



The Canadian Champion received more awards than any other weekly newspaper in the province at this past weekend's Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) Better Newspapers Awards. In this photo, six of the nine awards won are shown. The six are for outstanding in The Champion's circulation category. From left are: Herb Crowther, publisher of The Champion; Terry McConnell, president of the OCNA; Jim Dillon, advertising manager; and Jim Robinson, editor.

The Milton Canadian Champion has received more awards than any other of the more than 200 community newspapers entered in this year's Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) Better Newspapers Competition.

The Champion was the recipient of nine awards for excellence. The newspaper was Best Overall in the Group 6 (8,001-20,000 circulation) category and also took firsts in category for Best Front Page, Best Editorial Page, Best Composition and Layout, Best Advertising, and Best News and Features. In the Premier Category (where entries are made regardless of size), The Canadian Champion had a first for Best Sports Column, and seconds for Best Agricultural Story and Best Local Cartoon.

This is the third year in a row The Champion has been judged as the top community newspaper in Ontario. Judging is done by editors and publishers not associated with The Champion or the Metroland Printing, Publishing and Distribution chain of community newspapers. In short, our peers see The Champion as tops in providing news, views, and advertising.

Champion publisher Herb Crowther said, "recognition by the OCNA is important as our publication is measured against all the other community newspapers in Premier and circulation category and we, once again, have come out on top."

"People in our business realize we are publishing one of the best community newspapers in Canada for the readers of Milton."

These editors and publishers have looked not only at the newspaper, but we have received recognition for our community work with the hospital fund, the annual golf tournament, the Christmas Bureau Fund, and so many other areas where we are personally involved in Milton."

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Salary offer called 'insult' by police

The Halton Police Association say it's "insulted" by the latest salary and benefits offer from the Board of Police Commissioners.

"We have called it an insult and totally unacceptable," said Sgt. Garry Bogue, president of the 420 member association. "The board and administration of the force maintains that we are the most progressive force in Ontario, but we are not paid accordingly."

The police have been working without a contract since Dec. 31. In an offer tabled last week, Sgt. Bogue reports that the association has been presented with a 4 per cent increase over 1985 and whatever benefits they could negotiate.

He says that he just wants the Halton force to keep pace with others across the province. A first-class constable in Halton makes \$35,000 a year. Sgt. Bogue says their Hamilton counterparts make \$36,860 annually, while Peel constables earn \$36,948.

"A sergeant in Calgary with 19 years of police experience is making \$45,000. In Halton they are making \$38,000 a year."

"It's the same old chestnut," said James Grieve, Commission Chairman. "Police in Toronto think they should be paid the same as police in Calgary, police in Halton think they should be paid the same as police in Peel. But we have taken the position that policing jobs in different areas are quite different."

Mr. Grieve said Halton police are not underpaid, and that the benefit package they receive adds 35 per cent to their annual income.

The commission has tried to relate police salaries to others in the region.

"Halton municipal workers got a 4 per cent increase this year. Why should one group, just because they are police officers, receive preferential treatment," asked Mr. Grieve.

The association does not have the right to strike, and Sgt. Bogue says that any action the officers take will not jeopardize the citizens.

Working to rule is a possibility that the president doesn't want to consider. "Some might opt for work to rule," said Mr. Grieve. "But most of them are too professional for that type of move."

Town hall mum on industry

A major auto-related industry has narrowed down a long list of candidate sites for a large plant to three — including Milton.

No one at Milton's town hall or Halton Region would confirm this but The Champion has learned through other sources that this plant will be extremely large. Similarly, several auto companies were contacted but they too were non-committal. It's believed that negotiations are in their final stages.

A special Milton council meeting was convened Thursday at 4:15 p.m. and lasted for an hour and 45 minutes. A confidential resolution, dealing with this matter, was passed.

In addition, a special meeting of the Business Development committee of Halton Region met Friday at 1 p.m. and passed a confidential resolution.



Valentine's Day was a little different for Magna International employees Friday as Kone, the crane company doing some construction for Magna, contributed a big Valentine with a heart to Magna. Here, Barry Barnett (left), and Elizabeth Toms, of Magna, stand atop the truck while David Clamp, of Kone, presents it to them.

Rose blasts patronage

Two political patronage appointments to Halton's housing authority has left Milton councillor Rose Harrison angry and frustrated.

Last month, the provincial Liberal government appointed William L. Manuel, of Milton, to the authority. This month, the federal Progressive Conservative party announced that

Patricia Flannagan, a local party worker, was also named to the authority.

"These people know nothing about housing," she said, "and they get appointed to the board. I don't think it's fair to put people on boards who have no knowledge or background."

"These are political hacks. They're just getting their debts paid off."

Mrs. Harrison has been noted in the past for her interest in housing at all levels.

Mayor Gord Krantz said the method of appointing people in the past belonged to council which selected candidates. However, that

ended three years ago. Dick Clement was the last person appointed to this authority on the advice of Milton council.

