

# Amazing health care received

DEAR EDITOR:

We hear a great deal about what is wrong with our health-care system these days.

Recently I had an opportunity to conduct a very personal, first-hand study of our system and the people who work there.

On April 5, just before Good Friday, I experienced some chest pain, so my faithful companion and I shot off to Milton District Hospital where within minutes I was bare to the waist on a stretcher, with my vital signs being monitored. From there started a journey through ICU, the Trillium Centre, back to a surgical ward in Milton and back again to the Trillium Centre.

In each area I spent several days, a total of 10 in all.

My stay ended with an angio-

plasty that restored blood supply to the right side of my heart, which had been 85 per cent blocked.

While I lay on the operating table watching the surgeon work, via a monitor over my head, it occurred to me that several years earlier no such technology existed and people in my position would have been relegated to very restrictive lifestyles — if they survived at all.

The people in the Trillium Centre now do heart bypass procedures laparoscopically. It's a brave new world indeed. My procedure took place at noon April 13 and at 6:30 a.m. the next day my son picked me up at the Trillium and we went for breakfast.

During my tenure in this life, I have been in a position to see

and study many business and government organizations. I have rarely seen the dedication, efficiency and cheerfulness exhibited by our caregivers.

Throughout the 10 days, these people worked tirelessly and cheerfully, with never a hint of complaint.

Kudos to all the staff in emergency, ICU, the surgical ward and the Trillium Centre. Lest I forget my general practitioner and cardiologist.

Even over the holiday weekend, they saw me every day. My hat goes off to you all. Thank you for your hard work and most of all for the caring you showed this patient.

PETER D. HAIGHT  
MILTON

# Three more families affected by local diphtheria outbreak

'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.

October 1909

Up to the latter part of last week it was hoped that the outbreak of diphtheria had spent itself but it has since broke out in three families. One of the cases, that of a son of James Morley, is very serious but the boy is somewhat better now and it is hoped that he will recover. Yesterday at noon the public schools were closed until further orders. The Board of Health will insist that quarantine regulations shall be obeyed. Yesterday Police Magistrate Dice fined the father of a diphtheria patient \$5, the minimum and costs for allowing the placard on his house to be torn down.

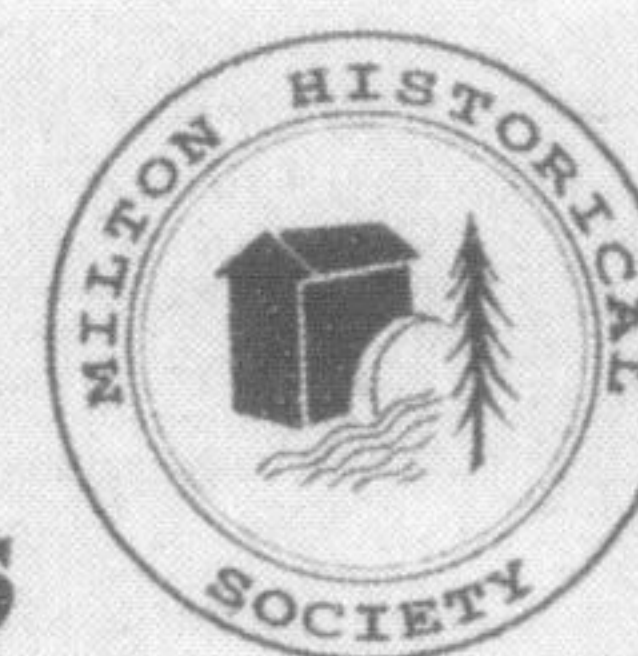
Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Clements will move in a few days into their new two storey brick residence, located at the corner of Thomas and Queen streets. It is one of the largest and finest in town. The style is colonial and the design by one of Toronto's leading architects.

The opening services at Omagh Presbyterian Church last Sunday and Monday were a great success, the proceeds amounting to \$312.50. The new church is a neat structure of red brick, finished inside with Georgia Pine and lighted with simplex gas. In all, the church presents a fine appearance, reflecting credit on the contractor Mr. Sanders and the congregation and community in which it stands.

W.F. Dewar, manager of the Fraser Highlanders' Band, is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Dewar, and is likely to stay in town until spring when the band will set out on next year's tour.

Dr. S. Zimmerman arrived in Milton yesterday evening from his

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ranch at Humboldt, Sask., to stay in Ontario for the winter. He says Saskatchewan had a larger crop of wheat than any other western province, one-fifth larger than anticipated. There has been splendid weather for threshing, not a day lost. Dr. Zimmerman crossed lakes Superior and Huron on the steamer Huronic.

It was announced last Friday that Rev. Canon A.J. Belt of Grace Church, Milton, had been appointed rector of Jarvis to succeed Rev. W.E. White, who goes to St. Matthew's Church Hamilton and whom Canon Belt succeeded in Grace Church about nine years ago. Jarvis is not quite so large as Milton but Mr. White leaves the parish in a flourishing condition. There is only the one church in it and Canon Belt's work will be lighter than it has been here with three under his charge. (All Saints Mission, Milton Heights; Grace Church, Milton; Omagh).

November 1909

The public library board has decided not to let out any books until further notice, on account of so much sickness in town. All parties having books out will please bring them in.

The Milton Boys' Athletic Club held their first Bible class meeting in their club rooms last week, under the supervision of Miss A.C. Ruddy. The boys were out in force and the meeting was most successful. The meetings will be held every Wednesday evening at 8:30 and all persons desirous of joining the class will be welcomed.

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

# Clean-up efforts much appreciated

(The following letter was addressed to the Town of Milton and Ward 4 councillors, as well as the Champion.)

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to take a few minutes to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of the few people in the Roper Drive/Cooke Crescent area who spent their own time and energy cleaning up the mess in the field adjacent to Hwy. 401 and James Snow Parkway.

When I arrived home from work April 20 I saw a man and a woman lugging garbage, rolling several large tires and a sealed green garbage bin out of the ditch. They must've spent hours in that field.

The pile of junk retrieved out of this storm water basin was appalling, and the work's not done. My four-year-old daughter, seven-year-old son and I went out after and collected numerous bricks, industrial piping and rags — two garbage

bags full of junk.

However, the majority of the pile of collected trash was thanks to the man and woman I had seen earlier. Thank you for the great job.

I would also like to thank the Town of Milton, namely the engineering and planning/development departments I was in contact with in the fall about the garbage and the sealed green garbage bin full of God knows what that was so kindly dumped. I was assured that the area would be cleaned up. Great job. It took two residents in the area to go in on their own time two years after the bin was dumped to remove it themselves. That's topnotch lip service.

So to the few who picked up some litter and took some pride in their neighbourhood, thank you. Your efforts made a big difference!

JULIE CASCAGNETTE  
COOKE CRESCENT

# Repeated vandalism of home just shameful

DEAR EDITOR:

As residents of Ontario Street South, we have once again been vandalized.

Sometime overnight May 3, someone decided that our post light at the end of our driveway was no longer necessary to us and smashed it off.

We guess that they didn't like this one any better than the last three that came to the same

demise. Last year our house number, hanging on this same post, met the same end. Now there is no light and no number at the end of the tunnel.

Hopefully emergency vehicles will find us when needed. We don't think it's worth replacing either of them as we can't imagine that our property will be any better respected in the future.

I won't get started on the litter problem — one garbage bag, a week full of castoffs — from passersby on our lawn.

Come on Milton, this couldn't all come from out-of-towners. Let's start treating other people's property as our own.

BARBARA AND  
STEWART ROBERTSON  
ONTARIO STREET SOUTH

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