

Local man passes away at 102 years; still had all his faculties up until end

'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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In July 1903 *The Champion* published a portrait and a sketch of the life of Abraham Bell of the township of Nelson who had just celebrated his 100th birthday. He died yesterday at his residence, aged 102 years and 6 months retaining his faculties to the last. Mr. Bell was born at Clones, County Monaghan, Ireland and he lived under the rule of five British Sovereigns. He came to Canada in 1847 and settled on lot 5, con 6. N.S. Nelson where he made his home until his death.

The Administration of the Hon. George W. Ross government was buried in the recent election. Mr. J.P. Whitney is the next provincial premier. Conservatives in new Legislature have a 40-seat majority. In Halton Dr. Nixon was elected by a majority of 510, much larger than any candidate has received in Halton for many years. It surprised him as much as it did the Liberals. It is plain that many Liberals turned against the government on account of the election scandals. Milton was quiet, even after the receipt of the returns. Dr. Nixon was unable to come here on account of the snow blockade on the G.T.R. but there was a congratulatory meeting of Conservatives at the town hall which was addressed by Messrs. J.W. Elliott, S. Dice, Dr. R.K. Anderson, B. Howden, John Ford and Wm. McCartney. The band was not out but Piper Duncan McDonald, late of H.M. 71st Highland Light Infantry, was an acceptable substitute and his playing was loudly applauded. Milton gave Nixon a majority of 62, Georgetown 74, Oakville 60.

William Miller, a young man about 20 years of age met with an untimely death about 2 o'clock Monday. He, with others, was loading a car of logs at Moffat siding on the C.P.R. Miller was on top of the car fixing the traces when one gave way and he rolled off with the logs, being covered by eight of them. He was rescued unconscious and died shortly afterwards. He was a son of James Miller, a well-known resi-

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dent of Nassagaweya, and a veteran who carries medals of the Crimean war.

A successful meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Bews, Sr. Seventy-five ladies were present.

There was a large crowd at the rink on Friday evening to see the championship match in the junior hockey series of the O.H.A. between the locals and Upper Canada College and there was plenty of excitement with a score of 10-10. In Toronto at Mutual Street Rink Milton won the return game by 9 to 7. The Milton team will go to Toronto tomorrow evening to play St. Andrew's College, who defeated Varsity, and are said to be very fast. The Miltonians have chartered a special C.P.R. train for tomorrow evening which will leave Milton at 4 p.m. and Toronto returning at 11:30 p.m.

Two Milton rinks went to Hamilton on Thursday to curl in the preliminary competition for the Ontario Tankard. The weather was mild and the ice so soft that there was no play until night, when it was still so soft that the match was a test of muscle rather than of science. The Miltonians appear to have been deficient in muscle. They were pitted against the Hamilton Thistles and defeated by 16 shots.

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C.E. Hollinrake has had a telephone installed in his office.

Agric. Soc.- Vital matters affecting Agricultural societies will be discussed at the annual convention of Fairs and Exhibitions. Should the number of Agricultural societies be reduced? How many fall exhibitions should be allowed in each county?

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

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Town needs to get its act together when it comes to stoplights and traffic flow

Dear Editor:

It's said that you can tell you're getting old when you start to write letters to the editor to complain.

Well let me tell you, I'm 56 years old and I'm tired of getting older sitting in my car in Milton at the unsynchronized stoplights in this town.

I wonder how many people are as frustrated as me about this.

I wonder how many people in this town realize that a lot of our traffic lights are operated and controlled by the City of Burlington?

My question is who in Burlington cares that sometimes a person could walk from E.C. Drury High School to Main Street in Milton faster than they can drive in a car?

Who in Burlington cares enough to know that our mall closes at 9 p.m. and that there's no need for the mall entrance light to change

constantly all night?

The lights that are controlled by the Town are even worse.

Why does the Town spend the money to install the magnetic loops in front of the lights if they don't intend to turn them on?

The only loop in town that seems to work is the one at Childs Drive and Ontario Street, and that's probably because the police station is right there.

What ever happened to the concept of keeping traffic flowing?

The lights out at the new subdivisions turn red constantly, even when nobody wants out of the subdivision. For heaven's sake, turn on the loops and let the traffic flow on Main Street.

I can only imagine when Fourth Line is closed what traffic will be like.

I remember there was an ad in *The Champion* a few years back

for a traffic light specialist for the Town. If in fact the Town hired such a person, I think they should be fired.

And while I'm on a rant, what possible purpose is there for the light at Thompson and Derry roads to turn red constantly all night?

An able-bodied person couldn't walk across the street before it starts to flash amber after turning green.

Also, what's the point of left-hand turn signals at Fourth Line and Main Street when you can see all the way down to Fifth Line?

It would make sense to me that if the Town wants all this new development that it get its roads in order before there's complete chaos.

Thanks.

I'm feeling a lot better now.

D. Simpkins
Ontario Street

Marriage shouldn't extend to same-sex couples

Dear Editor:

This letter is in regard to the same-sex marriage issue.

Halton MP Gary Carr has recently announced that he'll be voting against Bill C-38 — which would provide same-sex couples the right to civil marriage — based on opinions he's received from his constituents.

