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News item: Milton's Bicentennial Committee wants kids to name the Millpond Monster. Entry forms available at the Milton Library.

Who's parochial

It was strange to hear Burlington mayor Roly Bird talking about regional councillors being "parochial" while he was speaking in favour of re-thinking spending on a number of Halton works projects.

Mr. Bird was supporting a motion by councillor Joan Little that \$270,000 not be added to the Halton debenture load. The debenture limit was set Dec. 7 but a number of projects have since come forward which need to be done.

Mr. Bird and Mrs. Little wanted all the projects which would require partial regional funding sent back to be re-studied by staff and then re-introduced in a list of priorities.

This would have caused a great deal of trouble for Milton which opened tenders yesterday for a major sewer works project on Bronte St. If the region had decided to stall its share of the cost of the project, Milton would have been in a very serious position of not only holding up that project, but everything else that must be done as part of the Bronte St. reconstruction project.

Milton does not have a list of priorities, just Bronte St. So to intimate that Milton was being parochial, is not only unfair, it does not take into account the region-working-together-as-one-big-happy-family front councillors like to put forward.

In the end result, the \$270,000 was added but without the support of some of the Burlington regional councillors.

And if that isn't being parochial...

viewpoint

with JIM ROBINSON

Wayne Morley



Milton was particularly saddened at the death last week of Wayne Morley, a 13-year old who fought a courageous battle against leukemia.

Although most of us never had the privilege of meeting him, most of the people living in Milton had certainly heard of him and his plight.

When Wayne underwent a very specialized operation in Baltimore last year, many of us were praying for him. In this excruciatingly painful operation, the marrow was removed from his bones, treated, and then returned.

Following the operation, there was hope he would make it.

The Canadian Cancer Society, particularly the Milton Branch, helped take care of everything during that stay in Baltimore. But there were other expenses and the community responded. We know of the fund raising events held by the Dutch-Canadian Club and the Charles Hotel. We are also aware of the Knights of Columbus and the many friends at Holy Rosary Church

and School who did their part during this most trying time.

It has been reported the Morley family was very grateful for the support and work of the doctors and nurses at the McMaster University Medical Centre.

Funeral services were held for Wayne on Saturday Standing outside, the thought was not one of mourning, but what could be salvaged from this tragic death.

As this column is being written, I'm trying to get in contact with the Chuchmach family, owners of the Charles Hotel.

For several years, and without seeking a lot of publicity, the Chuchmachs have been holding a golf tournament to raise funds for cancer research. I know they were particularly concerned about Wayne from talking with them and attending their fund raisers for the family.

The thought is to name this year's tournament after Wayne and get every possible golfer we can to come out and help raise funds for cancer research.

our readers write

On the buses

Dear Sir:

This letter is directed to those residents of Timberlea who now need, or anticipate needing in the near future, bus service for their school age children to other areas in the Town. It is apparent that Timberlea lacks the same bus coverage that is available to the more established areas in Milton on the special morning and after school routes. In addition, access to at least one established route has been denied Timberlea residents.

The bussing contract is going out to tender this year, and the Transit Committee is looking at the bus service in general. You have a golden opportunity to help the Council by telling the Committee what you need in the way of expanded services. They are looking for some expression of need on your part.

In the four years that we have lived here, the population of Milton has risen from 28,000 to 32,000, with a resultant increase in tax revenues. Much of the population increase has been due to the filling in of the Timberlea area. As far as I have been able to discover, the so-called "school" bus routes have remained virtually unchanged for a number of years.

As you may know, regular bus service is suspended or altered during the before and after school periods so that the buses can transport students. If one counts the number of times a bus enters each quadrant of the Town on these special routes, one gets totals as follows: Dorset Park, 5, W.I. Dick area, 6, Bronte Meadows, 6, Timberlea, 2. And of the two buses to Timberlea, one is the bus that our children have not been permitted to ride.

I understand that it is felt that Timberlea does not warrant as much service as the other quadrants since it has all the grades within its boundaries. Nevertheless, students from the south east corner of Timberlea have at least as far to go to E.C. Drury as many students from other areas who take the bus. In addition, there are students (both French Immersion and others) who make use of buses in other areas to go to optional courses, and Timberlea residents do not have these advantages to the same degree.

His Worship the Mayor insists that this is public transit, and I am under the impression that to operate otherwise would breach the agreement with the Provincial government, which, I understand, pays for 75 per cent of capital expenditures and 25 per cent of operating expenses.

One would expect that public transit would be provided to all areas of the Town that need it, and to all citizens who have the fare. Our two children travel to schools in other quadrants to optional courses which are not available in this area (in this case, French Immersion). In the case of our son, who is at MDHS, there is a bus from Timberlea in the morning, but none in existence in the P.M. Our daughter is able to take the bus in the morning to W.I. Dick, but has not been permitted to ride the afternoon bus, which wanders through Dorset Park and then down

Thompson Road. As it is, the bus starts to discharge passengers in less than a mile from W.I. Dick, then travels empty to Sam Sherratt.

