

Country Council approves grants of \$25 each for all Milton and surrounding area soldiers serving in Boer War

'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 1900

During the regular meeting of County Council a resolution was approved that the sum of \$25 be granted to each resident of the county who has volunteered and has been accepted for active service in South Africa and that the treasurer be authorized to purchase a draft and forward it to Col. Otter to pay the following volunteers the above amounts, viz.: W.J. Williamson and Mr. Johns of Burlington, James Ballentyne of Georgetown, W.J. Moore and W.J. Gould of Acton, also R.J. Cunningham of Milton, all of the County of Halton. (Volunteers were being called for the South African (Boer) War. It was the first war in which Canadians fought outside the country.)

A letter from Pte. R. J. Cunningham, with the first Canadian contingent in South Africa, reported that he was in camp at De Aar, a pretty large camp. The only thing was that the dust was terribly deep. He disembarked from the Sardinian on October 30th and went to camp on Green Point where stayed over night. The next day he took the train for De Aar, a two days' run. "The Boers are not a great distance from us here. Our outposts captured four to-day only about five miles out. We got our transport mules today. It is fine to see those Kaffirs driving ten or twelve on one wagon. We have had one court-martial already, and the offender got 35 days hard labor. Day before yesterday five British rebels who will probably be shot, arrived at this base."

The Empire Stock Co. (entertainers) appeared at the town hall on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday evenings. It is decidedly above the average of theatrical organizations. It produces none but standard plays, to which its talented members do full justice, all abstaining from the coarse jokes and silly 'gags' which are the chief stock-in-trade of too many so-called actors. The company played to good busi-

Milton Time Capsules



ness here and will do still better if it pays Milton a second visit.

At Tuesday's meeting of the county council Jailer Vanallen resigned his position as caretaker of the court house and county offices. He had held it for many years at a salary of \$100. In 1898 the care of the registry office was added to his duties without an increase of salary. Hence his resignation. He withdrew it, however, on the council agreeing to the introduction at the next meeting of a by-law to increase his salary to \$125 a year.

On Tuesday evening, a gang of Milton boys, it is alleged, and two men from Guelph, tea agents, pelted with snowballs the house and shop of Cum Lee, an inoffensive Chinese laundryman, who had suffered similar outrages previously. When they broke one of his windows Cum Lee made a sortie and captured one young rascal by his hair. Next day he went to the public school and identified three of the boys. These, when they found themselves in trouble, gave the names of six others of the gang. The nine, whose ages were from 13 to 17 years, were paraded before Mayor Deacon on Saturday. Cum Lee, on being sworn, again identified the three. Six of the boys were then sworn and the whole story came out, each telling on his companions. Before giving sentence, His Worship lectured the culprits severely. He hoped that the penalties which he would impose on them would have a salutary effect. In the case of the six boys who had been proved to have figured in the snowballing, he imposed fines of \$5 each and costs or 30 days. The three were fined \$3 each and costs or 30 days under by-law No. 4 of the corporation for the suppression of nuisances, including loafing on the streets. An information was laid against the two.

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OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Parking problems in Milton have been around for many years, stresses reader

Dear Editor:

On page 10 of the March 25 edition of The Champion, there's an article entitled "Town staff steps up efforts to deal with parking woes."

I have a question — why does this article sound as if the above problem has just been discovered?

Parking problems in Milton have been around for at least 20 years.

The members of town council and staff push it around Town Hall for a few months, stick the same rules back in and make comments such as "We will probably be dealing with it again in six months."

In January of this year, they renewed the three-hour on-street parking bylaw, set up a list of bureaucratic rules to ensure non-conformity of parking regulations in the town and stuck their collective heads back in the sand to wait for the next round of parking problems.

It didn't take six months. Last month The Champion had a story on an established area of town with a parking problem, and now there's this article on the new subdivisions.

At the January council meeting, when the three-hour bylaw was reblessed, concerns were raised by a number of council members on potential applications for new subdivisions.

Senior members of Town staff

were present at that meeting and advised council they were aware of the problems.

In the March 25 article there are three statements attributed to staff.

The first of which is "Residents are not using their garages because they use it for storage and they aren't large enough."

Using a garage for storage, other than a car, is difficult to argue against because that's what they are constructed for.

Garages which are allowed to be constructed that aren't large enough for the purpose of parking a car defies reason.

How do you justify demanding a resident park a vehicle in a garage when the vehicle won't fit?

The second statement is "Residents are storing trailers in their driveways."

How big a problem is this and if it has been a problem in the past, what actions were taken to alleviate it in the planning sessions for these new subdivisions?

The third statement is "On the average, residents have more than two vehicles."

What a surprise. This isn't new. A simple drive around town would have indicated this a long time ago.

There are many more reasons why residents require different solutions to parking allowances.

They vary from partners working

shift work to ferrying children to school and sporting events, from family social get-togethers to enjoyment of the fruits of working long hours such as recreational vehicles and hobbies.

