

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Chudleigh's provided an ideal venue for recent Credit Valley Hospital fundraiser

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Credit Valley Hospital Foundation, I'd like to extend our appreciation to everyone who participated in Fall Family Days for Credit Valley at Chudleigh's Apple Farm in Milton September 11 and 12.

We're grateful to the Chudleigh family, who welcomed families from Milton, Brampton, Oakville, Mississauga and other communities in the GTA. We participated in a number of activities, including rubber duck races. All proceeds went to support the Carlo Fidani Peel Regional Cancer Centre Campaign at Credit Valley Hospital.

The campaign's current focus is to meet the Kresge Foundation Challenge. Four million dollars

must be raised by May 2005. Upon completion of that, the Kresge Foundation will release their pledge of \$1 million to complete the centre portion of the Credit Valley Foundation's Capital Campaign.

To better meet the needs of our community, Credit Valley Hospital is undergoing a \$300 million expansion, which will double the size of our hospital.

The Credit Valley Hospital Foundation's World Class Right Here \$50 million Capital Campaign will support this expansion — the largest private funding initiative ever for a community or regional hospital.

The construction for phase one of our project, the Carlo Fidani Peel Regional Cancer Centre and

Ambulatory Care Centre, is underway and scheduled to open in May 2005. The new wing will be the cornerstone of an already comprehensive cancer program.

More importantly, it'll be the first and only facility to provide radiation treatment within the regions of Peel and Halton, as well as Dufferin, Simcoe, Wellington and GTA West — serving close to two million people.

All of our patients are grateful for the participation over two wonderful days of fundraising at Chudleigh's. With the support of our world-class community, Credit Valley Hospital is able to provide world-class healthcare.

Norma Bandler
President, Credit Valley
Hospital Foundation

Ban on pit bulls not the answer to dog attacks

Dear Editor:

It seems there's been a falling out between man and his best friend.

Newspapers and newscasts these days are filled with stories of dog attacks, and now — in my opinion — man has decided to get even.

In response to several recent attacks by pit bull terriers, many people have called for a ban on owning this breed.

Certainly we sympathize with anyone who's been caught in the powerful jaws of a pit bull. But the call for breed ban is wrong, to say the least.

To begin with, there's no way to prove the breed of a dog, not even with DNA evidence. Breeds are essentially social constructions, much like human races.

Consequently, a dog owner could

easily challenge a ban, and there's little a municipality could do to prove a dog is actually a pit bull. In fact, the term pit bull doesn't even signify a breed, but rather applies to a number of breeds, including the Staffordshire bull terrier and the American bull terrier.

Furthermore, the idea of banning pit bulls stems — I believe — from the belief that only pit bulls are dangerous. While Canada, unfortunately, has no national database of dog attacks, a study by the Canadian Hospitals Injury Reporting and Prevention Program looked at 278 dog attacks that required hospitalization and found they were committed by 50 different types of purebred dogs and 33 types of crossbreeds.

German Shepherds were respon-

sible for the most attacks and rottweilers and cocker spaniels tied for second. Golden retrievers came fourth.

The point is that you can't judge a dog by its breed. By focusing on the breed rather than the individual, breed bans could result in labeling many non-vicious dogs as dangerous, while leaving many dangerous dogs free.

For these reasons, many organizations — including the Canadian Kennel Club, American Kennel Club, Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, Canada Safety Council and the U.S. Centres for Disease Control — oppose breed bans.

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Letters welcome

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Man dies after being pinned underneath six-tonne boulder

'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.

January 1904

Last Friday Joseph F. Johnson was at work at Dr. Robertson's quarry, Nassagaweya, close to the base line (Steeles Ave.) and a little over a mile from Milton. He was getting out stone, and a number of men were hauling it away. He was alone at noon. It is supposed that he was eating his lunch in the quarry, when a boulder weighing about six tons and situated about 10 feet up on the bank and about 15 yards to Johnson's left, suddenly fell, rolled and caught the unfortunate man, who tried to escape but slipped on a stone.

The rock rested on his right leg and arm. Johnson was heard calling for help, but it was perhaps half an hour before anyone went to him and an hour before enough men were on hand to pry up the boulder and release him. Friday was bitterly cold and the man must have suffered horribly. After he was extricated he was brought to Milton. He was quite conscious. He did not complain greatly of pain, but asked for water and complained of his heart. He died half an hour after being brought home.

On Monday nominations were held to fill the two vacancies in the town council caused by withdrawal of candidates proposed at the original nominations. The following were nominated: W.B. Clements, J.W. Bews, John Somerville, A.G.H. Luxton, W.J. Dewar, David Hartley and Robert Ramshaw. Messrs. Hartley and Ramshaw have withdrawn and a poll will be held Monday on the five candidates remaining.

Complaint is made that certain young men of this neighborhood make a practice of ferreting for cottontail rabbits every Sunday. They are likely to get into trouble if they do not stop it. The Game Act does not apply to the case as cottontail is not recognized as game. It girdles fruit trees and is a nuisance. Many people would like to see it exterminated. The work of extermination, however, should not be done on Sundays and the Lord's Day Act provides penalties for those who do it.

Messrs. P. Sayers & Son, lumber manu-

Milton Time Capsules



facturers, Nassagaweya, have had their driving shed and horse stable demolished by the overload of snow on the roof. The building was 70 feet by 30 feet, was one of the old-timers built from the strongest timber, and no fear was entertained of its collapse.

