

Two decades of preserving the centuries

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For almost 20 years, they've quietly gone about the task of promoting interest in local history.

Now, however, the Milton Historical Society has taken centre stage as one of three nominees for 1995 Civic Organization of the Year. With more than 100 members, the Milton Historical Society has built up quite a reputation among local history buffs — or those who simply love their community.

And no one knows of the group's tireless efforts more than president Helen Comber.

"This is a great group of people working for the historical society, here. They get behind anything that has to do with saving Milton's history and heritage," said Ms Comber, who has been part of the group for eight years. "I was thrilled when I heard about the nomination. It's quite a prestigious award and it's nice to be nominated."

The Milton Historical Society has become well known for its publications, with recent books such as *Milton Remembers World War II* by Ken Lamb, *Milton Area Biographies* by Alex Cooke, and a re-issued and updated *History Walk in Historic Milton* by Jim Dills.

In addition, the society also leads numerous walking tours through town, holds regular meetings with colorful guest speakers and is a leading contributor to February's Heritage Week, during which members take their expertise into local classrooms.

The organization's nominator said, "While the historical society moves quietly to meet its objectives, it's an effective organization, contributing to an enhanced understanding and appreciation of the community."

The Link Foundation as well as the entire business population and citizens of the town of Milton have also been nominated for Civic Organization of the Year.

The recipient of the Milton Chamber of Commerce award will be announced during a gala dinner-dance at Halton Hills Place April 13.

Secretaries upset with major layoffs

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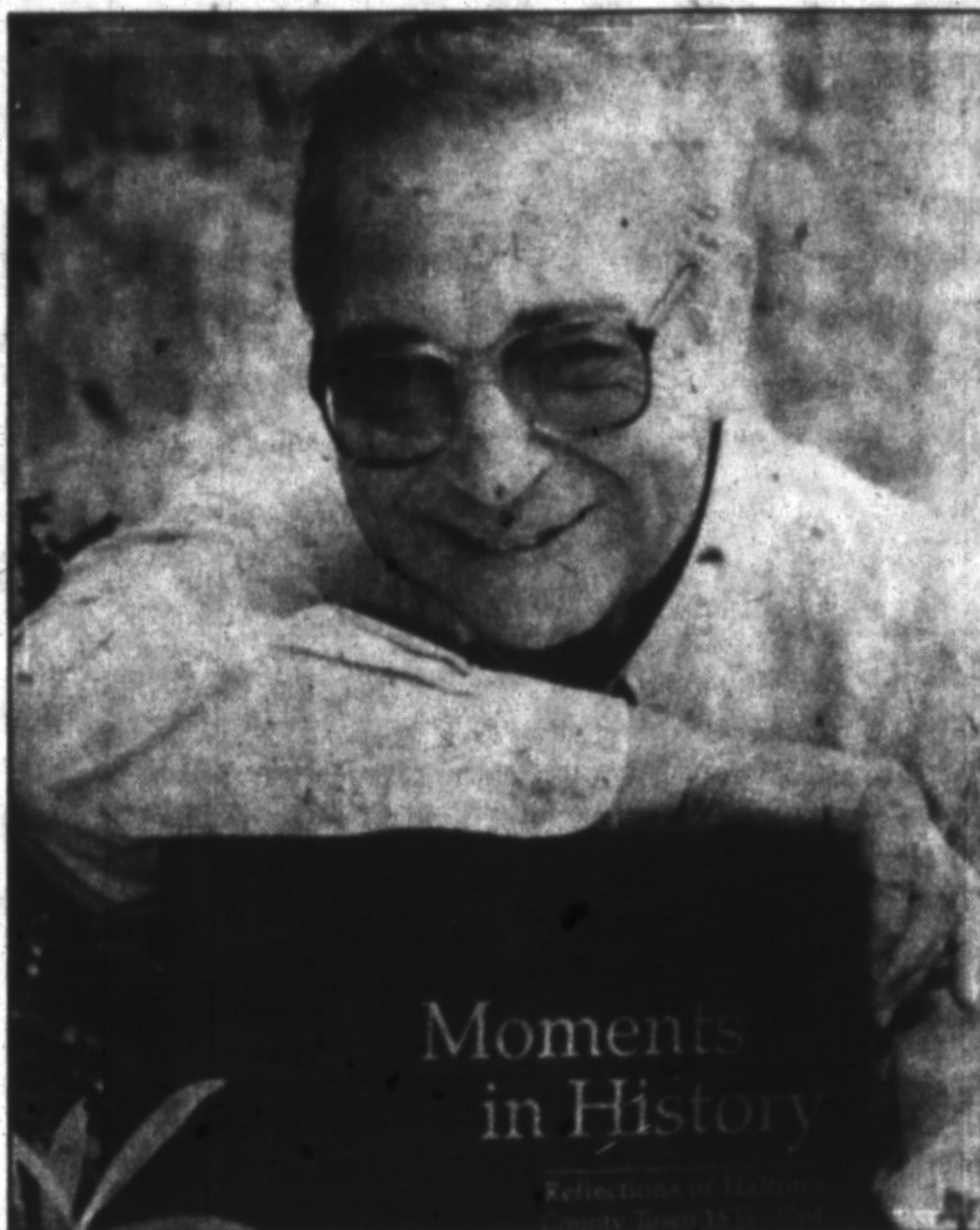
said the school board has no choice but to aggressively trim education system staff.

"Secretaries, teachers and everybody in education have not carried their weight in the cutbacks," he said. "Everybody has got to see the system is a Cadillac system and we have to change it into a Chevrolet."

Ms Elstub said secretaries perform an important function at schools, and students will suffer with the cuts. "Mothers and parents rely on secretaries to be a second mother, the kids run to us when they have a problem," she said. "They're cutting social workers, instructional assistants and secretaries, and that's the heart of the school."

Ms Elstub said 39 of the 60 OPA members given pink slips were employed by the board in June 1992, when they surrendered raises in exchange for job security. As of Friday, that contract was still in effect.

Most secretaries earn between \$15,000 and \$25,000, the lowest-paid unionized employees working for Halton. As recently as 1994, there were 325 OPA members working for the public school board.



Jim Dills' book *Moments in History* is one of many achievements of the Milton Historical Society, and one of the reasons why the group has been nominated for 1995 Organization of the Year.

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Application for Additional Facilities
Trafalgar Golf And Country Club
6728 Sixth Line, Milton (outdoor area)

Application for a Sale License
Ontario Renaissance Festival
6252 Eighth Line Road, Milton (outdoor areas only)

Any resident of the municipality may make written submission as to whether the issuance of the licence is in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents. Submissions must be received no later than May 3, 1996. Please include your name, address and telephone number.

Note:
The LLBO gives the applicant details of any objections.

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