We have been told various things in an effort to discourage us from feeling that we should have the same right to service as any other taxpayer: "the bus is too crowded," "it is meant for Dorset Park," "the route ends at Maple and Thompson," "you agreed to provide transport for your French Immersion child yourself."

To be brief, there are regular Town buses for either Dorset Park or Timberlea kids shortly thereafter (a longer wait for the Timberlea kids) who cannot get on the first bus. The route ending was introduced out of the blue. And we have no agreement with the Town of Milton that we will not use the public bus service for our children who go to French Immersion. Our agreement is with the Board of Ed.

We cannot see the difference between a pupil from Dorset Park taking the bus over to MDHS for a course which is not offered at Drury and children from Timberlea taking the bus to W.I. Dick because French Immersion is not offered at Sherratt. In some cases, children are permitted on a yellow Bd. of Ed. bus, but if it became overcrowded or stopped going on the route (from Sherratt to Martin St., for example) these children would be out of luck.

It is time for the bus service to be reviewed in the light of the growth of the Town and the changing needs of the citizens. Residents of Timberlea, it would be in your interest to vigorously express your feelings to the Chairman of the Transit Committee, Brad Clements, the Deputy Clerk at Town Hall, Bill Roberts.

There is a meeting of the Transit Committee in a couple of weeks, and it would be to your advantage to ask to be notified of the date and time and to attend or ask someone to represent you there. His Worship Mayor Krantz and Mr. Clements indicated at a recent meeting that they did not plan to expand or alter the routes to any extent. If you do not act at this time, and act quickly, and in writing preferably, it will be several years before the contract comes to tender again.

MARY ELLEN HENDERSON
Milton

Frightening

Dear Dr. Chant

We are concerned about the proposed OWMC candidate sites near the Town of Milton. My husband and I attended the open meeting held April 3 at the Milton High School.

We were encouraged by the excellent turnout by our fellow Miltonians. We were, however, disappointed with the amount of time spent with council. Due to a time ignorance on our part we had to leave the meeting at 9 p.m. and were unable to hear or participate in the public question-period held after council was finished. We are therefore submitting our questions and observations at

this time.

1. Since regulations governing the sole use of these facilities are not firm, and existing dumps can still be utilized, does this mean we will be utilized by the U.S. instead of Canada? The U.S. definitely needs a facility to properly handle waste. Public pressure is becoming increasingly difficult to ignore as more illegal dumps are beginning to bubble to the surface not only causing a health hazard but hurting big business where it hurts—in the pocket-book. I am sure Hooker Chemical, to name one, would love to pull their waste out of the U.S. and dump in Canada. Are you going to change regulations to eliminate the possible sell out to U.S.? How? When?

2. Milton is encircled by railway lines. What about railway interference with ambulances, fire department, getting to a possible hazard, e.g. truck accident?

3. Inadequate police department to monitor truck traffic. For example, a tired truck driver coming in from west at 3 a.m. stops off at the Fifth Wheel. Because he knows police department goes home at 5 a.m. what is stopping him from taking a short-cut through town. What happens to Milton if he has an accident at Martin and Main Sts?

4. What about possible leakage from trucks themselves spilling on our roads causing contamination with who knows what kind of effects. Who regulates on the condition of these trucks?

5. With the truck concentration to one area there is bound to be more accidents. Traffic from the 401 would be encompassing the south-east part of Milton which is a heavily populated part of town.

6. Our hospital is not equipped to handle a possible major catastrophe caused by concentrated truck traffic, or an accident on the sites. We only have one full-time surgeon and a part-time surgeon who comes in on Wednesdays from Georgetown. No specialists are on full-time in Milton. You see, we are the last to receive monies slated for the region. After Oakville and Burlington take their big city share, we are left with very little.

7. Also, our fire departments are not equipped to handle possible disasters like a larger city can, re: equipment, manpower, etc.

8. How much money has been set aside to deal with the clean-up of dumps now in use? I fear we are all living unknowingly close to the Love Canals of tomorrow.

To summarize, I know that politically it is less threatening to dump on a little town than a big city. However, I believe that a facility of this magnitude needs more sophisticated hospitals, fire departments and police departments like those of the big cities to properly be prepared for any inevitable disaster.

It frightens me however to intuitively feel that Government deals only in numbers on IBM print-outs and in this case, with an impending catastrophe it is more justified to have 30,000 people contaminated rather than a potential of 100,000-200,000 people.

MR. AND MRS. L. T. ALLAN
Gowland Cres., Milton

Likes waste

Dear Sir:

It seems that politicians and citizen's action groups are attempting to do everything possible to block a waste treatment complex in Milton.

While there are genuine important concerns about environmental problems or potential problems over an industrial waste complex, the other side of the coin is being completely ignored—the positive side.

