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Another study

Tempers flared last week over an issue that might otherwise seem trivial.

Regional councillors were talking about a \$20,300 study to find out if improvements are needed at the Campbellville four corners, and if so, what should those improvements encompass.

The major problem concerns the estimated cost which is some \$11,300 more than the region has in its budget. Nevertheless, the region voted to go ahead with the study even if they don't have the money.

The money will come from the owner of the Crawford Lumber yard property in exchange for allowing the old brick building to encroach on Guelph Line. The owner probably will object, but that's another story.

Getting back to the four corners, there can be little doubt the main problem affecting traffic flow is the rail crossing. The region's plans remain debatable. It is highly doubtful the railway will suddenly decide to rip out the tracks because it is causing a problem at the four corners.

Therefore, the \$20,300 which is going to be spent will probably come up with some other option like re-routing traffic around the Campbellville area. That also is not going to please the merchants who depend on people to stay in business.

Councillor Brad Clements feels the study should be done to find out if there is any solution to the problem. Granted one exists, but is it worth spending \$20,300 of ratepayers' money to find out something that is obvious?

If there is a solution which isn't going to bring on a megabuck road building program, great.

Keeping the charm of Campbellville is the top priority. If this can be obtained while easing the traffic problem, it will be \$20,300 well spent.

It's your vote

Just about everyone we talk to in Milton seems to be showing a lack of interest about the Sept. 4 election.

Perhaps it's not surprising people would rather enjoy the summer and listen to the grass grow than listen to the federal leaders and local combatants.

In what experienced political observers may consider the most important election in at least a decade, the summer weather is lulling us into indifference, and that's a trap.

If Milton voters do not take a hard look and get involved with making a choice, they will only have themselves to blame for the following four years when whatever leader brings us bad news and we rue the day we didn't vote him down.

There is less than a month now until Sept. 4. Now is very definitely the time to at least learn more about the issues at stake. One place to do that is at the Milton Jaycee-sponsored all-candidates debate.

It is being held next Thursday at 7.30 p.m. in the Milton Library.

our readers write

Gone to dogs

Dear Sir
The soccer team I am helping coach will no longer practise in Melanie Park.

Dog droppings have left the park unfit for children or sports.

Residents around the area complained to Milton Parks and Recreation, and workmen were dispatched to clean up the mess.

This isn't fair to the workmen or the majority of taxpayers.

We need a posted by-law and fines.

JOHN DUNDAS
Woodward Ave., Milton

Wake up!

The following is a letter addressed to the Mayor and Council of Milton. A copy has been filed with The Canadian Champion for publication.

To The Mayor and Milton Council:

According to the Aug. 1 issue of The Canadian Champion, parking restrictions were approved at James Street north of Mill Street in response to complaints from residents.

This is not true because all the residents of James affected feel that there is no reason to ban parking at this intersection but feel instead, council should give their attention to the dangerous hill on Mill Street between James and Garden Lane. Just this week there was a three-car pile-up at this intersection because cars entering from James to Mill Street cannot see if vehicles are coming up the blind hill.

All the residents at this intersection agree on this matter. When we were asked for our opinion, we gave it but council did what they evidently intended to in the first place and ignored the submissions. Why do you fiddle with unwanted and unnecessary parking restrictions and ignore a potentially

dangerous situation. Wake up!

MARJORIE POWYS,
Mill St., Milton

Player thanks

Dear Sir:
On behalf of The Milton Players, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the coverage your newspaper has given us during our last production.

It is extremely important for a small community theatre group such as ourselves to have the support of their local paper.

You have shown through your continual interest that you care about what is happening in your community and for this we are extremely grateful.

SHARON GREGA
Secretary,
Milton Players

Centre response

Editor's note: Last week a letter appeared from Mrs. Brenda Catalano to Mayor Gord Krantz regarding The Centre. This is the response which Mrs. Catalano has filed with The Champion for publication.

Dear Mrs. Catalano:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 24 1984 with respect to The Centre in Milton. Your letter raises concerns with respect to the funding and affiliations of The Centre, and I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to The Centre for a direct response to you. This Office does not have any documentation to adequately answer your concerns.

With respect to background information, please be advised that the Centre was officially opened in April 1981. At that time, pro-

NEWS ITEM:
SUMMER WEATHER
KEEPS ELECTION
INTEREST LOW.



view point

with JANE MULLER

Debate
worth
seeing



Just when we thought exciting television ended with the Olympics, we have the candidates' debate.

It promises to be more than a discussion of national issues like unemployment, native rights and the economy. This point, counter-point session is set aside for women's issues.

