

# Newly-elected reeve enters 40th year on Milton council

'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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Through his election as reeve of Trafalgar on Monday, Dr. Buck entered his fortieth year in the council of that township.

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C. J. Lewis gave each of his employees at the brick works the usual Christmas goose, which was much appreciated by them.

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John McDonald, of Oakville, whose hip was broken by a fall on an icy walk here, was taken to the C.P.R. station on Friday in a conveyance belonging to Messrs. R. & C. Burling, undertakers. He wasn't a "dead one" however, but was setting out for a Toronto hospital. He had been well taken care of at the Hotel Royal, and been made as comfortable as possible, but it was thought advisable to put him into the hands of trained nurses.

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The moving pictures of the passion play at the town hall yesterday evening drew a large attendance and everyone was delighted with them. They will be exhibited again this evening.

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The Milton agency (of the Farmers' Bank) is now open in the Dewar building with an equipment of the most modern safes, stationery etc. Milton's agent is G. Vankoughnet of Toronto. Assistants are Roy Field, accountant, C.B. Bastedo, teller and Edwin Landsborough. An architect will be here today to provide instructions for the necessary alterations and improvements in the Dewar building.

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The Farmers' Bank has issued a twenty-five dollar note, the first ever seen either in Canada or the United States. On it are portraits of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. J.P. Whitney. Sample bills are in circulation in Milton among capitalists, if not among printers.

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At the annual meeting of Milton Public Library it was decided that no boys under

## Milton Time Capsules



16 years of age shall be allowed in the library after night except on Tuesday and Saturday evenings when they will be admitted to change books, but not to remain longer than is necessary for that purpose.

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Commerce- W.G. Armstrong, butcher, left Milton about three weeks ago and nothing has been heard from him since. His wife is said to have followed him. He left a good many debts unpaid and, it is said, induced friends to endorse notes for sums from \$100 to \$200 which they will have to pay.

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Nothing has been heard of any action being taken on the application of Milton for admission into the intermediate series of the O.H.A. The reason is supposed to be the illness of President Hewitt, who has pneumonia. Local admirers of the game are disappointed. The team is a good one and it is believed might have done as well as that of last season. Exhibition matches with strong teams will probably be arranged.

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The Milton agency of the Farmers Bank has been open all this week. Mr. Vankoughnet says he is doing a good business and that it is growing daily. The present office fittings, though very good, are only temporary and will be replaced before long with quarter-cut oak. The cash safe of the bank is something of a novelty. It is of the very latest model and comes from the Manganese Safe Co. of New York. The door fits so closely that a hair would prevent it from closing.

It is absolutely burglar proof, as no nitroglycerine can be worked into it. It is fitted with time locks and four combinations, so that it can be opened only for business hours and by four men. A large vault is being built in the rear. Next spring the present front will be replaced by something much finer.

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# OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

## We need new ways of thinking when it comes to protecting our environment

Dear Editor:

It seems clear that how we humans see the world results in the kind of world we create. If the mark of a caring, enlightened society is found in the type of world it creates for its children, what kind of world are we creating for ours when...

- there are more smog alerts than ever before
- there are more deaths each summer from respiratory disease cause by our polluted air
- there are soaring asthma rates among our children and adults
- gridlock is choking cities
- highway expansion is eating up valuable farmland
- wetlands and other forms of habitat are disappearing at ever-increasing rates because of our appetite for land
- water tables are being contaminated
- environmentally-induced illness is on the rise

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We need new ways of thinking and relating to our environment. The environment doesn't exist to serve the economy, the economy must serve and protect the environment.

It's a given that people don't like change, especially when it threatens our comfort and security. The only time we're willing to change our ways is when the health and well-being of those we care about are threatened. This is happening now and we must change, even if we're forced to leave our comfort zone in the process.

Elected representatives must ensure that government policies put our health and well-being first, over the economic health and well-being of business and industry, and they must work to see that business and industry leaders are trained in the interest of the collective health and well-being.

Politicians should listen, with an open mind, to the challenges and criticisms made by citizens who see the world differently. When citizens challenge existing perceptions, they are often discredited because they don't support the beliefs of the decision makers in power.

Isn't it possible that these people might be right? It's rather presumptuous when a politician indicates that her mind is made up on an issue and that's final, without ever offering to reach a mutually-acceptable compromise. Talk about 'Mother Knows Best' being alive and well.

We need new thinking and new behaviour when it comes to how we relate to our environment.

We only have one planet, so let's nurture, cherish and heal it.

**Pat and Frank Marchiori**  
Waterdown

## Decisions show NEC has too much power

Dear Editor:

In regards to H. Shaver's January 6 letter to the editor entitled 'Country Heritage Park and its artifacts are simply too important to let slip away', I think a bigger question deserves to be asked.

Why is the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) given the power to legally dictate how and what landowners are able to do with their property? In my opinion, this is expropriation of property without compensation and shouldn't be tolerated.

While the powers given to the NEC are in principle good, the commission now seems to see its role as looking beyond its protected areas and has somehow convinced government that it and not landowners should be responsible for lands which are viewable from escarpment property.

