

ReadersWrite

E-mail your letters to editorial@miltoncanadianchampion.com.

Parking ticket so uncalled for

(The following letter was addressed to the Town of Milton and a copy was filed with the Champion.)

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm a resident of Milton and moved here last year from Toronto. I was looking for a quieter neighbourhood and wanted to get away from the hustle and bustle of living in the big city.

I enjoy living in Milton and all it has to offer. My frustration is regarding a parking infraction I recently received.

I understand the Town of Milton has certain bylaws to protect its citizens and to make living in Milton more enjoyable for everyone.

While not all are favourable to everyone, I understand that while we may not agree with certain ones, they're there to protect all of Milton's citizens as a whole.

For example, no overnight parking, while a bit of a nuisance, is perfectly valid. I appreciate on certain occasions that I can call my car in to the Town if we do have someone staying

over and they have to park overnight. I also support fully no parking on the street during winter as that does affect all residents when the snowplow can't make its rounds, or when parking could possibly get in the way of garbage collection or recycling collection.

What I can't get past, and would love further clarification on, is how on earth I get a parking ticket at 5:30 on a Wednesday evening?

We had an older couple visiting us in the afternoon for early dinner so we parked on the road just before they got here and let them park in our driveway.

When we went to move our car back in at 6 p.m., we saw we had received a parking ticket.

I can't believe the Town of Milton found it necessary to issue a ticket to a resident — who already pays plenty for property taxes — in the early evening.

In a time in our economy when every consumer is trying to watch every penny, I can't believe I was slapped with a \$30

ticket. I did call the parking enforcement officer and was informed that because this is my first infraction I could bring it in and have it reduced. My problem with this is that it doesn't resolve the issue itself.

How on earth is this bylaw effective other than getting more money out of innocent residents?

How is it so general that it can just be any three hours?

This is my street that, last time I checked, I contribute to when I pay taxes. How am I not allowed to park there for a couple of hours? I'm not going to waste my '15-times-a-year consideration' on a couple of hours.

I think this is outrageous and wish something could be done about having such a strict policy for parking.

I realize one person can't change a bylaw, but considering the reason they're put in place is to protect me, I really would like to know how this protects me.

**JULIE ZAHRA
MILTON**

Conversation made time pass much quicker

• from TRAPPED? on page A6

(power returned but elevator was still on the fritz) or if a frightened child, agitated dog or the sitcom cliché pregnant woman ready to deliver had been sharing my confined quarters. As it turned out, only the mildest dose of cabin fever set in.

Making my somewhat unpleasant evening a lot more tolerable was a sweet older neighbour/friend of mine named Gaby and firefighter Kevin Lingard, who it was obvious had a firm grasp of the situation. Having to almost shout to carry on a conversation with them was a little on the awkward side at times, but it sure beat the alternative.

As it turned out, a couple in the adjacent apartment building was trapped as well, and when the repairman finally arrived, we were all out in a

matter of seconds.

No cinematic rescue from the roof hatch was required, or any kind of exit strategy session for that matter. Just a quick turn of a key and a two-foot jump down to the fifth floor, which was my only brush with drama for the night. Not exactly an episode of MacGyver.

So thanks to Kevin and Gaby, as well as an unknown neighbour who offered initial help by telling the building maintenance guy of my little dilemma. Your time and concern were much appreciated.

And if someone ever begins to tell you of how they were trapped in an elevator, don't automatically brace yourself for an epic tale. If you do, disappointment will likely follow.

Young hobos ordered to leave town after spending night in jail

'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.