Some beams a foot thick were broken. Three horses in the stable were saved by the posts over the stalls. The loss to the Messrs. Sayers will be about \$500. The crash of the falling building was heard a long way off, and as soon as the cause was ascertained many roofs were instantly cleared of their loads of snow.

At County Council E. Downs addressed the council in reference to damages to his traction engine caused by falling through a defective bridge. He was given \$30.

The result of last Monday's election, to fill the vacancies in the town council, was the return of Messrs. Luxton and Bews. Messrs. Clements and Bews were ties, and the town clerk gave his casting vote to Mr. Bews. Mr. Clements requested him to do so. A.G.H. Luxton's vote was the highest (190) ever polled for a councillor in Milton and his majority the largest a councillor ever had.

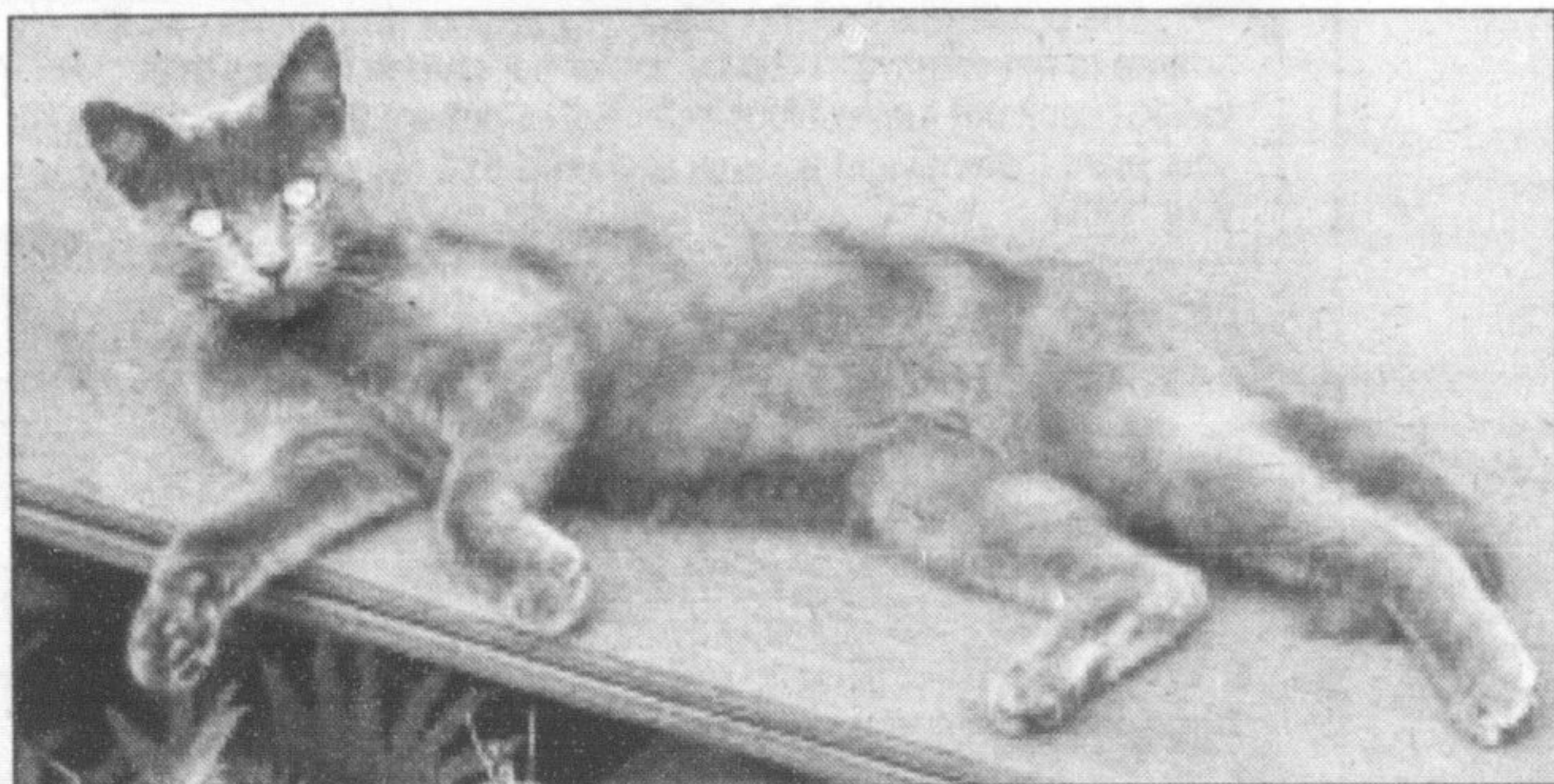
Hespeler plays here Saturday night. The team comes on the 7.59 C.P.R. and the game will start as soon as possible after the arrival of the train. Hespeler has a strong team this year and a good game is expected. Milton's line up will likely be Cole, Campbell, Pitcher, Little, Field, Lister, Campbell and Bradt.

February 1904

Provisional 2nd Lieut. G.O. McNair of No. 4 Co., 20th Lorne Rifles is taking a course of instruction at the provisional Infantry School, Hamilton. Lieut. A. Morrison, of No. 2 Co., has been promoted. He is captain of the new company, No. 8, with headquarters at Hornby and has enrolled a goodly number of recruits.

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

REWARD



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Colour: Solid Ash/Charcoal Grey

Age: 1 Year

Sex: Male - Neutered

Breed: DSH

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