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## Show support

Life is good in Milton.

It's good because this town has managed to keep the feeling of neighbourliness intact despite the pressures of satellite culture and automotive nearness.

The way of life has much to do with the way Miltonians pull together for each other. This weekend there are two events which prove this point and in which we ask you to consider taking part.

The first is Friday evening at 7 p.m. at Muddy Duck Restaurant. At that time, a number of people will be honoured by the Milton Chamber of Commerce for outstanding contributions to our town. Heading the list will be the Citizen of the Year, Edgar Foster.

If you've lived here for many years you need no introduction to Edgar. But if you are a newer resident, much of what Milton knows was imparted to the people of the town during the 44 years he was a teacher, principal, and school superintendent. Just to meet Edgar is reason enough to purchase a ticket, but you will also be meeting others who have put their lot with Milton and are working daily to make this a better place in which to live. Tickets can be obtained by calling the chamber office at 878-0581.

Saturday at 3 p.m. the Big Brothers of Milton and Oakville will stage the annual Bowl for Millions at Milton Bowlway on Main St. Your support as a bowler or a sponsor is sought. You already know the good work Big Brothers do so we need not emphasize the need. Sponsor sheets are available here at The Champion, or you can phone the Big Brothers office at 845-6456 for more information. You can also get involved by backing Mayor Gord Krantz who is teeing off against Oakville Mayor, Bill Perras, Feb. 8 at a Mayor-a-thon. In this, Gord is looking for sponsors and you can pledge your support by calling his secretary, Darlene Davidson at 878-7211.

Both events deserve our full support because both are part of the reason why Milton is such a great place in which to work and to call home.

## Thanks Jim

A quarter of a century of valuable service will come to an end in March when Fire Chief Jim Coulson officially steps down to accept a position with the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office.

Throughout his 26 years of fire department service, Chief Coulson has shown dedication, perseverance and a genuine love for his profession which brought out the best in the volunteer firefighters who served for the chief.

Chief's Coulson experience will be hard to replace and his dedicated work record speaks proudly of the valuable years he has spent with the department.

We'll miss the chief. He has served Milton well.

**EDGAR FOSTER**

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

**COME OUT AND HONOUR HIM AT THE COMMUNITY AWARDS DINNER FRIDAY, JAN. 31.**

## Viewpoint

with JIM ROBINSON

Oh deer



It was old-time democracy two weeks ago when almost 30 people got up and gave soul-searching reasons to end the hunting ban in Halton's regional forests.

With the notable exception of Bill Johnson, the members of the region's planning and public works committee were quickly made to know that several thousand people who like to hunt (all of whom have votes, incidentally) had not been heard when the region decided to make the ban. Frankly, it was hard not to agree with the pro-hunting lobby, just on principle.

On Oct. 23, a motion was proposed at Halton Region calling for a ban on target-shooting (which is nothing more than pot shots) in Halton's 14 agreement forests. No one could argue with that. Who wants someone walking around anywhere, even on a target range, just pumping round after round at anything?

Somehow this idea blossomed into a full-blown ban on all forms of hunting in the agreement forests. This is at a time when the Halton Region Conservation Authority decided to ban hunting on its property as well.

Now if this had happened in June or July, it might have been one thing. But it was done only a matter of days from the start of the annual deer hunt. Perhaps it was just the timing that caused the problem. In this business, I've never heard a complaint about rabbit hunting, pheasant hunting or small-game hunting. Not once! But talk about the deer and emotions rise precipitously.

We have guys giving out free signs and people hearing gun shots beside the house and only at deer-hunt time. So the region banned hunting and threw the plans of a heck of a lot of people out the window. There was no notification. People who shelled out for licences and were lucky enough to get a licence in the lottery arrived to seek game and all they found were the hunting-ban signs.

Clearly, the hunters had not been heard. But last Wednesday there was no doubt about the message, and a convincing one it was too. Farmer Frank Anthony noted that of the \$187,000 in damage done to farms by all perils, \$87,000 had been done by deer. A fruit farmer (you could hear the frustration with the deer problem in his voice) said he just could no longer absorb the losses.

By the same token, you had to feel for Tom Kilmer, of Halton Hills, who has a duck pond on his lands. He's got no-hunting signs all over the place but it doesn't stop those who want to raid his land and shoot birds.

Most telling was the point that hunters can get \$1 million in liability insurance for as little as \$1.50. Thus, representatives of legitimate hunting and gun club groups emphasized they and their members live by and believe in the rules.

The problem is not these people. They are the ones who give hunting a good name and want hunting to have

a good name. The problem is who were termed the "vandals" by the pro-hunting lobby.

And the question no one seemed to really ask is how do you stop them. These are people who own a gun, hear the word hunting season, and go out to blast something.

The end result of all this is the decision by the regional council last Wednesday to form a task force to come up a method whereby hunters could use the agreement forests without risks to other groups.

