

Our Readers Write

Data exists to study water problem

Dear Editor:

Re: North Halton water problem.
The report of the Monday night (Jan. 29) debate of this subject by council gives the impression that facts are not available against which town planner Bob Zsadanyi's recommendations can be judged. Halton Region hired L.G. Bryck, hydro geologist, under projects number P.R.-665 and 666 to study Brookville and Moffat. His findings were delivered to Halton Region in March 1982.

Because of a split responsibility between the town and region for domestic water and sewage, I don't know if Mr. Zsadanyi has a copy or is even aware of this report.

The report makes many findings, conclusions and recommends actions but I will only quote those critical to the present problem.

1) The ground above the Amabel aquifer acts as a reservoir of water. Consequently water pumped for domestic use has the potential of being contaminated.

2) Each lot requires 700 gallons of water each day for consumption and dilution water demands. Since the recharge capability is only 630 gallons per acre per day, a minimum lot size of 1.2 acres is recommended.

3) The report is based on 140 well records and other work.

The problem exists in the area of the region north of Derry Road where water is drawn from the Amabel sub-surface aquifer.

Confusion can occur when discussing the behaviour of area wells since two basic types exist.

The old wells are predominantly dug wells shallow and only

penetrate a few feet into the Amabel, if at all. These wells readily go dry if the water table falls in their vicinity, a condition frequently occurring near major deep extraction systems used by quarry operations.

The more recently drilled wells have been bored close to the base of the Amabel and generally give good service. However, drilling wells is expensive and a few wells have only shallow penetration into the water-bearing rock with predictable problems.

The prime concerns in the affected area are contamination and failure of supply. Excessive use could result in dry wells for which no reasonable cost solution is available.

About three years ago a meeting was held in Brookville School Library, chaired by Councillor Bill Johnson with a panel consisting of Mrs. I. Winters, Mr. R. Main, Mr. H. Wong and other Town of Milton staff members to discuss the water and sewage problems relating to housing development.

At the meeting statements were made and not disputed that the region and town examine plans and construction of all buildings to ensure compliance with the codes and that the Region can be responsible for the water supply.

Recent statements appear to indicate a change of policy.

If the Region wished to answer the concerns as to the capability of the Amabel to sustain development, an objective study could be carried out this year.

The wells exist on which to base the work and sample pumping at the wells at appropriate intervals from May to November would provide information to update the 1982 report.

This study would not replace the work proposed by Mr. Zsadanyi. It

would, however, answer the question "Does a real problem exist now or does the potential exist for the future?" If the answer is negative, then development could proceed at a reasonable pace until the more accurate, long term, work could be done.

I wish to support Mr. Zsadanyi and I hope this letter will result in many letters to both the press and the council demanding the moratorium be maintained until the facts are established. Mr Zsadanyi has displayed true courage as a public employee by taking a firm position on a very subjective issue.

B. Brocklebank
RR 1, Campbellville

We don't need a new town logo

Dear Editor:

With reference to the new town logo, I would like to know why we need a new one.

I like the old one and I also feel the community should have a say whether or not we change it.

It is mentioned how reasonable the new one will cost. But what is it going to cost the taxpayer to change

it on all the town trucks and equipment, not to mention the stationery?

So let's get back to the original question.

Why do we need a new one???

Dorothy Gould
Hudson Crt., Milton

It was a wrap

Dear Editor:

Theta Tau would like to thank *The Champion* for the excellent coverage our "Come Wrap With Us" gift wrapping fundraiser received in your newspaper.

We would also like to thank everyone who generously supported this fundraiser at Milton Mall. Proceeds are to be donated to local charities through our sorority.

Theta Tau Chapter
Beta Sigma Phi Sorority

Reunion planned for Lindsay school

Dear Editor:

On the weekend of June 2-3, 1990, we are planning a reunion for all of the former students of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Lindsay on the occasion

of its centennial. In the summer of 1890, the sisters first came to Lindsay to serve in St. Mary's parish.

Since last August, we have been searching for the names and addresses of the former students who attended the schools where the sisters taught: St. Mary's Elementary, St. Joseph's Academy (for high school girls), St. Dominic's Elementary School (boys), Pope John Paul II, and St. Joseph's School of Music.

We have had wonderful success in finding many students, but there are still quite a few missing names. If you attended any of these schools, or know of someone who did, please contact us so we can send you an invitation and the program for the weekend. We need your maiden name if applicable, your present address and the year(s) you attended.

Don't miss the opportunity to come back to Lindsay, visit your classmates and catch up on the news. We have a great weekend planned and we are publishing a book, "100 Years of Memories", which will be available.

Please write to:

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Upsets in Milton's municipal election

Wed. Jan. 4, 1860 Milton West - Elections for the seats on Milton Council this week provided significant defeats for Mayor Edward Martin and his business partner and M.P.P. John White.

Elected mayor was James McGuffin and in the position of reeve is John Turner. Other members of Milton Council will be Dr. Wm. Hume, John Thompson, Gilbert Tice Bastedo, George Dempsey, Dr. Clarkson Freeman, Samuel Morse, Geo. Smith and Socrates Center.

A correspondent, writing in the Hamilton Weekly Spectator, gloats on the defeat of John White who was defeated in the election for a north ward seat on Milton Council. "Notwithstanding all his efforts, together with that of his ob-

sequious tools, his dependents and whippers in, John White was ousted", the correspondent writes.

The Hamilton Times observes, however, that Mr. White knew nothing



Moments in History with JIM DILLS

of his being a candidate until two hours after the poll opened and even then took little interest in the contest.

Denying this vehemently, the Spectator says that is "moonshine". It goes on: "Strong presumptive evidence exists of the fact that the person who nominated Mr. White did so at his request, and that he and his satellites were indifferent during the contest, can be proved false. Mr. White was fairly and honorably beaten, whatever his flunkies may say to the contrary."

The report continues: "Mr. White canvassed the North Ward in person, canvassed in earnest, obtained votes on such terms as proved the intensity of his desire"

As a result of the election, Mr. White will not be represented on the County Council in 1860, where he has been active in criticizing the work of Treasurer George Brown.

It is interesting to note, that not only was Mr. White defeated in Milton, but his brother, James was defeated in Trafalgar and his brother-in-law John Jarvis was also defeated in seeking re-election in the township. It is reported that all three used the pamphlet in their campaign, reporting on John White's investigation of county expenditures and the resulting over levy of taxes.

The Mayor in Milton for the past two years, Edward Martin, was opposed by a candidate from the "independent" portion of the community, in the person of James McGuffin. It has been suggested there is nothing wrong with the work of Mayor Martin, but his close alliance with John White as a business partner and friend, made it impossible to separate the two in the election.

Mr. White had candidates in each ward, however, for the School Trustee election and that election was apparently more to his liking.

A critic in the Hamilton Spectator maintains he forced the reappointment of the present teacher, Robert Matheson, who is also editor of the Halton Journal, a publication strongly supportive of Mr. White's representation. Mr. Matheson was first introduced to the school section by Mr. White.

At the meeting of the trustees last evening Mr. Matheson was reappointed in the face of 39 other applicants, some of whom, with first-class certificates, offered to take the school at one-third less salary than the favoured Editor is to receive, the Spectator critic complains.

Forty-fifth in a series of facts, sometimes sprinkled with imagination, to reflect Milton's past. Research assistance by Jack Charlton and Alex Cooke. (Copyright Jim Dills 1990)

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