

See you Milton Day

Milton is invited to meet these two new friends Aug. 1 at the African Lion Safari. Details Pg. D1.

Champion tops in Halifax

HALIFAX—The Canadian Champion was honored last week with three national awards for outstanding achievement in community journalism at the annual Canadian Community Newspaper Association (CCNA) Better Newspapers Convention.

Publisher Herb Crowther and editor, Roy Downs, representing this newspaper accepted the three awards on behalf of the staff of The Canadian Champion.

Last year The Champion was judged best overall in category by the Canadian Community Newspaper Association and best in the province by the Ontario Weekly Newspaper Association (OWNA).

With more than 1,500 community newspapers in Canada, The Champion has been selected Second for Best Overall in category by the CCNA losing by a whisker to a newspaper in Comox, British Columbia.

In addition, The Champion took second for Best Front Page and third for Best Editorial Page.

Earlier this year The Champion was judged by the OWNA to have the Best Front Page in Ontario. That was bolstered by awards presented by the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Culture and Recreation for Outstanding Achievement in writing.

It will be noted in class The Champion also took Best Front Page, Best Editorial Page, and Best News and Features.

The Champion earned a first this year in the National Business Writing

Awards and was singled out by the Royal Canadian Legion for aiding the return of veterans to Holland to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Victory in Europe.

The Champion was also awarded a CCNA Blue Ribbon in our category this year, Class 5 Broadsheet.

The Canadian Champion, a member of the Metroland chain of award-winning community newspapers, was far from alone this year in the CCNA judging.

Just to the north, the Acton Free Press was first All Round in Class 3 Broadsheet and second for Best Front Page.

In Class 6 Broadsheet it was a sweep for Metroland community newspapers.

The Mississauga News was first in best All Round, The Etobicoke Guardian was second; and The Brampton Guardian was third.

The Mississauga News took Best Front Page with The Etobicoke Guardian second and the Markham Sun and Economist third. The Etobicoke Guardian took first for Best Editorial Page.

Blue Ribbons went to The Brampton Guardian, The Etobicoke Guardian, The Markham Economist and Sun, and The Newmarket Era.

In Class 5 Tabloid the Ajax-Whitby News Advertiser stole the show with first in Best Editorial Page.

The Burlington Post was second in Best All Round and The Mississauga Times was third.



Awards in Halifax. The Canadian Champion Publisher Herb Crowther, left, and Editor Roy Downs are shown with the three national community newspaper awards they received on behalf of The Champion last week.

The Canadian Champion

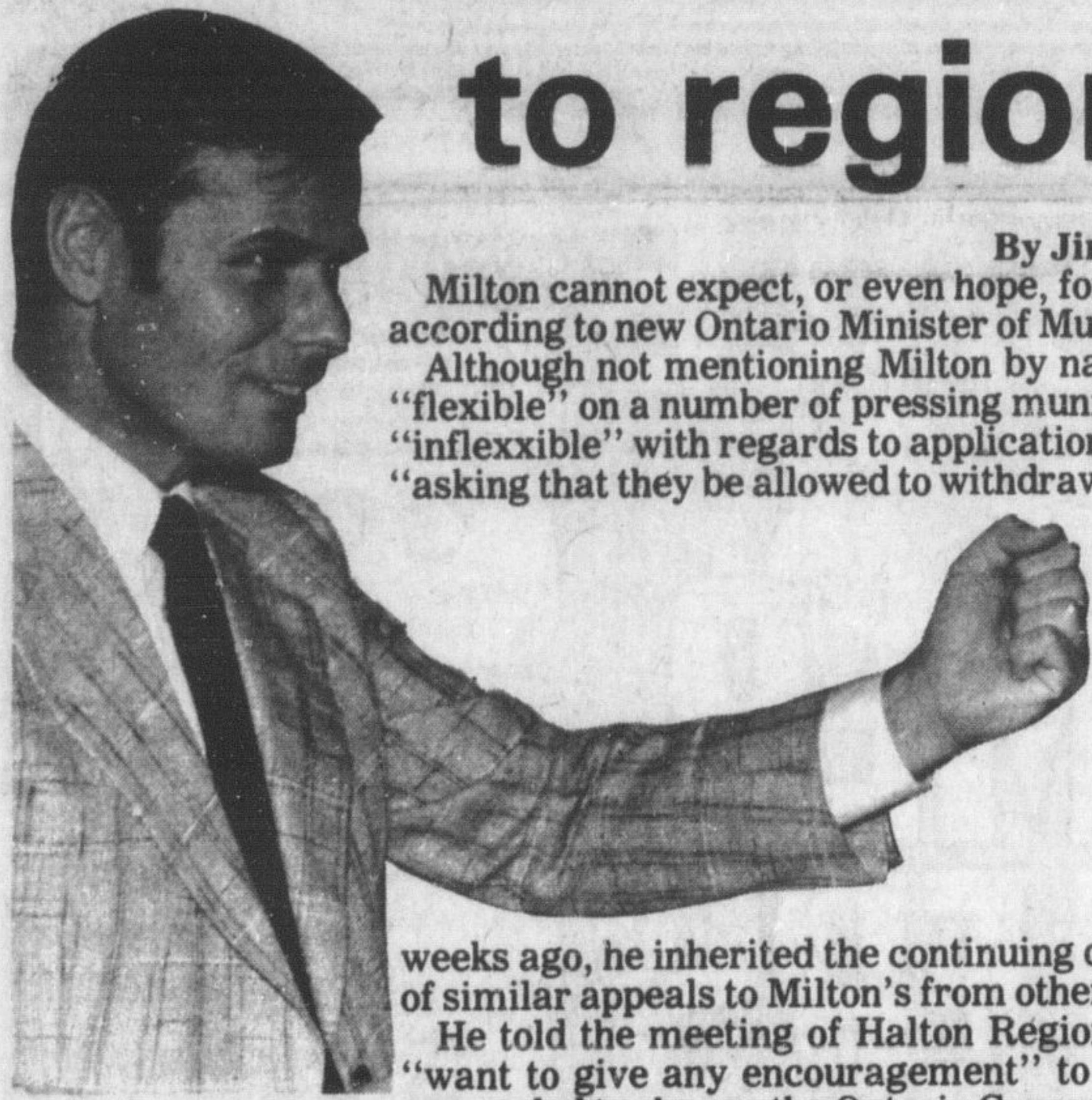
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New Minister says 'no' to region opt outs



