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Sherwood Survey just doesn't make sense, says reader concerned about town's growth

(The following letter was addressed to Mayor Gord Krantz and other members of town council, and a copy was filed with *The Champion*.)

Dear Editor:

This letter is in regard to the proposed Sherwood Survey development.

This plan is far too ambiguous about how many people are trying to be fit into this area. Density levels being suggested are higher than those in Hawthorne Village — where we already have parking problems.

I believe this is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of overpopulating housing areas.

Higher population densities generally lead to more policing issues — everything from domestic problems to property line disputes and teenagers defacing property.

Another problem with higher density housing — particularly with townhouses — is owners having more cars and people per household than are planned for.

This leads to people not looking after the outside of their houses and children not having any real space

to themselves.

With this high-density housing, developers will make out like bandits — take their profits and run.

A few years down the road, our town will likely be faced with the cost of fixing up our streets earlier than expected due to heavier than planned traffic.

Milton needs planning to get people out of town for work, not to get downtown.

If councillors believe that people will stop using cars and start using buses to go shopping from these new areas, they must stop kidding themselves.

The people who use public transit to go shopping are the families that don't have a second or third car. With the amount of double income families these days, there aren't many people at home waiting for the bus system to take them to the shopping centres.

Judging from past ventures into public transit in Milton, this could be another financial expense that we'll get stuck with.

We should be asking the developers to contribute to any transit expansion as part of their develop-

ment charges.

The western development will be comprised of people wanting to get to work via the new Hwy. 401 interchange, east on Derry Road or south to the QEW.

We don't need a four-lane road from Tremaine Road to Bronte and Main streets, unless you really think the LCBO is in need of some help to get customers to its door.

Councillors need to heed the advice of the people at the council meeting May 17. Milton needs to maintain the small-town atmosphere while experiencing growth and not fall into the trap of destroying the beauty of the escarpment by pushing the heavy population too close to it.

Councillor John Challinor presented the right idea at the meeting — that more ideas to protect the town are needed from councillors and townspeople, not the planners and developers.

We need the councillors to protect the town from postage stamp-size lot developments.

Howard G. Pfeiffer
Milton

Area man returns from duty in South Africa; says unjust treatment going on overseas

'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.

March 1903

J. Ireland, of Burlington, has returned from South Africa, where he served until just recently with the South African Constabulary. A number of others came home with him. They say that they are very glad to get back to Canada again. They complain of unjust treatment and discrimination on the part of the British officers and say the Canadian members of the South African Constabulary are generally disgusted with South Africa and anxious to get home.

The dwelling of W.H. Henderson, lot 6, con. 5 Nassagaweya was burnt early Thursday morning. Mr. Henderson was away from home. The fire appeared to have originated from a chimney. Mrs. Henderson was at the barn when she saw the roof in flames. She tried to climb to them but the shingles were covered with a heavy frost and very slippery and she could not manage it. She then attempted to save the contents of the house. She got out some bedding and small articles, but the bedsteads, stoves and other furniture were consumed.

Charles White, who is nearly 80 years of age and who has been very feeble for years, lost the use of his limbs some time ago and is confined to his bed at the residence of John Brush. He has boarded there for several years and as long as he was able to get out, raised sufficient money to pay for his board.

Since he has been incapacitated, Mrs. Brush has had not only to provide for him, but to nurse him as well. At the same time she has had the care of her family of small children. She has made no complaint, but the local authorities should see that she is relieved of the expense which has been forced upon her and compensated for the work she has done and will have to do as long as Mr. White remains at her house.

April 1903

The Milton band has rented the large room on the second floor of the Dewar Block, (north west corner Main and

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Martin) its former quarters having become too small.

The early arrival of spring, the sudden departure of the snow and the scarcity of labor in the timber district during the winter have caused a great shortage of lumber. The cut of logs was light and the early breaking up of the winter left a great many of them in the bush. The price of lumber, which is now exceedingly high, is likely to go higher.

At a meeting of the executive of the Halton Farmers' Association held in Milton the following resolution was moved by J.H. Shields, seconded by Mr. Bowman and carried: That this Executive Board of the Halton Farmers' Association take this opportunity of protesting against the granting of any subsidy either of cash or lands to the projected Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and that a draft of this resolution be forwarded to David Henderson our representative in the Dominion House, and we do earnestly appeal to him to use his influence against the granting of any bonus. The Association has forwarded to the Government petitions, bearing 500 Halton signatures, praying proper drainage across their property, on the ground that neglect of this causes much land to be unfit for cultivation.

