'Time Capsules' are gems of information extracted from past issues of The Champion and other publication 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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Dr. R.D. Sproat returned last week from Bermuda where he has been attached for some months to a British regiment to look after the health of Boer prisoners. He says that the Boers were healthy and that most of his work was operations, removing bullets, amputations, etc., the Boers having been poorly supplied with competent surgeons in the field.

On Friday last A. Stark, Scotch Block, threshed for Thos. Aitken, 4th line, Esquesing, 900 bushels of good clean Egyptian Amber wheat. The yield was off about 25 acres of land. The threshing was done in a little over nine hours.

Trooper Russell Clements, of the 3rd Canadian Mounted Rifles, got home on Friday evening. He looks well and says that he had not a day's sickness during his stay in South Africa. His only regret is that he did not arrive there before the end of the

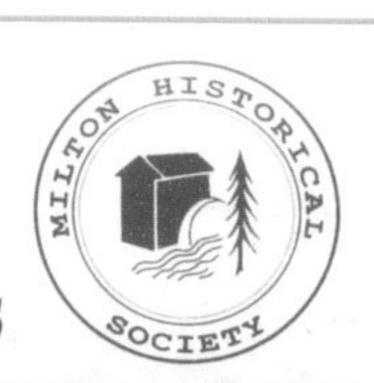
The Great Pan-American Shows and European Menagerie, Monster Museum Roman Hippodrome, Oceanic Aquarium and congregation of living phenomena with Rajah, the largest elephant that walks the earth, will visit Milton on Thursday. There will be a great array of phenomenal gymnasts and acrobats, the finest in the profession. Little Edna Cooke, the most finished equestrian and bareback rider in the world will appear in her wonderful acts.

See the high bill board on Martin Street for full particulars of the features of this great show, which travels by a bigger railway train and exhibits under bigger canvass than any other now in America. There will be a grand street pageant and two exhibitions. Doors open, rain or shine at 1 and 7 p.m.

The new uniforms for the Milton Brass and Reed Band arrived on Tuesday from England, after being considerably delayed. The cloth is a fine blue melton, cut and trimmed hussar style. The suits were made

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Milton Time Capsules



to measure and every man is fitted perfectly. The caps are of the Guards pattern, with gold braid around the edge of the peak. The boys also have waterproof capes for wet weather.

They paraded in the evening and made a fine appearance. They marched from the town hall up Main Street, around the block enclosed by James, Mill, Elizabeth and Main Streets back to the town hall after halting and playing selections at the Wallace House, the Bank of Hamilton and the Hartman House. Our band is now not only the best in the county and one of the best in Ontario outside the cities, but one of the most neatly uniformed. Milton may well be proud of it.

Yesterday evening the band serenaded George Hume at his residence, after which the boys marched to the Wallace House, where a supper, ordered by Messrs. Hume and Luxton, was ready for them. Landlord McGibbon has established such a reputation as a caterer that it is hardly necessary to say that the menu was an excellent one. After the table had been cleared Mr. Hume took the chair and in a neat speech proposed the health of the King, which was duly honored.

A number of other toasts followed, including that of Bandmaster Gollins, whom the chairman complimented on his ability as a musician, the high state of efficiency attained by the band under his training and leadership and its success at the recent competition at Stratford. Mr. Gollins responded briefly and modestly. He said that he considered himself fortunate in leading a band composed of such good material, that he desired nothing better than to continue to do so and that he hoped it would continue to merit the approval of the people of Milton.

Songs were sung by Messrs. Gollins and A. Armstrong and the company broke up after drinking the health of Messrs. Hume and Luxton, proposed by Thos. McDowell, chairman of the band.

This material is assembled on behalf of the Milton Historical Society by Jim Dills, who can be reached by e-mail at jdills@idirect.com.

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Having a movie theatre or a larger mall in town isn't going to prevent teenage suicides: reader

Dear Editor:

I find myself compelled to comment on the letter written by M. and K. Box in the February 17 Champion.

I'm going to be as gentle as I possibly can, but this commentary must be addressed.

First of all, any teen considering taking their own life is dealing with a huge number of extremely complex issues, none of which would be solved by having a movie theatre, larger mall or a bowling alley in town.

My wife and I raised two children in this wonderful community, and they were never bored.

We didn't totally rely on their schools or the town to raise them, although both made a major contribution to their teen years.

We both had jobs and bills to pay. However, our first priority was our children.

When did you last view a movie that you thought was completely appropriate for your children? Which current media star would you want to act as a role model for your children?

It's the media that constantly expose our young people to sex, drugs, violence, and, yes, even sui-

The movie you think that they're going to see may not be the one they actually view, unless you accompany them.

As parents, we must discover what it is our children enjoy and then make it available to them.

Milton has a first-class ski area and seven or eight conservation areas — all available on one relatively inexpensive pass, offering mountain biking, rock climbing, cross-country skiing, hiking and triathlon training.

We have swim and gymnastics teams, martial arts academies and a multitude of other athletic activities other than hockey and base-

The Milton Leisure Centre offers many teen programs ranging from drop-in events and weight training to dancercise classes and leadership development programs.

And we have a shortage of music teachers because so many young people are involved in music les-

Theatre groups in Milton all welcome enthusiastic teens.

Allendale has had a sign up for months requesting teen volunteers. Our own daughter turned a volun-

teer position into a well paying part-time job at the long-term-care facility during her teen years.

Do you have a ping-pong, billiards or fooze ball table in your home? Your home should be a nonthreatening, friendly place where your teens can entertain their friends.

At least in your own home you know who your children are with, what they're doing and where they

Raising children in this society is a constant challenge, but we as adults need to evaluate what our responsibilities are and just who's creating the problems.

It's not about kids being bored.

Children aren't the ones producing the crap they're constantly being bombarded with in the media — adults are.

We, as adults, need to take a much closer look at ourselves, and resolve to spend more time with our kids.

They didn't ask to be brought into this world, we chose to bring them here. Therefore, we should do everything in our power to ensure their happiness.

> Dave Moore Milton

Couple says they're disappointed with council's lack of help regarding the icy bridge near Carriage Square

Dear Editor:

My husband and I are very thankful to our superintendents, Carol and Derek Snow, for trying to do something about the snow and ice covering the bridge connecting Millside Drive to Carriage Square.

Unfortunately, town council didn't comply, but instead put a sign up stating that the bridge wouldn't be serviced in the winter.

Then where are our taxes going?

On Millside Drive we have a lot of seniors and disabled people, and they couldn't go out to do their grocery shopping recently because the sidewalks along Millside Drive, Martin Street and Main Street hadn't been cleaned for two weeks.

This made many of the seniors and disabled housebound.

We think it's a terrible shame and callous attitude from our elected officials not to take action regarding this problem.

These officials promised almost anything to get elected a few months ago and we're still waiting for any sign of their goodwill.

Meanwhile, our taxes are going up again and we don't see any improvement.

We hope that our seniors and disabled people will remember this terrible disservice to us when the next election comes around.

Where on earth are our taxes going? Slow is our money spent.

> Anni and Denis Dupuy Millside Drive

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