

We remembered our seniors

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of Home Instead Senior Care, we would like to say thank you to everyone who participated in our fourth annual Be a Santa to a Senior event for seniors in Halton. We managed to provide 1,500 seniors with gifts this Christmas. That brings us to a four-year total of almost 5,000 gifts.

I would first like to extend a special thank-you to OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino for his support. He has now spoken on behalf of our program across the GTA for two years. It's an honour to have someone of his stature support our efforts to recognize our seniors' community, and we hope to continue this relationship for many years to come.

Thanks to all the stores that provided trees for our wishes, including Wal-Mart in Milton, Oakville and Burlington, Zellers at Milton Mall, Hopedale Mall in Oakville and Burlington Mall. Thanks to Kimberly and Glenn English of A Country Mile and the staff at SG Hair Design in Milton for having trees as well.

A special thank-you must go to Shelly Varley at Royal LePage Meadowtowne Realty Milton and Nancy Harrison at Royal LePage Meadowtowne Realty Georgetown, as well as Francie Bujna at the Royal LePage office in Glen Abbey. With the help of their agents, these three locations collectively managed to

fulfill about 250 wishes. Wow.

What was also amazing about this fundraiser was the length some people went so a senior would have what they asked for under the tree.

This year I had a young girl named Melanie Nikolevski call to let me know the wish of a senior was locked in the Disney vault, so it was unavailable to the public. Undeterred, she e-mailed the people at Disney and explained how important it was to have this gift, and within a few days Disney had opened the vault and sent a copy of the movie to Melanie to fulfill her senior's wish.

We would also like to acknowledge Sheldon Wolfson of the Willow Foundation and Rose Woods of Halton Supportive Housing for their support of the program. If not for them, this fundraiser wouldn't have been possible.

We must also say a heartfelt thank you to Carolynne Malinowski, Tracy Falkner, Shannon MacLauchlin, Emily Sforza, Carol Fendley, Laurie Maratovich, Stephanie Schouton, Greg Edmiston, Miranda Heersink, Nancy Gilcrest, Heather Daly, Jody Clarke and Karima Manji for taking time to collect Christmas wishes from all our seniors.

Thank you to Elma Gildey and all the ladies from the courthouse who helped to transfer all the wishes to the paper ornaments to be hung on

the trees.

A special thanks goes out to Lorraine McDonald and Sue Nevans for their continued support, as well as to Mary Van Dijk for her wonderful neck pillows, to Dicky Deumer for her lovely hand-knitted gifts and to Gwen Forbes for her donation of all the stuffed toys.

Thanks to the Milton Winterhawks AA peewee team for its support one weekend at the Milton Wal-Mart, welcoming shoppers and making them aware of our tree.

Thank you to all the volunteers who attended our wrapping party on December 7, as well as to Lorraine, Danna, Leslie, Alvin, Cathy, Sarah and Irene for their overwhelming support. It's so nice to see familiar faces each year.

Thanks to the *Canadian Champion*, *Burlington Post* and *Oakville Beaver* for their coverage of the fundraiser. These stories helped bring attention to our program and make it successful.

And most importantly, thanks to the Halton community for its support and generosity. Because of you, we were able to bring smiles and tears of joy to 1,500 seniors at Christmas. They know that they haven't been forgotten.

Till next Christmas.

**TOM CHUCHMACH AND
SCOTT JOHNSON,
ORGANIZERS
BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR**

Farmer fined \$3 for damage cow, chickens did to neighbour's garden

'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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Interesting points of law came out in a small case from Trafalgar at last Friday's sittings of Division Court here. The plaintiff claimed \$8 for damages alleged to have been done in his garden by the defendant's cow and chickens. The defendant argued that there was no law forbidding him to let his cow and chickens run on the highway and that the plaintiff's fence was faulty. Judge Gorham said that it did not matter whether there was a fence or not, that evidence having been given as to the damage and defendant not denying that his stock had been on plaintiff's property, plaintiff must recover. The judgment was \$3 damages, \$2 for that done by the cow and \$1 for that done by the chickens, and costs.

About 400 excursionists, children, parents and friends of Euclid Avenue Methodist Church S.S. of Toronto spent Saturday at Livingston Park. They had their own refreshment booths which did a huge business in ice cream etc, while a photographer was kept busy taking portraits. They had a programme of sports and games. One of the managers of the excursion expressed himself as greatly pleased with the park. Its splendid shady trees, abundant supply of good spring water and other advantages, particularly the boating, which was free from danger, the pond being shallow except in a few places.

Between 600 and 700 people went to Grimsby Park on Tuesday on the union excursion of the Milton Methodist, Presbyterian and Grace Church Sunday Schools.

C.P.R. trains have been running on the new branch between Guelph Junction and Hamilton since the first of the month. There are several trains scheduled each way and time

Milton Time Capsules



tables are posted in stations, though not yet distributed in the shape of folders.

Last Thursday morning, after two barrels of oil had been pumped out of the second hole at the original Brandon well the flow stopped, the pump having been clogged by, it was said, parafine. A quantity of salt and water was put in and the result was nine and one-third barrels in the afternoon. However, the well has not yet been pumped out and its capacity is not known. On Tuesday, at a depth of a little over 600 feet, a heavy flog of gas was struck in the red medina in the second well, a little to the south of the first. This is considered a good indication. Though such good progress has been made in this well, the last to be drilled, it has been slow in that on the Scott farm. The cause was a large body of gravel, which was hard to penetrate, and which often broke loose and fell into the hole, stopping the drill. The depth of the hole is only a little over 100 feet, but the drill has got through the gravel and is making good time. In the well on the Milton Pressed Brick Co.'s property a depth of about 1,500 feet has been reached, but so far, there is no oil.

Brampton and Milton lawn tennis clubs played a match in Victoria Park here on Saturday afternoon. The visitors and their friends, who came in autos, were entertained at tea on the lawn by the Miltonians. The visitors won 9 of 14 events. Milton players named are: Miss L. Campbell, Miss H. Panton, Miss Bowes, Miss H. Taylor. Men: McCannell, Panton, Campbell, Pearcey.

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.

\$1-million glass indeed ridiculous

DEAR EDITOR:

I have to agree with Andrew Goodwin's December 31 letter to the editor, '\$1-million glass for Milton's new Town Hall absolutely ridiculous.'

I can't believe that our mayor and town councillors were willing to spend \$1 million on a glass wall for an already oversized Town Hall. Then, to

add salt to the wound, they vote in a tax hike.

And this at a time when all kinds of people are losing their jobs due to layoffs from plant closures and the like. I don't suppose that town councillors will be getting a pay cut.

**JANET CHRISTENSEN
MILTON**

Face of Milton morphs into Mississauga

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Geographic talked of having reached peak oil production, urbanists rejoiced, as they envisioned a future much like our pre-car past. Now? It's winter, it's cold outside, gas is cheaper and the Region

works on expanding regional roads with two-lane left turns to help get locals to the nearest Wal-Mart.

And the face, if not the spirit, of Milton morphs into Mississauga, inexorably.





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