

Our Readers Write

Accolades for Judge Carnwath

Dear Editor:

My eight-year-old son and myself witnessed the June 19, 1989 accident at James Snow Parkway and Main St., at which two young women were killed. I have since been actively following the ongoing development of this case.

The sentence imposed by Judge Carnwath was certainly fitting. However, if Mr. Lake had been banned from driving on one of his four previous drunk-driving convictions, this accident would never have happened.

I believe most people who cause tragedies, exemplified by Mr. Lake, are remorseful at the time. But time changes everything. As months and years pass, the circumstances of the situation are soon forgotten, and it isn't long until the criminal is drinking and driving once again.

The vast majority of us know our responsibility when driving vehicles. For those who refuse to accept the responsibility, the only way to impress upon them the seriousness of their crime is to impose more severe jail sentences accompanied by a lifetime ban on driving.

"Canada the Good" had been named because some people are still under the impression criminals can be rehabilitated and rejuvenated. Well, this certainly is not my belief. In this accident, two good people have been lost. Let's help decrease this in the future.

Your input can be made known to government by contacting your local police force or by joining the Mayor's Anti-Drinking and Driving Committee in your community.

Robert P. Stiles
Georgetown, Ont.

Fluoride treatments are already available

Dear Editor:

We, too, are opposed to the proposed fluoridation of Milton's water. There are topical fluoride treatments and fluoride tablets available for those who desire them for their children.

It is inappropriate to medicate the general population with fluoride. Why treat people who wear dentures? What effect will prolonged ingestion of fluoride have on us and our children? Let's keep Milton's water pure.

Rob and Sandy Cheskey
Heslop Road, Milton
Gluven Higgins
Thomas Street, Milton

Clean water a must for healthy life

Dear Editor:

In order to maintain a healthy body it is most important it is supplied with clean fresh air, clean water and good food. This in sequence of importance, and each in adequate volume.

People of Milton generally seem well aware of this fact. We are very fortunate to have a natural clean water supply so we do not have to buy it in bottles. Milton objected to the addition of fluoride to our drinking water twice.

There is always a margin of human error and the cumulative effect of fluoride in our water on the majority of the population will not be beneficial. I object very strongly to the fluoridation of our water and hope our mayor and council will do their utmost to safeguard the quality of our drinking water.

Herman Windmoller
Commercial Street, Milton

Appreciate promotion

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Lung Association — Halton Region, I would like to thank you and your staff for the considerable media support which you have given the lung association through-

out the past year.

Our Christmas Seal Campaign passed its goal of \$160,000; Holly Day was very successful; our programs, designed to help people who have lung disease, are fully subscribed to; Countdown, our smoking cessation program, continues to meet its quota.

We are most grateful for the publicity through releases and public service announcements in *The Champion*, offered to us free of charge.

May we look forward to your continuing support? This would make our goal to raise funds for research and community programs more easily attainable.

Elizabeth Porter
Executive Director
Lung Association, Halton Region

North York High holds 25th reunion

Dear Editor:

We're tracking down graduates of George S. Henry trying to spread the word about North York High School's 25th anniversary reunion on Saturday May 12 from 7-12 p.m.

For more information, contact the school at 445-3440 (416) or the undersigned at 416-737-0894.

Marney (Gattinger) Robinson
Reunion Committee

County rejects change in Milton's status

Tues. Feb. 12, 1861 Milton West — Pressure to change the location of Halton's county town continued at the second meeting of the 1861 County Council.

Milton Reeve William Durie Lyon and Esquesing's Deputy Reeve John McNaughton, both serving their first term on County Council, drew attention to an application, advertised in the *Canada Gazette*. The application was to be made to the Legislature to repeal the section of the Statute separating Halton from Wentworth, that designated Milton as the County Town.

The Lyon-McNaughton resolution "resolves that this council considers that such a course would be injurious to the best interest of this county and that a memorial to the Legislature now presented be received and read."

The memorial was read a second time without reaction and the required third reading was called for by Nassagaweya Reeve Archibald Campbell and Esquesing Deputy John McNaughton.

At this point the "southern faction" led by Oakville's Reeve John Barclay and assisted by Trafalgar Reeve William Hood proposed by amendment that "whereas the County Town of Halton was fixed at Milton without the ratepayers having been consulted as to the location, thereby giving great dissatisfaction to a large majority of the inhabitants of the county; and further that before the present buildings are sufficient for the requirements of the county a very large amount of money will require to be raised by taxation; it is therefore improper that this council should place any obstacle in the way of the ratepayers of the County enjoying a privilege to which they are justly entitled."

There wasn't sufficient support for the amendment, however, and it was lost.

Esquesing Reeve William Clay and Trafalgar Reeve William Hood sought delay in their amendment. They requested that the memorial now before council, be held over to the next meeting of council.

William Clay is known to support a shifting of county boundaries and spoke on that when this issue was raised



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last year. He is located in the Norval area and sees an affinity of residents in that section to Peel County. His amendment was also defeated.

The original motion was cleared for a vote with the failure of the two amendments and in a split vote carried.

Supporters of no change in the location of the County Town at Milton were Nassagaweya Reeve Archibald Campbell and deputy Joshua Norrish; Esquesing deputy John McNaughton and Milton Reeve W.D. Lyon. Opposed were Oakville Reeve John Barclay, Trafalgar Reeve William Hood and Esquesing Reeve William Clay.

The 4-3 vote was taken with eight of the 10 members of County Council present. Reeve Robert Miller of Nelson, who is Warden, did not vote. Absent at the time were Nelson deputy reeve Thomas Baxter and Trafalgar deputy reeve E. Williams. Oakville and Milton do not send deputy Reeves to County Council since they do not have sufficient population.

Although he is in the Opposition, John White M.P.P. of Milton will undoubtedly make the government aware of the action of County Council in supporting the continuation of Milton as the County Town.

The growth in Halton County also supports the earlier decision to separate from Wentworth. Census returns from this year's census indicate Halton's population is 22,794 compared with only 18,322 for 1852.

Fiftieth in a series of facts, sometimes sprinkled with imagination, to reflect Milton's past. Research assistance by Jack Charlton and Alex Cooke.

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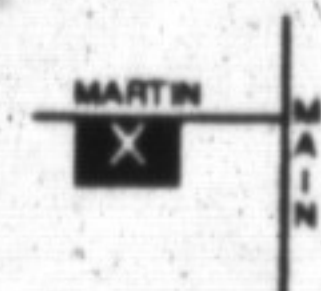
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