

Smallpox patient recovering; no new cases reported in area

'Time Capsules' are gems of information extracted from past issues of *The Champion* and other publications in order to provide a window into Milton's past. Explanatory comment is sometimes provided to place the situation in context.

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The Acton Free Press says that Mrs. Vance, the smallpox patient there, is recovering and that there are no new cases. Over 400 Actonians have been vaccinated in accordance with the reeve's proclamation, and the doctors are still busy.

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Dr. Tremayne, son of Rev. Canon Tremayne, former minister at Grace Anglican Church, goes to South Africa as a lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps. He has been presented with a pipe, tobacco, pouch and toilet set by Mimico Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of which he is Senior Warden.

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Henry Hannah and Thomas Dowdie, of Oakville, convicted of accepting bribes in the last Ontario general election, were brought to Milton last week to serve their sentences of one month each.

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A letter has been received from Judge Hamilton, dated Dec. 17th, on board the steamer Deutschland, stating that he and Mrs. Hamilton had rather a rough voyage, but were both well. They expected to land at Plymouth next morning and to have made the trip from New York in less than six days.

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Dr. John Bell has died in Michigan. He was the son of Joseph Bell and was born in Milton Sept. 25, 1840. He was a graduate from the grammar school at Milton and moved to Michigan in 1861 locating at St. Joseph.

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The Grace Church Company of the Boys' Brigade was invited to the Rectory for tea last Saturday evening. About eighteen sat down with the Rev. G.B. Gordon, Quartermaster of the Brigade, and Lieut. Pantan.

At the close of the tea, Capt. Armstrong, in a neat speech on behalf of the boys, presented Mr. Gordon with a gold mounted pearl pencil. The evening was spent in playing games. The company meets every Saturday evening for drill. Next Saturday afternoon the members are to have a hock-

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ey match.

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Fred Ryder of Acton, brother of Mrs. Vance of Manitoba who arrived at Acton ill with smallpox, has taken the disease from her. Another case is reported from Nassagaweya.

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Yesterday Bugler Kenneth McKenzie, of No. 7 Co. 20th Lorne Rifles, enlisted at Hamilton as driver in the Canadian Field Hospital Corps and will leave this evening for Halifax, en route to South Africa. Bugler McKenzie is the third son of Wm. McKenzie of Milton.

Last month he completed a course of instruction at Stanley Barracks, Toronto. Only five men were enlisted at Hamilton out of 50 applicants. Bugler McKenzie's exceptionally fine physique no doubt secured him a place.

He is the second man of No. 7 Co. to go to South Africa. Color Sergeant H.N. Wilkinson is there now in Gen. Baden-Powell's Constabulary.

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Ex-Mayor Dice has been elected for the mayoralty to succeed ex-Mayor Deacon, who retired after giving the town three years of efficient service. It is well that the council will have an experienced presiding officer as it will have so many new members.

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The Scotch Block tug-of-war team and a number of their friends enjoyed an oyster supper at the home of the captain Mr. Neil Gillies, on Dec. 30th.

During the evening the sturdy anchorman, Wm. McDonald, was called on to read an address and Henry Wallace made a presentation to Mr. Gillies "who so gallantly captained and led the team to victory during the past summer." The presentation was a fur-lined coat. Members David Givens, Henry Wallace, John Hardy, Daniel Adams and Wm. McDonald made up the team.

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OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Gardner says letter regarding Martin Street staying open was inaccurate, misleading

Dear Editor:

I write this letter as an individual and not as chairperson of the Halton District School Board.

It's quite amusing to me that Mark Wallis wrote a letter to *The Champion* specifically thanking Paul Tate and Colin Best — both of whom are candidates in the municipal election — for being instrumental in keeping Martin Street School open.

While the Halton District School Board does seek public input and hears delegations at the School Closure/Consolidation Committee and at the board, our staff works with municipal planners to ensure that we have accurate (rather than 'suspect statistics') before bringing school closure recommendations to the board for consideration.

Trustees consider and clarify community input prior to voting on staff recommendations.

No schools in Halton would ever have closed in order to build new schools — as required by the funding formula — if only parental input were considered, since no delegation has ever come forward and said, "Please close our school."

The Martin Street School community was indeed very active in bringing forth their statistics. However, full credit for discontinuing the four school closure studies recently underway in Halton should go to Halton District School Board Director Dusty Papke, who worked tenaciously following the provincial elections to establish the direction we should be taking in Halton at this time.

Based on the information he received, and assurance that the CSP cash flow would remain positive for one year, Dr. Papke's recommendations — not those of Mr. Tate or Mr. Best — were adopted.

I find it quite remarkable that in a letter expressing thanks to specific individuals, the work of Milton Trustee Erica Andrew — during her years as trustee — has been totally ignored by Mr. Wallis.

Several years ago when Martin Street School was slated to be studied for closure, Ms Andrew convinced trustees to delay the study to coincide with the opening of the first new school in Milton.

Subsequently, she had this year's June vote to close Martin Street

delayed under November.

Ms Andrew has met with town planners several times and arranged for him to present information to the school board.