Claude Bennett

By Jim Robinson

Milton cannot expect, or even hope, for the chance to leave the Halton Regional fold according to new Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Claude Bennett. Although not mentioning Milton by name, Mr. Bennett said he was prepared to be "flexible" on a number of pressing municipal issues like funding but said he would be "inflexible" with regards to application of regional government municipal members "asking that they be allowed to withdraw."

Milton had sent a petition to, and Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed had asked Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Tom Wells on the Legislative to look into petitions from Milton and referendums from Milton and Oakville on either letting Milton out of Halton Regionalism or, at least, changing the representation structure.

When Mr. Bennett assumed the additional portfolio of Municipal Affairs just two weeks ago, he inherited the continuing question of regional government and a number of similar appeals to Milton's from other regions such as Niagara.

He told the meeting of Halton Regional Council he attended last week, he did not "want to give any encouragement" to municipalities that a new minister might be persuaded to change the Ontario Government position on regionalism.

Burlington Councillor Walter Mulkevic did not let the statement rest and asked Mr. Bennett, during a question period, if Mr. Bennett would authorize a "full, public inquiry" into the fiscal details and related problems at Halton.

Mr. Bennett said if Halton puts a brief before him on why such an inquiry should be held, he said he would review that brief and make a decision.

He said, however, he thought it was time the elected officials started to "accept the responsibilities" when things go wrong within municipalities.

He said he has noticed a trend in Ontario where too often the council tends to "blame the treasurer" for what has gone wrong. He implied he will now be stressing this approach when municipalities comes to him with problems.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett told Mr. Bennett Halton has been trying to get an answer from Premier Davis about additional funding now needed so the region can complete an environmental study on the proposed Site F landfill near Tremaine and Britannia Rds. in Milton.

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What flying is all about. Dr. Bill Gregg is shown with his fully restored Tiger Moth biplane. When Dr. Gregg feels the need to get away from it all, he just hops in his plane and goes.

When Bill decides to take off, he really does

Really getting away from it all. When Dr. Bill Gregg wants to escape the long hours of work on his north Milton farm, he just revs up the motor and takes off.

But when Bill Gregg takes off, it isn't down the road but up into the blue in a rare, and fully restored DeHavilland Tiger Moth biplane.

Dr. Gregg bought the Tiger Moth, one of the very last built, and had it restored to flying condition by expert aircraft refurbisher Wat Martin who incidentally, restored the Moth once used by bush pilot Max Ward, now the head of Wardair.