What the leaders of Canada's three major political parties know about cleaning shirt collars and making koolaid I'll never know. How ill equipped could three men be? Especially when questions will be fired from the mouths of women who are no doubt well-versed in women's things.

What does John Turner know about the need for panty hose which doesn't run? He has been researching the fit of the panty portion however.

And what of the movement toward quick-dry nail polish. The invention would free women to do more work of unequal value in a day.

It must have taken the National Action Committee on the Status of Women a long time to narrow down the most important women's issues. More rightly the time was spent finding them.

What makes any issue of specific concern to women? Does it not make the gender appear separate from males when it is made to appear our concerns differ from their's?

Granted abortion directly affects women. But what of the men involved paternally? Or men in general who may be concerned about the morality of the act of terminating a pregnancy.

If gender were a determining factor in the way we vote then why are there so few women in government? Men and women don't vote differently because they are men and women. People vote according to what they believe and that comes from the way they were brought up.

The women who will conduct the debate tonight will no doubt cover some areas which need discussing. We've been hearing about proposed legislation to deal with equal pay for work of equal value. That's been moved upon about as quickly as the decriminalization of marijuana, first mentioned in a throne speech more than a decade ago.

I guess I'm confusing "hippie's" issues with "women's" issues on that one however.

Affirmative action is another topic of the day. No doubt P.M. Turner could call on his mother's success as an economist to indicate his support of putting

women in high places. As it stands now the majority of capable Canadian women must be suffering from acrophobia.

It is true that actions speak louder than words. But so far affirmative action has amounted to little more than so many words.

There used to be a women's issue but it was cured by the suffragettes. Women had to make a noise to earn suffrage. However the men had to decide to go along with it. Was this women's issue not simply an issue of human rights?

This is one woman who cringes when the words women's issues are spoken. The label makes those who most need to become aware of certain concerns, turn a deaf ear. They don't want their porno mags censored or language changed to identify manholes as person-holes.

It is probably a little unconventional to write about a debate before it happens. This premature analysis is spawned by cynicism and the knowledge little will change as a result of the third encounter of a political kind.

Even if some legislation makes it to the books, laws don't change attitudes. What good is a female executive being paid the same as her male counterparts when she goes home to play the doormat.

Has anything been accomplished if that women can't wear an over-the-knee skirt without being seen as a woman with great legs?

Just as charity starts at home, so does equality. Attitudes are nurtured from the time we are able to comprehend what is going on around us. We can try to erase stereotypical depictions from story books and texts. We can rant about the degradation found in pornographic material.

We can talk all we want. Where has it gotten the women who finds her hands in the dishwasher each night while her husband relaxes after a day equally as taxing as hers? Some liberation when its left at the office and carried around during the day like a briefcase. Abandoned at night for a life with less friction.

One thing's for sure. We can't miss this debate. Unless you are a cable subscriber it's pretty well the only program in prime time.

Should men be allowed to watch? Why not, they likely won't be able to comprehend our issues anyway. They're into men's issues like finding a twist off beer bottle cap which doesn't bite.

pages
of the
past

One Year Ago

From the August 17, 1983 issue

A \$4.4-million multi-use recreation centre for Milton highlighted the list of recommendations contained in the Culture and Recreation Master Plan presented to town council Monday evening. The facility, to be built at the Memorial Arena site on Thompson Rd. would be constructed in two phases and would include provision for a studio theatre, leisure pool, fitness centre and racquetball courts among it many uses.

A need for a shift system that would provide better working conditions prompted Halton regional police to implement 12-hour shifts for most of its uniformed officers and much of its civilian staff. The 32-week trial program, due to end Jan. 8, 1984, will be evaluated by the participants three times.

An estimated 50 pounds of homegrown marijuana were seized during an RCMP raid of a Milton residence Monday night. Police discovered the marijuana stacked in an attic area of the house, in the process of curing.

Milton town council has given its blessing to having the 1984 Firefighters' Association of Ontario held in this town.

20 Years Ago

From Thursday, Aug. 13, 1964 issue

Thousands of windows were smashed and the roof of a farm house was punctured with holes when hail stones "as big as eggs" struck United Greenhouses on Walker's Line during Tuesday afternoon's electrical storm.

Nearly every window on the roof of 11 greenhouse buildings owned by Martin Deyner and Martin Trischler suggested that damage would be "in the thousands".

An emergency request for 5,000 gallons of water a day to help prevent a district farmer from losing 200 tons of his cherry crop was approved by Milton Council's water committee this week.

However, on Wednesday Les Hughes owner of Braeside Farms on the Bell School Line reported he might not need the water this year after all.

Paul Kernighan topped Milton District High School students in Grade 13 examinations, according to results released this week. Julia Callaby also obtained high standing on the eight papers written.

