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Great turnout for rural clean-up

DEAR EDITOR:

On April 25, many volunteers gave their time to clean up the roads in Nassagaweya.

As a result of their efforts, the roads now look much better.

Thank you to the volunteers and pick-up truck drivers who did such a great job.

I'd like to thank all the companies who helped us. Mohawk Racetrack supplied us with water and ice and Mohawk and the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation both sent large crews out to help with the clean-up. Oakridge Landscaping sent out three crews with pick-up trucks, and Blue Chip is a new

supporter this year. Heritage Safety Products gave us gloves and garbage bags.

The Region and the Town supplied us with vests and gloves, and the Town put out the bins for us. We had two police cruisers out helping to protect the volunteers and the police officers pitched in, too.

The barbecue afterward was hosted by the Brookville and Campbellville Baseball Association. The food for the barbecue was supplied by Tim Hortons on Regional Road 25 north of the 401, Gordon Food Service and Cristello's Village Market in Campbellville. This is

much appreciated after a few hours in the ditches. Tim Hortons also supplied a tent and the Nassagaweya Tennis Club opened their doors for shelter.

I'd like to thank the *Champion* for the article promoting the event and for the photographs afterward.

This is a job we wish we didn't have to do. If only people would stop treating their car window like a garbage chute. However, on a beautiful day like April 25, with everyone pulling together, it turned out to be a very happy experience.

**JEAN WOODS
NASSAGAWEYA**

Reaction to situation disappointing

DEAR EDITOR:

My heart goes out to Isabel Skalski, who wrote that her son suffered profuse bleeding from his nose while the two were shopping but was offered no help from fellow shoppers.

I'd like to think that I would have offered her some form of assistance. However, we never know how we will react in a hypothetical situation.

I come from small town Ontario, where I know most people would stop to help. Now that I live in Milton, I'm not so certain. But then again, I have met many helpful citizens in the brief period that I've lived in this growing metropolis.

But the most disheartening part of this story lies in Skalski's conclusion. The only lesson she seems to have learned from this real-life situation is that people deserve the same treatment they hand out. That's a very old-school attitude. What we need more of in Milton is advice found throughout the New Testament of the Bible.

If we treated others the way we'd like to be treated, this town would become exemplary, and people like Skalski wouldn't feel so bitter — though understandably so — and neglected.

**ROD MCDONALD
MILTON**

Award nomination from United Way very touching

DEAR EDITOR:

I want to take this opportunity to thank the United Way of Milton for putting my name forward as a notable volunteer for Volunteer Halton's 'Cheers for Volunteers.'

One never does volunteer work for the honour or recognition, but as someone who has always tried to support my community and always encourages others to 'pay it forward,' it was

such a nice surprise to be acknowledged in this way.

As a social worker in private practice, I support Milton's United Way because I know of the great need in our community first hand.

I know that so many of our already financially-strapped social service agencies wouldn't be able to provide their excellent services without the support of the United Way.

When you support the United Way of Milton, you support all of these agencies.

I implore you all to help in building a strong community by donating your skills and your time as a volunteer. I truly believe that I always get back much more than I ever give.

Again, thank you to all for this honour.

**ELAYNE TANNER, PHD(C)
MILTON**

Shareholders pleased with recent growth of P.L. Robertson Co. Ltd.

'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.

April 1913

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the P.L. Robertson Co. Ltd was held at the screw factory on Monday. The attendance was about 40. All were enthusiastic and greatly pleased with the progress during 1912 and the prospects for 1913, also with their inspection of the plant, particularly with the recent addition of the Hydro-Electric power, which has already resulted in a greatly increased output. There was not a dissenting voice on any question. A dividend was declared on preferred stock.

James Peat has given up drilling for oil here and is taking his outfit to an oil field in Alberta. Joseph Adams who has been an employee of Brandon's Brick & Tile Co. Ltd. goes with him as an assistant.

The Victoria Club closed the season of 1912-13 last Friday evening with a musicale at the home of Mrs. D.S. Robertson. An audience of more than fifty, members of the club and friends, greatly enjoyed the programme which was given by Mrs. R.C. Menet, soprano, Miss Chapman, Toronto, violin, Mr. and Miss Campbell, piano, Mr. C.E. Robertson, tenor, Messrs. Robertson, Lalor, Dewar and Campbell, quartette and Miss Dewar accompanist. After refreshments there was dancing.

The Brandon Brick & Tile Co. Ltd. have vacated the office next door to the Hotel Royal and moved to a new one at the works.

**Milton
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Capsules**



W.R. Walker has removed to the suburbs of London, Ont. He sold his farm in Nelson, known as the Absalom Bell farm, in February. Mr. Bousfield of Flamborough was the purchaser.

An old landmark is gone. R.B. Anderson has had his old livery stable next his new one on Main Street torn down this week. It was perhaps the oldest building in town. It had become dilapidated and something of an eyesore.

Town council gave permission that the constable be allowed to make repairs and lay water pipes on request of parties interested, they to pay for the time. Jacob Johnson was given permission to dig a drain across Prince St., he to be responsible should any accident happen.

The contract figure for the repair of the damage done St. George's Church, Lowville by Good Friday's hurricane, is \$450. Extras may increase the expenditure. The roof was carried off and a beam fell and went through the floor. What the congregation of St. John's Church, Nassagaweya, will have to pay has not been stated, but the amount will be large as the building was almost demolished. The churches of the Diocese of Niagara will assist by special contributions.

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