Good for Mr. Carr. He was voted in by the people in his riding, and has obviously listened to them.

The Charter of Rights and Freedoms is in place for every Canadian, no matter who they are. The problem I see, however, is that the charter was in place before all this gay rights stuff started, and as far as I'm concerned it already covers their rights.

I believe what they're asking for isn't the same rights, but extra rights, and shouldn't be covered in the charter.

I have no objection to a man having a union with another man, or a woman having a union with another woman, but I do take exception to this union being

called a marriage.

Marriage was introduced as a union in church between a man and a woman as a holy bond, and as such should be held sacred and kept in its traditional form. No church should marry people of the same sex.

I wonder if the MPs who say they support the charter have even read it or tried to understand its meaning or intent. This country was founded on religious teachings, yet the Lord's prayer was stopped in schools because some rights were supposedly being infringed upon.

Wake up Canada. Don't give away the store, because once you do you can't get it back. While I support gay unions, I don't support gay marriages in either a church or a civil ceremony.

This isn't about the same rights, in my opinion, but about extra rights.

Stewart Haddon
Third Line

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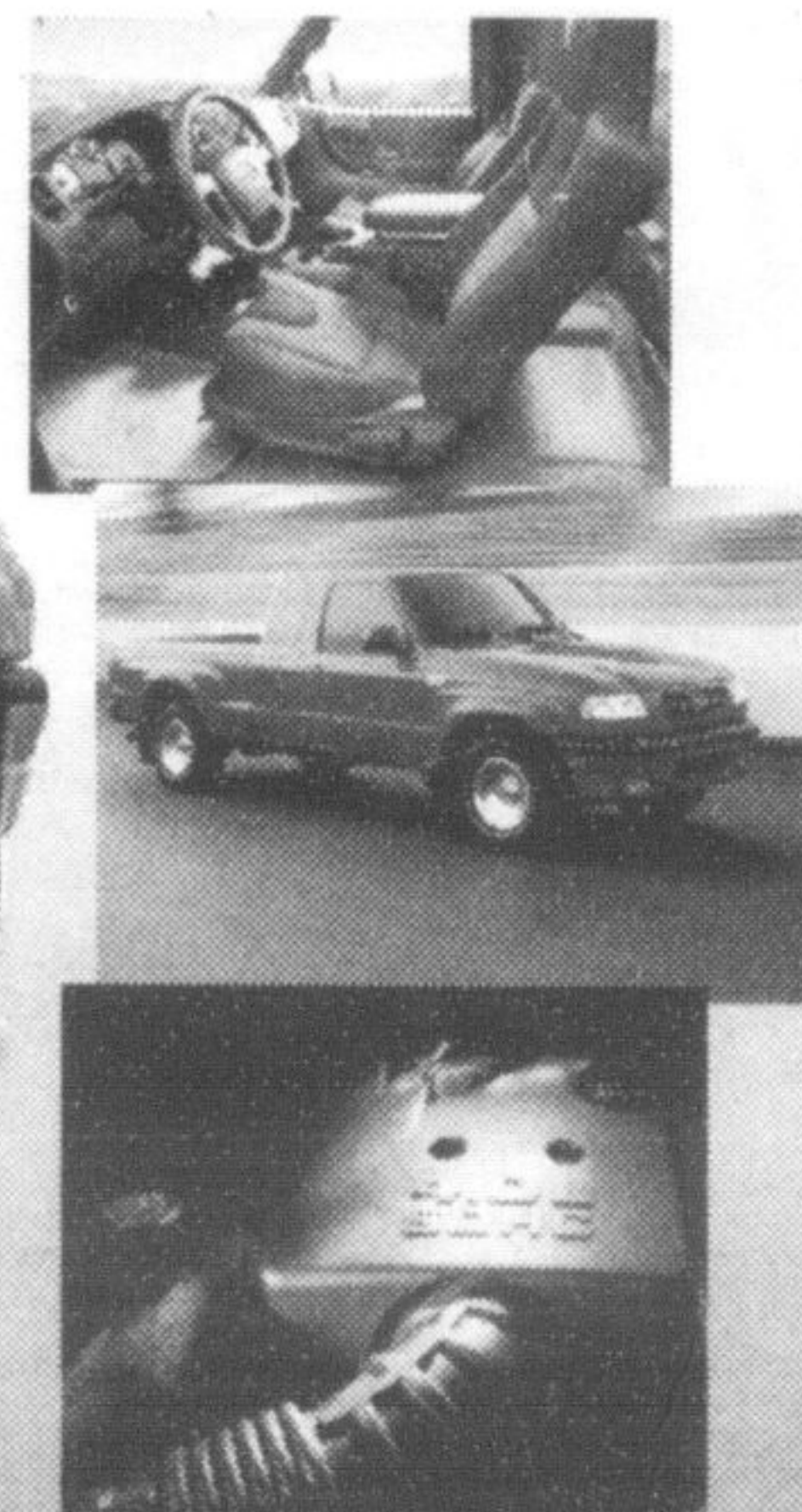
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