Chudleigh's Farm and Country Heritage Park are the

latest examples of the powers of the commission, as it has dictated to the landowners that they can't store cars on their properties.

I guess the Milton people who are fighting development of housing projects should now contact the NEC, as it seems to have powers beyond its borders to dictate what can and can't be developed.

While not an expert on the provincial government's Greenbelt legislation, I'm willing to guess it didn't envision the NEC legally expropriating people's property without compensation.

The legal landowners in all of Ontario need to understand what's being done by this legislation and this commission.

**D. Whitehead**  
Milton

## We all need to have our voices heard on Jan. 23

Dear Editor:

Like many others, I too have heard most of the reasons why we have such a low turnout come voting time.

However, to be honest, they all appear to be excuses of laziness

rather than justifiable reasons.

It's our country and it's up to us to do what we must to define our future by electing those whom we feel can best help us get there.

For us to be heard, we must speak up and to do this, we need to

vote. If we don't, we have nobody to blame but ourselves.

Let's all do our part and use our voice by voting. It's our future.

**Bob Beyette**  
Campbellville

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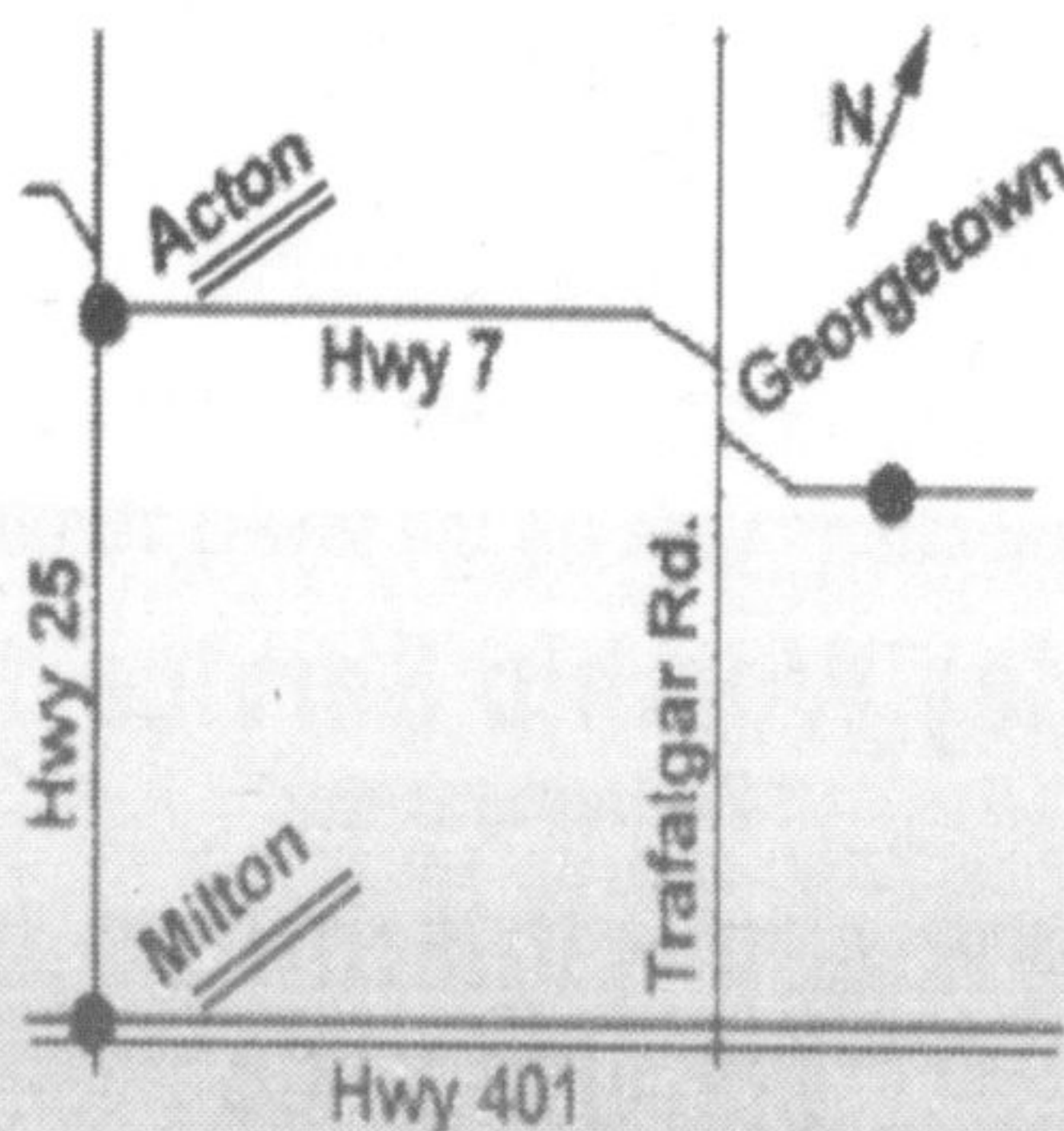
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