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Officer's compassion appreciated

DEAR EDITOR:

Last week my husband was in a car accident in Milton, which required him to be taken to the hospital via ambulance.

The car was towed from the scene, so the question was what to do with our German shepherd, which was also in the car but fortunately unhurt.

What would usually happen in this situation is that the dog would be picked up by animal control and taken to the Oakville shelter. But it turned out that our dog, Hemi, had an angel watching over him that day.

Instead of sending him off to the pound, Const. Tara Craig took the time and trouble to get Hemi home safely. Our house wasn't far from the accident scene, and Const. Craig drove Hemi there, let him in and brought the keys back to my husband at the hospital.

I can't express how much this kindness meant to us. I left an out-of-town business meeting after hearing that my husband was at the hospital, so I was able to get there and just focus on him. There was no added stress in arranging to get our dog back home from a different town.

And there was no added stress for my husband, who didn't want to go off in the ambulance before knowing the dog was okay.

And there was no added stress for Hemi, who had probably been traumatized enough already.

It's great to know that Milton has such wonderful and caring police officers.

Thank you Const. Craig. You made a real difference, and it's people like you who make our town such a great place to live.

**THERESA CUNNINGHAM
MILTON**

If you know differently, don't tell me

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could tell she was a bit stumped, while at the same time quite possibly holding back a laugh. At this point I think she believed my situation.

She asked me if I'd be ingesting any of it. No, I don't think the officers would be giving out free samples. Would I be touching it? Not if I could help it. How far away would I be standing? As it turned out, much closer than I thought I would.

She didn't know, she admitted, and put me over to a pharmacist, who asked a litany of questions about my medical history before giving me a similar answer to my "Am I endangering the baby?" question.

"I don't know, but I can't really see how..." she concluded in a doubtful voice.

Since I wouldn't be partaking, this really wasn't

her area of expertise, she said.

Thanks. Exactly the answer a paranoid pregnant woman wants to hear.

In the end I covered the press conference, and was extremely worried the entire time, hoping my baby wouldn't somehow inhale.

Now I'll simply file the incident away as a slightly amusing story I'll one day tell my daughter about her first — and hopefully only — experience with illicit drugs.

She'll be fine, the police officer at the scene assured me.

If you know differently, please keep that knowledge to yourself. You don't want to be responsible for setting off an overly-emotional pregnant woman. Trust me (and my husband).

Higher-density proposal for Milton Heights concerning

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to the cars being parked there.

I don't know if the complaints were based on environmental concerns, aesthetics or anti-car ideologies, but they led to the discontinuation of the car parking agreement.

And thus \$60,000 of much-needed support for the park was lost.

I have to wonder where the outrage and environmental concern has gone now that there's a proposed higher-density amendment of 40 units per hectare, which is being seriously considered to overturn the previous low-density plans of 1997 and 2004 in Milton Heights.

Maybe the much larger

amounts of money involved have somehow gagged and stifled the previous outrage and concern for our village-like community that once prevailed.

And where is the mayor and council in all this?

Just wondering.

**DARRYL EZEARD
MILTON**

Packed house seen for memorial service to mark battle of St. Julien

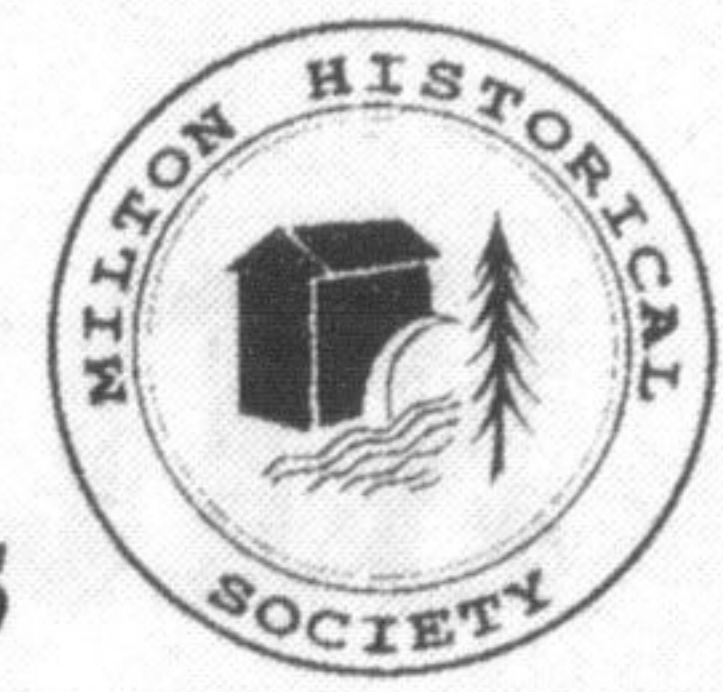
'Time Capsules' are gems of information extracted from past issues of the Champion and other publications in order to provide a window into Milton's past. Explanatory comment is sometimes provided to place the situation in context.

May 1916

Instead of a recruiting meeting the gathering at the town hall last Sunday evening was a memorial service commemorating the battle of St. Julien. It was a week late, deferred on account of the previous Sunday evening being Easter. By 8:30 the hall was so crowded that many people sat at the back part of the stage and the doors were closed. Many people were unable to get admission.... Rev. W.M. Mackay read the St. Julien honour roll, first the names of the late Captain A.C. Bastedo and the men who left Milton with him and were in the battle, and second those of the men born in Milton who enlisted elsewhere and did their bit when the Canadians blocked the way to Calais. In each case particulars were given, whether the soldier had been killed, wounded or was still at the front. There was a portrait of Captain Bastedo on the stage.

It is announced that the 164th Halton and Dufferin Batt. will not be permitted to go into camp until recruited to a strength of 1000. No. 750. No effort has been spared by the officers of the Batt. in the matter of recruiting. Public meetings, concerts and personal canvassing have been tried more than in other counties. The standing of the two councils Halton 500, Dufferin 250. There is plenty of room in the battalion for men of different tastes. The brass band and bugle band are making excellent progress but are in need of musicians, buglers and drummers... Signaling section and scouts already a credit to the battalion... machine gun section is about to be formed. Men are given training at divisional

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schools in bombing, trench warfare, bayonet fighting and physical training and all are carefully instructed with a view to excellence in musketry...

Joseph Tock, Joseph J. Peacock, Wm. Wheeler and Dr. McClean have bought new autos from local agents.

County council will introduce a bylaw to regulate the width of wagon tires.

The massed bands of the 164th Batt. and the town gave a concert at the stand in Victoria Park last Sunday afternoon. Bandmaster Gollins was conductor.

Having bought the old Registry Office, E.F. Earl is having it torn down and is using the stone for the foundation of his new building opposite the Bank of Hamilton.

Last week Chas. Featherstone, Bert. Featherstone and Robinson Bros., all of Trafalgar, bought 5 passenger Maxwell touring cars from J.F. Robinson, agent, Milton.

Local dealers were advised last week that sugar had advanced another 20¢ per hundred pounds. This was anticipated by many and large supplies had been purchased. It is predicted that sugar will go still higher in a short time.

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.

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