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## Some will cry

'Tis the season to be jolly. But in almost 100 Milton homes there isn't much to be jolly about.

Even though inflation is down, the cruel spectre of high unemployment and a shrinking dollar is making it absolutely impossible for the people in those 100 homes to expect anything to be merry about on Dec. 25.

These people are the ones who will not have a dinner on the table on Christmas Day or a toy for their children without your support.

Your support can change all that, and all it takes is a donation to The Canadian Champion Christmas Bureau Fund.

Since the fund was instituted three years ago, Miltonians have given freely and made it possible for this newspaper and the Salvation Army to make deliveries of food and toys by Christmas so everyone could know the joy of the season.

This year our goal has to be higher.

But we have found in the past two years it is that donation of \$1 here or \$5 there which is the real backbone of the fund. Collection bottles have already been placed in a number of Milton stores thanks to the cooperation of those merchants who feel the same we do about Christmas.

Donations will be accepted at The Canadian Champion, 191 Main St. as well. Or it can be mailed to us at P.O. Box 248, Milton L9T 4N9. Your donation is tax deductible because we are a federally-licensed charity.

But don't think of it, please, as charity. Your donation is really from one neighbor to another. Your donation means others in your home town can enjoy Christmas morning in the way you want everyone to enjoy it.

## Illegal tax

If you have a septic tank on your land, but a sewer line runs near your home, you may have to pay Halton's sewage tax.

You will have to pay it even though you won't hook up and probably never will.

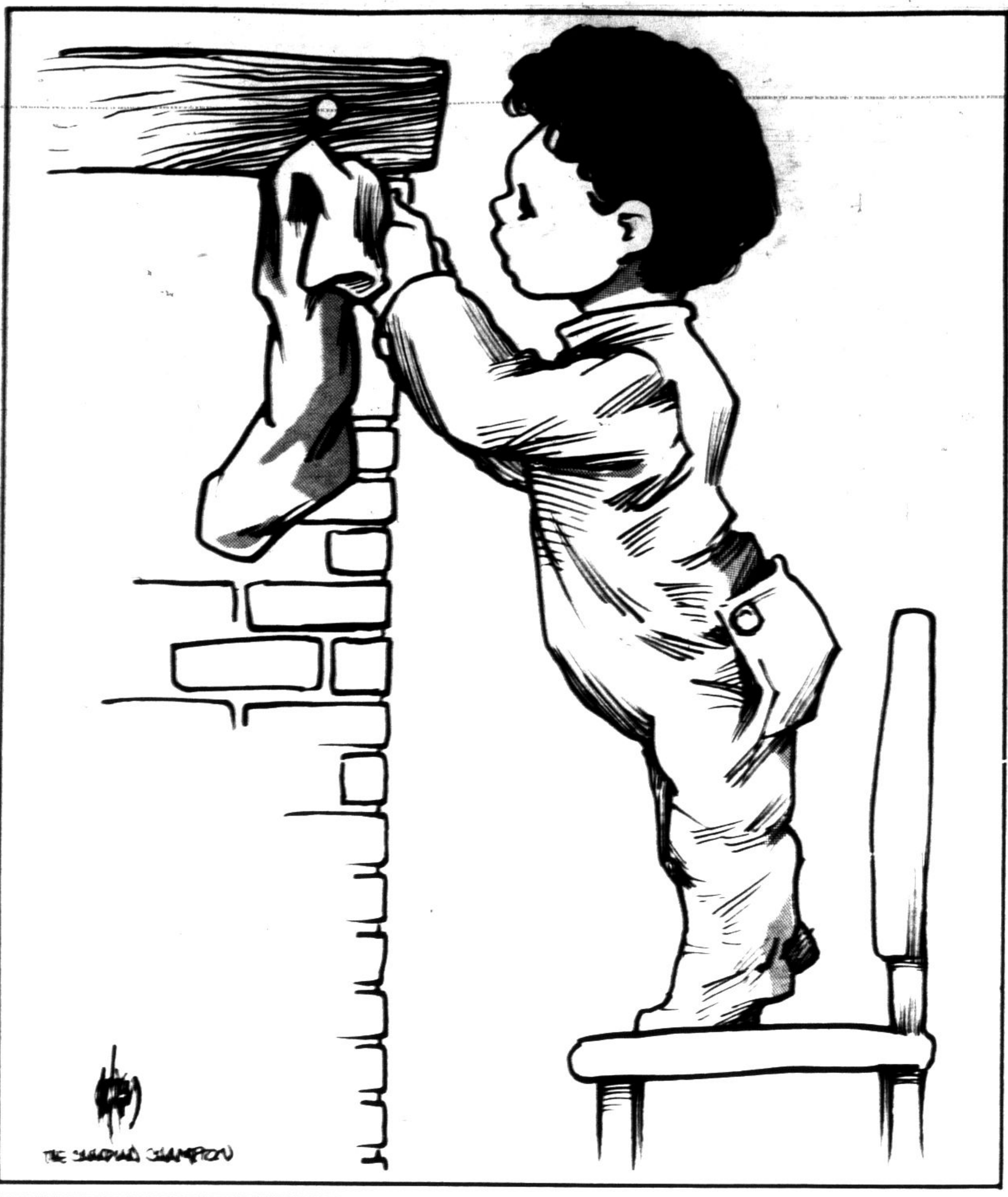
What this is was aptly described by regional councillor, Walter Mulkewich as an "illegal tax."

