

More caring needed in society

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to tell you a story.

One day while at work I went out to get something from my car, which I don't usually do. There are double doors into the building and a bird was trapped in between the first door and second, flapping its wings and trying to get out.

I opened the door wide so he could find his way out, but when I came back he was still there, so I took off my vest, caught him and then gently placed him on the fence.

I feel this is how many people are these days. We're very sensitive to our surroundings. Sometimes we try to solve things ourselves, but sometimes we need that extra pair of hands to put us in the right direction.

You may ask what this has to do with today's life.

I'm saddened by the news that there are some people who are lost, especially young people who seem to have lost their way.

They have been left to fend for themselves and have no

guided hand to put them on the right path.

I talk of the youth who have been given the freedom to do what they want, and in this freedom have placed themselves in vulnerable situations.

I remember hearing many years ago that a boy was found under the table in a library. He had had a disagreement with his father and ran away from his family because of their differences.

This boy wound up at the hospital, as his feet had become infected from not washing.

There are some of us who are weak, some of us who can be influenced by others, some of us who can be led astray and some of us who don't want to follow any rules.

We as a society are bound by rules. Otherwise there would be chaos. Life has rules; we understand this as being part of life.

I heard somebody recently say that an 18-year-old wants to commit suicide. I ask myself, why?

This young man needs help, and quickly, to sort out his life and put him on the right track.

It has to do with thinking in the right direction, getting over this hurdle of destructive behaviour and being constructive.

It's no different than the little bird being removed from where he could damage himself and placed where he could spread his wings and soar to great heights.

The state of the human being is very fragile these days. There are so many stresses and pressure that we have to have things to make us feel important.

These are just material things, and as the saying goes, "You can't take it with you."

As a society we have to care for one another. We don't need to like each other, but we need to have a common ground of respect toward each other. Many people would say we've lost this.

Let's think before we do something and make an effort not to injure one another. Let's get back to sharing and caring for one another.

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Town's building boom underway to keep up with industrial growth

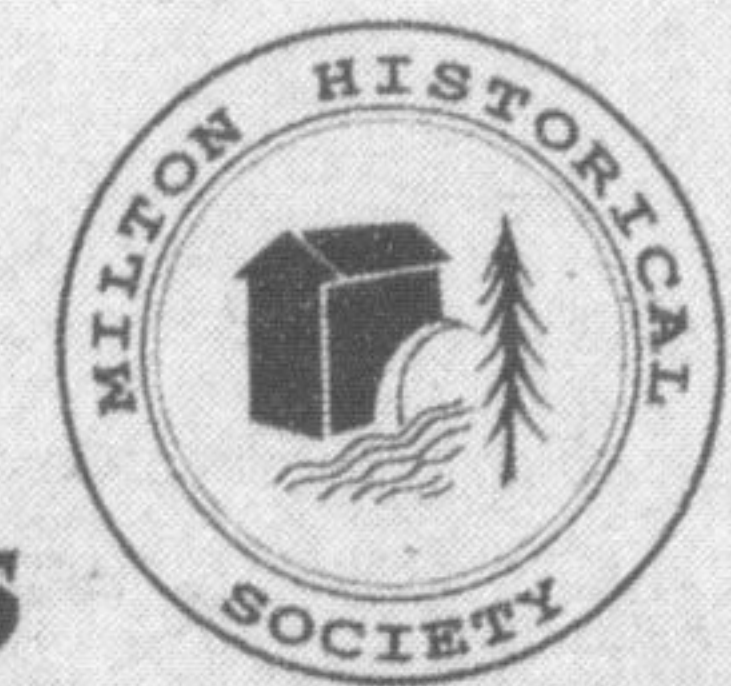
'Time Capsules' are gems of information extracted from past issues of the Champion and other publications in order to provide a window into Milton's past. Explanatory comment is sometimes provided to place the situation in context.

