

## Trial stirs bitter feelings (Part 2)

The trial of Teetzel vs. White and Martin continues on the transfer of land to improve the stream south of Main St. for the new mill.

Evidence called indicated White and Martin had been negotiating for the particular piece of property some time before Teetzel transferred it to his attorney. Bastedo, Teetzel's attorney, argued the land purchased by White and Martin was never intended to include that which had been deeded to him. After reviewing the deeds, under cross examination, he acknowledged he supposed they were the same but stressed he did not know what Teetzel meant to convey.

"I drew a lease of the bed of the stream before White's deed was made out. His deed merely granted him a right to deepen the bed of the stream between the bridge and the west end of the canal and straighten it and place the earth he took out on the banks alongside. White backed out of that arrangement and Teetzel then considered the whole thing as at an end. I think he had no understanding with Teetzel that I was not to show my deed when White was getting his," Bastedo said.

"My object in putting my deed on record first, was that otherwise the deed would have been made out to White."

"I never made the remark to anyone that Teetzel or I or one of us would play White a trick in reference to this bargain. No remark passed between Teetzel and I at anytime that we show White a trick," Bastedo testified.

Adam Wilson, Q.C., the Toronto solicitor involved in the transaction, verified that he understood White was purchasing the bed of the stream as well as the other property involved. "If I had seen Bastedo's deed recorded in the certificate, I never would have given up the note," he testified.

George McGuffin testified that he had endeavored to act as a mediator between the parties in the dispute. Teetzel was unwilling to give a deed for the raceway. "Bastedo asked me, in his office, if I heard that he had a deed to a certain lot and said that Teetzel and himself had played a trick on White. I told him I had heard of the trick, that Teetzel had given a deed of a lot which would stop White from building the race way."

In his evidence Charles Jones testified: "I was in Bastedo's office. He told me that White had been in the habit of gouging or shaving the people of this place and that he, or Morse were to shave Teetzel, but before he got through with it he would learn what it was to be shaved."

Samuel Morse testified he did not think any person's property could be interfered with by



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the canal. Persons owning property along there were anxious for the digging of this canal.

Mr. Thompson, counsel for Mathias Teetzel, addressed the jury at some length.

He maintained that the payments White and Martin made were for the purchase of block one. He contended not a single witness had been brought forward to prove that Bastedo had misrepresented the facts of the land which had been sold.

"This case has now been a long while pending, and every sinew has been strained by the defendants in order to elicit some admissions from the plaintiff or his attorney that would make a case against him," Mr. Thompson told the jury.

In his summing up address His Lordship remarked that this was case to dispose of, for the fraud set up very deeply affected the character of the plaintiff's attorney, Bastedo, from whose appearance he would not have expected that he should pursue that kind of conduct which he had to acknowledge here this day.

He reviewed that White and Martin had bought property from Teetzel who was now suing them. The defendants were resisting payment for the property on the ground of fraud.

"In coming to a decision on this case, the jury should guard against imagining that by giving a verdict against the plaintiff, they would be confirming the defendant in the possession of property for which they had not paid the owners. A Court of Equity would manage that. If the jury felt satisfied that this note had been taken from the defendants by artifice and contrivance, then it was a fraudulent act and they find for the defendant. If not the plaintiff should be entitled to recover 232 pounds 2 shillings 11 pence."

The jury retired and after an absence of a few minutes returned with a verdict of Fraud against the Plaintiff Mathias Teetzel.

The crowded Court Room in the new Court House emptied noisily when the Justice retired.

□ *Twelfth in a series of facts, sprinkled with imagination, to reflect Milton's past. Research assistance by Jack Charlton and Alex Cooke. (Copyright Jim Dills 1989)*

## Our Readers Write

### We lost a friend

Dear Editor:

Last week, many people in this town lost someone who meant something special to each one of them. Young boys lost a baseball and hockey coach; old ball players lost a teammate; and many lost a friend.

After a courageous battle, John Glover succumbed to the cancer which had been diagnosed just 1 1/2 years ago.

An avid baseball fan, he played in our ball league for three years. He played every game with the same intensity that he had for fighting his disease. No matter how far behind or ahead his team was, he gave his all to the game and his support to his fellow players. Last season, as his treatments continued, John still made most of the games. He helped take his team to the finals and he was awarded the game ball by his teammates at our annual banquet in October.

This year, although weak as he was, John still signed up to play ball. Some of us never got to play on the same team as John Glover, which was our loss, but every player who saw him play while he was ill could not help but admire his dedication and fortitude. No one could ever say that John was a quitter.

On behalf of Milton Men's Slo-Pitch league, I extend deepest sympathy to John's wife, Debbie; and his three boys, Christopher, Johnathan and Steven. John will be missed by us all, both on the field and off.

Rest in peace, 'Glovey'. Third base will never be the same.

