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'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.

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(Mansewood News): We believe there are some families in Terra Cotta (Milton Heights) in very poor circumstances, with a scarcity of food and fuel and some of them are very sick. The council should grant such people in distress money; but this should not relieve their neighbors, who are in most cases well blessed with the riches of this world, from lending a helping hand.

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(Campbellville News): A cold wave passed over the village last week and still continues. It's so extremely cold that people who have but little for their horses to do still trot them up and down the street to keep them from freezing in their stalls.

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G.E. McCraney had a large safe placed in his office (upstairs in Porter Little Block) Friday. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting it upstairs, with several men and an endless chain being required before the job was done.

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J.T. Hannant has leased the sawmill and is having the machinery renovated preparatory to doing an extensive business. Logs are arriving in considerable numbers and sawing will soon be commenced by Dave Scott.

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Murray Crawford has purchased the interest of Richard Corrigan in the lake which they stocked with yearling trout last year, and is now its sole owner. It's a valuable property. Mr. Crawford intends to invest in more trout and a good many improvements. His lake may be expected to afford fine sport for anglers in the near future.

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The Toronto Pressed Brick and Terra Cotta Works, on the C.P.R., located two miles west of Milton under the management of C.J. Lewis, is employing an

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increased number of hands and their output of bricks of various colors, plain and ornamental, terra cotta string courses and friezes and roofing tiles is large and constantly increasing.

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It was announced last week that Thos. Fleming had bought out John Moffatt's livery stable here, but the deal was not closed and Robert Anderson has purchased the business since. He took possession yesterday morning.

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A meeting of those interested in the organization of a bicycle club in town was held at the bicycle livery last evening. The attendance was fairly good and the prospects are that a flourishing club will be formed. Already seventeen names have been received for membership.

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Just as the Milton curlers were about to leave town on Friday, for their match at Brampton, the team attached to their conveyance became frightened and dumped them all into the street. Fortunately no one was hurt, but the carriage, which belonged to Anderson's livery stable, was wrecked and they had to procure another.

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J.K. McCulloch of Winnipeg, champion skater of the world, gave an exhibition at the rink last Thursday night. The attendance was good, notwithstanding a higher admission fee than usual. The champion skated backwards in a race with the fastest local skater who could be pitted against him and who went forwards, but was beaten easily. McCulloch's feats in jumping over barrels and skating on stilts were marvelous, his figure skating was first class and his movements were particularly graceful.

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OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Owners of damaged local airpark say thanks to firefighters and friends for all of their help

Dear Editor:

On Friday, Dec. 13, there was a fire at the Burlington Airpark. There were five aircraft hangars and five aircraft destroyed in the fire. There was a sixth aircraft damaged.

These hangars and aircraft were privately owned by individuals who lease land from the Burlington Airpark.

The airpark is home to 122 such hangars and some 160 aircraft. As we watched the hopes and dreams of these individuals engulfed by the flames, we felt sickened by their loss.

A family member returning home from work noticed the fire at the hangar and called 911. Within minutes, we could hear the fire trucks coming.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many firefighters and police officers who responded to the 911 call and then

stayed with us through the long hours of the weekend to make sure all fire was out. Your cohesive teamwork and fabulous co-ordination between all the different services was wonderful. We can't believe how quickly you arrived and then worked diligently to contain and extinguish the fire.

We find it difficult to express our gratitude. You saved our family's lifelong work. This airport is our lives. The Burlington Airpark was 40 years in the making. The plan is to rebuild the hangars lost and to continue moving onward. Spectrum Airways, our flight training unit and one of the busiest schools in southern Ontario, was not affected by the fire.

Many businessmen use the airpark to commute to and from work. We pride ourselves in frequently servicing the community each and every time we have been called upon, whether for an emergency

transport, tissue and organ donation transport or to be available to local industrial facilities as the need arises. We offer these services free of charge as a way of giving back to our community.

To the many individuals within our area and our flying community family who brought coffee and food as well as hugs and offered their support in every way — your outpouring of emotion and positive energy was nothing more than miraculous.

To all our staff at the flying school and the maintenance shop, we thank you. With the Christmas season upon us, we're reminded of how lucky we are to have all of you and your unconditional support and friendship. It truly restores our faith in the goodness of the human spirit. We thank God for all of you. Merry Christmas.

*The Kovachik family
Milton*

Town's parking bylaw is merely a band-aid solution to major problem: stresses reader

Dear Editor:

I read with amusement in the December 13 *Champion* about how narrowly the new parking bylaw passed.

Even with this makeshift solution, the real problem hasn't been addressed and the problems are escalating as a large number of new houses are being built.

Currently, the Town allows three and four-bedroom houses to be built with only space enough to park one car in the driveway.

Reality is totally being missed by the Town.

With no real mass transit in Milton, each family needs to have at least two cars, not counting the

children who occupy the other two or three bedrooms.

As teens, they would probably have a car also.

The Town will tell you they require parking for two vehicles for each house but they're also counting the garage. The reality is only 10 to 20 per cent of people use their garage for parking.

Look at the older parts of Milton to validate this. Also, look at how much parking is available for each house outside of the garage. Compare the older parts of Milton to the new areas and to the town-house complexes.

The only way to avoid this problem becoming a disaster is to

require, at the very least, two parking spots in the driveway, preferably more for those children or those visiting overnight guests.

For those areas that are already built, modifying the bylaws to allow parking over the sidewalks would get more cars off the street. And then again, why do we need sidewalks on both sides of the street on residential roads and crescents?

The Town needs to take a long look at the building bylaws and not the parking bylaws. Parking wasn't as much of a concern until the new construction took off.

*Mel Walker
Milton*

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