Winning first-class honours on 10 papers, Kernighan had an average of 85.5 per cent on the 10 papers. For Ontario Scholarship purposes, his average on his top eight papers was 87.1 per cent.

Callaby also won first-class honours on all eight papers for an average of 80.75 per cent to also win the Ontario Scholarship.

50 Years Ago

From the August 16, 1934 issue

The largest district lawn bowling tournament this season was held here on Wednesday evening of last week, when twenty-two rinks from Acton, Georgetown, Brampton, Toronto, Islington, Oakville, Streetsville and Milton entered in competition. Milton was successful in winning with a score of three wins with a plus of 27, and three wins with a plus of 19, out of three ten games.

In 1893 when Streetsville laid plank sidewalks they bought hemlock plank at \$7 per thousand feet and cedar at \$12. They paid \$3 per day for teaming and \$1.25 per day for a man, working on the roads.

In the interests of the Halton Agricultural Society, at a meeting of the town council held on Tuesday evening of last week, M.J. Carton and E. Harrop asked the council for financial assistance. Moved by Councillor Elliott and seconded by Councillor Maxted, council agreed that a grant of \$200 be made to Halton Agricultural Society for the September fall fair.

75 Years Ago

From the Aug. 12, 1909 issue

An Ontario Act forbids the employment of women or girls in shops after 6 p.m. in the evening of all days except Saturdays and days before holidays. Complaints are being made that the Act is being violated in Toronto and Hamilton and inspectors have been detailed to investigate.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Lowe and family left Milton last week for their new home at Claresholm, Alberta. Since they came to Milton from England between two and three years ago, they made many friends.

Mrs. Lowe was an energetic church worker as a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Grace Church.

Miss Lulu Hall is recovering from an acute attack of appendicitis which began last Saturday when her mother was summoned home by a telegram from Bent River, Muskoka, where she was visiting her brother, A.J. Clements.

grams for both mothers and pre-schoolers and adolescents were run, which was financed by the Children's Aid Society.

During that year, under the guidance of the Milton Committee for Youth and Children, funding in the amount of \$1,200 was raised to implement a Drop-In program. In January, 1982 Milton Council received a request from the Committee for financial assistance. Council at its Budget Committee Meeting of May 4th, 1982 approved a one-time grant of \$4,000 for the Youth Drop-In Centre.

Council has not had any direct involvement with the Centre, following that time frame.

Thank you for expressing your concerns to the Office, and you should be receiving a response from The Centre, in the near future.

G.A. KRANTZ
Mayor

Bad trip

The following is a letter addressed to the Halton Region Conservation Authority. A copy has been filed with The Canadian Champion for publication.

Dear Sirs:

I would like to voice a complaint about the organization of Kelso beach.

Recently, my girlfriend took myself and my two children to Kelso for a few hours at the beach. Our first problem happened at the main gate. We were stopped and questioned as to why the Conservation pass was not stuck to the window, and told that it would be voided if it was not correctly attached. This was impossible because the sticker was on a piece of clear plastic which could be slipped into a pouch on the window. This "pouch system" was used in lieu of having half a dozen stickers on a window, blocking the driver's vision. After a discussion with a supervisor, we were allowed to enter the park but were informed this would happen every time we attempted to enter the park. This attitude strikes me as being very petty, and beyond a

park of the calibre of Kelso. As long as the sticker is valid, why must it be stuck to the windshield?

Our second problem occurred when we reached the beach. We were informed that only a quarter of the beach would be open for swimming. This meant that in order to sit and be able to watch the children while they were playing in the water we had to put up with the noise created by a large number of people crowded into a small area. We were also informed that a larger area of the beach would be opened when more life guards came on duty at noon.

When we got fed up and decided to leave at 1.30 p.m. there were so many people on the beach and in the water that the smaller children were being constantly knocked over, splashed, and bumped by larger teenagers, and still only a quarter was open.

We were informed that this restriction on the beach area was for safety reasons. When we left, the parking area at the beach was full, and there were four buses there as well. Is it really safer to crowd that many people in such a small area? There were times when I could not see people past about 8-10 feet beyond the waters edge because there were so many in the water. Would it not be easier to watch people in the water if they were not falling on top of each other?

Most people who go to Kelso during the week live in Milton and have enjoyed the park through the past years. I can honestly say that we did not enjoy ourselves on this excursion especially when the children ended up in tears.

If these problems exist on our next visit to the park, I doubt we will ever again use these facilities. I know we are not the only people who feel this way. This attitude is changing the park's reputation from pleasant and efficient to one of irritating narrow mindedness.

M. HOSIER
Coulson Ave., Milton