



### Change of Command

The Milton 2900 Army Cadet Corps of the Hamilton Royal Light Infantry has a new commanding officer. Captain Bill Saddington, left, who founded the army cadet corps in Milton Feb. 1, 1983, passed the colours to Captain Jim Stevenson at the corps annual inspection Friday evening at John Tonelli Sports Centre. Both men live in Milton and Captain Saddington will still be actively involved with the corps. There were 47 cadets on the floor for the inspection.

## Brian Best Park ... finally ... Optis to build new clubhouse

The Optimist Club of Milton will try to kill two birds with one stone when it builds a clubhouse at Brian Best Park this summer.

The local service club offered to construct the facility as a way of reducing its debt load from the Town. The club owes back taxes from the past three years totalling \$51,407.80.

Club president Paul Page said the club's executive came up with the idea at a meeting about two months ago and received favourable response from the Town's administration and councillors.

A clubhouse at Brian Best Park has been kicked around by local baseball teams for the past five years. Each year, Milton Council has considered it among its capital projects and each year the Town deemed other projects more worthy of the cost.

The park is used by several area fastball leagues, Milton Youth Soccer, the two Milton teams in the Inter-County Soccer League, and Milton's senior and youth baseball teams.

No change facility is on the grounds. Currently, there is a small

wooden shack which passes as a canteen, and a portable washroom.

The new facility would mirror the new facility at the new Campbellville ball park. It would contain an area for changing, washrooms, a storage area and a canteen. Plans call for it to be located just north of Williams Ave. to the west of the parking lot.

Since the park is built on a dump, several tests will need to be done before it can be determined suitable for building. However, Councillor Colin Best, after whose father the park is named, said that particular area of the park isn't overtop the dump and should be suitable for building.

A total of \$40,000 has been allocated for the building's construction, including \$5,000 to accommodate the methane gas situation. Materials are slated to cost about \$20,000 with labour the remaining \$15,000.

Technically, the Town will pay the club \$15,000 to do the work. The club will then turn around and hand the cheque back to the Town as part of its tax arrears.

Mr. Page said club members are enthusiastic about participating in the project. Optimist Club member Gord Hull, who formerly owned a construction company and is capable of handling the duties, will manage the project.

Town Administrator Roy Main said he felt this was a worthwhile project and should take eight weeks, as the maximum, to complete the project. He said the funds will come from the Town's \$200,000 Capital Works Reserve Account.

Councillor Art Melanson, who played for many years with Milton's senior baseball team of years gone by, the Red Sox, said he agreed with the trade-off.

"Players will finally have a place to change their uniforms," he said. "It's long overdue. As a former baseball player, I can tell you I am in total agreement with this plan and support it fully."

Construction is slated to begin once an agreement is signed and the Town receives approval from the study of the former dump site.

## Community Notebook

### Golf tournament set for July 25, golfers should sign up soon



The Canadian Charity Golf Tournament will be held Friday July 25, at the Hidden Lake Golf and Country Club.

The tournament, the only one dedicated to the Milton District Hospital Expansion Fund, is always filled early and this year is no exception.

Herb Crowther, publisher of The Canadian Champion, noted the 144 spaces available on the course last year were filled many days before the tournament was held. "It is best to phone in and reserve those foursomes, twosomes and singles now," he said, "or there may be some disappointed people."

The cost for each golfer is \$60 which includes all greens fees and a dinner. All proceeds after expenses go directly to the hospital. In past years, The Champion has held the tournament for the hospital, the newspaper has been able to supply a crash cart for the hospital in addition to being named a "major benefactor" of the hospital expansion fund.

To register, call Mr. Crowther at 878-2341 to reserve room. He said payment when registering is again necessary to confirm a place in the tournament and to avoid disappointment on golf day.

### Showcase showdown

Showcase '86, the second made-in-Milton consumer show, was a great success and that success will be the topic of discussion Thursday, June 19 at the June general meeting of the Milton Chamber of Commerce.

Reservations for tickets should be made as soon as possible by calling the Chamber at 878-0581.

### Photoart exhibition

A first-time showing of photoart featuring limited edition landscapes from Canada, the U.S.A., and the far East will held Sunday June 22 from noon to 6 p.m. at 2376 No. 8 Sideroad in Kilbride.

Featured will be the works of Karl Barnhart, a photospecialist with and currently superintendent of Peel Regional Police.

The photos being shown are mostly from Canada and North America but there are glimpses of Thailand, Hong Kong and Singapore.

### Strawberry Fair

The Milton District Hospital Auxiliary is holding its main fund-raising event, the Strawberry Fair, Saturday June 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Victoria Park.

If it rains, the fair will be held inside St. Paul's United Church Hall on Main St.

Featured this year for your enjoyment, in addition to great strawberry goodies, will be arts and crafts, a Dixieland Band from Milton District High School, auction sale, sponge throw, hot dogs and hamburgers and a number of interesting booths.

### 4-H Scholarship

Milton 4-H Club members are eligible for a \$500 scholarship from Funk Seeds if they meet certain requirements. The scholarship is offered annually.

