

Junior Achievement underway in Milton

Junior Achievement was officially launched Thursday morning with a cheque to JA from the Milton Chamber of Commerce.

The cheque marks the first contribution to the group which will seek 40 Milton high school students and encourage them to get involved in a hands-on way with the free enterprise system.

Junior Achievement is a system in which young people sell shares at \$2 each to the community. With the capital, they set up a company and then market a produce or service. At the end of the 26-week lifespan of each JA company, the assets are returned to the investors in the form of dividends.

Canadian JA national vice-president Jim Poulos told the chamber breakfast meeting that JA last year had more than 8,000 young people involved in JA projects in 430 enterprises and 1,650 adult volunteer advisors.

He said a typical JA high-school company (such as will be set up in Milton) employs about 16-20. He said JA is set up so a hierarchy is established with a president, about five vice-presidents and the rest in selling and manufacturing. But the big difference is every JA member

sells the product or service and every member helps in the production so all aspects of the free enterprise system are learned.

As for dividends, Mr. Poulos cited a British Columbia group which sold \$2 shares and then sold clocks for \$2 each. When the company was liquidated, each \$2 share reaped a dividend of \$8.80.

"In Junior Achievement everyone wins, there are no losers," Mr. Poulos said.

The Milton chairman of JA will be Bob Link, business loans manager of the Royal Bank in Milton.

He said the program in town will involve 40 high school students. The program has already received the support of the chamber of commerce through a donation and accommodation at the Information Centre. Milton District High School has also sent a letter and \$100 donation and promises to continue with \$100 per year from the student council.

Now the group is looking for the capital. Mr. Link estimated \$30,000 will be required in Milton. Fund support and adult business volunteers advisors are needed now.

Mr. Link said a full kit on JA and what it will do in Milton are available by calling Milton Junior Achievement at 878-1460.



It's Springtime

Mother and daughter talk a board walk at Kelso Conservation Area to celebrate the birth of spring for 1986. Miltonians took advantage of the numerous parkland in the area on the Easter weekend to sun themselves and otherwise prepare for the summer.

Photo by JON BORGSTROM

Community Notebook

Daffodils on sale for cancer society

The Milton Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society starts its annual campaign tomorrow (Thursday) with the selling of daffodils.

Fresh daffodils will be sold by the women of Beta Sigma Phi sorority for \$3 a bunch. They're available from Thursday to Saturday at Milton Mall, the Ontario Liquor Control Board, and Brewers' Retail store. In addition, they'll be sold at the GO station Thursday night to encourage commuters to purchase their daffodils in Milton.

Downtown bazaar

A downtown bazaar and sale will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Rhema Way Inn Centre, 190 Main St. E., with proceeds going to the Halton Heritage Christian Academy.

Visitors will be able to buy books, crafts, toys, and items from the white elephant table plus many new items which will be on sale.

AIDS teleconference

A two-hour teleconference dealing with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) will be presented tomorrow (Thursday) at the Sheridan College Oakville campus.

The "National AIDS Forum" will feature many experts on the subject and be broadcast live via satellite. The public can participate by registering at 12:15 p.m. and paying a fee of \$30. The conference runs from 12:55-2:45 p.m. followed by a panel discussion from 3-4 p.m.

For more information contact the Oakville Campus Centre at 845-9439, ext. 336.

Goodbye, Dennis

A reception will be held Thursday, April 10 at 5 p.m. to bid farewell to Halton Region's Chief Administrative Officer Dennis Perlin.

Mr. Perlin served as the CAO from 1980 and was regional solicitor for two years prior to that. Mr. Perlin is leaving to become the city solicitor for the City of Toronto.

Quote of the Day

Sign in a tailor shop in Kowloon, China: When we get through with your custom-made suit, you will have a fit.