When council meets today, revisions to the water and sewer system are going to be discussed and one of them is the pay-for-sewerage rate for non-users of the system.

Mr. Mulkewich put it in perspective when he noted, he, as a septic tank user, should not be asked to pay a rate just because there is a sewage line nearby. Why, he said, should he do that when there is a Bell Canada Line running by his house he is not forced to use as well as a natural gas line which he is not forced to use.

Even though the numbers affected are small, there is a principle here which is, somehow being missed.

No one would be forced by any government to pay for something he does not use.



## viewpoint

Could be better

with LINDA KIRBY



I love tradeshows. There is something about them that convinces me that you never attend one without learning something, perhaps you shouldn't have spent as much money, but you always come away with some ideas.

I am even willing to battle the crowds for the annual Toronto home show and the exhibits at the C.N.E.

So it was encouraging to hear the Milton Chamber of Commerce is planning a three-day event next May, albeit on the holiday weekend when most head for that first long weekend of the summer at the cottage.

They deserve commendation for attempting this show which demands a fair amount of expertise and experience.

I was therefore, disappointed to see the manner in which they approached the Town with an outstretched hand with a request for a lump sum of \$12,000. Everyone asks for money—that is not unusual, but this case is slightly different.

As a reporter covering regular committee and council meetings, I was there when the idea of a Milton show was first broached by councillors themselves earlier this year. The idea was discussed to the extent that a fall show was even suggested, but later recommended for the spring.

To their credit the Chamber has been considering this for some time, well over a year, but the Town has made it known they would like to assist, work with, cooperate in an effort to provide the "first class" show Chamber President Ron Clarke described.

However, it would appear their offers have been quietly shunned, and the Chamber is now simply asking for the money.

Councillor Colin Best made the enquiry as to whether or not service clubs had been approached for their assistance and/or sponsorship. They had not.

Perhaps I am wrong, but it would seem the Chamber might look around or at least consider the help of other groups in this town.

It was emphasized that the show is designed to sell Milton, its businesses and services.

Not to mention the Town staff, there are a lot of people that could be tapped for their expertise.

Too often it appears, that groups with the best of intentions take on projects of significant magnitude, but without the resources.

It was mentioned during the presentation that cash registers will be discouraged.

That is to say, look, order and then go visit the shop location to pick up your purchase. Might be a good way to teach some people how to find shops in those industrial mall back alleys, but I don't know if it is really such a practical suggestion.

People like to take home with them what they are buying. Don't have me sign an order, climb into my car and then hunt for your business. If you have a good product, I will find my way back to your store.

I certainly hope the C.N.E. shows don't adopt that style, because it could kill a lot of sales.

I must point out that this procedure was explained by Tom Richardson, proprietor of a local car dealership. Granted he would have difficulty fitting any vehicles into an 8' x 10' booth at this show, but I think a lot of other retailers would like a chance to sell their wares on the spot.

I am not an expert on trade shows, just attending them. But I think they should be relatively simple, accessible and enjoyable.

Milton and the retail community have much to offer. I think the Chamber might be wise to open their group up to more ideas, rather than simply asking for lumps of money. They might even find their expenses could drop substantially.

