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pages of the past

One Year Ago

From the July 27, 1983 issue
Complaints from area residents of foul smells coming from Roxul Company Insulation Manufacturing, have resulted in Town Council requesting an update report from Ontario Ministry of Environment officials on the matter.

Harness racing, like any other sport, has a degree of risk. Most racers and breeders never face the prospect of injury but for the few who do, a hospital emergency ward may mean the difference between life and death. Lloyd Chisholm, of Arowana Farms, Milton has faced that prospect and now wants to repay Milton District Hospital for the help the staff provided him. Instead of simply writing a cheque for whatever spare cash is on hand, Mr. Chisholm has decided to give the hospital expansion fund half the proceeds from the sale of a yearling colt he has consigned to an auction sale.

New open gun holsters will form part of the police uniform for Halton Regional Police officers. Designed with the police officer's safety in mind, the holsters will be issued to all uniform officers within the next couple of weeks, says the department's public relations officer, Sgt. Al McQueen.

20 Years Ago

From the July 30, 1964 issue
A smashed glider, its dead pilot still strapped in the seat, was found Wednesday by 17-year-old Bob Bunce of Oakville on the Nassagaweya farm of George Rollins, a mile and a half west of Campbellville.

The pilot, Francis Popp 25, of Jersey City, N.J. had been missing since Monday and the object of an air and lake search. He had been competing in the Canadian National Soaring Association Championships at Brantford.

Pilot Popp had been towed aloft in the radio-equipped glider at 4:30 p.m. Monday and was last seen over the Oakland area south of Brantford.

An employee of the town for the past nine years, Mrs. Dave (Audrey) Brush was this week named Treasurer and Deputy Clerk of the town. Council approved the motion Monday, setting out the salary of \$4,300 effective from July 1 of this year for Mrs. Brush.

Born at Rousseau, Mrs. Brush spent seven years living in Bracebridge before coming to Milton 25 years ago.

50 Years Ago

From the July 26, 1934 issue
Over three hundred people attended the annual Halton County Junior picnic and field day, under the auspices of the Halton Rural Young People's Association, held at Stanley Park, Erin, on Wednesday of last week. Final softball results were: Girls—Norval defeated Milton, 7-3; Boys—Burlington defeated Norval, 12-11.

Burglars, believed to be the same who operated in and around Georgetown last week, entered the premises of the Milton Dairy, owned by Lawrence King, between 1 and 5 o'clock Monday morning and stole \$30 in cash and several cheques, and carried away the cash register. The thieves cut the wire screen in the door at the rear of the building. Up to noon today the provincial police had been unable to secure a clue and no trace of the cash register has been found.

75 Years Ago

From the July 23, 1909 issue
For the second time in a week an alleged forger of Acton has broken away from the police after being captured. The first time he got away from a constable at Georgetown, where he had been arrested while trying to cash a forged cheque at the Merchants Bank there.

He was located at Toronto on Monday and arrested. Monday afternoon he was taken back to Acton to stand his preliminary trial. He was put in the lock-up there, but within a few hours had again made his escape by getting through a window.

It is reported that Dr. Webster of Norval will receive the appointment of Sheriff, made vacant by the death of the late Matthew Clements.

F. Pearen, F. Morley and J. Thorn returned home Saturday evening after spending three weeks at Bala, Muskoka. They report some fine catches of bass and pickerel.

The well-known Lush farm on the Lake Shore Rd. in Oakville has been purchased by James Ryrie of Toronto for \$3,200. There are 14 acres of land which belonged to the Lush brothers, fruit growers. The land will be turned into building lots.

Jas. W. Mallon, Provincial Inspector of Legal Offices paid his annual visit to the Court House on Monday.



viewpoint

Coveat emptor

with LINDA KIRBY

Anger, dismay and frustration were registered on the faces of those victims of a vending machine scam when they learned that convicted Milton business associates Louis Nadain and Terrance Alty would not be ordered to pay restitution as part of their sentence.

More specifically, the county court system would not take on the responsibility of sorting out a multi-million dollar mess.

Many of these victims, there were more than 300 in total, had spent their last pennies to make an appearance in the courthouse to plead their case, some coming from such points as Vancouver and St. John's, Newfoundland.

Their losses varied from \$2,000 to more than \$100,000. For some it was a bad business venture, but for others it meant financial ruin.

