

# Let scientists decide on pesticides

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in response to the May 18 letter entitled 'Pesticide bylaw needed here'.

Having municipal councils debate restricting the use of lawn and garden weed and pest control products means we would see politicians instead of scientists making decisions about pesticides.

When it comes to overseeing the use of pest control products and ensuring their safety and effectiveness, we should leave those decisions in the hands of the expert scientists at Health Canada where they belong.

Canada's existing regulatory system for pesticides is among the most stringent in the world, and it has served Canadians extremely well for many decades. Pesticides are one of the most intensely researched

and tested chemicals in Canada, and are regulated under a comprehensive system through Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA).

Every pest control product used in Canada must undergo extensive testing, including acute, short and long-term toxicity, sensitization, neurotoxicity, carcinogenicity, genotoxicity, developmental toxicity and reproductive studies.

Possible effects on humans or any other organisms are considered, as are any potential health risks to the environment or the public, including pesticide applicators or bystanders. Protection for children and susceptible populations is also considered, as scientists and regulators may apply additional margins of safety to protect these

populations before any pesticide can be sold in Canada.

No pesticide is allowed to be used in Canada if it causes any unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

The pesticides review compiled by the Ontario College of Family Physicians has been widely discredited by scientists in Canada and internationally for selectively reporting results and ignoring the role of PMRA in protecting human health.

Not only does it defy common sense for politicians to supersede decisions of scientists, the cost of developing and enacting new legislation that covers an area already extensively regulated is an irresponsible use of taxpayers' money.

**LORNE HEPWORTH,  
PRESIDENT  
CROPLIFE CANADA**

# Town to get a hot soda fountain

'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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We are installing a new "Hot Soda Fountain," which will be in operation on Saturday Jan. 29th. Hot Cocoa, Chocolate and Coffee with Whipped Cream. Mackenzie, The People's Druggist.

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The annual meeting of Milton Public Library was held in the reading room on Tuesday. Officers elected: Directors, Dr. Robertson, Wm. Panton, Alex Drysdale, Mrs. C.W. Martin, Mrs. V. Chisholm, Dr. Wickson, J.W. Bews, E. Syer, Miss Pattison, President, Dr. Wickson; Secretary, Alex Drysdale; Treas., Dr. Robertson. A committee was appointed to wait on the town council to ask that body to take over the library for the town or give it a grant and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Clerk of Trafalgar offering the privileges of the library and reading room to residents of the township for a grant of \$25. Streetsville public library received a grant of that amount lately on the same condition.

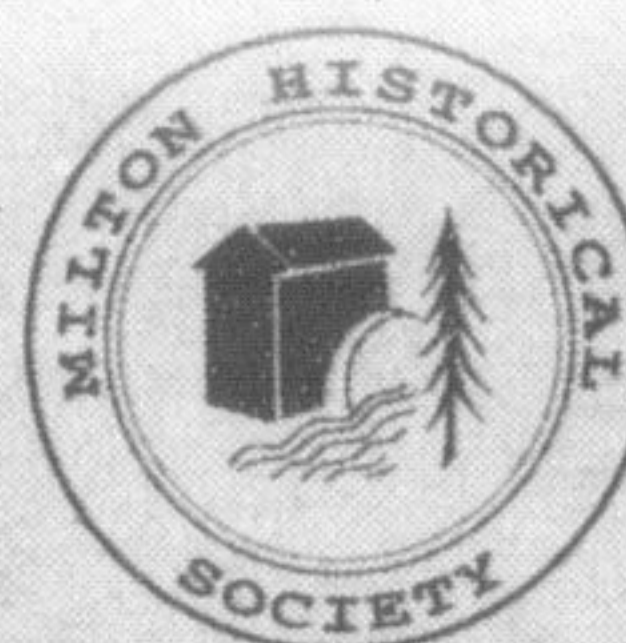
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The first curling match of the season was played here on Saturday morning and afternoon when the locals defeated the strong Parkdale club by 23 shots, being 26 up in the morning and 3 down in the afternoon. Milton players: A. Hemstreet, J. Houston, Rev. W.M. McKay, J.J. Peacock, Cecil Earl, Jno. Maxted, J.T. Hannant, J.D. McGibbon, F. Hemstreet, A.S. Willmott, D.S. Robertson, W.I. Dick, C. Earl, John Maxted, J.T. Hannant, Wm. Panton, J.J. Peacock, J. Tuck, J.D. McGibbon, D.S. Robertson.