## pages of the past

### One Year Ago

From the Nov. 23, 1983 issue

The big event of the season is only three days away, and judging by the number of entries, it promises to be a success.

The annual Santa Claus parade has received much support from the community in the form of financial contributions totalling \$4,485 and the efforts of the volunteer parade committee.

Escalating costs to complete renovations to the new town hall have temporarily stalled proceedings on the \$2.1 million project. Milton councillors received the bad news Monday evening when they were told the cost of renovations, refurbishing and landscaping the former court house would far exceed original expectations.

Mayor Gord Krantz will lead a last-ditch effort to try and avert the Jan. 31 closing of the SuperSave (Lewth's) supermarket at Main and Martin Sts. A resolution passed Monday evening at council calling for the mayor to try and set up a meeting between himself, representing the town, chamber of Commerce president Don Knight; Downtown Business Improvement Area chairman Barney Henderson; a representative of National Grocers, which owns SuperSave; and representative of the SuperSave union; and the owner of the building which houses SuperSave.

### 20 Years Ago

From the Nov. 18, 1964 issue

The fresh new look of the Liberal Party in Ontario and Canada was displayed Saturday, when several of the brightest young faces in the Liberal camp spoke at the combination annual meeting and convention of the Halton County Liberal Association in the Galaxy Club in Oakville.

Newly named Ontario Liberal leader Andrew Thompson made his first official visit to Halton County since taking over the party leadership provincially, and he was joined on Saturday by several other bright, young Liberals including Vancouver Burland M.P. Ronald Basford, John Mullally M.P. for King's P.E.I. and Halton's M.P. Dr. Harry Harley.

A three pointed request from Nassagaweya Township Council received the endorsement of the Ontario Municipal Board on Friday when OMB representatives David Jamieson and William Greenwood approved construction of a new Municipal Administration building at an estimated cost of \$39,900, approved the issue of debentures for \$18,176 repayable over a term of five years for the purpose of constructing the new building and agreed to dispense with a vote of the township electors on the money-by-law.

### 50 Years Ago

From the Nov. 22, 1934 issue

Several hunting parties have returned home during the past week and all report excellent sport and a fine outing. H.M. Pettit, County Clerk, shot a deer and a timber wolf.

Milton L.O.L. No. 2385, elected Will Boyes, of Zimmerman, master, and Lawrence King, Milton, deputy master. County Master W. Evans, Oakville, and District Master T. Turner, Campbellville, were present at the meeting. The election of officers will be completed in December.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's United Church will hold their annual bazaar in the Sunday school room on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 1st, beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

At ten-thirty Sunday night, fire of undetermined origin destroyed a new bank barn with its contents, including implements and season's crop, belonging to Edward Devlin, Trafalgar township farmer, near Omagh.

### 75 Years Ago

From the Nov. 18, 1909 issue

A.L. Clements of Bent River, Muskoka, a member of the MacDuff Mining Co. of Milton, wrote last week from the company's claim, five miles from Gowand, to report that he had killed a huge bull moose weighing about 1,200 pounds.

Last week, male mashers including several from the surrounding vicinity were fined in Toronto for accosting young ladies on the streets. Milton does however, have the female variety. A young married man reported to The Champion a few days ago two girls had put him to the blush on Main St. by hailing him thus, "Oh Lorne, you sport! I like you."

A missionary programme was given at the league meeting held in the school room of the Methodist Church on Monday evening. Following the opening exercises the president read the scriptures and E.C. Higginbotham took up the topic "Strangers in the Midst."

## our readers write

### Conflicting messages

A copy of the following letter was filed at the Champion for publication.

Dear Mayor Krantz and Members of Council: On Tuesday, Nov. 13, I spoke briefly with Mayor Gord Krantz regarding my concerns about recreation available to Milton teenagers and the factor of alcohol as it is encountered by them.

I am concerned that we, the adults of this community, and some of us as parents of teenagers give them very conflicting messages about alcohol consumption. We tell them in many ways "Don't drink until you are nineteen and you can have lots of fun without drinking alcohol." The message they receive in their experience however, is something very different.