One fellow who came all the way from Kitchener had the germ of an idea. He said he hunts in the morning and has never seen anyone else but hunters then. Why not, he said, let the hunters use the forests in the morning and let everyone else use them in the afternoons and evenings. Why not indeed?

Now Joe Bernard of the Halton Sportsmen's Club said more than 1,100 members of the club would favour lifting the current ban on hunting in the agreement forests.

If the groups banded together, could they come up with 3,000 members, 5,000 members, 7,000 members? Why not have these legitimate hunters (they all want to end the vandals, too) deputized by the Ministry of Natural Resources as deputy game wardens? A block of members of each club would be required to put in a few hours each year and patrol or just keep an eye on an agreement forest nearby.

If a resident living beside a forest hears shots, he/she could phone the nearest deputy warden and he could be over in minutes to find the culprit, not someone who has to drive all the way from the Ministry offices in Cambridge. Perhaps the deputy wardens would be able to issue summons on the spot.

Word like that spreads quickly, particularly if the culprit is not the holder of a valid hunting permit and does not have liability like legitimate hunters. Deterrent works as witnessed by the drinking/driving laws which went in at Christmas. Make it likely to get caught and expensive to boot and the vandals hunters will no longer come to Halton; or will become members of gun clubs and be taught the reason for and respect of the rules.

As for the deer, I'm convinced they are a serious financial burden on farmers. Frank Anthony is someone who knows what he is talking about as is Bruce Wood who also spoke at the meeting. The farmers consider deer to be just like grasshoppers, which in a way they are. I don't like the idea of killing pleasant looking animals anymore than the average guy, but farming is important. Bill Johnson thinks we should have professional hunters set up on the farms where deer do the most harm. He may have a good thought there in that deer bring themselves to the killing ground and they don't have to be chased.

## Pages of the Past

### One Year Ago

From the Jan. 30, 1985 issue  
Too much alcohol and failure to attach his seatbelt were the reasons a 21-year-old man eventually died of a cardiac arrest, a Milton inquest jury has ruled.

The inquest jury of three men and two women made their findings late Friday afternoon after 37 witnesses testified into a series of tragic events which finally led to Mr. Jell's demise in Hamilton General Hospital. But the jury also had harsh words for the Milton District Hospital, where Mr. Jell was brought after the accident. The jury was critical of the hospital for not having restraint devices in use in the X-ray area where nurses tried but had a hard time getting an unruly Mr. Jell to co-operate with the wishes of the nursing staff.

The planned re-development of the lands surrounding the old town hall is going full steam ahead and initial plans call for the saving of the old post office.

Architectural drawings shown to Milton Council members meeting in committee Monday evening were generally pleased with the planned \$2.5-million development of the lands by Mascast Developments Ltd. Neil Munro, the architect for Mascast, and Sante Francescucci, one of four owners of the development company, were on hand to answer questions concerning the planned development.

### 20 Years Ago

From the Jan. 26, 1966 issue  
Milton Clerk-Manager R.B. Reynolds resigned "for personal reasons" at an in-camera council meeting Monday night. Mr. Reynolds was appointed clerk-manager of the town in November, 1964, coming from Mitchell, Ont.

Highway 401 was the scene of two unusual accidents Thursday. In one, a truck carrying five live pigs tipped over and the animals escaped creating some entertainment for passing motorists as the trucker rounded them all up.

While the accident was in the process of being investigated by police, a Mount Forest man's tractor-trailer collided with two vehicles in the opposite lane of the highway, rolled over and plunged through a gap in the bridge over a creek.

Both accidents happened at the bridge over a branch of Oakville Creek, just east of the Campbellville Sideroad overpass on the highway. Total damage in the first accident was \$1,100 while the truck in the second accident suffered \$20,000 in damages.

Believed a record since a 1944 storm, an average of 18 inches (45 cm) of snow was dumped on Milton and district Sunday. The snow slowed transportation, cut hydro in some areas, and cancelled church services as residents settled in to dig out from the mess.

### 50 Years Ago

From the Jan. 30, 1935 issue  
What proved to be a miraculous escape from death occurred at Huttonville pond the first of last week. Percy Laidlaw, Norval district farmer, while leaving the pond with his truck heavily loaded with ice, just got clear when his load crashed through the ice into 10 feet of water.

Georgetown Herald.  
Dorothy Barber had the misfortune to have her feet frozen when coming to school this morning from her home in the country.

Al Kemp, harbourmaster, Oakville, lost a pal of 22 years' standing when his pet "aquatic" cat, Tipper, died this week. Contrary to the habits of most of his kind, Tipper was fond of water. His main hobby was fishing and he often plunged into the water to come ashore a few seconds later with a fish in his mouth.  
Johnny Emmerson, of Georgetown, is making a great hit in his radio broadcasts. Many of our citizens enjoyed his splendid program last Saturday.