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Milton's building boom has begun. R.B. Galbraith has operations started on a fine brick house on Queen St. Jacob Johnson has two cottages in course of erection in the East Ward. John Bradley will build two two-storey brick-veneered double houses on Mill Street and W. Lewis has a frame dwelling boarded in close by. J.S. Deacon will erect from two to four dwellings and S. Dice at least two. Altogether 17 dwellings are already decided on. A few days ago G.A. Hemstreet was appointed agent for the Reliance Loan & Savings Co. of Toronto, which advances money for house building, 60 per cent on the cost of houses and lots, to be repaid in monthly installments in from five to ten years. The terms are considered reasonable and seven citizens who wish to own their homes have already interviewed Mr. Hemstreet. R.E. Harrison has had some of his acreage in the south part of the corporation surveyed into streets and lots by Jas. Hutcheon, C.E. of Guelph. He is selling good lots, high and dry land, between \$100 to \$125 each.

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About 11 o'clock on Monday night two men found Albert Wenham lying groaning on the C.P.R. track just beyond its entrance to the Anderson farm, west of Milton. Wenham had been run over by, it is supposed, a freight train, and an arm and a leg were mangled. He lay between the rails. He was carried to the watchman's shanty at the diamond at the G.T.R. Crossing, where a surgeon gave him injuries a temporary dressing, after which he was put on an east-bound freight train to be taken to a Toronto hospital. He died before the train reached Streetsville and his body was brought back to Milton. Dr. H.A. McColl, coroner, will hold an inquest next Monday

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evening. Wenham was English, unmarried, was 26 years of age, and was an employee of the Toronto Pressed Brick and Terra Cotta Co. He had been in this neighbourhood for several years. (The inquest later ruled "We find that Albert Wenham came to his death by being run over by a train on the C.P. Railway between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock on the 13th day of May, 1912.")

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On Monday evening the Boy Scouts were entertained by Mrs. Dent, in memory of her son Clarence, "the real founder of the troop." (Clarence died in January of heart failure. He was 17 and was working in a drug store.) It was an evening of solid fun and enjoyment and Mrs. Dent received a rousing ovation in appreciation of her kindness and hospitality. A special meeting of the local committee of Boy Scouts will be held. Every member of that committee named by the late Rev. D.S. Houck at his last public appearance in Milton, as well as all other friends of the movement are urgently requested to be present. The work of the Boy Scouts is going forward with unabated interest, the best tribute to the true leadership of the late Scout Master, Rev. D.S. Houck. For the 24th (of May) the boys are planning a day of scouting on the mountain if the weather is favourable. Dinner will be cooked over Scout fires and among the cliffs and caves familiar to the old neutrals of three hundred years ago. (At the Dent funeral Dewitt Galloway was also named as a Scoutmaster.)

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T.D. Hume has had a plate glass front put into his flour and feed store. This material is assembled on behalf of the Milton Historical Society by Jim Dills, who can be reached through the society at (905) 875-4156.

We all need to discourage careless driving

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driving is a skill just like anything else. I wouldn't sit here talking on the phone while trying to write my stories, so why would I do so while surrounded by two-ton machines that can end my existence in the blink of an eye?

That sounds somewhat dramatic I know, but choosing to multi-task behind the wheel simply puts you and others in harm's way. There's no two ways about it.

And for those who feel the proposed law is hypocritical and needs to include eating or even drinking coffee, I say fine. My Tim Hortons double-double will still be hot when I arrive at the Champion.

Of course eliminating the use of cell phones and other devices while driving can't be done by the lawmakers and police alone.

We all have a role to play in discouraging this behaviour. I plan to start my part now and refuse to conduct interviews with people while they're driving.

That may present the occasional obstacle to getting my stories done, and I'm sure there will be at least a couple of instances where I'll regret this public declaration.

But shedding our convenience-at-all-costs mentality is the only way we're going to start making a real dent in careless driving.

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moments with your photography and to Steve LeBlanc and the Champion for keeping everyone up to date on the run.

Thank you Cathy Chuchmach-Smith for being a part of our journey as well.

A special thank you to the Brancier family for co-ordinating our homecoming. To Alex Brancier, thank you for designing such a beautiful reminder of our journey. It will forever be close to our hearts.

Thank you to the Milton

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Together, every step made a difference.

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