The true value of Milton is to provide a community in which the residents have a pride in belonging.

There are solutions and they're being used by neighbouring communities.

One of the main problems with one of these solutions is the reduction of revenue for the Town in fines, as it would be legal to have restricted, on-street parking under specific conditions, allowing for the safe movement of emergency vehicles.

In addition to the loss of fine revenue, it would eliminate the three-hour parking bylaw, and this would mean the Town wouldn't have a uniform parking bylaw in relation to the other Halton municipalities.

It's time members of council and staff took some time and found solutions to the problem.

They have spent money to provide information, and not only has the original problem not gone away, it has grown another head in the form of the new subdivisions. Yet we appear to be no closer to a solution.

Marshall Horner
Milton

Leave other people's property alone, says woman to person who tried to steal her car at GO Station

Dear Editor:

Last month someone tried valiantly to steal my vehicle from the GO Station parking lot.

Hey bozo, it's time to get a life, get a job and leave other people's property alone.

You may not be so quick to steal or cause damage when the property is your own. I'm also sure your parents would be proud.

I allow myself one luxury, and that's my vehicle. I don't seem to remember anyone helping me make the payments or buy gas recently. My independence and privacy has been violated because of your actions.

Having moved here recently when my office closed, I chose Milton as I'm used to small towns. People here

have been very accommodating thus far to newcomers. That is, until now.

Thanks so much to Const. Bill Glennie and Det. Brain Smith of the Halton Regional Police Service, Jeff and tow driver of Durante's and the guys at Ken Weeks Pontiac Buick in Fergus for getting me back on the road.

And to the person who tried to steal my vehicle — when you're doing your community service, hopefully handcuffed to a post at the GO Station watching for any suspicious activity, (what a concept) you can listen to the music you also took from me. Enjoy!

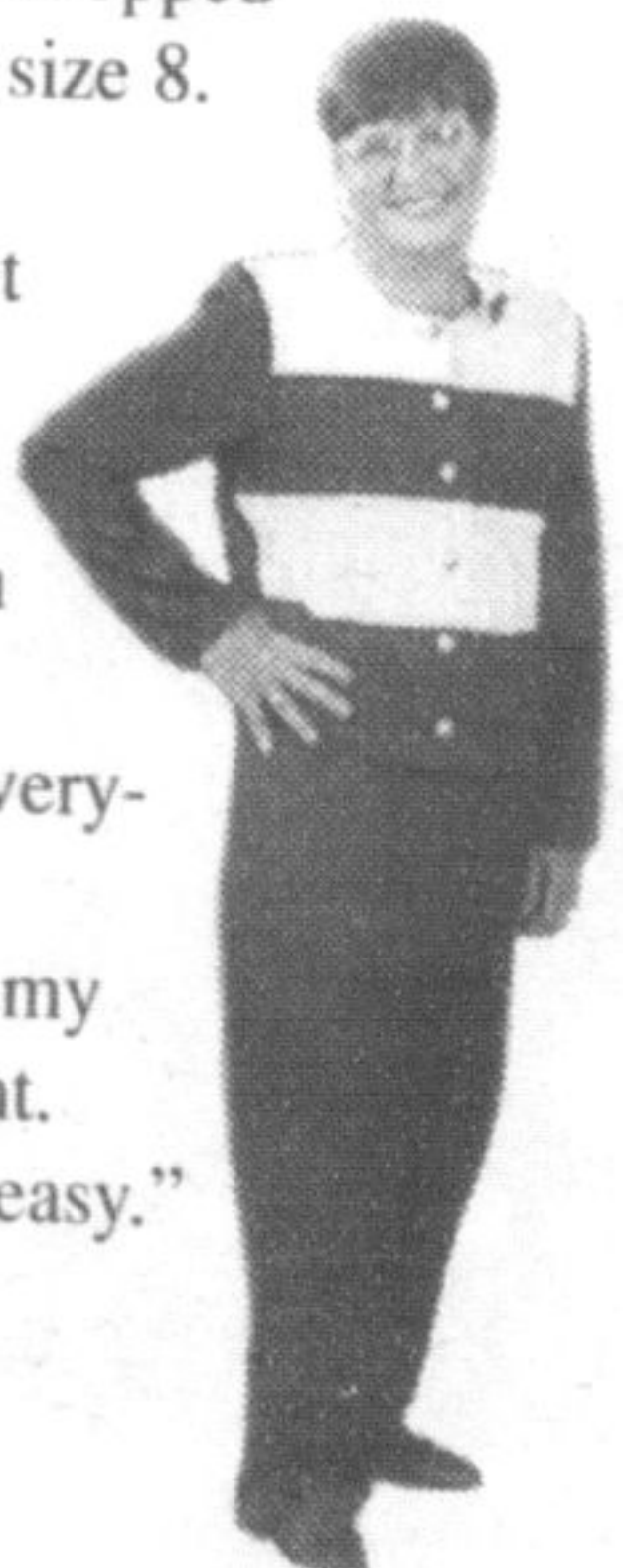
Darlyne Lounsbury
Milton

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35 Lbs. Melt Away!