February 1913

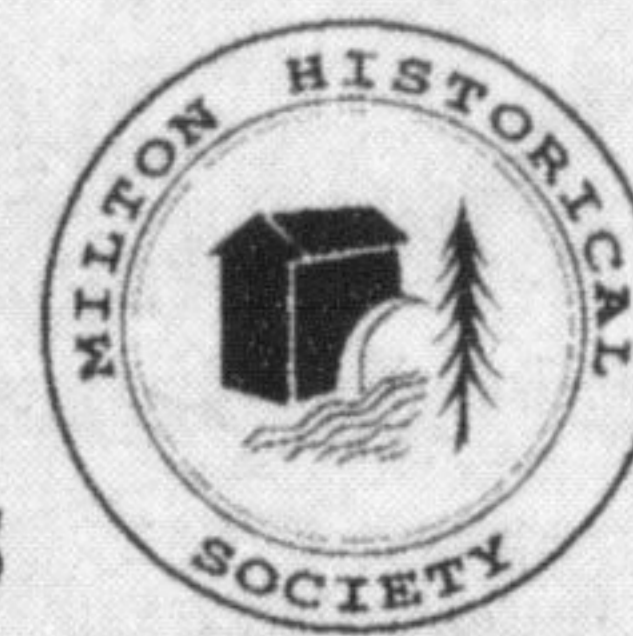
Four able bodied young Canadian hobos invaded Milton on Tuesday. They pretended to be unable to find employment though willing workers are in demand. They were very cheeky beggars and growled at those who refused them but did not seem to have imposed on many citizens as they applied for and got quarters in jail over night. Chief Constable Chapman warned them to leave town within 10 minutes after their release and they left in a hurry.

It is understood that the C.P.R. will be double-tracked next spring from Lambton to Guelph Junction with a single track from Milton to Christie's to carry all the shipments of the three brick and two lime plants. The main line will be diverted at the base line so as to leave room for the single track. A new station will be built here.

Last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. J.S. McCannell, Prof. Alexander of Toronto University, lectured on 'Hamlet' to the members of the Victoria Club, the Milton ladies' literary organization, and a number of invited friends. Prof. Alexander is a well-known student of Shakespeare and he made his subject most interesting. Altogether, he had about fifty hearers. Mesdames Menet and J.W. Bews sang solos and Miss Dewar contributed an instrumental number.

Ice cutting is going on this week on the pond and is being rushed on account of the lateness of the season.

**Milton
Time
Capsules**




The ice is thicker than was expected, 15 inches.

The Milton curlers brought the Bank of Toronto Trophy home with them from London. It is of solid silver, is shaped like a curling stone and supported by brooms. It is on exhibition in the window of J.F. Little's shop with four silver teapots, one for each member of the winning rink to keep.

Frank Hemstreet is installing the necessary equipment for making his own ice cream and bricks. He expects to begin to manufacture his own ice cream about the middle of June and will use nothing but the purest of ingredients.

At the meeting of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends (C.O.C.F.) organizer Ackerman had secured forty applications. After initiation the following officers were installed for 1913; Past Councillor Charles Jones; Chief Councillor Charles R. Jones; Vice Councillor Mrs. Sarah Tight; Recorder Mrs. Julia Hewgill; Assistant Recorder Mrs. Mary Jane Transom, Milton Heights; Treasurer J.R. Cooper; Prelate, Francis Hitchen; Marshall Joseph Dolby; Warden Mrs. Elizabeth Coleman; Guard Samuel Brush; Sentry James Timbers; Medical Examiner Dr. M.E. Gowland; Trustee Funds F. Hitchen, D. Timbers, H.F. Rykert.

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.



**LOOK
For Your**

**Dr. Ritu Bahl
OPTOMETRIST**
905-864-6464

FAMILY EYE CARE

Flyer In Today's Champion. Selected areas only.

Halton Sportsmen's Association

29th Annual Charity Breakfast
Saturday May 2nd, 2009 - 6:00 am to 11:00 am
Breakfast \$5.00

All proceeds go to Milton District Hospital Foundation

Draw tickets \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00, Draw held at Breakfast.

Deluxe Barbeque - Donated by Superior Propane
Area Rug and More! - Donated by Flooring Works in Milton
2 Discovery Flights - Donated by Spectrum Airways
Season Car Pass - Donated by Conservation Halton
Wildlife Intarsia - Donated by Fendley's Woodworking
Blue Jay Tickets - Donated by Mike's Barber Shop in Milton
Greens Fee for 4 - Donated by Crosswinds Golf & Country Club
Transmission Tune Up - Donated by Halton Transmission

5155 Steeles Avenue West, Milton, ON.
(Between Bell School Line and Appleby Line)

Page Donated by: **HALTON TRANSMISSION**