

# ReadersWrite

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## Driver's impatience upsetting

DEAR EDITOR:

We're being taught to be a tolerant society, but with the rate at which our small town is growing, it seems that's becoming increasingly difficult.

Are we not all bound by the same laws? Are we not all expected to act with respect toward the people around us, who've either grown up in this town or moved here for a better life?

The very foundations of our once small community are beginning to crumble, and will continue to do so if all of us are not held accountable for our actions.

We are equal; no one is any better than the next person.

Do we not teach all of our children basic road safety? Do we not all have to pass the same road test in order to drive in this province?

Do we not all have to pass

the same basic literacy tests and exams in order to graduate?

Regardless of race, creed, colour, age or religious background, we're all expected to have a sense of common courtesy, dignity and be a law-abiding society.

What is it that makes some people feel like the rules don't apply to them?

My reason for asking is based primarily on a situation I witnessed recently.

I was stopped at a four-way stop at Laurier Avenue and Commercial Street and was preparing to turn left onto Commercial Street toward Our Lady of Victory School.

There was another car at the intersection to my left, waiting to go straight through Commercial toward Milton District High School.

At the time there were three young girls trying to cross

Commercial, presumably leaving school at lunch.

The man in the little car decided when the girls were about a third of the way across the street that he wasn't prepared to wait any longer, and rolled through the intersection, mere inches from the girls. He then began waving a fist at them.

They weren't doing anything wrong. In my opinion, the driver was just being selfish, arrogant and ignorant, and needlessly put these young women at risk.

To him I say, what if it had been your child crossing the street? Last I heard, pedestrians have the right of way at a marked crosswalk.

As a lifelong Milton resident, I'm very disappointed by this.

KAREN HINTON  
MILTON

## What an amazing bunch of people

DEAR EDITOR:

I had the privilege of participating in some recent community events, including the Relay for Life, Strawberry Fair and Canada Day celebrations.

The number of volunteers who give of their time and energy is truly amazing, and I for one would like to thank them for their involvement.

The Relay for Life was a huge success this year due to the number of teams that participated and walked the field all night, as well as the people who worked hard to organize the event and saw it through. All I can say is, you're amazing.

The Strawberry Fair was another great community event and a great success. Thanks again to the tireless work of Rose Barrow and her fantastic volunteer team at the hospital.

All I can say is, you're an amazing group, and thanks for everything you do to contribute to our wonderful hospital.

Canada Day at the Milton Fair Grounds was

also a wonderful community event attended by Miltonians and out-of-town guests — some from as far away as Italy.

Again, thanks to the tireless efforts of so many wonderful volunteers. What can be said, except that you, too, are an amazing group of people?

And while I'm talking about volunteers, thank you so much to the Friends of Milton Hospital. Members of this group have attended the Milton Farmers' Market, the Strawberry Fair and Canada Day celebrations in order to acquire more signatures and to bring the issue of much-needed funding for our wonderful hospital to all of us who, at one time or another, will need the hospital's services.

To all of you, I say thank you for everything you do to make this such a wonderful community in which to live. You deserve much more than just my thanks.

MARG SALIBA  
HALTON HILLS

## Oil finding demonstration with two rods seems legit; impresses skeptics

*'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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We have reported Morgan Crewson's belief that he could, with a divining rod, locate any oil well and his hope that he would find a good one near Milton. There is much difference of opinion about the finding of oil or water by the aid of the rod, but many people have confidence in it. There was a demonstration on the 1st of May at the preserve of the Milton Fish and Game Club, where the members met for the opening of the trout fishing season. The president of the club, Mr. Gummer, of the Guelph Herald, said he was a "water witch." He got a crooked twig from a wild cherry tree which grew close by, grasped it in the regulation way and walked a short distance in front of the club house. At a certain point the rod vibrated and gradually turned down. Mr. Gummer repeated the walk several times and the rod repeated at the same spot. Mr. Gummer said there was a spring below. Other members were skeptical, but were surprised when the rod acted in the same way in the hands of several of them. No digging was done, but the fact that the rod always acted in the same place impressed those who saw it.

A number of men and teams are at work west of Bowes's Church, on the stone road from Boyne to Milton. It was made from Milton to Denoon's some time ago and when the workers reach that point it will be complete.

Hydro-Electric power was off for five hours last Monday evening throughout the whole system. It was

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explained that the cause was something unusual, which had never before happened and might never recur. It is off here again this morning and industries have shut down, but the trouble may be due to the thunder storm and be merely local.

Dr. John Waugh has been promoted from the position of Inspector of Continuation Schools to that of Chief Inspector of Public and Separate Schools for Ontario. Dr. Waugh is a Milton old boy, a son of the late Charles Waugh.

The Milton band will furnish part of the music for Mackenzie's Soda Fountain opening on Thursday evening.

Dr. W.E. and Mrs. Robertson arrived at the home of Mrs. Robertson's father, Toronto, last week from Honan, China where the doctor has been a medical missionary for seven years. He is the only son of the late Dr. David Robertson, Registrar for Halton.

Messrs. Curran & Clement of Orillia have been given contract for the cement roadway on Main street. It will be wider than at first proposed, 36 feet instead of 30 feet, with 6 feet instead of 9 feet boulevards. This will cost a little more but the extra money will be well expended.

*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.*

# Discover Country Heritage Park

HERITAGE DISCOVERY DAYS • JULY 25-26, 12-5PM



- 1830 Cassin Farmstead
- 1870 Lucas Farmstead
- 1910 School House

- Blacksmith Shop
- Apple Industry Building
- Milk on the Mooove Building
- Massey, John Deere, Case IH, Cockshutt, Ford, Allis-Chalmers tractors & equipment
- Carriage Works Shop
- 1928 Women's Institute Building
- McDuffe John Deere Dealership
- Ford Garage
- Kids Scavenger Hunt & Prizes

PIRATE FESTIVAL • AUGUST 1, 2, & 3 • 10-5



*New this year is "Captains Keg" an adult night of frivolous fun*

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- Horse drawn wagon rides
- Farrier demos
- Harness demos
- Blacksmith shop

- Plowing, discing
- Making hay
- Cutting grain
- Stooking demos
- Threshing demos

- Belgians, Percherons
- Clydesdales, Spotted Drafts
- Parks exhibits open
- Country Canteen Open
- Kid's Scavenger Hunt & Prizes

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