



Photo by STEPHEN UHRANEY

The fireplace at Halton Region Museum provided the backdrop for Alex Cooke as he recounted his childhood in Milton. The oral history presentation on Sunday was the second of the three-part "Fireside Memories" program featuring local senior citizens.

## Alex Cooke kindles Fireside Memories

Long-time Milton resident Alex Cooke was in the spotlight Sunday afternoon during the Fireside Memories program at Halton Region Museum.

He commented on slides that depict Milton in the early 1900s when the population was around 2,000 people, and the main street was a mud road. Among the many business places mentioned were Ernie Middleton's grocery store, Ed Syer dry goods, Jack Little's harness shop, Anderson's barber shop, Martin's mill and cutting ice in Milton pond.

The photos of the former town hall, the Presbyterian Church and Bruce Street school were of great interest. Those gathered at the museum's fireplace hearth also heard recollections of Milton when businesses closed at noon on Wednesday so all could attend the baseball games. Alex was an active member of the baseball association of the day.

At the close of his interesting talk, Alex answered many questions about changes in lifestyle in Milton from 1916 to the present.

The next presentation of Fireside Memories will be held on Sunday

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Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. at the museum, located at Kelso Conservation Area. The third and final presenter of 'Fireside Memories' will speak of early life on a farm and how the many changes have affected women's work and social and community activities. Photographs of events and places will be shown. The public is invited to attend.

Belated birthday greetings and good wishes to Steven Patterson who celebrated his second anniversary on Sept. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ford Jr., Ada McCann and Clarence Ford Sr. visited the latter's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Wilson at Shelburne on Sunday.

Editor's Note: The *Champion's* own Ella Patterson, Omagh news correspondent, will be the next 'Fireside Memories' presenter at Halton Region Museum.

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