

Meeting to discuss expansion of Milton Fair Grounds draws big crowd; proposal approved

'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.

March 1900

A well-attended meeting of members of the Halton Agricultural Society was held at the town hall on Saturday to consider the proposed increase in the size of the fair grounds. A resolution was carried which authorized the directors to purchase one-and-a-half acres on the south east side of the grounds and erect upon it a 60 by 24 foot cattle shed. The price of the land will be \$160, and it was figured that \$500 would cover it and the expense of building. The directors were therefore empowered to pay off the present mortgage on the grounds of \$1,000, with interest at 6 per cent, and give a new one for \$1,500 with interest at 5 per cent to a gentleman who had offered to lend the money. At future fairs, the cattle and pigs will be exhibited as well as kept in the new enclosure.

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Milton rejoices. On the receipt this morning of the news of the relief of Ladysmith (South Africa), flags were run up on a number of buildings and steam whistles sounded in all directions, making a deafening racket.

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The young people of the Mansewood United Presbyterian Church held a basket social on Friday evening, which was a success from the viewpoint of sociability, pleasure and finance. One of the church members, William Stark, kindly gave the use of his commodious bachelor quarters for the occasion and they were taxed to the utmost by the throng that assembled. The sale of the baskets, which was conducted by Alex. B. Chisholm, caused considerable merriment and good-natured rivalry, and realized a good sum.

April 1900

During a public meeting on the need for good roads in Halton, there was criticism of the statute labour system, and support for the introduction of machinery and improved road making. A.W. Campbell, provincial road commissioner, spoke. He had enquired and had found that in Halton during the last 10 years, over 122,000 days of statute labour had been put in and

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\$94,000 had been expended principally on culverts and bridges equaling a total expenditure of about a quarter of a million dollars on roads and bridges. The roads and bridges of Halton were probably as good 10 years ago as they are today. The large expenditure had gone merely to attempt to keep them in order, but that much money would pay for the macadamizing of the roads in the county. The statute labour system had done wonders for the province and in a newly-settled country, no other system could equal it. However, every system should be changed according to the needs and conditions, and the time had come to make changes to the statute labour system, the commissioner suggested.

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On Tuesday, the Toronto Presbytery sustained the call of Knox Church in Milton to Rev. E.F. McL. Smith, B.A. of Lucan and Granton. Rev. Mr. Gregory and Dr. Robertson represented Knox Church and presented the call, which was very unanimous — 193 members having signed it out of a possible 198. It was also signed by 66 adherents. Rev. Mr. Smith has expressed his willingness to accept the call, as it was so unanimous.

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About 4 a.m. on Monday, night watchman Charles Downie discovered that the remaining building of the tannery was on fire and rang the alarm. The fire brigade turned out promptly but didn't use their hose, as the fire had not gained headway. A few buckets of water put it out. It was evidently incendiary. It was started outside, in the wall of the building, and hadn't got inside when Mr. Roedler, the proprietor of the tannery, and the Kenney brothers threw the first water on it. The damage didn't amount to more than \$5. The manner in which the fire originated indicates that the suspicion that the destructive fire at the tannery on Feb. 15th was incendiary was correct.

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OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Youth should be recognized for good things they do, as well as the bad, says local teen

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Murray Townsend's Lifestyles column that appeared in the April 18 Champion.

First of all, I just want to give a shout out to all my homies in the M-Dot, especially the new rapper in our hood, Rapper Grampy G. Just one thing though, it's spelled Eminem, not Emenem, dogg.

Seriously though, as one of Milton's young adults, I found it amusing to see one of this town's (and I say this with all-due respect) older citizens making an attempt to chill to some of our younger-style beats.

I didn't agree with everything said in Mr. Townsend's column, ie: the lyrics in Eminem's songs are very controversial, and political. I know not everybody agrees with them (most people don't), but they're still much more profound than "ya, ya, ya..." However, I did find it somewhat flattering to see him trying to relate, or at least be accepting of some of the younger population's preferences. For this I give you props, G.

And as the season draws nearer, I

thought I would make one more point.

Every year, I read in the editorials and letters back and forth about us young people causing trouble in parking lots and what not.

I'm not here to complain about the lack of things there are here for us to do in this town, because we've all heard it a million times before. And I personally can't come up with an effective solution either.

All I want to say is that even though there are many people in this town willing to try to relate to us, like Mr. Townsend, there are also many people who aren't.

I simply ask that if you're going to point out the negatives like littering and noisy behaviour, you should also give us credit for the good things we do.

Maybe you didn't know that my friends were the ones who made a citizens' arrest of a drunk driver last year, after he hit a 16-year-old girl crossing the road on her bike at Laurier Avenue and Ontario Street.

He had tried to run, but my friends brought him back for the police to put in jail.

You also probably didn't know that my friends and I were the first ones on the scene of the accident when a woman in a mini-van drove her car into the car dealership at the corner of Derry Road and Hwy. 25 after passing out at the wheel.