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Town council got its quorum out on Monday evening and discussed the proposed bylaw to appoint municipal officers. It is understood that the offices of clerk and treasurer will be combined with perhaps another added. There is no objection to this, but, a suitable man having

## Milton Time Capsules



been found, he should be paid a reasonable salary. He will have to be on duty from early morning until late evening every working day of the year, he must have exceptional qualifications and he should get more than labourer's wages.

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The members of the lawn tennis club are to be congratulated on the success of their bal poudre at the town hall on the 12th, the first ever held in Milton. A decoration committee had been busy for some days and the appearance of the hall did it great credit. There was bunting in abundance and a tennis effect was made by a number of pairs of crossed rackets on the walls and a couple of nets stretched below the front of the stage. When dancing began, what with the many beautiful gowns, the powdered coiffures, and white wigs, the scene was as brilliant as it was novel. The music of the Lomas Orchestra of Hamilton was the best ever heard at a Milton assembly. Supper was served downstairs, in the reading room, the decorations of which were very tasteful. The council chamber was utilized as a ladies' dressing room.

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Winn & Co. is advertising for smart girls in the bindery department of their shoe factory.

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A letter from A.W. Campbell, Deputy Minister of Public Works to the County Clerk, praised the work done in the county on bridges. He asks attention be paid to roads, and for council to decide on work earlier in the year. This is usually not done until after June session. The ground is then baked and hardened, adding to the expense of grading and drainage.

This material is assembled on behalf of the Milton Historical Society by Jim Dills, who can be reached at [jdills@idi-rect.com](mailto:jdills@idi-rect.com).

# Concerns in older area are being ignored

DEAR EDITOR:

We are now celebrating 150 years as an attractive, vibrant and caring community. People are flocking to Milton, and we are welcoming new citizens daily. Milton is growing very fast.

As the local citizens adjust to this rapidly-changing world about them, and most in the spirit of co-operation, a phenomenon is appearing that deserves some attention. So much focus is being spent on new roads and development requirements that our old-fashioned way of looking out for each other — that 'people' thing that Milton has been so good at — is becoming lost.

This past week, young mothers, their children and others were trying very hard to protect trees from being cut at the fairgrounds to make way for a temporary parking lot.

Engineers and environmentalists don't often see eye-to-eye; and this is one of those times. Many felt that parking needs could be met by

looking at other areas on the grounds that would not be as destructive to the trees and more protective of the neighbourhood. Meanwhile, young families who live near Bronte Meadows Park are alarmed that their park may have no lights, as they were taken away by the Town. And they are left with no explanation, but only to wonder.

I believe good communicating is not happening for those in the older parts of town, and there is frustration. Comments about the Town and its council, such as "out of touch", "arrogant" and "aloof" have all been mentioned. The concentration of energies on development has left some suggesting we change the town's name to 'Mattamy'.

It seems that now is as good a time as any for the Town to start a better dialogue with Miltonians.

**ANNE PTOLEMY  
MILTON**

# Espress Yourself closing a big loss for Main St.

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in regards to the recent closing of Espress Yourself Caffé on Main Street.

To Tim and all his staff, thank you for providing such a special place to go for coffee — where time limit was of no concern. One could enjoy their visit alone, talk to the staff or just socialize with family or friends.

It was with a heavy heart that

we sat on Saturday, May 26 and enjoyed our last cup of coffee in the quaintest little coffee shop on Main Street. We have enjoyed many a coffee, lunch or snack in this coffee shop.

This will no doubt be a major loss in the downtown core. The ambiance was more than special, and the staff made all the difference with their friendliness and obliging manners.

We look forward to visiting you all at your new location on Steeles Avenue. Our hope is that you will return to the downtown core with a similar quaint coffee shop at some future date.

Good luck at your new location and we will see you all soon.

**SHIRLEY REID AND  
DEBBIE MCMULLEN  
MILTON**



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