In an article in the Globe & Mail last week, John Sewell addressed some of the issues which Miltonians should be thinking about and spending their energies on.

The complex will be a major drawing card for new industries. New industries will bolster employment. The waste and recycling industry is just beginning to take off.

Agreeing to a well-monitored and controlled industrial waste complex will put Milton in the forefront of research and development that is sure to come in this field.

Anyone who is concerned about economic development in Milton now and in the future should leap at the chance of getting involved with the positive side of waste treatment.

The opportunity is too good to pass up.
ROSS KNECHTEL
Milton

Bad cartoon

Dear Sir:

Your cartoon this week (May 2) was disgusting.

Rural citizens do not want to be depicted as hot heads reaching for a gun at the first sign of a stranger.

Most of us rely on the police to handle trespassers.

IRENE SAUNDERS
Trafalgar Rd., Hornby

Booze in schools

Dear Sir:

Regarding booze approved in our schools. Our schools were built to educate our children not to have "wet" functions. I agree with trustee Clelland that the board is "stepping out of line" in letting people have liquor permits for functions in the schools.

I'm quite sure it will be monitored at first. It's later on that the problems will start.

Our taxes go toward keeping these schools in good repair and I refuse to pay for damage done by "wet" functions.

DOROTHY GOULD
Hudson Ct., Milton

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pages of the past

One Year Ago

From the May 18, 1983 issue
Extending best wishes and a hope that he would be back in Milton within a year to see construction begin, the Honourable Larry Grossman, provincial minister of health, gave the official nod of approval to a \$15-million expansion plan for Milton District Hospital, Monday evening.

Following an intensive three-month investigation that included undercover drug purchasing by narcotic agents, Halton Regional Police have cracked what they describe as a major drug trafficking and crime ring operating out of Milton and Port Colborne. A total of 19 people, eight of whom have local addresses, have been arrested and charged with 51 offences.

The Kelso swimming pool will be dismantled and removed in the next few weeks, following a decision by Halton Region Conservation Authority to close the pool. The need for costly repairs and a declining use of the facility were listed as the main reasons for that decision.

20 Years Ago

From the May 14, 1964 issue
Members of the local service clubs and many other volunteers will carry out a "one-night blitz" next Tuesday evening, May 19, to attempt to wind up the Milton Community Swimming Pool campaign. The pool fund needs \$10,000 to "drown the mortgage" outstanding on the year-old \$57,000 structure in Rotary Park.

"Takeover of the mill pond will cost money", Councillor Brian Best emphasized as he recalled references to the town's inaction on the project in last week's Canadian Champion.

"People should realize the gift carries with it liabilities," he stressed as he referred to the offer of Robin Hood Flour Mills Ltd. last December to turn the pond over to the town. He predicted the water would be stagnant in the end of the pond this year and such problems had to be clarified before the town could act.

Vandalism by young boys was blamed for a 50-minute power interruption that plunged the entire town of Milton and a large surrounding area into darkness just after nine o'clock without hydro were 3,600 patrons at Mohawk Raceway, Campbellville, where an emergency generator was eventually put into use to supply lights. It cancelled the night's racing after the third race.

50 Years Ago

From the May 17, 1934 issue
The Milton Brick Co. opened their plant on Monday, giving work to a number of the town's unemployed. About 15 more of Milton's jobless men started work on the new provincial highway on the Middle Road, this morning.

Here's hoping the remaining number of our unemployed will soon find jobs, as some of them have been out of work now for a long time. Surely something can be done to help these unfortunate men secure employment, as they are all anxious to work—they don't want charity. If you can give them a job let them know about it at once—it will certainly be appreciated.

Len Owen is having his dry goods store treated to a fresh coat of paint. William Roffey and Son are doing the job.

Burlington defeated Milton last Thursday evening in the final dramatic competition in the Princess Theatre here and won the W.I. Dick Trophy.

Acton adapted fast time on Saturday night. Georgetown will move their clocks again one hour on the first Sunday in June. Milton is still on standard time.

75 Years Ago

From the May 13, 1909 issue
During last Thursday afternoon's storm, lightning struck a chimney on Thos. McJannett's dwelling on the south ward, scattering the bricks. The ridge board and some of the shingles ripped off.

Landlord Kelly has treated his hotel, the Commercial, to a brilliant coat of paint. Landlord Martin of the New Royal has had the stone and brick and the front of the north end of that hotel given a fresh coat of grey paint, which adds greatly to its appearance.

The death is announced of Miss Jemima Bigger, at the old home-stead Dundas Street, Trafalgar on Sunday afternoon. Miss Bigger was the youngest daughter of the late Col. Chas. Bigger and was well known and highly respected by a large circle of friends.

The Bishop of Niagara will administer the rite of confirmation and preach in Grace Church at the evening service next Sunday.

M.B. Lowe, is leaving shortly for the west and is offering for sale his house, furnace and electric light, two lots, with fruit trees.