The applicant must be entering the first year of an agricultural degree at the University of Guelph; be a member of a 4-H Club in Ontario; and have achieved a minimum of 68 per cent in Grade 13 studies. Applicants will also be judged on leadership qualities as demonstrated in 4-H, Junior Farmer, and community activities.

Applications can be obtained from the Agricultural office on Wilson Avenue. Applications must be received by Funk Seeds by Sept. 5, 1986.

### Quote of the Day

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 The only nice thing about being imperfect is the joy it brings to others.  
 - DOUG LARSON

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## Down By The Old Fishing Hole



Hundreds of anglers took to Burns Conservation Area on the weekend looking for fish during the 12th annual derby. A special 20-inch tagged rainbow trout was included in the stock this year. Photo by JON BORGSTROM

## David vs. Goliath: Tiny Halton Cable battles against Rogers for Milton

A war featuring a David and Goliath of the Cable-TV set has erupted.

Pitted in their respective corners are giant Rogers Cable and little local Halton Cable over the rights to lay cable in rural Milton. Rogers Cable has 2 million subscribers spread throughout Canada and the United States while Halton Cable exists only in Georgetown, Acton and Milton with about 13,500 subscribers.

The issue concerns the licencing of cable-TV through almost all of Milton south of Highway 401 save for urban Milton which is defined as Derry Rd. to Thompson Rd. to Highway 401 to Tremaine Rd.

Rogers sought, and obtained the approval from the Canadian Radio-Television Commission (CRTC) for the licence. It was granted the licence on Nov. 15, 1985.

However, spokesmen for Halton Cable have cried foul, arguing the licence wasn't obtained fairly and have launched legal action against the CRTC in an effort to re-open the hearings.

Chris Kofler, the general manager and executive vice-president of Rogers Cable, appeared before Milton Council

Monday night in an effort to obtain its approval to use its road allowances to commence laying the cable, to be done on hydro poles of Milton Hydro.

However, Town Administrator Roy Main heard the cries of Halton Cable and suggested to councillors they decline to grant permission until this matter before the CRTC is clarified.

Although neither side would confirm it publicly in the council chambers, several councillors noted the licence includes land slated for housing construction by the Shipp Corp. Housing for 12,000 people is planned in the area to be completed within the next 10-15 years.

"I think the cable companies are looking to the day when their 'Shipp' will come in," said Mr. Penman.

Halton Cable said it would have contested the licence had it known about Rogers' plans. The hearing before the CRTC must be advertised in the local media. In addition, the CRTC mails the notices to all cable companies.

David Hastings, secretary-treasurer with Halton Cable said the CRTC posted the hearing notice in The Shopping News, which he said isn't a local newspaper. In addition, he said the CRTC continues to send its mail to its wrong ad-

dress in Georgetown, an address the company left five years ago.

"They didn't put the notice in The Champion which I read all the time," he said, "and they still send mail to our wrong address."

The lawsuit against the CRTC is unprecedented although Mr. Main said Halton Cable could likely win to have the hearings re-opened.

"We don't want to be drawn into a court battle," said Mr. Main. "It does seem consistent to have the same community channel for the entire town. It's unprecedented to re-open the case, but it's likely."

Mr. Kofler said the Town should grant its permission because it had legally obtained the licence and intended to complete construction of the main line from the Halton-Peel border along Britannia Rd. as far as Omagh. Plans also call for the line to run up Trafalgar Rd. to Derry Rd.

"I don't understand the Town Administrator's concerns to re-open the case," said Mr. Kofler. "It was an open process. It's the same process Halton Cable used to expand its services."

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PAULINE LAING

## Milton High School principal posted as superintendent

By LISA TALLYN  
 Champion Reporter

Pauline Laing, principal at Milton District High School, spent the better part of an afternoon last week handing out cake and ice cream to the theatre students at that school. It was her way of letting the students know she was proud of the work they had put into their recent productions.

But days like those are dwindling for the principal, who was appointed Superintendent of Curriculum Services for the Halton Board of Education two weeks ago.

Ms Laing says this career move has stirred up some mixed emotions. While she is excited about her new position, she admits she will miss the

contact with students, something she has enjoyed since the beginning of her teaching career.

"One of the great joys of working in a school is the young people," said Ms Laing. "They are really invigorating to be around. They have an eagerness about life that is easy to love."

She began teaching in Brantford in 1962, moved to the Halton board in 1975 and has climbed to the top of the educational ladder quickly. Ms Laing, 44, was the first woman hired for each of her last four positions.

She has been principal at MDHS for the past two years; was vice-principal at E.C. Drury for one year; vice-principal at White Oaks in Oakville for two years; and vice-principal at Blakelock for one year.

She is only the second woman to be appointed to an academic superintendent position at the Halton board.

The fact that she is a woman, has not been a stumbling block in her career, she says, but admits she's conscious of it since she started working as an English and mathematics teacher. She obtained her B.A. in English and philosophy from the University of Western Ontario.

"I guess you could say that I have been conscious of women's potential," she said. "In several cases that potential isn't being realized. Women are not confident enough in their own abilities. In many cases, they need to be encouraged."

In 1981 Ms Laing was one of the  
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