"There should be someone with a feeling for housing in the area," added Mrs. Harrison. "There's not a strong feeling here."

"It's so important that housing issue and someone with a little vested interest in housing should have been appointed. It's an important committee with important concerns."

Councillors debated the issue for several minutes but did not present a motion of any sort to deal with it Monday.

Maplehurst skate-a-thon Bolsters Easter Seal fund

Correctional inmates and staff throughout the province raised about \$8,500 for the provincial Easter Seals campaign by holding a skate-a-thon at Maplehurst Correctional Institute Saturday morning.

The skate-a-thon was the brainchild of National Hockey League linesman John D'Amico who approached the Ministry of Correctional Services with the idea. Mr. D'Amico brought along former NHL referee Bruce Hood and present referee Ron Wicks, who took a red-eye flight from Edmonton to participate.

In all, about 70 people participated in the skate-a-thon, including 18 inmates from institutions throughout Ontario. A total of 25 provincial in-

stitutions sent representatives. Some came from as far away as North Bay and Peterborough. In addition, Ken Keyes, the provincial minister for correctional services, and television and radio personality Charlie Farquharson took part in the one-hour skate.

Maplehurst contributed three inmates and several members of its staff who combined to raise about \$1,300. Final figures have not yet been tabulated.

It was the first skate-a-thon held in a correctional institute in Ontario. Maplehurst deputy superintendent Ian Leithhead said the intention is to make it an annual event.

He's the top dog

Cindy Reed was just offered \$15,000 for one of her dogs, which she originally paid \$600 for. But she couldn't even think about taking the money. It would be like selling a member of the family.

BerryHill Gandalf is her four-year-old Brussels Griffon who is stirring up a lot of excitement on the dog-show circuit. Last Tuesday he took first place in the Toy group at a large show in New York city. Mrs. Reed, of Milton, watched the event via satellite.

The Westminster Show, held annually in New York city, is the Kentucky Derby of the dog-world. "It is for dogs who are the cream of the crop," said Mrs. Reed. "Gandalf is the first Canadian-bred Griffon to win this title."

Gandalf has logged many firsts over his short career. His owner estimates he has won close to 200 ribbons. In 1983 he took the Best in Show in Canada honour three times, and the Second Top Toy in Canada prize.

"Gandalf was born outstanding and with a certain pizzazz. He can really strut his stuff and be a bit of a show-off. Gandalf has the knack for catching the judge's eye."



Cindy Reed and her Brussels Griffon, BerryHill Gandalf, shown here after impressing judges at a dog show. Gandalf has been doing that all over the States for the past few weeks. He picked up the prestigious First in the Toy Group honour at the Westminster Dog show in New York last week. That is precedent setting for a Canadian bred Griffon.

Magna's Logan talks to Chamber

A greater insight into the future operations of Magna International in Milton will be given to the Milton Chamber of Commerce regular February meeting.

Magna Director of Human Resources John Logan will answer many questions in a "Sound and Light" show he will present.

The meeting will be held Thursday (tomorrow) in the Optimist Centre, 311 Commercial St., starting at noon. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be obtained by calling the Chamber office at 878-0581.

Quilt show planned

The Halton Quilters Guild will hold its eighth annual Quilt Show, April 25-27 in Trafalgar Hall. The hall is at the corner of Trafalgar Rd. and Highway 5.

There will be a door prize and admission is \$1. The show starts at 10 a.m. each day.

Campaign group sought

Milton United Way is looking for about a dozen volunteers to sit on a variety of review panels of the agency.

All told, 30 people sit on the review committee and the United Way has about 18 people already slotted. The review committee is then divided into six panels of about five persons each. The panels review the ways the campaign money is allocated.

War veterans wanted

The Korea Veterans Association of Canada (KVA Can.) wants to contact Korean War veterans living in the Milton area.

The group offers many services to veterans. The group is interested in getting better benefits for veterans from government agencies.

Anyone interested can contact Fred White, Public Relations Director of Unit 13 KVA, P.O. Box 1164, Cambridge, Ont., N1P 6C9.

Milton Falls at race

A five-kilometre citizen's race and cross-country information day will be held Sunday at Hilton Falls.

The race begins at 1 p.m. Registration runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with presentations to race winners scheduled for 4 p.m. in the Visitors Centre.

Entrance fees are \$4 per car and \$30 per bus. Also slated are waxing demonstrations by Swix and skiing demonstrations by Can-Si.

Carriage Square preview

The new downtown shopping plaza will get a special preview from the Milton Historical Society at Milton Public Library Thursday at 7:45 p.m.

Architect George Shillette will describe the unusual features of Carriage Square, at Main and Martin streets, including the method by which the former post office will be incorporated into the plaza.

Quote of the Day

Most people don't plan to fail — they fail to plan.

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