

Chief Constable chases away crooked carny at fairgrounds

'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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A close watch was kept for hucksters on the show grounds on Friday, but one who ran a wheel of fortune and was said to have come from Brampton, got to work and, as suckers bit freely, got on fine until Chief Constable Bradley appeared on the scene and chased him over the fence. Shell game men hung around the hotel stables but did not find many victims. A young man from Esquesing put \$5 on the old loop game on the Saturday following fair day and was shocked to find that he was not as sharp as he had thought he was.

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John P. Kelly appears to have no fear of the result of the vote on the prohibition referendum next December. He has bought the Commercial Hotel from the Bennett estate, paying a good price for it. He has been its leasee for five years, during which it has been one of the best conducted hotels in this county. It is said that the Bennett House has been sold also, but particulars are withheld, except that Chas. H. Hartman, its popular landlord, is likely to leave it shortly at the expiration of its lease.

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The first of a series of alphabetical socials will be given in the school room of the Methodist Church next Tuesday evening. The refreshments, decorations and entire program are furnished by those whose names begin with one of the first seven letters of the alphabet. Admission 15c. Children 10c.

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Some years ago the waterworks committee of the town council sought to increase the supply of water for the reservoir. A well known waterwitch or diving-rod manipulator was employed. He reported that he had located a spring in W.N. Scott's field near the reservoir and that a little boring would produce a great flow of water. Mr. Scott's consent having been secured, Edwin Core, well digger, was employed. He dug a hole about fifteen feet deep and drilled about 200 feet deeper, but encountered nothing but earth and rock. The work was stopped and the hole was covered with boards. About a week ago a valuable three-year-old colt belonging to

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Mr. Scott fell into the hole and was found there dead.

Mr. Scott, through his solicitor, Mr. Elliott, has demanded the value of the colt, \$150, from the town. He alleges that when he gave permission for the boring it was agreed that after it was done everything should be made safe, and he charges the corporation with neglect or carelessness. The town is probably responsible to Mr. Scott. Whether Mr. Core can be made responsible to the town for not replacing the core which he took out of the hole, or the waterwitch can be held liable for not predicting the finding of a dead horse instead of water, remains to be seen.

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The barn of W. Lamb, lot 21, con. 7, Nassagaweya, was burned to the ground on Tuesday afternoon. It was with great difficulty that the house was saved. The cause of the fire is a mystery. The barn was insured in the Halton Mutual for \$600 and the same amount on the contents. The loss will be about \$1,500.

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Owing to the small amount of milk coming in, as the farmers generally have put in separators, Mr. Clark has decided to close the creamery until April next, having all cream shipped direct to the city. Arrangements have been made with J.T. Hannant to take in all weight cream the same as at the factory. Payments will be made the same as usual - Milton Creamery Co., W.A. Clark, Manager.

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Principal Inman of the public school had some fine sport on the bay near Burlington last week. He went there on Wednesday evening and came back on Saturday evening with more ducks than he could carry off the train along with his gun. He killed 26 in all. They were mostly blue bills and he had at least one canvass back and a red-head or two. The two latter kinds are the largest and choicest of ducks.

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OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Traffic lights desperately needed at James Snow Parkway intersection, stresses reader

Dear Editor:

I'm 21-years-old and have lived in Milton for approximately nine years now.

This letter is pertaining to the need for traffic lights at a rapidly-growing intersection on James Snow Parkway.

Last year I was working as a delivery driver and was involved in a two-car accident at this location. I'm not going to get into details, but just imagine yourself driving northbound over Hwy. 401 on a delivery and seeing a car slowing down on the east-bound of-ramp.

The next thing you know, this guy isn't slowing down, but speeding up, and he crosses your path. You have nowhere to go, so you take one for the team and hopefully everyone will be alright.

It wasn't pretty. People knew there should have been lights at this location. People still know there should be lights there, especially with the new developments being built. But wait — where are the lights?

The same day of my accident, there was also a transport truck that was in an accident at that same

intersection.

Now I'm not sure if anyone has passed away because of a lack of traffic lights on either side of the overpass, but I've seen and spoken to other individuals who agree with me that there should be something more than a set of stop signs put up — including an officer who helped me into the ambulance.

This situation is ridiculous.

I've had this in the back of my mind for a year now. I wonder how many more houses are going to be built around this area. How many more vehicles are traveling through there everyday? And how many people are going to get hurt or even killed at this intersection?

People figure 'Oh well, they're building more houses there, so they have to put up a set of lights soon — it's in the Town's future plans, right?'

I'm sorry — and some people may think that I'm out of line — but before you start expanding other roads like the proposed Regional Road 25, tend to the streets and roads that have been problem areas for years first.

I know firsthand that people

coming off of the James Snow Parkway ramps are sometimes careless. We have all seen it, or done it at some point.

But seriously, if you want something done, you have to speak up and make people see that this is dangerous.

Something must be done, and a lot of us are tired of waiting.

These days, the future is coming faster for our town, and it seems like Milton just can't keep up with the change.

These lights are just an example of what little things need to be taken care of before we start thinking about expanding anything else.

Don't get me wrong — the new developments have their advantages, but shouldn't we have prepared our once little town to handle the volume better?

It's just a thought that I've had for about a year now. I don't ask for much in my life.

It's not like I'm asking you to put up barriers at a set of train tracks or anything, because we all know how hard that one is.

**Kristine Schofield
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Reader says Milton's development not so great

• from PATRICK on page 6

Mr. Kelly comments on how he's afraid that Wal-Mart, and other similar stores, may have a negative impact on the small-town image of Milton and bring about more hassles than rewards.

The reality is that those of us who have lived here all our lives know that the quaintness that once defined Milton is all but gone.

The concepts of urban growth and small-town charm are oxymorons.

It's the simple rule of supply and demand. If you increase a town's population, you're going to have to supply the necessary shopping facilities to support the needs of the people — and Wal-Mart is just an example.

It may not be ideal, but neither is cramming as many people as possible into a town that doesn't have the infrastructure to support it.

I realize that Milton couldn't remain small and quaint forever, and I don't wish to offend any of the

new residents of our town. Indeed, the individuals I've met who are new to Milton are great people. However, I laugh when I hear them talk about Milton as quaint and charming.

Those of us who have lived here for decades know the truth — the mystique that once defined Milton is fading with each passing day. There are remnants here and there, but the real Milton — the Milton I grew up in — is a thing of the past.

It's kind of sad really. I can't help but wonder where it will stop, and if in the end we will even be left with a semblance of what Milton was — because in its heyday, it was the best.

I remember. Patrick Kelly remembers. Too bad town councillors don't seem to. Maybe they should remember before every last thing that once defined this town is lost in amidst the hustle and bustle of urbanization, and drowned out by the allure of the almighty dollar.

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