Provincial Constable Joseph Allen, Cooksville, acquitted by Magistrate Bull, of Brampton, last Thursday of a charge of driving while intoxicated, was fined \$25 and costs on each of charges of reckless driving and failing to remain at the scene of an accident, which occurred at Cooksville on Jan. 10.

### 120 Years Ago

From the Jan. 25, 1866 issue  
The news from the Rio Grande is of an important nature as it points to complications between the United States and France. The raid made on the Mexican town of Bagdad, an account of which will be found among our other news items, resulted in the capture and pillaging of the neighbourhood.

It was in the immediate area of the Imperialist headquarters and the short correspondence that followed shows that a strong feeling is aroused among the French. It is stated that the raiders were not negroes, but white men whose faces were blackened.

The Government in Washington will probably disavow their acts, but according to directions laid down by themselves, they ought to have prevented the raid and must be responsible for the damages. If it is known in France how long and openly a raid of this nature has been threatened, there will be much indignation excited.

War between the United States and France would not be unfavourable to Canada as we would again supply their armies with our products. England will take good care to keep clear of any interference.

## Our Readers Write

### Too much traffic

Dear Sir:  
Dr. John Gear isn't the only person concerned about traffic on Halton Road 9 from Highway 25 to the Hilton Falls Conservation Area.

I have lived in the area for more than 40 years. When I came here, it was a gravelled country road servicing two major stone quarries. It's an access route to three conservation areas, two museums, a campground, and 70 households. It's also a bypass road used whenever there is an accident on Highway 401 between the Milton and Campbellville exits.

Especially dangerous is the exit from Concession 16 down the escarpment for loaded stone trucks. Another hazard is the span between First Line and Highway 25 where the one side of the road is crushed down in the wheeltrack so that a stranger travelling the road pulling a camping trailer would have

trouble with steering his vehicle. Even a car is difficult enough.

The combination of loaded stone trucks, heavy recreational use and more residential development and school bus traffic presents a serious problem for all users of that road.

GRACE ANDERSON  
RR 3, MILTON

### Some observations

Dear Sir:  
Three (count 'em) discrete (sic) observations on your Jan. 15 edition to prove that I can pay attention and chew gum simultaneously.  
1. If, for uncertain reasons, an egg will stand upright all year when positioned thusly in a secure, vibrationless location on Jan. 10 or 11 of any year, will it sit or hang downright in Australia?  
2. Presumably, you used a population base of 3,200 to calculate that the \$4,500 cost of one crossing guard would, when pro-rated,

amounted to \$1.41 per resident. The signs say \$2,000.

Interestingly, your final sentence reads: "If council is to err, let it err on the side of caution." Too bad you had to spoil it all by erring on the side of abandon. Don't let it bug you though. I sometimes err, as in 1965 when I missed taking "two for his ribs" at cribbage. But I was very young and inexperienced.

3. Kudos to Mike Boyle for his fine satirical article containing a pseudo-dialogue between Reagan and Khadafi. I'm surprised, however, that he didn't work in some corks of an epithet such as: "Come on out, greaseball. We've gotcha surrounded. I'd drop an atom bomb on ya but it'd probably slide off."  
Life's too short to let trains pass in the night, Mike.

RON BEZANT  
HARRISON RD., MILTON

(Ed. Note: We used the total cost of \$45,000 for crossing guards as our reference point.)

### Crossing guard

(The following letter was mailed to Mayor Gord Krantz and members of Council. A copy was filed for publication with The Champion.)

Dear Mayor Krantz:  
With regard to the letters you have received recently concerning the necessity for a crossing guard at the intersection of Woodward Avenue and Highway 25, the Baldwin Benefactors, Parent Association of Robert Baldwin Elementary School, would like to comment.

More than 200 children use this intersection, often four times each day, five days a week. Each year there will be 100 new Grade 6 children leaving Robert Baldwin to go to W.I. Dick. These children will only be 10 and 11 years of age.

Our Parent Association feels very strongly that extra safety precautions are needed at this busy intersection. When children are crossing, there is always traffic moving. Although there are school crossing signs in the vicinity, we feel these alone are totally inadequate. In Burlington, at Maplehurst Senior Public School, there are crossing guards at lighted intersections, to make both children and motorists be more safety conscious. You are probably aware that a number of motorists try to beat the red light creating a dangerous situation.

Children at this age are still very carefree, so let's take the necessary measures now to ensure no tragic accident is allowed to happen.  
PAM PRESTON  
Woodward Ave. Milton  
President, Baldwin Benefactors

### Correction

In a letter last week from Grace Anderson, a section read: "When I came here it was a gravelled road servicing two major stone quarries." Missing was a portion between road and servicing. It should have stated that the road was gravel when she first came to Milton and now it serves two major quarries.

## Rud

The sheep goes Baa-Baaaa!

Here is a duck... Quack Quack!

Listen to the cat...

Meow!