

# Our Readers Write

## Swimmers stand by need for seats

Dear Editor:  
Allow me to clarify some information regarding the new recreation centre. The Milton Swim Team (MST), because of our knowledge of various swim groups' needs, presented to town council (April 23) on behalf of the Milton swim community, not just the needs of 63 Milton Swim Team members.

Although the MST was told we would have input into the new pool design, we were not allowed input until the final plans had been presented to council.

The final design provided limited seating (less than 20 seats) located in the snack bar/concession area adjacent to the leisure pool. The modified plan includes a catwalk for standing only. Therefore, absolutely no permanent seating exists in the new recreation centre, except on deck for swimmers only.

At the council meeting I, as a representative of the MST, stated categorically that we would support fundraising efforts for the new recreation centre, regardless of seating decisions. Furthermore, at no time have I suggested downgrading the recreation centre; I merely asked council to consider cost-saving alternatives to allow for spectator seating while staying within the \$5.4 million budget.

I hope this information helps the people of Milton understand the reason for the action taken by the Milton Swim Team.

Frank Scanlon  
President, Milton Swim Team



Photo by JOHN WARREN

Robert Baldwin School recycles thanks to the commitment of its recycling group. Blue Boxes were donated after a letter appeared in *The Champion*. From left group members are Amanda Mulkins, Todd Warren, Salina Alle and Amber Hunt.

## Blue Box donors read students' letter

Dear Editor:  
Robert Baldwin School's recycling group had, as you know, been going insane trying to get some more Blue Boxes. So, we sent a letter to *The Champion* to ask people to help us get some more boxes.

A parent who read our letter donated an extra blue box, and many people showed great interest in our cause. Then early this week, an unknown person dropped off 14 Blue Boxes at our school. We have been unable to identify this person or these persons. We think they want their identities kept secret. We'd like to thank them.

Since then we have made a stencil saying "Baldwin Recycles". Then we painted the letters on the boxes. Even though we have only had the boxes a couple of days it is going really well. Teachers and students have been excited about getting the boxes, and the project is becoming a great success.

Our principal has had several offers from people wanting to help as well and we want to let everybody know we have boxes now.

We want to thank you for printing our letter, and to especially thank the people who donated the boxes to us.

Amanda Mulkins and Amber Hunt  
Robert Baldwin School

## Trucker disciplined

Dear Editor:  
Dufferin Aggregates wishes to apologize to the motorist who was east-bound on Regional Road 9 at approximately 12:14 p.m. last Wednesday.

The truck driver used poor judgment when pulling out of First Line onto Regional Road 9 causing the motorist to take evasive action. Since this incident was reported, the driver identified has undergone disciplinary action.

C. Sedore, Dispatch Manager,  
Dufferin Aggregates

## Sponsors thanked

Dear Editor:  
On behalf of the Halton Centennial Manor "housekeepers" we would like to thank our sponsors for their lovely donations for Housekeepers Week, April 23-29:

Diamond Bingo; Jeanette's Shoes; Robert Newman Shoes; Arli's Fashions; The Panhandler; Ian Sole Uniforms; Robert Vanderheyden; De Sanders Photography; Karae Enterprises; Belamy's; Home Cinema Movies; Decor Plus; Delacourt's; Jack Frasers; Brancier's; Flora Shoppe; and Video Flicks.

A special thanks to our supervisors Betty McNeil and Sherril Anglin for their support and co-operation.

Anne Marie Cheeseman  
Housekeeping  
Halton Centennial Manor

# John White holds political meetings

Thurs. July 4 1861 Nelson Township - John White held two meetings in Nelson Township yesterday to give an explanation of his past political conduct to his supporters.

One meeting was to be held at Simond's Inn, Middle Road, at 3 p.m. Shortly after 3 p.m. the persons congregated at the inn adjourned to a small school house nearby for the meeting. An evening meeting was held at 7 p.m. in the Temperance Hall at Wellington Square (Burlington).

There were about 40 persons present for the afternoon meeting, including boys. The Chairman, James Cotter, introduced Mr. White, who spoke about three quarters of an hour, in his usual style, branding the Ministry as the most corrupt that ever existed and occasionally slandering George K. Chisholm, who was also present at the meeting on behalf of Mr. McCallum.

Mr. Chisholm calmly replied, going over Mr. White's political acts for many years past, and closed by eulogizing Mr. McCallum, who he recommended to the electors of the Middle Road, as a gentleman worthy of their support.

Mr. White again came forward, in a great rage, attacking Mr. Chisholm's public and private character. He concluded by asking for a resolution expressing confidence in his past political course. No person came forward so the Chairman moved a vote of want of confidence in both Mr. White and Mr. McCallum, but no seconder appearing, Mr. Peacock of Trafalgar moved a vote of thanks to Mr. White "for coming forward and stating his political views". It was declared lost by the Chairman.

The Temperance Hall was quite crowded for the meeting at Wellington Square last evening with a crowd estimated at 500.

Peter Fisher chaired the meeting and introduced Mr. White. The candidate reviewed the same material he had presented at the afternoon meeting.

S.B. Freeman, who came in during Mr. White's address, he and George K. Chisholm were simultaneously called for, but Mr. Chisholm gave way to Mr. Freeman. Mr. Freeman remarked that he was there at the solicita-



## Moments in History

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tion of Mr. White and then went on to give his views on Representation by Population. He closed with a virulent attack upon the present administration.

Mr. Chisholm came forward and gave Mr. Freeman a hit for his kindness in coming out to assist Mr. White so soon after defeat in his own election. He suggested he perhaps supported White since Mr. White was the owner of considerable property in Hamilton and since the city was seeking relief from the government Mr. White would naturally support any measure brought forward for that purpose.

Mr. Chisholm reviewed Mr. White's political career and pointed out where he considered him unsound, closing with an appeal to the electors to support Mr. McCallum.

Mr. White came forward again being greeted with hisses and groans. Nothing daunted he again resorted to personalities which he continued until stamped down by the audience.

A vote of confidence in Mr. White having been put, the Chairman declared it carried.

The meeting broke up amid yells and cheers for the Queen, McCallum, Chisholm, White etc.

Sequel: John White defeated Finlay McCallum by a majority of 331 votes, and was sworn in as Halton's representative to the Seventh Legislature of the Province of Canada on March 20, 1862 at the opening of the first session.

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## JUNIOR JUG BAND

October 21, 1990

Milton Baptist Church  
900 Nipissing Rd.  
2:30 p.m.

The Junior Jug Band delights kids and adults alike with a show that is varied and fun. Chris and Ken Whiteley have a career that spans 24 years, and includes three Juno Awards. Folk, rock, jazz and sing-a-long tunes on a variety of instruments make this a fast-moving performance!

## Jest In Time Theatre

February 24, 1991

Optimist Centre  
311 Commercial St.  
2:30 p.m.

Electric energy and unadulterated enthusiasm are two superlatives to describe Jest in Time Theatre. The five members hail from Halifax. Their skits appeal to all ages and are full of humour and fun. Props are rarely used: body language is the chief mode of communication. A different and rare treat is in store for the audience.

## The Join Hands Puppeteers

April 28, 1991

Milton Baptist Church  
900 Nipissing Rd.  
2:30 p.m.

Margaret and Matthew Romain formed the Join Hands Puppeteers in 1980. This unique and talented show uses all kinds of handmade puppets. Combined with live music played on a variety of instruments, such as flute, banjo, guitar, steel drums, dulcimer, and penny whistles, theirs is a lively show with a gentle message. The puppeteers will be presenting "The Tale of the Name of the Tree".

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