

Our Readers Write

Cancer society surpasses its goal

Dear Editor:

Thanks to the support of this community, the local unit of the Canadian Cancer Society's fund-raising goal of \$80,000 has been surpassed.

Results such as these could not be achieved without the many untiring dedicated volunteers.

We wish to thank all captains and canvassers; clubs, churches, societies for their support; and all industrial, commercial and individual contributors through the April campaign.

Special mention to the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority which raised more than \$10,000 (the highest ever) for the daffodil sales, and to Mohawk Raceway event sponsors and guests for supporting that event!

Also thanks to those who donated office equipment and furniture in order that we could set up our office at 751 Main St. East. With your continued support, we may, one day soon, be able to say "Cancer Has Been Beaten".

On behalf of the Milton Unit, I thank you!

Carol Kerr
Campaign Chairperson, Milton Unit, Canadian Cancer Society

Volunteers Open House a hit

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Volunteer Co-ordinators Association of Milton (VCAM), I would like to extend sincere thanks to the following people for making the Volunteer Appreciation Open House in April at Bishop Reding Roman Catholic Separate School a big success and contributing to the enjoyment of all who attended:

Harris Stationery, Zellers, Milton Greenhouse, Pinedale Florist, Orchids 'n Lace, Just for Laughs, Bishop Reding Roman Catholic Secondary School, The Canadian Champion, Leslie Feddery and the Milton Girl

Watch now or pay later

Dear Editor:

For too long developers have paved over green spaces without resistance, regardless of cost to ecological systems, loss in quality of air and water and scenic beauty. As a result, our lives have become more hectic and less healthful.

It is high time we recover some of these natural spaces and protect existing ones from the greed of a few over-ambitious people.

All of us must become watchdogs and guardians of the land we have so far neglected.

If we continue to look the other way, we will learn an extremely painful lesson and our children will have to pay.

Patricia Kammerer
Campbellville

Guides, Jenny Hill, The Paper Factory, Maplehurst Correctional Centre, Roy Main, Milton Town Council, Mayor Gordon Krantz, Darlene Davidson.

Volunteers are a vital part of the Milton Community and the donations and assistance contributed by these people reinforces the value we place on all of our volunteers. Thank you.

Victoria Hamill
Volunteer Co-ordinator
Association of Milton

Support on the books for University Women's Club

Dear Editor:

May I take this opportunity to thank the community for its unrelenting support of the University Women's Club annual book sale, which took place this year at the Downtown Farmers' Market.

At total of \$575.48 was raised in

one short morning — all of which will be donated to scholarships for the local high schools.

Special thanks for the "man" power provided by Jim Kerr, broker/owner of Century 21 Golden Real Estate Limited (who also supplied the tables), Douglas Dryden, manager Zellers Stores Limited, Dr. Les Laughren, optometrist (who has volunteered to store books for next year's sale), Frank Ruhl (for this year's storage), St. John Ambulance (substantial book donations), Gary Austin, Lou Mulligan and Tyler Sparks-Austin.

I should also thank *The Champion* for the publicity both preceding and following our community event, for recognizing our efforts and supporting our fund-raiser.

Book Bins will return to Milton Public Library and Zellers to resume collection of donated books from the community for next year's sale.

Thank you for your continued support!

Nova Sparks-Austin
Book Sales Co-ordinator
CFUW — Milton and District

Profits take precedence over Canadians' health

Dear Editor:

This letter expresses the deep disappointment of Canadian physicians with the federal government's decision to not implement the smoking ban on international flights by Canadian carriers on July 1 as promised.

We are distressed to see the profits of the airline companies and the tobacco manufacturers take precedence over the health and well-being of Canadians.

Surely those who looked to Hon. Doug Lewis and his government for leadership on this vital issue deserve better than this.

Marcién Fournier, M.D., C.S.F.C.
Canadian Medical Association
president

Destitute in Great Britain's cotton district get Milton aid

Thurs. April 16, 1863, Milton West — Mayor W.D. Lyon announced today he had forwarded \$216, as a contribution from the town and vicinity to relieve the terrible circumstances in the cotton district of Britain due to the cotton famine in Lancashire.

There are now 370,000 requiring aid there either from the Unions or the Relief Committee and the average aid is about one shilling, four and a half pence per head per week. This is manifestly too small, especially in winter. Assume that in a few weeks the distressed operatives in Lancashire and the adjacent districts amount to 600,000 and take an allowance of two shillings per head, the sum is 50,000 pounds a week.

The Milton action follows a public meeting here Jan. 2,

called by the Mayor, at the request of several clergymen and others. At that meeting Rev. J.A. McAlister moved a motion "that in view of the widespread distress among a numerous class of operatives in the cotton manufactories of Britain, produced by causes beyond their control, it becomes the duty of our citizens and community generally to contribute toward the alleviation of those suffering." The meeting carried the motion and pledged to use its best efforts to obtain as large a contribution as prompt action and faithful canvassing could accomplish.

The committee established included Reverends Tremayne, Williams, Michael, McAllister and Stewart in addition to John White, MPP, W.D. Lyon, Mayor, James McGuffin, John Dewar, W.G. Culloden, James A. Campbell, John Holgate, Peter M. McKay, Edward Martin, James Hollinrake, Thomas Rancey, Thomas Rixon, R.L. Whyte, H. Watson, G.C. McKindsey, Johnson Harrison, William Dempsey, Austin Willmott and William Chisholm.

The subscription list was opened to receive signatures of those willing to contribute. Councilmen of each ward of the various municipalities in the county were asked to call a meeting within their wards and raise funds, paying them over to the Mayor who was to act as treasurer of the committee.

Rev. F. Tremayne has served as chairman of the committee and Peter McKay secretary.

Subscription lists have been left at each of the stores and hotels in town. Edward Martin agreed to solicit and receive contributions of grain and W.D. and R.A. Lyon of other produce.

Subsequently, a meeting was held in Boston Church to consider relief of the distress existing in Lancashire, England. That meeting proposed that Esqueving Council contribute and failing that township councillors propose such a contribution from the County Council.

A meeting was held in Nassagaweya to add further support to the cause. The suggestion of a contribution from the municipal funds was defeated.

Initial contributions to the fund in Milton included donations of \$20 from Judge Davis and James McGuffin; \$10 from John Dewar Jr., Drs. Hume and McNeice and W.D. Lyon; \$5 from Rev. F. Tremayne, John Holgate, Adam Sproat, Henry Watson, and Dr. Freeman; \$4 from Rev. J.A. Williams, Edward Martin, F. McCallum, and Thomas Rome; \$3 from James B. Willmott; \$2.50 from Maurice Armour, and Nicolas Armour; \$2 from W.G. Culloden, Peter McKay, John D. Gordon, George Dempsey and Thomas Rixon. Other donations to 50c were also acknowledged.

□ Sixty-second 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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