She has had endless discussions with staff concerning Martin Street, and has met with parents many times to give her best advice. She has also lobbied other trustees.

What more could you ask of your trustee?

Having been there, I firmly believe that Martin Street School would have closed months ago — if not years — had it not been for the tireless work of Ms Andrew.

I would suggest that the real force in keeping Martin Street School open has been completely disregarded.

The letter that appeared in *The Champion* may serve to garner some support for Mr. Tate and Mr. Best as they seek public office, and that's fine.

But to imply that Martin Street School remains open because of the work of these two gentlemen is misleading and inaccurate

Ethel Gardiner
Georgetown

Town jumping the gun over dog control: reader

Dear Editor:

Articles in *The Champion* serve as a useful reminder of the care we should take when selecting our new town council members.

Ultimately our council members are our only method of controlling costs, and therefore taxes.

Case in point is the recent story in *The Champion*, apparently from the bylaw enforcement department, concerning dog control.

It appears Town staff are about to recommend that we spend capital — our hard-earned tax dollars — to provide leash-free parks in various areas of Milton and presumably more staff to oversee and cope with the crisis.

The justification in the article for more dog control speaks to the bias of staff, who in my opinion appear to be the root cause of many of the Town's current problems, including parking.

A brief review of this area of town shows an average

of less than one dog per household, or approximately 8,000 to 10,000 dogs in the whole town.

Apparently Town staff are prepared to make a recommendation based on complaints regarding less than 2 per cent of the dogs in Milton. Is this really sufficient grounds to spend tax revenue, regardless of the source?

Another proposal is for a leash bylaw. This is a pet project of certain members of staff, as the issue is raised every three to four years.

What's the justification for keeping a dog leashed in a park when the dog is under control and there's nobody around — say like in December at around seven in the morning?

Maybe staff have caught the scene of another source of revenue. All of this begs the question — is it really the dogs that are out of control?

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Foster Court

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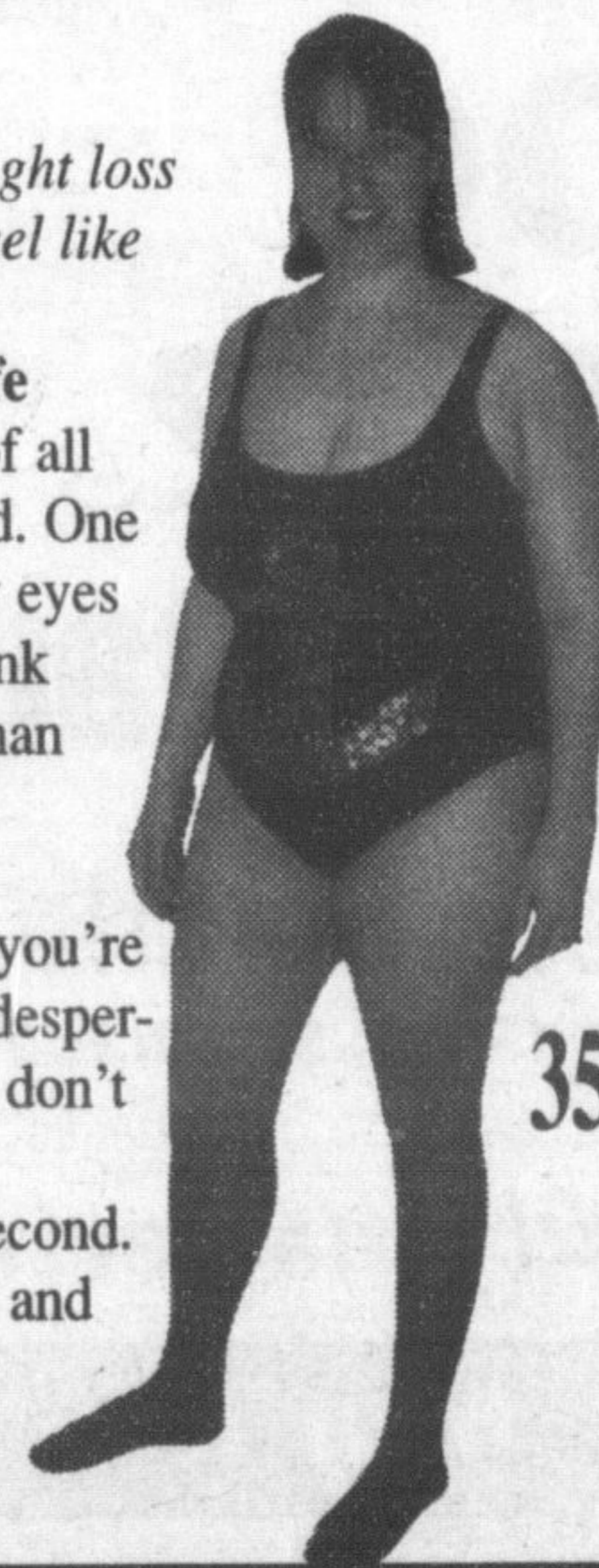
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