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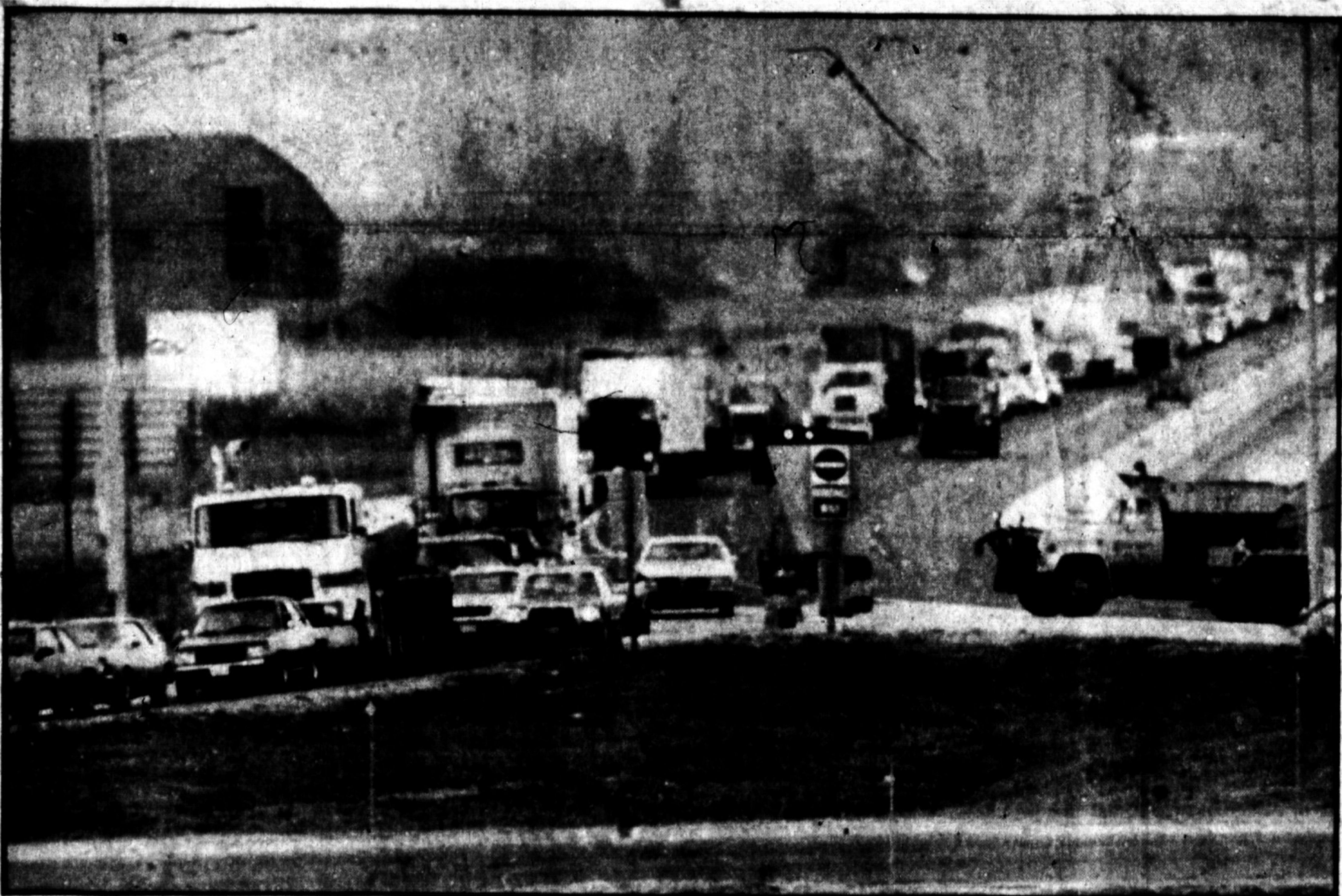
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Traffic snarls end with bypass



Miltonians saw a lot of this last week as temporary routes for Highway 401 brought traffic through the heart of Milton. Lines at rush-hour stretch for more than 12 miles each way. A bypass route, using the ramps of James Snow Parkway, were ready by Friday afternoon allowing residents some peace and quiet after four days of hectic activity.

Photo by JON BORGSTROM

By LISA TALLYN
Champion Reporter
Driving in Milton last week was one big headache. But drivers were not the only ones who suffered through the four-day ordeal.

The traffic snarls, which began Tuesday morning and lasted through Friday, were the direct result of a fiery accident on the eastbound lane of Highway 401 last Monday evening. One man died in the crash, which damaged the James Snow Parkway overpass extensively and closed both east and westbound lanes of the highway from Trafalgar Rd. to Highway 25 for four days.

Workers had completed a two-lane diversion for westbound traffic around the crumbling James Snow Parkway bridge Thursday afternoon. The temporary eastbound route was open to traffic by late Friday. The temporary routes - expected to last up to 10 days - were made by using existing ramps and widening them.

Steeles Ave. was intended to be the main alternate route through Milton while the highway was closed, but the road could not stand up to the pressure of heavy traffic. Engineers for the region and the town were called in and they decided Derry Rd. had a better road surface, so the flow was diverted.

Eastbound traffic was re-routed from Highway 401, along Martin St. to Steeles to Thompson then along Derry Rd. to Trafalgar back up to the highway. Cars travelling east or westbound could use Steeles Ave. but trucks were forced to travel Derry Rd. to get back on Highway 401 at Highway 25.

It is an understatement to say residents along Steeles and Derry roads are relieved that the week is over.

"The traffic situation was terrible," said Pat Kindree of Steeles Ave. "It was busy all day long, bumper to bumper. In the early morning the trucks were travelling along the road so fast that I was afraid that one of them would roll."

She says Steeles Ave. has been "butchered". A bridge, which was built last summer, will need some major repairs, she said.

Marie McDowell of Derry Rd. said the reopening of the highway allowed her to finally get a good night's sleep, the constant drone of the trucks kept her awake. Traffic was backed up along Derry from Thompson to Trafalgar roads. There are reports of two-hour journeys along that route during rush hour.

Residents weren't the only victims in this situation. Businesses located on the diversion routes report they have never experienced such a slow period.

"Our business was cut back by at least one-third of our normal volume," said John Williamson, owner of the Canadian Tire on Highway 25. "People found it impossible to make a left-hand turn so they just stayed away. As soon as the overpasses were completed business was right back to normal."

