

# Non-swimmer plucks three from mill pond

Three local youngsters probably owe their lives to a Milton man who plucked them from the middle of Mill Pond early Sunday morning.

Craig Brown, of Pine St., was fishing at the pond and was preparing to leave

because of rain, when he heard yells for help from the middle of the pond.

Three young boys estimated to be approximately 11 or 12 years-old, were hanging onto a sinking paddle boat.

Mr. Brown said he was the only individual in the area at the time of the incident which occurred at approximately 7 a.m.

He hopped into a paddle boat and pulled a second one beside him to the three boys.

Mr. Brown who is a non-swimmer, did not get the names of the boys but said they had also arrived at the Mill Pond to do some fishing when they decided to go for a ride in one of the 2-seater paddle boats.

The boats had been left at the side of the pond from the previous day's Jasper Martin

celebrations. Mr. Brown said the boats were not tied up, but had been left at the water's edge.

Halton Regional Police were not notified of the incident. The Champion learned of Mr. Brown's actions after receiving a telephone tip.

## Go goes up

GO Transit will increase fares by five per cent July 1.

That date marks a change in the two-part pricing formula for a fixed base of 40 cents plus 5.7 cents per kilometre to 42 cents plus 6 cents per kilometre.

## Bank robber still sought

Halton Regional Police are continuing their search for a man who held up a teller at the Toronto Dominion Bank on Main St. last Friday morning.

Police describe the suspect as being in his early 20s, of average build with brownish, blond hair (shoulder length) and wearing a blue jean jacket.

## Buns(master) shaping up?

Milton councillors have agreed to proceed with a technical report on a proposed health club to be located in a vacant area of the Bunmaster building on Main St. near Wilson Dr.

The plan calls for four squash courts, two racquetball courts, a dance exercise room, an exercise area, bar and lounge plus change rooms.

It will cost approximately \$250,000 to complete interior renovations, according to Bill Pender, health club operator.

Mr. Pender said he has already come to a leasing arrangement with Bunmaster Holdings Inc. and that it would probably take three months to prepare the facility.

A zoning amendment is necessary to

permit a recreational use in the industrial designated area.

According to Mr. Pender, he has already visited homeowners in the vicinity and received "unanimous" positive response to the proposal.

He said he would like to open the facility this fall, but that is unlikely according to councillors, because of the time necessary for reports and zoning change.

This was the second occasion in less than one year Mr. Pender appeared with plans for a health club centre.

He was originally involved in a plan for a similar project to be located near Thompson Rd., but that he has now abandoned that idea.

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# Snow warms coffers

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A new chalet to meet the growing popularity of Glen Eden Ski Area may not be too far down the road, if the local ski hill can repeat last year's financial success.

Following a record winter season which produced 120 skiing days between Dec. 10 and Apr. 1, the Halton Region Conservation Authority has reported an operating surplus of \$360,633.

According to figures produced by the Halton Region Conservation Authority, Glen Eden took in a total revenue of \$920,675 with operating costs amounting to \$560,042.

At a recent meeting of the Authority, members were unanimous in deciding the money would be spent to eliminate all debts.

The surplus was particularly well received in light of last year's disastrous season which left the Authority with an accumulative deficit of \$182,119.

That debt along with a capital loan payment of \$46,983 has been repaid, leaving a surplus of \$131,531.

Authority members then agreed to pay off the remaining three years (\$101,667) of a 10-year capital loan, which still left an extra \$24,864.

That amount will go toward a 'start-up' fund for next year's operations, according to Murray Stephen, general manager of the Authority.

"It is the first time in 10 years we have not experienced either a capital loan or an operating deficit," said Mr. Stephen who added the Authority is not in favour of another capital loan project until a solid reserve fund has been established.

"We are going to start establishing reserves... we have no formula yet, but surpluses will be put into this fund," he said.

A favorable 1984-85 season could, however, put the new chalet on the drawing boards by spring.

"We will wait until after January and then if the figures prove comparable to last year, then we will look at bringing in a consultant to do some drawings and a site selection," said Mr. Stephen.

During last year's ski season, a total of 36,644 daily lift tickets were sold; 20,983 lessons were given; 10,140 season passes were sold; 1,440 weekday passes were sold and 1,346 recreational groups visited Glen Eden.

He noted that the biggest increase in figures over the previous year were in the areas of daily lift tickets, weekday passes and the number of recreational groups.

Mr. Stephen added that figures for the past season were close to double for the previous year, when Glen Eden recorded only 72 good skiing days.