My cousin, the daughter of a nurse, kept her from choking on her vomit until the paramedics arrived.

You probably didn't know this because when both stories appeared in the newspaper, we weren't mentioned.

Even though we like to listen to music like Eminem, (which we all hear from Mr. Townsend isn't so bad) it doesn't mean we're bad people.

We are young people. And just because there's one bad seed, it doesn't make the whole apple bad. I think that's how my mom says it.

And even more importantly, that apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Just a couple things I ask you to consider this summer.

Peace!

R. Nikolic
Milton

Canadian Red Cross' North Halton branch president says thanks to all those who supported fundraiser

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the volunteers, staff and clients of the North Halton branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, I would like to express our gratitude for the tremendous success of our first annual Power of Humanity lunch and dinner.

This sumptuous fundraising event, hosted by Pasqualino Café & Bistro Sunday, Mar. 23, came about thanks to the tremendous generosity of Pasqualino Café & Bistro and many other local businesses.

Thanks to you, we raised more than \$4,000.

No organization can successfully stage a fundraiser like this without the untold hours of service provided by dedicated volunteers such as Leslie Goertzen, Kathy Beaven and Sharon Power.

Our thanks go out to these ladies for organizing everything from the smallest details to the biggest

ones.

Of course, volunteers need the support of staff, and the North Halton branch is very fortunate to have the services of Ann Sharpe, Kim Meidel and Allison Goertzen, whose dedication to our community and to the organization are evident in all they do — both for special events and for the daily operations of the branch.

Finally, thank you to those of you in our community who supported our efforts with ticket purchases, raffle and door prizes, or other donations. It's good to know that the organization you've come to rely on for help when needed can turn to you for support as well.

Once again, thanks for all your help.

Sheilagh M. Borcsok,
North Halton branch president
Canadian Red Cross Society

Lisa Bliss Says Hypnosis is a Sure-fire Way to Lose Weight and Look Great! She melted off 30 lbs. two summers ago!

My name is Lisa Bliss. I am a registered nurse. I dropped 30 pounds in eight short months and kept it off for two years! I'd like to share my remarkable success story with you.

DISASTROUS

DIETING!

Dieting was something I dreaded. I thought it was my only way out. I tried diet pills from the health food store. I tried other programs and frozen, low-calorie foods. But I never



stuck to anything long enough to have results. These "quick-fix" diets were not something I could live with long term. Luckily, I learned about Positive Changes Hypnosis Centers.

HYPNOSIS IS

DIFFERENT!

I noticed a change in my behavior my first week. I was drinking more water and didn't want to snack between meals. During those first seven days, I easily lost 4 pounds. I dropped my entire 30 lbs. without any effort whatsoever!

I WORE A SEXY BIKINI ON THE BEACH!

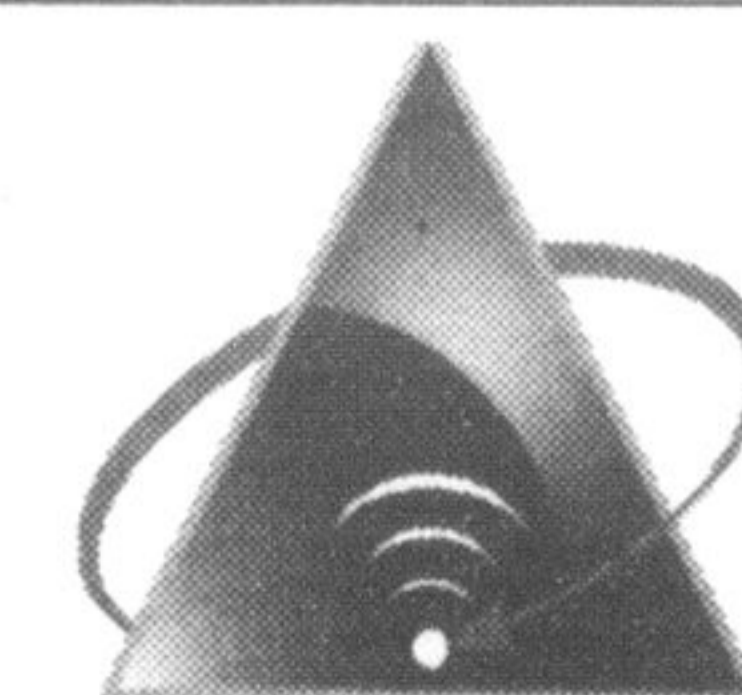
I went to my brother's wedding in Mexico. I spent a lot of time on the beach in a bikini. I heard wonderful compliments from family and friends. They made comments such as, "Wow, you have a great body!" It made me feel like a million dollars!

CALL IMMEDIATELY!

I emphatically recommend Positive Changes to anyone who wants to lose weight!

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