Brian Robertson, an employee at Hornby General Store on Steeles Ave., said the situation was the same for them. "It certainly didn't in-

Poverty rising throughout the town

By LISA TALLYN
Champion Reporter

Some months it's difficult to make ends meet. The rent is due, there is no milk in the fridge, and the kids need shoes for school. But the welfare cheque isn't expected for another two weeks. The family is in dire financial straits and doesn't know where to turn for help.

These scenarios are becoming more common in Halton Region. Bev Gee, a family service worker for the Salvation Army, says they are "filling in the cracks" for a rapidly increasing number of families.

In 1984, the Salvation Army provided temporary assistance to 167 Milton families. That number jumped to 252 last year.

The Salvation Army provides food, prescriptions, or accommodation in a pinch up to 35 Milton families each month.

"We see a lot of people who have got into

quite a bit of debt," said Mrs. Gee. "Then all of sudden they find that they are out of work, and their unemployment insurance just covers their debt payments. Often times the people are still working but with rent and bills they can't make ends meet."

Last year, the number of welfare recipients in Halton region increased 12.9 per cent over 1984. Janet Menard, the supervisor of income maintenance for Halton, said \$3.3 million was spent on welfare last year.

She says she's concerned about the number of people they service who are finding it hard to live from one month to the next. She admits there are a growing number of recipients who must look for ways to supplement their welfare income.

Since the beginning of March, the region has 51 welfare cases, both single people and families, who are actively receiving assistance in Milton.

Welfare consists of more than just money. Recipients are also entitled to OHIP coverage assistance, some dental work, glasses, dentures and prostheses.

Cheques come once a month. In special cases they can be issued twice monthly, but that is rare. Although each situation is different and every case is assessed on its own merits, Ms Menard says a single employable person, who is able to look for work, can receive up to \$279 per month. That is supposed to cover shelter and food, an additional \$115 monthly is available as a shelter supplement. A single mother with a five-year-old child can expect to receive a cheque for \$472 monthly, with a potential supplement of \$155.

Rev. Noble Dean, the minister of Knox Presbyterian Church on Main St., said he has been approached by four people looking for financial assistance, since January.

In the majority of cases, the people have been single mothers with young children. They are caught cash short between welfare cheques or are waiting for their first cheque to arrive.

No one has been denied assistance but he says the church does not have an emergency system to help the needy through their lean times. They must dip into the church's session benevolence fund.

"I am not the least bit surprised that there are people out there who can't make ends meet," he said. "I think that there might be a good number more of them."

Rev. Dean suggests the problem should be studied and council was approached recently with a request to devise an emergency fund for destitute people waiting for welfare and other social services.

Recently, the church asked Milton council to contribute to the fund. However, councillors rejected the request on the grounds that all funding for social services is supposed to be administered by Halton Region.



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Urban taxes to jump 5.1%

Mill-rate increases of 5.1 per cent for urban Milton and 3.4 per cent for rural Milton were approved by the Town of Milton's budget committee last week.

They must be passed by Milton Council at its April 7 meeting before being enacted into law. The net increase in municipal taxes on homes with a \$5,000 assessment is about \$16 urban and \$9 rural.

However, this must be combined with education taxes (up about \$50 on \$5,000 assessment) and regional taxes. There figures are estimates. The final tax bill should be announced within the next two weeks.

At the last Milton budget meeting, councillors went through a series of changes which increased the overall budget by about \$30,000 to bring the final bill to almost \$9.4 million. This is offset by planned revenues of about \$4.6 million for a net levy requirement (i.e. taxes) of nearly \$4.8 million.

Among the changes made was to decrease the budget for Milton Library by \$18,000 to \$637,000 which is an increase of 10.3 per cent.

Also, councillors decided to spend \$20,000 to help refurbish the meeting hall in the old registry office. That money was found in its capital budget and transferred to its current account.

Edwin Harrop dead at 95

Funeral services for the late Edwin Harrop, former owner of the Harrop farm in Milton, were held yesterday (Tuesday) in Fergus.

Mr. Harrop, 95, passed away on Saturday. The St. Clair Masonic Lodge of Milton, A.F. A.M. 135, held a Masonic funeral for Mr. Harrop at the Graham Giddy Funeral Home in Fergus Monday evening.

Regular funeral services were held Tuesday at 1 p.m. interment at Evergreen Cemetery followed at 3 p.m.

Mr. Harrop is survived by his sons Sam Harrop of Fergus, Cedric Harrop of Guelph, and stepsons Keith Durnan of Bobcaygeon, and Laurie Durnan of Milton. He was the grandfather of 16 children and great-grandfather of 17. He was pre-deceased by his first wife Maude Hartley and second wife Alma Durnan.

Weekend Champion launched

There's a new paper in town! This Friday, The Canadian Champion will launch The Champion Weekend Edition in the popular tabloid format. It will be loaded with features designed for the Milton family who value their leisure time and want to use that time to the utmost.

The weekend edition will have guest columnists, news and views on where to go and what to do, the people who make up Milton, a photo page, a page just for kids, and much more. And on top of that, The Champion Weekend Edition will include the popular Milton Marketplace.

So you will get the best of both papers, and with the bonus that it will be distributed free to all Milton homes.