

Town council recommends cement walks for Main St.

'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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Town Council: A committee recommended putting down cement walks on Main St. from Commercial St. to Court St., walk to be 6 feet wide, and from Main St. to C.P.R. property, same width, also 4 ft. walk from Main St. to fair grounds, 276 yards on Sarah St. from Hugh St., 111 yards to Thomas St., and that an engineer be engaged to lay out walks. The motion was defeated.

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R.B. Anderson has discarded the old horse-drawn bus, and his passengers to and from the railway stations are carried in a very swell covered carriage.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Cook, of 5th line Trafalgar and Mr. and Mrs. W.N. Kennedy of Homby, left here yesterday morning for Clinton, going by way of Freelon, Galt and Stratford. They expect to cover the distance in two days driving, and will be absent about a week.

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The town council committee after considering plans submitted by the engineer considered it advisable to purchase a strip of land 12 feet wide, the full depth of the lot adjoining the town property on north-east side, and would recommend such purchase, price not to exceed \$100. Council authorized advertising for tenders for the new power house, complete, also to receive tenders for all machinery required for the electric light plant.

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The Milton Brass and Reed Band gives regular weekly concerts at the stand next to the town hall on Thursday evenings. The results of the training given the members during winter and spring are apparent. The band has been noted for years as one of the best in Ontario outside the cities and superior to many of those in cities. It is better than ever now and may be expected to get many engagements during the summer.

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The annual meeting of the Women's Institute, the first ever held in Halton, was at Royal Templars of Temperance hall. Over 50 delegates of the branch institutes

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throughout the county were present. Georgetown and Burlington branches each have a membership of 126 ladies—the largest branch institutes in the province. The aggregate membership for Halton at present is 506.

For three years Halton's has been the banner institute of the province and its high reputation will be sustained for the fourth year.

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The Chief License inspector has sent out to license holders a circular containing a brief statement of the law. A tavern license means one allowing the sale of liquor in quantities less than one quart, which may be drunk on the premises. The bar-room must be closed to all persons except members of the licensee's family or domestic servants between Saturday at 7 p.m. and until Monday at 6 a.m. Every tavern keeper refusing to supply lodgings, meals or accommodation to travelers is guilty of an offence.

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"The Quaker Remedy Co." is giving a series of free concerts at the Agricultural Grounds this week and incidentally selling the remedies. There are some clever performers in the company and many people go to hear them.

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The annual excursion of Halton Farmers' Institute to the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, per C.P.R. and G.T.R., came off last Monday. It was the largest on record, over 1,000 tickets being sold. At the Model Farm they received the usual attention and were provided with an excellent lunch. The excursion grows more popular year after year.

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As the capacity of the covered carriage to which R.B. Anderson has been conveying passengers to and from the railway stations was insufficient for his business, he has invested in a fine new bus, which he used for the first time yesterday.

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 local businesses and residents who helped make clean-up such a success

Dear Editor:

On Saturday the residents of Nassagaweya again turned out to clean up all the garbage on the roads that's thrown out over the winter.

Despite the cold weather and threats of heavy rain, a stalwart group of volunteers removed a ton of garbage. I'm happy to report that some of the roads weren't quite so cluttered this year.

There doesn't appear to have been so much dumping of heavy items, but there still appears to be a big problem with the dumping of tires — which required yet another tire amnesty collection by the Region.

One huge problem that shocked our volunteers was the apparent high amount of drinking and driving on the rural roads, as evidenced by the number of empty beer, wine and liquor bottles in the ditches. There were more empties this year than we've ever seen before.

Our volunteers were grateful for the very generous donation of safety items provided by Heritage Safety Products in Milton.

Thanks to all the residents who braved the weather to clean up the mess — the pickers big and small, as well as the truck drivers who carried the garbage to the dumpsters.

A special thanks goes out to the

local firefighters who kindly arranged coffee and donuts from Don and Penny Surcon's Tim Hortons on Steeles Avenue, and to local businesses M&M Meats, Loblaws and A&P for organizing a barbecue afterward.

As you can imagine, the hot meal was appreciated on such a cold day.

Thanks also to Mohawk Racetrack for its ongoing support of our event.

And again, thanks to everyone who helped out. I hope to see you again next year.

**Jean Woods, co-ordinator
Nassagaweya Roadside
Clean-up**

Littering around town still a serious problem

Dear Editor:

Well it's spring again — and that means garbage time.

I can't believe that on all of the on and off ramps, like on James Snow Parkway and Hwy. 25, there's garbage everywhere.

There's not just trash in the creeks, but over in the new section of town where Wal-Mart is as well. You'd think if Wal-Mart is so community friendly that they'd at least try to clean up behind the store so it wouldn't look like an eyesore.

There are bikes and shopping carts in Sixteen Mile Creek. Maybe stores should charge a quarter to use the carts. That way people might put them where they belong and not leave them for vandals to push into the creek.

Maybe we should have prisoner chain gangs out cleaning up the garbage. Why not? Over where I live

they come and do snow removal from some houses.

Last year I wrote a letter about going to the Town, Province, MTO about them possibly hiring me to clean up. I was told by the MTO that if I went to clean up certain areas I could be arrested because it's private property. Only in Canada, eh?

I'm not working right now, so why not have the Town hire me at \$11 an hour to clean up?

Maybe this letter will help. So far it's been two years and no action's been taken. Hopefully something will be done this time.

And just to let people know, the Town of Milton is looking into increasing its fines for littering. The current bylaw carries a set fine of \$103.75 for depositing litter on privately-owned land or land owned by the municipality.

**Mike Horning
Milton**

Committee deals with all types of road safety issues

Dear Editor:

The Champion's letters to the editor section often includes submissions expressing concerns about various road issues around Milton.

With that in mind, I'd like to advise local residents of the existence of the Milton Road Safety Committee (MRSC). The committee has been operating since 1998 to help resolve or bring to the attention of relevant authorities any road-related problems in Milton.

The committee meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month, except through summer. Its mandate is to promote road safety through public educational programs, and acts as a liaison between the relevant agencies and those who have a problem with specific roadways in town.

The Milton Road Safety Committee is promoted through a variety of programs such as the Radar Message Board, Community Road Watch Program, child safety

seat programs, bicycle rodeos at elementary schools and drive safe programs at high schools.

The MRSC is made up of concerned members of the public and those from such groups as Halton Regional Police, OPP, EMS, Milton Fire Department and MADD. For more information on the committee, call (519) 853-4492 or e-mail me at mowbrayj@sympatico.ca.

**Jan Mowbray, chair
Milton Road Safety Committee**

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