"Hypnosis made my weight loss simple and easy. It completely changed the way I look at food. I dropped 35 pounds in three months! My dress size dropped from a 16 to a shapely size 8.

I feel great.
I'm glad I didn't let skepticism stand in the way of my happiness. My program was worth every penny. I suggest hypnosis to everyone. I am confident that my weight loss is permanent. Hypnosis makes it that easy."



Jiffy Childress,
Dental Hygienist

"22 LBS. IN 12 WEEKS"

"Losing weight had been my challenge for years. I felt out of control. Since being hypnotized, I haven't had a problem once. My hypnosis sessions have me motivated. So far I have lost 22 Lbs. in 12 weeks. I love the support I get. I feel in control now.
Leslye Lahti,
Travel Agent

"NEW BEGINNING"

"I just retired from medical practice. Thanks to hypnosis it's a new beginning for me. After my first three hypnosis sessions I had a strong feeling that I was on track. I could become talented in controlling my own mind. I could escape from stress at anytime. I recommend hypnosis entirely."
Milton A. Saunders, MD,
Retired Physician

"CIGARETTE CRAVINGS ELIMINATED"

"I was ten years old when I started smoking. I was up to smoking three packs a day. I tried

the patches and cold turkey. I felt out of control. Then I heard about hypnosis through a friend. It took me one short day to become a nonsmoker. Hypnosis eliminated my urges, cravings and desires for cigarettes. I am a nonsmoker permanently."
Pam A. Bishop,
Restaurant Manager

"26 LBS. IN 8 WEEKS"

"I had tried to lose my weight with several methods. Nothing worked. My weight made me feel out of control. Hypnosis helped me get rid of my poor eating habits. It eliminated my food cravings. I have no headaches, dizziness, and no reflux. I took off 26 lbs. in 8 weeks. Thanks to hypnosis, I believe my weight loss will be permanent!"
Violet McCranie,
(Happy) Housewife

"KICKS 2 1/2 PACK-A-DAY HABIT"

"I started smoking when I was 22. I was smoking two and a half packs a day. I had tried quitting smoking with chewing gum. I got addicted to gum. I felt out of control. I have an entirely

different feeling with hypnosis. I feel centered. I absolutely recommend hypnosis to anyone who wants to quit smoking."
Kathy Haywood,
Guidance Counselor

"AMAZINGLY EASY"

"I lost 35 pounds and four inches in my waist. It's amazing how easy it is to bypass foods that I used to gobble up, especially between meals.

I highly recommend losing weight with hypnosis."
Willie Jimerson, Jr.
Retired Painter/Carpenter

"38 LBS. MELT AWAY"

"I have averaged taking off a pound to a pound and a half a week. I lost 38 lbs.! My general feeling and attitude have improved considerably."
Dale Browder,
Retired Teacher

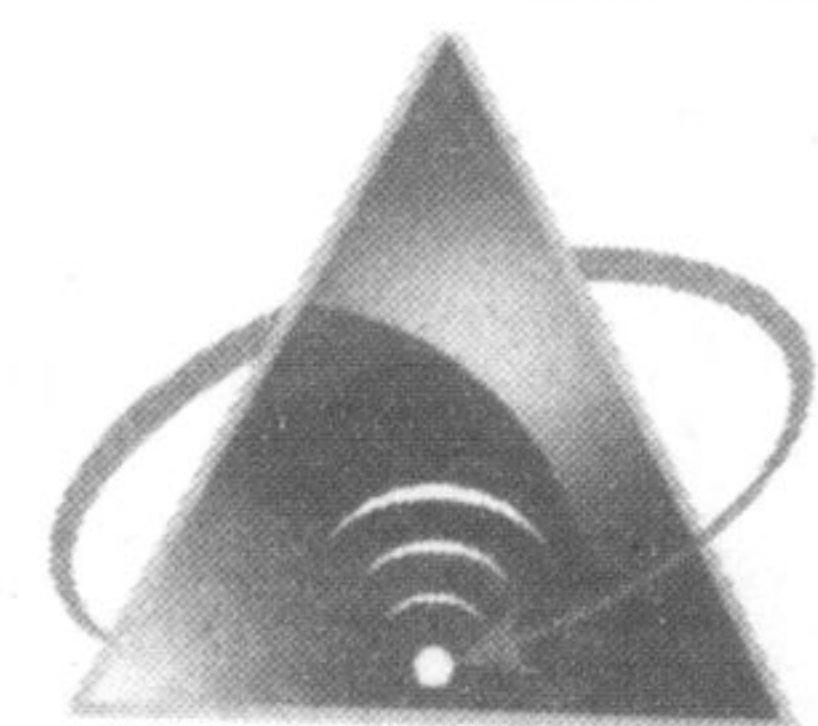
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