All however came to court sharing a similar goal—that being somehow to even the score by retrieving some if not all, of their lost investment.

Judge James Carnwath rightly said it was not for him to "get even" with the culprits, though he was there to administer justice and deliver sentence on the pair.

One had only to listen to the plights of several of the investors to understand the true devastation that resulted from their association with the vending companies. Though tempted by promises of wealth, many of these investors represented successful business individuals with educated backgrounds and sound financial knowledge.

They were no dummies to use the vernacular but they along with the rest of the unsuspecting, got royally taken.

It was suggested by one victim that Judge Carnwath could have at least considered the cases of some of the victims

But which ones?

This case did not involve a handful of people, but hundreds with a variety of losses. Some made a few dollars on the scheme though losing in the end. Some still have machines while others are the proud possessors of mouldy pizza.

So there is a fair amount of paperwork and arithmetic to negotiate.

Tackling an estimated 300 individual cases through the county court system is hardly the most efficient method and I think that Judge Carnwath though sympathetic to the investors, could not realistically deal in a practical manner with this case.

Is it really fair to tie up a county court and judge for perhaps a year when there are civil courts to deal with such issues?

Many victims complained they have spent their last dollar on lawyers to represent them at the recent proceedings and that they no longer have the funds to continue in civil court.

As much as I sympathize for their position, I do not feel the taxpayer should now take over the financial task of pursuing the cause.

Though it is impossible for this writer to comment on the final sentence of the two individuals since both have appealed, I feel some justice has been administered regarding their fraudulent conspiracy, and those looking for a cash settlement should do so through civil proceedings.

The courts have a responsibility to handle criminal acts and administer justice as the judges see fit, but I do not feel it is their ultimate charge to look after those of us who have unwisely invested.

Crime should not pay, but neither should bad investments.

Pointless debate

It was a sad show from a group of people who should have known better.

Angelo Serafini, speaking on behalf of the Halton Chambers of Commerce, told regional councillors his group sees itself as the "voice of business" and as such, this voice was telling the region to get cracking and find a new site for the next landfill site.

Mr. Serafini was, no doubt, well-intentioned in his remarks. But all he did was raise the hackles of most councillors who would dearly love to get moving and find that dump.

Perhaps it was because the last regional council only lasted about 18 minutes, or perhaps it was because the rain clouds meant there was nowhere else to go, but the councillors spent one hour and 20 minutes going over and over something most of us should already know.

The Halton Chambers of Commerce, if they are active people in the community, should well know the many obstructions that have been in the way of finding the dump. The region, for its part, should have let Mr. Serafini quietly leave instead of letting him and an associate go on.

It has been a long, long time since we've had pointless debates at regional headquarters. We hope it is a long, long time before we have to endure sitting through another.

Thanks Bruce

We have all been told since we attended school that to overcome adversity is one key to success in life.

Nowhere is that ideal more personified in this town than in Bruce Dolson, the plants manager for Rockwell International and chairman of Milton District Hospital Expansion Fund fund-raising campaign.

In the past four years, Bruce has had to deal with a long strike at Rockwell and within the past two years, two debate kidney operations including a kidney transplant just two weeks ago.

While many of us would have been prompted to throw in the towel and resign ourselves to retirement, Bruce has done just the opposite with a vim and vitality that is an inspiration to us all.

Certainly Bruce would be the first to say the success of the hospital campaign is a credit to the hundreds of volunteers and supporters in Milton.

But the driving force behind the \$1-million campaign has been Bruce who is worthy of our accolades.

Thanks Bruce — you have set an example we should all admire.

our readers write

WHAM Rebuttal

Dear Sir:
Your story July 18 "We still need abortion—WHAM" is in need of address.

As I read the opinions of these ladies I could not help to think again how much their thought and opinions are so stereo-typical of the Western-consumer, quick disposable society we live in today. What else does such a society do but dispose of that which it does not want, even at the expense of human worth and life.

These ladies express the same euphemisms of those that repress life. For instance "every child must be a wanted child" women see suffering and irresponsibility amongst the young and wish to apply a band-aid. They fail to see the wound for the scab that has formed.

There are many more wise, loving and compassionate women in our community that do not hold the opinions of WHAM. These are the women that truly seek to help and encourage human worth and dignity in our society.

Science and the study of fetology has already established that authentic life present in the mother's womb is truly human flesh and blood and that life begins at conception. Facts do not lie. It is only a matter of time before this society becomes mature enough to study the facts.