Doug Simpkins  
President

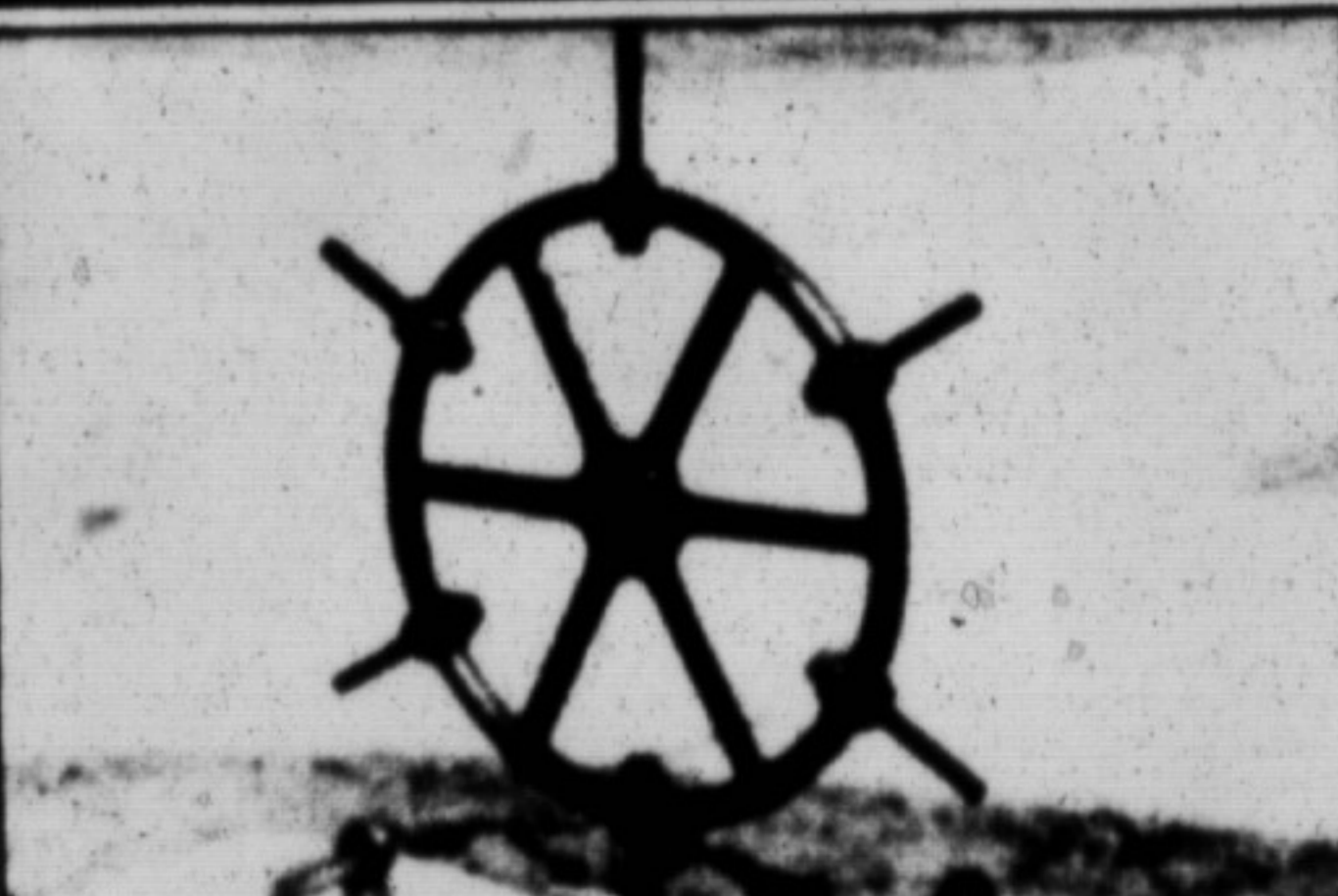
Milton Men's Slo-Pitch League

### School fun fair thanks merchants for help

Dear Editor:

Martin Street School extends their gratitude to all participating merchants who donated gifts and helped to make our school fair a success on May 2.

The following is a list of supporters: Second Cup, Shoppers Drug Mart, Milton Blue Printing, Milton Greenhouse, Quality Greens, Karen's Flower Shop, Superchoice, Tim Horton's, Langholme's, Orchids N Lace, Primates, Corbett's, Yellow Submarine, McDonald's, Harvey's, Pizza Delight, Coulter



A cast iron wheel from an old paper mill used to be used as a toy by neighbourhood children. It had been at the end of Bob Sim's driveway on Highside Dr. for 20 years until last month when it was stolen.

Music, Jackson's Barn, Paper Factory, Genetics, Videoflicks, A & P, Belamy's, Cino's Pizzeria, I.C.A., Zellers, Panhandler, The Health Shoppe, Just-a-Laugh, Skoopers, Baskin & Robbins, As You Grow, Dante's, Mr. Christie, General Electric, 91 Main St. Book Shoppe, Loblaw's, Maple Hill Tree Services, Harris Stationary, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Halton Outdoor's Shop, Johnson & Johnson, Kodak.

Julie Dickey  
Martin St. School  
Fun Fair Committee

### M.Y. Place was a great

#### SUCCESS

Dear Editor:

This is just a note to thank some local businesses for their support of the Milton Youth Place Program which took place on Saturday June 3. The day was a great success, and the following stores donated valuable supplies which helped to make it all possible: A&P, Canadian Tire, Corbett's Sports, Harris Stationary, Home Hardware, Radio Shack, Videoflicks, and Zellers.

I would also like to thank *The Champion* for their coverage of and attention to this activity. It is through such community support that these and other special events are possible. Thanks Again!

Ross Thomson  
Milton Leisure Services Dept.  
Summer Programs Co-ordinator

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