My observation as a parent of teens, is that teens wanting to have fun want to:

1. Go with a group of their friends.
2. Go where there is music, preferably dancing, and socialize with their peers.
3. Go somewhere other than the show all the time; and

4. Go out Friday and/or Saturday night.

So, supposing they are reasonably responsible kids, 18 years old; they do not want to try to be served alcohol but they do want to go to a dance. They try. They are refused admission to the premises because the Liquor Licence of the establishment does not permit them inside without a parent. (Just one example—the Optimist Club Friday night dance. An officer of that club told me he had to turn away 50-60 underage kids last Friday night.)

Realistically, what 18-year old, deemed by society responsible enough to vote, should be forced by society to be accompanied by a parent to dance? We as parents are at the same time striving to encourage autonomy in our children age 18.

The kids quickly get the message that the

only way to get in to dance and have fun is to be eligible to drink. So they next try to go to one of the restaurants where there is music, dancing, and lots of people they know. Again, they are refused admission at the door. Reason given—they are not 19 and old enough to drink.

Once more the message is received—you can't come in and just eat or drink Coke and have fun. Realistically again, these restaurants stand to make more money from serving 19 year olds alcoholic drinks than 18-year-olds Coke. So why fill the seats with 18-year-olds.

"Are you old enough to drink?" is held up as a barrier to them at so many turns and then we wonder why drinking is so much on their minds and why they are so eager to do it.

They become so frustrated in the search for fun, that in so many cases is made conditional upon drinking age, that their thinking turns to "Well, if drinking is the key to having fun, then we'll drink and have fun where we can which sometimes is in a car, with potentially heartbreaking results. Then, we adults really come down hard on them.

Is this situation fair? Can we as a community not do better in providing consistent messages and environment? I believe we can if we try.

I am hopeful that Mayor Krantz and members of the Council will thoughtfully consider these concerns and help this community find ways to provide recreational opportunities for teens that will allow them the fun, music and socializing they seek without emphasizing the ability to drink alcohol.

FAYE JARVIS, RR 1, Milton

### Abortion

Dear Sir: The following is a copy of the text of a letter (sent by CNCP Telex) on Nov. 13 to the

Honourable Roy McMurtry Q.C. Attorney-General of Ontario.

As President of Halton Pro-Life, I was shocked by the events of the Supreme Court of Ontario on Nov. 8.

I ask you and indeed beseech you, in your capacity as Attorney-General to uphold the laws of our land and thus protect innocent and defenceless Canadians from violence and anarchy.

I trust the law will be justly enforced for all Canadians.

And finally will the lucrative, free-standing, Toronto-based abortuary be allowed to reopen for business? Will other entrepreneurs be allowed to operate likewise in Ontario?

Justice must be done and seem to be done.

On behalf of the Board and 3,000 volunteer members of Halton Pro-Life, I thank you for your time and attention to this vital and urgent matter. I eagerly await your response.

BRENDA CATALANO, President, Halton Pro-Life

### More on abortion

Dear Sir: Dr. Henry Morgentaler broke the abortion law on purpose and incredibly was acquitted by the jury.

A jury of "non-churchgoers" was picked on behalf of the defence by "professional" jury pickers from the U.S. because "the more frequently someone attends church, the more likely they are to be anti-abortion."

This pathetic jury did not understand that an abortion is actually the most gruesome killing of an unborn baby—and that is why there is a law against such killings.

"Pro-choice" people believe a woman should have the "choice" to kill her baby by abortion. They will not recognize or admit that the "choice" should be whether or not to

have a sexual relationship or whether or not to use birth-control methods and not the "choice", after the fact, to kill innocent defenceless baby.

Yes, Dr. Morgentaler broke man's law and got away with it. But he and others who do abortions break a higher law—"Thou Shalt Not Kill".

DON LAMBERT, Milton

### Great show

Dear Sir: I would like to congratulate the Milton Players for a really well done production of Barefoot in the Park.

I have seen many plays, both professional and amateur, and I would like to say that I have not seen anything better than our local production.

From the amount of applause during and after the performance I am sure that the audience on a whole agreed with me.

B. BROWN, Ontario St., Milton

### Good Samaritans

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to those residents of Maple Ave. who came to the aid of our son during his recent bicycle accident on Wednesday, Nov. 7.

We are truly grateful for all the assistance and comfort you gave to him.

We would also like to say thanks to all of our neighbours on Cedarbrae Ave. who expressed so much care and concern at this time.

BILL AND PAT ASH, Cedarbrae Ave., Milton