To those ladies who say they hold Christian principles, may I suggest they read Deuteronomy 30:19 "I set before you life or death, blessing or curse. Choose life then so that you and your descendants may live." Isaiah 49 "I have knitt you in the womb, I have formed you from the palm of My hand," and the sixth commandment: "Thou shall not kill."

ROSEMARY GALBRAITH
Woodlawn Cres., Milton

Another's Treasure

Dear Sir:
On Sunday evening I was walking my dog and was shocked by the items the residents of Milton are throwing out in their garbage. For example: lamps, chairs, children's toys,

bikes, toboggans etc. Most items are in reasonable condition, but worn or need minor repairs.

Please give this message to your residents. What you may consider "Junk", others may have use for. So if you can't sell the item or can't be bothered, please remember there are agencies that can benefit from your "seemingly worthless" discards.

1. Goodwill: Any item including those which need minor repair. Funds go to a variety of projects including the mentally handicapped who are taught how to repair some items. A pick-up station is located behind Loblaw's in Milton Mall.

2. Red Shield: Takes used item and will pick-up from your door, especially if they don't require extensive repairs. Storefront location is Main St., Milton.

3. City Recycle: Pick-up newspapers, glass or metals. Just separate from garbage. Drop station located behind Loblaw's in Milton Mall.

4. Used Postage Stamps: Used for benefit of mentally and emotionally handicapped. Send to: Capital Region Association for The Mentally Handicapped, 3861 Cedar Hill Cross Roads, Victoria, B.C., V8P 2M7.

These are just a few ideas to make your "Junk" go a long way and make others very happy.

Signature Illegible

Campbellville Thanks

Dear Sir:
As a resident of the Campbellville community who played no part whatsoever in the arranging of events for the July 14-15 Bicentennial celebration, I would like to extend a sincere word of thanks to those who did.

The planning and staging of such an event required, and was given, a tremendous amount of time and effort by those who served on the various committees and by those who contributed in any way toward its success.

I can think of no better way in which the history of our community could be remembered and celebrated. It was a most enjoyable

and memorable occasion and a deep debt of gratitude is owed to all who made it possible.
MURRAY MCPHAIL
Campbellville

Nice Time

Dear Sir:
On June 19, a grade 1 class and a grade 5-6 class visited Springridge Farm on Bell School Lane. We were very impressed with the interesting, informative talk given by Mrs. Hughes on the organization and care needed to grow strawberries.

The children went on a wagon ride, met "Superberry" and enjoyed large, delicious strawberries, freshly picked by themselves. The Hughes also provided the students with drinks and homemade cookies.

The farm is in immaculate condition, a picturesque sight for anyone to see, and the hospitality most appreciated.

We would highly recommend this outing for any family or class. We would like to thank Laura and John Hughes for making our afternoon a very enjoyable one!

LUISA ST. JOHN, Gr. 5 & 6
and DIANA JOHNSTON, Gr. 1
St. Peter's School, Milton

Video Thanks

Dear Sir:
During the week of June 25-29, we worked with the Milton Crime Prevention Officer of the Halton Regional Police to complete a Video Operation Identification program.

As part of a Summer '84 project sponsored by the Solicitor-General's office and funded by the Ministry of State for Youth, we organized a program to videotape homeowners' valuables. The aim of the program was to provide the homeowners with visual proof of their belongings to be used in cases of fire or theft.

Without the help of Chris and Diane Logan the project would not have succeeded. Video Station donated video recording equipment to be used for the week. We wish to publicly acknowledge their donation. Not only did they help provide a valuable community service,

they also made our summer a more enjoyable one.

KIM SOPINKA
and BEV ECCLES
Operation Identification

Thanks

Dear Sir:
On behalf of the Town of Milton Parks and Recreation Department, I would like to extend my thanks to you and your support staff for the excellent news coverage received for our Canada Day Celebrations.

Once again, I thank you for your support and interest in this worthwhile special event.
BONNIE WARD
Program Supervisor

Principal Thanks

Dear Sir:
I enjoyed reading the article Jane Muller wrote following our interview in June. I felt well-represented by what she wrote, and happy that I had been introduced to the community in a direct and open manner.

Thank you for your interest in making the community acquainted with me. I will encourage people here to keep you informed about events of interest at Milton District High School.

PAULINE LAING
Principal
Milton District High School

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