

Milton pastor denounces card playing and dancing

'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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Rev. J.W. Cooley, pastor of the Methodist Church in Milton denounced card playing and dancing from the pulpit last Sunday and condemned young ladies who allowed the arms of drinking men to go around their waists while dancing. If Mr. Cooley ever attended Milton card or dancing parties he would know that drinking is tabooed at them and that a drunken man would be as much out of place at one of them as he would be at a prayer meeting. He would also know that Milton young ladies who dance are fully as modest as those who don't and that his remarks about them were uncalled for, to say the least. There have been no such parties in Milton since Mr. Cooley preached his sermon, but the Lenten season, not the sermon accounts for that. Mr. Cooley also denounced hockey and baseball as games, which caused the players to frequent hotels and it may be inferred to drink there.

He is not a patron of these games and it seems does not know that no baseball or hockey manager has any use for drinkers and that all good managers insist on temperance among their players. Two hockey matches now advertised, are to be played in Milton. If the visiting players put up at a hotel instead of eating at a bun shop and if members of the local team go to the hotel to meet them, it is possible that all will manage to keep sober, as a matter of good training, if for no other reason. Though this is true, a sermon to hockey players on the subject of clean, fair play and against the brutality to which some teams are addicted might do good but as far as Milton is concerned only as a warning. Mr. Cooley's remarks about the amusements of the young people of Milton were, of course, intended for their good. The trouble was that he knew as little about those amusements having nothing to do with them. Many ministers of the gospel, instead of keeping aloof from such amusements, take part in them, or at least mingle with the young people while the later are engaged in them with good results. The example of such ministers is worth of Mr. Cooley's serious consideration.

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F. L. White of the Shelburne Economist, (eldest son of Richard White of Milton,

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publisher of the Milton Reformer) came to Milton to spend Sunday with his parents and is still here as he cannot go back on account of the snow blockade. He says there is no coal at Shelburne and no fuel except green wood.

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Water takers east of the McGibbon House have been on short allowance of water for some weeks on account of leaks in the mains and pipes. The reservoir is nearly full, but in order to keep it so the water has been turned on in the part of the town affected only a short time daily. E.F. Earl inspector is doing what he can to have the leaks repaired, but the weather and deep snow have made the work difficult.

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There was a heavy rain and thunderstorm here on Saturday night. There was more rain on Sunday and the snow melted fast but it was remarked that one might expect rough weather on Monday, as every Monday of the winter had been cold or stormy. Sure enough a heavy snowstorm set in on Monday, causing the worst blockade of the year. The evening trains on the G.T.R. were cancelled and so were those of Tuesday and Wednesday morning. The C.P.R. 5:20 p.m. train from the east stopped at Streetsville. There was no train from the east until about 1 p.m. on Tuesday. The 8 p.m. train from the west got no further than Campbellville until 1 p.m. on Tuesday. The snow turned to sleet on Monday evening and between 8 and 9 p.m. the town was startled by a vivid flash of lightning, described by many people, as a ball of fire. It was followed by a terrific thunderclap. The lightning struck the roof of Knox Church at its front end, ran down to the eave on the north side and back along the gutter to the middle of the building where it descended the gas pipe. No great damage was done. A few slates were loosened, so was the gas pipe and some plaster dropped from the ceiling. A number of telephones and a few incandescent electric lights were put out of business.

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.

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Thanks to all who supported Terry Fox Run

Dear Editor:

We'd like to take this opportunity to offer a sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the 24th annual Milton Terry Fox Run.

The unofficial results show that we raised more than \$48,000 this year. Everyone who actively solicited pledges, volunteered and participated should be very proud of themselves for such an outstanding job.

The theme of this year's run was 'How far will you go?' Terry's remarkable Marathon of Hope showed the world how far he would go for cancer research. Running a marathon a day for 143 in a row was an extraordinary accomplishment. Terry was an incredible person, and continues to be an inspiration to those fighting cancer and those who have survived the disease.

The Terry Fox Foundation is raising more than just money for

cancer research. It's also raising the bar for non-profit fundraising accountability, while honouring the wishes of a Canadian legacy — with 89 cents of every dollar raised going directly to cancer research.

This is done by having a very small staff and no budget for fancy marketing campaigns or media coverage.

Terry once said, "Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me." And so we thank each and every one of you for being a part of Terry's legacy by contributing through your pledges and through your participation.

In particular, we'd like to thank Lisa Shields for being this year's Terry's Teammate. We were thrilled that she could be with us on Run Day — September 19 — to kick off the event.

Sponsors Subway, the Water Depot, Just for You Balloons, D&S Signs, M&M Meats, Chudleighs

and Unique Sounds Disc Jockey deserve a big thank you as well.

Thanks also to the local firefighters who took the challenge and completed the entire 10 km in full gear carrying a 200-pound rescue dummy.

And let's not forget to thank those at E.C. Drury for the use of the school.

To everyone else that helped on run day — our volunteer committee, Doreen Clarke, Shawn Cobbett, Donna Coulter and The Champion — thanks very much. We couldn't have done it without you. For those interested, run day photos can be seen by visiting www.miltonterryfoxrun.com.

Next year is the silver anniversary of the Terry Fox Run. We can't wait to see you then, on September 18, 2005.

**Melissa Janjevich
and Christina Godbolt,
co-ordinators
Milton Terry Fox Run**

In responsible hands, 25-foot dog leashes safe

Dear Editor:

The Champion's recent article mentioning my coming back to council about retractable leashes has caused quite a stir.

First off, let me state that I would never suggest a dog shouldn't be on a short leash when around other people or animals. However, having a 25-foot retractable leash at full extension doesn't pose a risk to anyone when nobody is around.

Furthermore, a 25-foot leash affords better scope for training a dog, and gives it more exercise. Unfortunately we have no plans for a leash-free park in Milton, even though there are hundreds across the country that operate beautifully.

Our communities are affording us smaller and smaller lots these days, necessitating exercise on a leash off one's property. Responsible pet owners recognize this and always have their dogs on a short leash when around others.

Across Canada there are very few communities that

Lack of support for football team truly disappointing

Dear Editor:

Recently our Milton Marauders football team returned from Edmonton as national champions.

This was a tremendous accomplishment for this group of young men.

However, I'm embarrassed to report that the Town of Milton didn't contribute to the team's travelling expenses. Unfortunately, as a result, not all of the Marauders were able to make the trip.

This group of young men sacri-

actually spell out what an acceptable leash length is in their bylaws, only stating that the dog must be under the control of the owner at all times.

Simply having a dog on a seven-foot leash doesn't carry with it automatic control. It's the person to whom the leash is attached that either has control or doesn't.

My veterinarian agrees by saying, "A dog should be on a leash, and under control." A leash of any length doesn't automatically mean control. What we need is better control over irresponsible pet owners.

I'd never risk anybody's life or security unnecessarily, yet I believe it to be unfair to have to keep such a tight rein on any animal at all times when nobody is around. I believe every responsible dog owner would agree with me, and there are hundreds of thousands of people out there using retractable leashes.

This is where I'm coming from on the issue of the leash law.

**Jan Mowbray,
Ward 3 councillor**

ficed their time and money in order to represent Milton, and I'm disgusted that the Town couldn't assist them in even some small way.

**J. Glover
Milton**

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