

# Thieves stole much more than just a flag, but do they know it?

DEAR EDITOR:

Is nothing sacred?

It is bad enough that I continually have to pick up candy wrappers, pop cans and dog poop off my lawn, but now some young people have decided that stealing the Canadian flag off the side of my house is good fun.

On September 14, my wife awoke in the middle of the night as two or three young people were outside our bedroom window yelling "get the flag." By the time she got to the window they were rollerblading away. Sure enough the next morning our flag was gone.

I remember putting that flag up two years ago and having people honk their horns and wave in appreciation as they drove by. Every time my wife

and I round the corner and drive toward our house we see the red maple leaf waving in the breeze. Our hearts fill with pride and we know we live in the best country in the world.

To the young people who stole my flag I hope you enjoy it as much as my wife and I did and I hope you realize just what it stands for. Maybe if one of you looks at that flag and feels the pride we do in Canada, this whole crummy experience will be worth it.

The next time one of our brave men and women in the armed forces pays the ultimate sacrifice maybe you will look up from your video games and see your stolen flag and say I get it now. I highly doubt it, but maybe.

I do not blame you for your drunken act of vandalism, I

blame your parents. Great job mom and dad — you raised a bunch of drunken punks, who obviously have no respect for themselves or anything else. My guess is the apple didn't fall far from the tree. By the way you owe me \$80.

When I finished putting up my new flag today, I stood back on the sidewalk and smiled as it gently flapped in the wind. Despite my bliss, I could not help but wonder how long it would be before the next drunken teen rips it off my house at 2:30 in the morning because their parents failed to instill in them a respect for other people's property and the appreciation for what our flag stands for.

**CHARLES REDHEAD  
MCCLLENAHAN CRESCENT**

## Reasoning for tax hikes doesn't add up

DEAR EDITOR:

As a long-term taxpayer in Milton, I wish to comment on the letter from Ward 4 Councillor Wendy Schau in last Friday's *Champion*.

This letter contains flawed logic, as follows:

1. Councillor Schau stipulates that there are mitigating circumstances causing the delays in retrieving full tax revenue from the new property owners to the tune of up to a three-year postponement. Say what? Where did that come from? The explanation we were given by town council

even before a spade hit the ground was that all development costs would be borne by the developer and further, that existing homeowners would not be burdened with any additional taxes relating to the new development/expansion.

2. Councillor Schau goes on to highlight unexpected turns due to changes in the Development Charges Act. Where was the due diligence by town council in the planning process that would have foreseen these contingencies and thereby would have provided solutions?

We have already been subjected to a significant tax hike since the expansion.

I for one cannot accept bungling and ineptitude as valid reasons for further tax hikes. Starting with passing the buck to the Ontario Municipal Board and allowing the decision to expand the town to rest solely on this outside body, smacks of passing the buck.

And the hits will just keep on coming with this council's brand of logic.

**JON J. KOMOW  
ONTARIO STREET NORTH**

## Councillors should hold public meetings

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Before raising taxes, there should be a concerted effort to find any and all inefficiencies in how Milton is run.

I suggest that every four months, each councillor should have regular town hall meetings to inform their constituents and have discussions on

any upcoming major decisions being considered before any votes on these decisions are taken in council.

This council seems to completely ignore the wishes of taxpayers.

**AGOSTINO GALIOTO  
MILTON**

## Major crowd turns out for civic opening of Victoria Park

'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.

June 1910

A big crowd attended the civic opening of Victoria Park. Tomorrow evening Carey Bros. will be present with a new lot of moving pictures and the band will render a fine programme. A silver collection will be taken, the money to be expended on a most desirable object, the purchase of seats for the park.

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On Monday a cadet corps was organized in connection with Grace Church Milton, Mrs. McQuillan having made the suggestion. The purpose of the corps is to have all the boys of Milton between the ages of 10 and 21 years well drilled in physical culture and also trained in a number of the branches of military service.

A welcome is extended to any boy of any Sunday School in Milton to become a member of the corps, the admission fee being 25¢ and the dues 10¢ a month. Appointed: Capt. and treasurer, Lorne Bradley; 1st Lieut. and secretary Jas. Fenemore; 2nd Lieut. and O.M. C. Whitehead; Col. Sgt. Jas. Winn; 1st Sgt. T. Eden; 2nd Sgt. W.H. Peaks; Lance Sgt. John Bishop; 1st Corp. Albert Fenemore; 2nd Corp. Reg. Sherwood; 3rd Corp. Jas. McArthur; Lance Corp. Percy Thompson. Alf Winn was appointed banker for the corps and H. Miles, C.O. and instructor.

The cadet corps is a self-supporting organization and all the equipment purchased by it belongs to it and can be used for no other purpose. The meetings are held every Monday night in the school room of Grace church. (Many of those appointed participated in World War I and several lost their lives on those battlefields.)

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The '66 Veterans' Association of Halton spent a very pleasant and profitable evening at the home of

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Capsules**



Capt. Johnston, Esquering township on the 44th anniversary of the Fenian Raid. Those present were H.A. Reed, Wm. Leslie, G. Black, A. Appleyard and W. Godfrey. Cake and coffee were served during the evening and after singing "Auld Lang Syne," "God Save the King," then three cheers for Capt. Johnston and "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," the meeting dispersed.

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Niagara Synod last week was strongly in favour of a minimum stipend of \$1,000 a year for clergymen. At Toronto synod on Tuesday it was stated that most of the clergy received \$900 and a house as a minimum and that it was not enough. A committee was appointed to deal with the augmentation of clerical stipends.

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The option on the terra cotta clay section of the Scott farm is held by private parties, not by the G.T.R. as has been reported. There are 32 acres and the price is \$6,000. There is a large body of the finest of clay, close-grained and almost as hard as rock. It is less than half a mile from the town's limits. The prospective owners hope to establish a huge brick and terra cotta plant within a short time, employing a large number of hands and adding greatly to the business and prosperity of Milton. The bricks and terra cotta tiles etc. turned out by the two Milton companies are known everywhere as the best in Canada, there is a big demand for them and there is room for a new company.

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R.E. Gollins has accepted the position of choir master of Knox Church. He entered upon his duties last Sunday.

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