Jamie Martin, 4, and Sarah Martin, 3, the great, great, great, great grandchildren of Jasper Martin were out Saturday taking in the sights and the candy floss which were all part of the Bicentennial celebration which honored their ancestor for the official founding of Milton. There's coverage of Jasper Martin Days on Page C1, and the Big Strawberry also reminds us that the season is on when people want to get out and pick their own. For information on where to go for strawberries, see page C3.

(Staff photo by Jon Borgstrom)

## Halton's Jelinek . . .

# John Turner means no real changes

The selection of John Turner to lead the Liberal Party means Canadians are going to get more of the same of what they have been getting for the last 16 years, says Halton MP Otto Jelinek.

Jelinek told The Champion that it was not the elected delegates who ensured Mr. Turner's win "but the 800 or so ex-officio delegates who are

all the establishment of the Liberal Party."

Mr. Jelinek said he does not expect "Mr. Turner to pull away from Trudeau but will have to go along with current Liberal policies."

He said the 800 ex-officio delegates still control Liberal policies and by supporting Mr. Turner, they will have great influence.

"If the elected delegates had made the selection, it would have been Christian... and I think that's the feeling across the country," Mr. Jelinek said.

As for when the election will be called, Mr. Jelinek said, "I think it will be late August, specifically Aug. 27."

"What he (Turner) will do is call a

quick poll and decide based on what it says," he said.

Mr. Jelinek said he speculates that there will be pressure on Mr. Turner to call a summer election with hopes of capitalizing on the momentum of a new leader.

As for Mr. Jelinek and an election, "We are ready. We have been ready for a long time and we're just chomping at the bit."

## Treasurer here soon?

A new treasurer for Milton will likely be named within the next two weeks.

Town Administrator Roy Main said he is now interviewing the final selection of candidates from the 'short list' and expects to make a decision soon.

A total of 65 individuals have applied for the \$40,000 position which was vacated earlier this year when treasurer Don Lougheed accepted the position of town administrator for Orangeville.

For the past four months, the work of the treasury department has been carried out by Audrey Brush, deputy treasurer along with Mr. Main and the department's staff.

"The whole staff has been performing tremendously," said Mr. Main.

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## Bronte work starts

Roadwork will begin this week on Bronte St. following the completion of new storm sewers for the area.

The road was closed 10 days ago in preparation for the \$1-million project which is scheduled to be finished by the end of September.

John Matthews, director of public works for Milton, said the project is "going extremely well" and that King Paving is off to a good start. The weekend rain caused few problems, he said, adding that work crews did other tasks Monday at the site.

Despite publicity and advertising brochures to neighbouring residents, there are still some motorists who are attempting to use the closed street, only to be turned back.

The contractor is leaving one lane open on weekends, but motorists are advised they use the road at their own risk, said Mr. Matthews.

For those travelling northbound on Bronte St., the detour follows Bronte to Heslop Rd., east to Commercial St. and north to Main St.

Those travelling west on Main St. wishing to reach Derry Rd., can take Main St. west to Tremaine Rd. then south to Derry Rd.

The road closure is in effect between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday to Friday.

## Donation is made

The Peter Chuchmach Memorial Golf Tournament, held last Sunday, has raised \$4,000.

The money was deposited in the Wayne Morley Fund last week.

A total of 104 golfers came out to the Streetsville Glen Golf Club to help raise funds in the annual charity golf tournament.

## Lax tax collection lowers a surplus

A weak economy and lax collection system have been attributed to an increase in the amount of uncollected municipal taxes.

The 1983 financial statement for councillors Monday evening and revealed that a total of \$1.4 million or 9.07 of the total collectable taxes remains outstanding.

That news was the only black spot in the report which shows Milton to be in excellent financial health.

"The good news is that there is no new debt and no prospect of debt," accountant Sandy Skinner told councillors.

"The town is in a very stable, prudent and conservatively managed state," he said.

Milton began 1984 with a balance close to \$1 million, but that has been reduced to \$200,000 to allow over \$600,000 to be put towards the new Town Hall.

The bad news centred on an obvious growing tax arrear, an issue which will become top priority for the new treasurer, according to Town Administrator Roy Main.

Mr. Main blamed the outstanding taxes on a slow economy and the fact the Town has not been chasing citizens for back taxes.

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### Swimmers shine

Milton Aquatic Club continues to top itself coming through with some exceptional performances at a top-level meet at McMaster University. Turn to page B1 for more.

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Milton Horticultural Society annual show Saturday, Milton Mall, 1-4 p.m. Bicentennial theme.