

Our Readers Write

Appreciating our emergency service

Dear Editor:

On Monday, Nov. 27, our 20-month-old daughter Jenny suffered a febrile convulsion at home. Any parent whose child has had one knows exactly how terrifying this is.

We would like to take this opportunity to let the people of Milton know how grateful we are to live in a community with the following services:

•1. "911" — Please remember to use it. We are convinced there is no faster way to get help. They also keep you talking and tell you exactly how to help the victim while you wait.

•2. Ambulance Service — These men were wonderful. They were quick, efficient, professional and compassionate. Certainly, a credit to their profession.

•3. Milton Emergency Department — Who showed great concern and efficiency in stabilizing Jenny and also Dr. Tooming who rode in the ambulance to Burlington with us.

Today, when we hear so many negative comments regarding hospitals and ambulance service etc., we felt it important to pass on our very positive experience. Our little girl is healthy and home with us once again and we feel it is, in no small measure, due to the above mentioned people.

Craig & Kim Thomas
Orléans Court, Milton

What Ma Bell wants, Ma Bell gets

Dear Editor:

The latest attempt by Bell Telephone to get their hands into our wallets has us very apprehensive. As old age pensioners, during the course of an average year, we spend about \$6-\$7 on long-distance calls to Toronto, and now we are faced with the prospect of paying up to \$120 per annum for calls we shall not be making.

Is there no protection for us by anyone — consumers associations or any organization which can monitor what Bell is doing?

Is what Ma Bell wants, what Ma Bell is going to get? We are very much

afraid that will be the case.

Frank Lawson
Millside Drive, Milton

Six types of underachievers

Dear Editor:

On Friday Nov. 24, the staffs of Acton and Milton District High School gathered for their Professional Development Day at Acton to hear Dr. Harvey Mandel speak on the underachieving student.

Dr. Mandel, whose research on this topic spans 20 years, identified six types of underachievers.

The most common type of underachiever is the coaster who is concerned with avoiding responsibility.

However, as an almost opposite, there is the hyper-anxious underachiever whose own stress levels block effective achievement.

A third type is the conduct disorder, who Dr. Mandel described as being the "con artist" and "wheeler dealer".

A fourth type is the student who devotes a great deal of energy to questioning their own purpose in life. Dr. Mandel described this as the identity disorder.

Fifthly there are the oppositional, or defiant underachievers who devote all their energy to defying authority. Finally, the sixth type is the depressed underachiever whose poor grades are the product of an ongoing emotional energy drain.

In each case Dr. Mandel stressed that while the end result of poor achievement is a common factor, the six types require different approaches by teachers and parents if they are to be effectively helped.

Any members of the public who are

interested in learning more about Dr. Mandel's theories on the underachieving student are encouraged to contact Dean Murray at Milton District High School.

Dean A. Murray
Chair Professional Development
Milton District High School

Thanks mayor, you're tops with us

This letter was written to Milton Mayor Gord Krantz and was filed with *The Champion* for publication.

Dear Mayor Krantz: The students of Grade 6 and 7 at St. Peter's School in Milton wish to express sincere "thanks to our Mayor, his Worship Gord Krantz", for providing them with his quality time during their tour of Milton Town Hall.

The following comments were expressed by the students and worth noting.

- ✓ He likes kids!
- ✓ He told personal stories about his family and his five grandchildren.
- ✓ His Worship was relaxed and enjoyed being with us.
- ✓ He took time to educate us about the history of the Town Hall.
- ✓ We were learning and having fun at the same time.
- ✓ Obviously he enjoys what he does.
- ✓ He created a mock trial and we participated.
- ✓ An enjoyable learning experience.

In my opinion as a principal "new" to Milton, we are very lucky to have you as our Mayor.

Paul Henderson
Principal, St. Peter's School

Letters welcomed

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Grit demonstration fails to burn effigy

Sun. Aug. 29, 1858, Milton West — Last night about 10 p.m. the inhabitants of Milton were aroused from their beds by the sound of the fire bells. On arriving at the Market House, they discovered the Grits had a bonfire in honour of the success of Mr. Brown in Toronto.

All this was very well; they had a perfect right to rejoice over the success of their leader; but not satisfied with this they boasted that they would burn the effigy of Governor General Sir Edmund Head before they went to bed.

Another group of the "loyal" portion of the inhabitants, learning this, called on town authorities to disallow any such conduct, but their request was treated with indifference.

They then decided to take the matter into their own hands.

Sir Edmund Head has been our Governor General since appointment in 1854. His term of office has been one of firmness and moderation.

Unfortunately the "double shuffle" crisis of 1858 and Head's refusal of a dissolution to George Brown has involved him in bitter controversy. An arm full of wagon spokes were then handed around to the Grit party to defend their effigy and the Tory party organized and chose a leader. They also obtained a supply of axe handles but with the clear understanding they would be used only in the case of actual necessity.

The participants walked around with their oak spoke under their coat. At length out came the effigy. When the leader of the Tory party stepped up and caught hold of it he was knocked down by a bludgeon. He recovered himself and was joined by four others and a general melee ensued. The Tory leader was knocked senseless with a buggy shaft. However he recovered himself quickly and had the satisfaction of being "in for the death" for by this time his friends had got a firm hold of His Excellency which they did not loosen while there was a fragment holding together, as the Grits were five to one.

Immediately after, the Tory leader gave three cheers for the Governor General, and cheers they were the echo of which, as it rolled along the valley, made the very owls hoot.

The report of the event in the *Globe*, George Brown's sheet, differs in some detail. It states they were mere boys who had the effigy, but in fact one of the most notorious fighting characters of our neighbourhood was one of the bearers, besides being backed up by several noted bullies.

The *Globe* maintains another effigy was burned. This is false. The original perpetrators were too afraid to repeat it. The paper maintains there were cheers given for the Queen and groans for her representative by the Grits.

The *Globe* also suggested the actions of the Tories deserved the action of the law but it has been suggested the Grits have put themselves in far greater danger of the law than the Tories.

It was reported in the *Hamilton Spectator* that some of the Grits who hold commissions of various kinds from the Crown took an active part in the disgraceful affair.

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