The aircraft was purchased as a form of side exhibit to complement Dr. Gregg's unique Canadian Military Historical Society museum which features, perhaps, Canada's finest collection of Second World War trucks, armored cars, and light tracked vehicles.

And when Dr. Gregg straps on his goggles and turns over the diminutive two-blade wooden propeller of the Gypsy engine, anyone lucky enough to come along for a ride begins to understand why there was so much fascination with flight prior to the present age of jet propulsion.

Off the short grass landing strip on Dr. Gregg's property at a stately 60 mph, a Tiger Moth does not so much shoot into the sky as waft upwards.

All the vibrations and the sensation of moving flaps and a busy, little four-cylinder motor come literally through the "seat of the pants."

The ground is never more than a few hundred feet away.

Even if the engine should develop a malfunction, there is the feeling the Tiger Moth would just glide slowly back to earth like a butterfly.

Another sensation is that of the pilot being in full control at all times instead of the closed door at the far end of first class.

Imagine, instead of just spending a bright summer day sitting around home, having the ability to hope in your own aircraft and as Dr. Gregg says "just take off and fly around."

What a way to go!

Inside today's Champion

Agent of the Crown

A young law student is seeing how the legal system works first hand helping Halton's Crown Attorney Jim Treleaven. Story and picture Pg. 2.

Inside the walls

Kevin Johnson is working this summer inside Maplehurst. He has found the work so interesting he is thinking of making it a career. Story and picture Pg. 2.

Two days for OP7

Halton Regional Councillors have set aside two days to discuss the details of a Milton official plan amendment to turn 1,100 acres of land into a new industrial park. Story Pg. 3.

Experience gained

Mountsberg Wildlife Centre is the site for more than 35 young people to gain work experience through an Ontario Government program. Story and picture Pg. 5.

Enterprising teens

Two Milton youngsters have put the mail strike to their advantage by setting up their own mail delivery service. Story and picture Pg. 6.

Motors and ESAs

A member of the Environmental and Ecological Advisory Committee wants to hold a motorcycle trial in a protected part of the Halton County Forest. Story and picture Pg. 7.

Super training

Bonnie Geddes is finding her summer job at Maplehurst excellent training for a planned secretarial career. Story and picture Pg. 8.

Second summer

This is the second summer Sandy Hewitt has worked with the Halton Family Court Division and she loves it. Story and picture Pg. 8.

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Ontario Youth Secretariat
Queen's Park
Ontario

And working for you. This week Champion writers Linda Kirby and Jane Muller profile a number of young people giving their services to the town.

Site F might not warrant hearing—Perlin

With the end of the month deadline to rezone Site F a garbage dump, Milton has been told an environmental hearing into the 246 acres of land near Tremaine and Britannia Rds may not be necessary.

Halton Chief Administrator Dennis Perlin told regional councillors last Wednesday that if the Environment Minister is satisfied with Halton region's environmental report, the garbage dump could be approved just on the merit of the environmental assessment.

Mr. Johnson said that when the July 31 deadline was announced by Mr. Justice John Osler July 3, it was clearly implied by the Justice that Milton would be able to make its case about an alternative landfill site in Burlington when an Environmental Assessment Hearing Board was called to look at the Milton garbage dump site.

"The judge based his finding on the fact a hearing would be held," Mr. Johnson said.

Mr. Perlin however, said an Environmental Hearing Board does not have to be called if the Minister of the Environment considers it unnecessary.

He said the region plans to send its submission once additional financing of the project can be obtained to bring it up from Environmental Protection Act (EPA)

standards to the rules and regulations of the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) which was ordered by former Minister of the Environment Dr. Harry Parrott on Feb. 9.

Mr. Perlin said the submission could then be sent in and "if excellent, the Minister could decide if a hearing is necessary."

But the question of when and if Halton will receive the \$250,000 extra needed to complete updating the regional environmental submission from EPA to EAA standards has yet to be resolved.

Although Ontario Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Claude Bennett has said he will take the request for the funds "under advisement" there has still been no acknowledgement of a letter asking for

financial help which was sent by Chairman Jack Raftis to Ontario Premier Bill Davis months ago.

And if that money does come, Mr. Perlin said there are options besides Site F which may have to be included in the future landfill planning.

"Should the Town of Milton pass the official plan and zoning bylaws then planning approval will be finalized," Mr. Perlin said referring to the order by Mr. Justice Osler.

"There will still be outstanding the environmental approval and it has been agreed by this council that it would consider a number of options with respect to the landfill component of the solid waste program before proceeding on with the

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