

Our Readers Write

Youths fast to fight famine

Dear Editor:

Milton residents know that tears are not enough in the battle against world hunger. I would like to thank those who sacrificed more than tears recently by participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine program. By going without food for 30 hours, these "famine fighters" raised \$1,073.20 to help the hungry in developing nations.

The contributions of the groups from Alliance Youth Fellowship will be added to money raised by more than 35,000 other Canadians who also fasted.

World Vision expects to receive a total of \$1 million from the event. The funds will be used for emergency food aid and long-term development projects in some of the 80 Third World countries where World Vision operates, such as Mozambique, Sudan, Haiti and India.

These Milton teenagers and adults experienced a little of the hunger that millions of people face daily:

- Every two seconds, one child somewhere in the world dies needlessly from hunger-related diseases.
- One African adult in every four can't get enough food to sustain active work. The average child in rural Africa gets only 830 calories of nourishment daily — the minimum requirement for healthy development is 2,300.
- Canadians can expect to live to 76 years of age; life expectancy in Mozambique, for instance, is 47.
- Canadians share a doctor with

about 500 other patients; in Ethiopia there's only one doctor for every 76,500 people.

But there is hope! Last year, because of the generosity of people in Milton, World Vision aided 17.2 million people on four continents, providing things such as basic health care, clean drinking water and education. As a major participant in the United Nations Child Survival program, the agency helped immunize 1.9 million children.

J. Don Scott,
President, World Vision Canada

Supporters credited for fiscal success

Dear Editor:

The fund-raising committee at the Milton Children and Youth Council, "The Centre", has completed its fiscal year.

After a successful term, we would like to thank the following for their support: Canadian Tire, Zellers Inc., Wing Ding, Kelsey's, Jessie Barkley, Linda Brown, Arli's Fashion, City Florist, The Acorn, Total Skin & Body Clinic, Pescara Restaurant, Maplehurst Correctional Centre, Primates, Bell Brothers, North End Nissan, Tom Sawyer Sales, Crafts by Maureen, Pig Tales, Videoflicks, and anyone we may have missed, many, many thanks.

The fund-raising committee comprises Diane Thurston, Kathy Lovell, Cäthe Vandevalk, Frances Evans, Carole Behn (Director), Heather Peddie, Jamie Grenier, Diane Elliott, Risa Cashmore, Carol McVety, Joette Trudeau, Idylla Bernard, Cindy

Johnston and Maylene Metselaar.
Carole Behn
Executive director, The Centre

Wrestlers get reward

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Drury High School, I would like to thank the many people who supported our wrestlers' trip to the Canadian championships.

We would especially like to thank their sponsors, North End Nissan,

The Rotary Club, the Lions Club and Karmax Heavy Stamping.

The trip to Regina was a rewarding experience for both Brent Pickett and Chris Spence and they represented Milton well. The support of the community, including the school and the many individuals who supported various fund-raising activities helped make it all possible. Once again, our thanks.

Larry Jaroslowski
Coach E.C. Drury Wrestling Team

Letters welcomed

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Politician, rebel W. Lyon Mackenzie dies

Wed. Aug. 28, 1861 Toronto — William Lyon Mackenzie, the leader of the rebellion in 1837, who was popularly supported in Halton, died at his residence here in Toronto today at the age of 67.

His perseverance as an agitator, as a politician, publisher and leader of the rebellion of 1837 have never been matched. At one time he was the most prominent public man in the province but retired from public life after resigning his seat in the Legislative Assembly in August 1858.

Mackenzie was well known in the Milton area and had many supporters in the Scotch Block and other townships. Following the unsuccessful rebellion of 1837, when he was required to flee the country, he escaped across Halton with aid from local farmers. Before crossing the 12 Mile Creek he is

believed to have occupied a cave on the banks of the river near Merton (close to the present Halton Region headquarters).

He was also strongly supported in Halton by M.P.P.

John White, who was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1851, at the same time as Mackenzie was elected upon returning from exile after his unsuccessful rebellion.

Mr. Mackenzie was born March 12, 1795 at Springfield, Dundee, Scotland, the only son of Daniel Mackenzie and Elizabeth Mackenzie. Educated at the local parish school he went into trade at an early age and emigrated to Canada in 1820. At Queenston, in 1824 he founded the Colonial Advocate, which he moved to York in November of that year. His attacks on the Family Compact led some to raid his premises, break up the forms and throw some of the type into Toronto Bay. As a result he achieved great popular support and was regarded as the leader of the radical wing of the Reform Party in the province.

During his career he was in and out of the Legislative Assembly, served as Mayor of Toronto in 1835 and, frustrated by the lack of reform which he sought, led the debacle of an armed rebellion in 1837 after which he was forced to escape to the United States. He returned to Canada in 1849, under an amnesty, and was re-elected in 1851 for Haldimand County.

Mr. Mackenzie last appeared in Milton to address 300 in front of Orcutt's Inn (Carriage Square) in the fall of 1855. His son George worked on the farm of William Caldwell, half brother of John White, for a time in 1857, before moving on to the United States.

As a politician Mr. Mackenzie was exceedingly industrious and brought a vast amount of energy to bear upon whatever he undertook. As a newspaper writer, his style was peculiarly his own. His publications had many subscribers in Halton and the Milton area.

The mad project of a rebellion would have been abandoned by any other man as soon as discomfiture ensued, but not so with Mackenzie, for after being hotly pursued and forced to cross the border for safety, he entrenched himself and his band of followers on an island in the Niagara River where he made a stand for some time and finally fled when resistance was no longer available.

Truly he has been one of the most remarkable men of our time. With his death at a ripe age he leaves behind many memorials of the past.

It is said he was working on a narrative of his life at the time of his death and if so it has been left regrettably incomplete.

□ Fifty-sixth 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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