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## Piece of family history found in donated book

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When Stephanie Kimmerer went to the Canadian Federation of University Women's Club's annual book sale at Milton Mall at the end of March, she only had eyes for publication 'The Orchestra' by Michael Hurd — not the historical manuscript she found inside shortly thereafter.

"I love music and I always keep my eyes open for music books, so when I spotted this one, I was thrilled and bought it."

When she discovered the manuscript, Kimmerer of Brookville said she didn't think much of it as there was also a birthday card (signed 'To David From Mae Mae') and an appliance warranty card tucked inside.

But after reading the opening, she realized it was an important part of someone's family history and she would like to return it to its rightful owner.

Kimmerer said she became enthralled with the descriptions of various events seen through the eyes of the manuscript's author, Hugh Francis Doherty I.

The manuscript opens by saying that Doherty's father sailed to America with his parents on the Mayflower from Keliglas Parish and that the trip took 39 days. Doherty then goes on to describe in great detail different events throughout his childhood and people who had an impact in his life.

Great attention is also paid to the years around the First World War when he enlisted in the army and was a soldier serving on a submarine, the Levethan.

Kimmerer said the author sounds well educated. In fact, Doherty states that he graduated law school but enlisted in the army before writing the bar exam.

She would like to find the person who donated the book and return the manuscript to them if it's part of their familial heritage. If the book is important to them, too, she would be willing to part with it as well, she added.

The owner of the book and/or manuscript should contact the Milton Canadian Champion office at (905) 878-2341, ext 230, to have the items returned.



**GONE FISHING:** Katie Piesz lends a hand to Tony Lucas during the 17th annual fishing derby held Saturday by the Optimist Club of Milton for those with intellectual disabilities at Fish 4 Trout on No. 3 Sideroad. GRAHAM PAINE / CANADIAN CHAMPION

## Salvation Army calls gift 'amazing'

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quiet facility and over the years held several political and community fundraising functions.

"For many years we wondered in the back of our minds what we were going to do with this monster we built here," said Snow.

He said that wondering came to an end last fall when he contacted the Milton branch of the Salvation Army.

Salvation Army Captain Bill Blackman said he was "amazed" when he received the phone call from Snow offering the property.

The property was originally part of a 100-acre parcel, 90 acres of which were donated by the previous owner to Halton County, said Snow.

He said he has always had in mind that the Pineland Farm property would join the 90 acres in some form of public ownership.

Snow said they chose the Salvation Army because it has always been a favourite charity of theirs.

"I always felt they were good stewards and looked after their affairs," he said. "The north end of Halton can use some of the services the Salvation Army can provide."

Jeff Robertson, Salvation Army Ontario Central Division director of development, said its unknown at this point how they will use the property.

The Salvation Army also recently purchased the 4,000-square-foot bungalow next door to the Pineland Farm property.

A Salvation Army committee has been formed to do a needs assessment of the area to ensure Pineland Farm is utilized to its full potential.

"We're going to have to spend some time now to find the



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The Snows undoubtedly will always have many fond memories of Pineland Farm.

right program for that facility," said Robertson.

He said if a suitable use can't be found for the property it can be sold, and the proceeds used by the Salvation Army in this area.

On hand at the reception to thank the Snows for their donation were Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh, Wellington-Halton Hills MP Michael Chong, Milton Councillor Mike Boughton representing Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, and Halton Hills Councillor Bryan Lewis representing Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette.

## Councillors say quarry licence bid premature

Regional council is telling the Province it's opposed to Nelson Aggregate's application for a licence to expand its quarry in north Burlington.

Council passed a motion Wednesday that specifies its objection to Nelson's attempt to obtain the licence under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA).

A staff report, which enunciates council's concerns, says it's too early to deal with ARA matters while there's still

further technical and planning information needed regarding the expansion.

Burlington Councillor John Taylor suggested the motion at last week's planning and public works committee, dubbing the application "premature" under the ARA.

In order for the proposed 200-acre quarry — located across the road from Nelson's existing operation near No. 2 Sideroad — to go ahead, it would have

to get the provincial licence and receive several other approvals from the Region, City of Burlington and Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Local residents looking for more information on the proposal can attend a public information session tomorrow between 4 and 8 p.m. at Conservation Halton's Administration Centre, 2596 Britannia Rd.



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