

Miltonians approve purchase of an electric generating plant

'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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Voting at the municipal election for the purchase of the privately owned electric generating plant was 118 for, 39 against.

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Milton's early closing by-law was repealed by the town council on Monday evening. The by-law was repealed because it appeared probable that if it were not it would be quashed by legal proceedings and the town saddled with heavy costs.

On Saturday Geo. Laing, grocer, was summoned to appear before Dr. Robertson, J.P. to answer a charge of violating the by-law. Mr. Hollinrake appeared as counsel for the prosecution and Mr. Boyd for the defense. On the case being called Mr. Boyd informed the court that he had filed a notice of motion at Toronto for the quashing of the by-law and that he considered it advisable under the circumstances to adjourn the case until the result of the motion was known.

The magistrate therefore made an adjournment for a week. In filing the notice of motion Mr. Boyd acted on behalf of Mr. Laing, who deposited \$100 for costs. When Mr. Laing's action became known, the petition for the repeal of the by-law was circulated. It was signed by the following dealers: Messrs. Hemstreet Bros., Bews and Lawson, hats, caps etc., Hemstreet Bros. and Lawson dry goods; Hemstreet Bros, Wilson and Porchett, boots and shoes; Tock, Conway, Houston and Hemstreet Bros. groceries and Tock, pastry and confectionery. On receiving the petition Mayor Dice called the special meeting of the council which repealed the by-law. The council, by its action, practically admitted that the by-law was faulty and thus become liable for the costs of Mr. Laing's notice of motion. The exact amount has not been ascertained, but it will be somewhere between \$30 and \$50.

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During the past year the Bell Mountain Union Sabbath School has enjoyed remarkable prosperity according to the report at the end of the year. The average attendance has been the largest dating back some fifty years, also the largest attendance and proceeds at anniversary.

It has been the custom in other years to close during the winter months, but this

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year, the school so far has not been closed. (The church was located north of Bell School at the corner of Derry Road and Bell School Line.)

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Fourteen rinks were entered for the bonspiel which commenced here Tuesday afternoon. The bonspiel was well managed and there was fine ice, good curling and a large number of spectators throughout. The Brampton rinks played in great form and their feat, winning both first and second places in such fast company, was remarkable and perhaps unprecedented. The players on the winning rink received a gold medal each.

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Archibald McNab of Mono Lake, Cal., arrived here on Monday morning for a visit to his brother Alex. McNab, 2nd concession Esquesing. Mr. McNab left home for California thirty years ago and his present visit is his first since then.

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Richard Dent, who has been farming near Samia for about 15 years, is visiting his old friends in Trafalgar. He will go to England shortly to enquire about property which has been left him and other members of the family by an uncle who died lately at Barney Castle, Yorkshire.

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Last spring, at Seattle, Wash., Chas. Ruddy, youngest son of John Ruddy, of Milton passed his final examination as a mining engineer and received his diploma. He is now about to go to California to study the higher branches of his profession at Stanford University. Before going west Charley was employed at the Registry Office here.

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Mrs. Carrie Nation, while flourishing a large hatchet at Topeka, Kan., on Saturday, which she had received as a present from an eastern firm, dropped it, and the keen edge of the instrument severed the large toe of the right foot.

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OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Allendale care being jeopardized: reader

Dear Editor:

It's with great concern that I write this letter.

What is becoming of the jewel of seniors' residences?

I have been a resident of Milton since 1985 and a lifelong resident of Halton. From an early age I knew of this wonderful place called Allendale where grandparents often lived once they had gotten older and needed some help with such things as feeding themselves and medical help.

All I heard were good things about this place where it seemed like a big family.

Allendale — often called 'the Manor' — emerged from a time of turmoil in the industry of seniors' care as the place to go for the best of care. It offered a friendly and caring atmosphere, and a lot of that was due to a professional, compassionate staff.

During their twilight years, folks look for consistency and understanding, and that's what they

found at Allendale.

To this day, Allendale has many long-term employees who offer that special touch, making the lives of our loved ones a little more special.

I've seen friends and family members that became Allendale residents get to see their final years on a positive note. I myself attended the adult day care, Milton Place/Friends Landing program during my recovery from a series of strokes. It's one of the main reasons I've come along as well as I have.

Allendale has had plenty of caring staff members — from Yolanda Leblanc, who did foot care, to the ladies who cut my hair, to the kitchen staff who ensured we had the proper food, to the caregivers who saw to our daily needs and entertainment.

However, I wonder if this is becoming a thing of the past.

First foot care was cut and now it's the hairdressers. I've also heard

that there's talk of replacing the maintenance and janitorial employees, and perhaps others, with contract workers.

Many of the folks they're talking of replacing are folks that chose Milton and Halton as a place to live and work — folks that have helped make Allendale a jewel within the industry.

Should they be forced to leave a system that has stood the test of time and be replaced with contract workers? I think we need to find ways within the present system to streamline and improve services to meet the demands of today and the future.

I for one say perhaps a tune-up of a fine engine of Allendale is needed rather than a replacement.

I hope that the powers that be will reconsider disrupting things and take a look at less disruptive action than replacing the Allendale family.

Don Fendley
Milton

Terry Fox Run a major success, say organizers

Dear Editor:

We would like to send a huge thank you out to everyone who participated in the 23rd annual Terry Fox Run in Milton.

We had a record-breaking year on two counts — the number of participants was the highest it's ever been at 657, and proceeds reached an all-time high of \$55,000. Everyone who actively solicited pledges and participated should be very proud of themselves.

The Terry Fox Foundation ensures that more than 89 per cent of every dollar goes directly to cancer research. Terry's accomplishments have weathered the test of time, as do the efforts of our participants and volunteers. Together we believe in dreams. Together, we're determined to realize Terry's and our own dream of a world free of cancer.

We'd like to send out a few special thank-yous to the following people who made our 2003 run extra special. Craig Mitchell was our Terry's Teammate this year and we were thrilled that he could be with us on run day to kick off the event. Subway made the incredible donation of 600 subs for our participants, and everyone was thrilled with the food selection. Lianne at Market Drive and Irfan at Main Street were enthusiastic and accommodating for this event. The Water Depot supplied 25 cases of bottled water for the participants as well.

Just For You Balloons arrived in the morning and

donated a cheery and fun balloon arch to mark the start and finish of the race. The arch really brought extraordinary colour and life to the day.

To properly organize and prepare the run, we required a donation from a local business for expenses. McCuaig Insurance Ltd. generously supplied this donation, and for that we are truly thankful. Unique Sounds Disc Jockey Services was an integral part of our 'fun run' once again, donating its full DJ service. Thank you Sam. And we can't forget about E.C. Drury for the use of its school as the race location — rated one of the top venues in Canada.

To everyone else who helped out — our volunteer committee, the fire department, photographers, The Champion and our corporate challenge teams — we say thanks. We couldn't have done it without you.

We also want to send out a special thank-you to Sonia Larson, who's in grade 8 and participated with unbreakable spirit on run day and spread her joy and her strength to all that encountered her.

We have a new Milton Terry Fox Web site — donated by Sunny Oasis — for residents to check out Terry Fox news. It's located at <http://www.miltonterryfoxrun.com> or www.miltonterryfoxrun.com.

Thank you to everyone once again, and we can't wait to see you next year.

Melissa Janjevich and Christina Godbolt
Milton Terry Fox Run organizers



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