John Crowe and family, who have been residents of Milton for a great number of years are moving to Toronto. On Tuesday evening a number of Mrs. Crowe's old friends and neighbors visited her and presented her with a beautiful chair, a five o'clock tea set and an address. Mr. Crowe had his turn yesterday evening when a number of his friends presented him with an ebony cane, on the heavy silver handle of which was engraved "Presented by Milton friends to John Crowe."

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.

Bishop Reding Parent Council chair says thanks to teachers and support staff for their dedication

Dear Editor:

As the end of another school year approaches, we as representatives of the parent community, would like to thank the teachers and support staff of Bishop Reding Secondary School for the final school year and for all that they do for our children on a daily basis.

Parents are well aware that a school is a community of individuals and can only be a successful entity when teachers motivate the students to be the best people they can be — each and every day.

But to accomplish that motivation, teachers need to be there for their students. That means coaching teams, running clubs and being available after school to meet the needs of their students, both academically and for extra-curriculars.

Once again this year, we've been blessed to have teachers and staff who give of themselves far and above the call of their contract.

We've read of the many teams that were fielded and how they represented their school with distinction. We noted the variety of clubs and the number of hours

spent in perfecting the gifts and talents of these youngsters.

We heard of the fundraising that the students did to help a variety of local charities. None of these endeavours would have been possible without the dedicated teachers and staff who gave of themselves without questioning the time or personal cost.

We were especially delighted to note that even though the school was smaller in size this year — since our former Georgetown students are now attending Christ the King — the activities available to our children did not decrease.

It's obvious that for these people teaching is truly a vocation — a calling from God.

So thank you teachers and staff of Bishop Reding for your selfless attitude toward your students — our children. You provide the giving role models that are so desperately needed in a world that focuses on taking. We appreciate all that you have done.

Sheila Minkhorst, chair
Bishop Reding Parent Council

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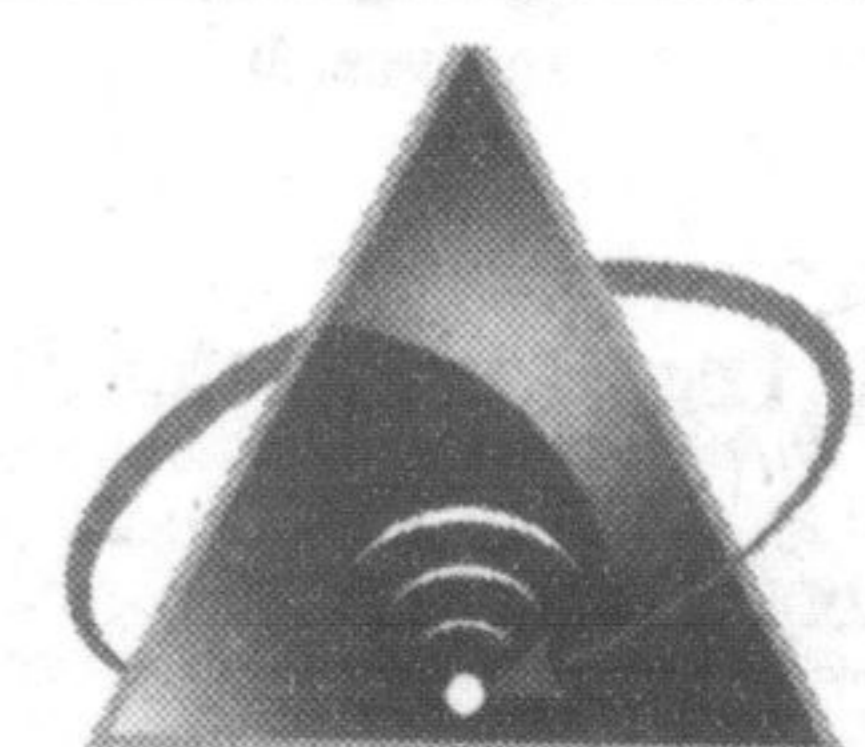
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