxiliary president says thanks to residents who supported the Strawberry Fair

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make our 2002 Milton Strawberry Fair — held June 22 — such a tremendous success.

A special thanks goes out to all the people and their families who came out and supported us.

Also, thanks to all the business merchants, serv-

ice clubs, hospital staff and all auxiliary members who helped to make this day the success that it was.

I would also like to welcome and thank all the newcomers to Milton who came out and supported this worthy cause.

Rose Barrow, president
Milton District Hospital Auxiliary

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