



MILTON TIME CAPSULES

Bylaws approved for addition of two new schools in Halton

Time Capsules are gems of information extracted from past issues of the *Champion* and other publications in order to provide a window into Milton's past.

May 1919

Bylaws were passed at Tuesday's meeting of the county council providing for the establishment of two additional high schools in Halton, one in Milton and the other at Burlington.

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Pte. Archie McEachern got home to Milton. He went overseas with the 164th Battalion, went to France in a draft for the 2nd Battalion and had his full share of fighting, coming through without a scratch.

Driver A.E. Armstrong, R.C.A., brother of R.J. Armstrong arrived at 6.15 on Saturday. He enlisted in the west, has seen much service and came home in the best of condition.

Sgt. W. Agnew, 3rd Field Ambulance, arrived at 7 p.m. He is an "original" He enlisted at Brandon in August 1914 and was at the front constantly until a bad attack of trench fever sent him to England two years ago. After a long time in hospital he has recovered.

Pte. Joe Torrey arrived by the 4.15 p.m. G.T.R. train on Monday. He went overseas with the 164th Battalion, as a sergeant, reverted to the rank of private and went to France with a draft for the 2nd Battalion. He got a shrapnel wound in his neck in April 1918, was in hospital for three months, went back to the front and was at Mons at the finish. His uncle Sam Henson, took him home in his car.

Ptes. E.L.H. Smith and Percy Merrett arrived unannounced on Tuesday evening. Both went overseas with the 164th Battalion and

went to France with drafts. Pte. Smith to the 21st Battalion and Pte. Merrett to the 1st Machine Gun battalion.

Pte. Smith saw much hot work last year, as a stretcher bearer. He was seriously wounded in September and was a long time in hospitals but has almost recovered. Pte. Merrett was more fortunate. He went through all the fighting up to the last without a scratch. He was slightly gassed once, but soon got over it. Since the date of the armistice he has been in Germany. He brought home a number of souvenirs, one of them a large automatic Mauser pistol.

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Neil McPhail has bought the Dolby residence on Foster Street.

Geo. Houston has purchased the residence of the late E.G. Paige on Mill St.

E.B. Graham has bought the brick house and grounds of the late Mrs. John Stewart, corner of Mill and James Streets.

R. Crapper, electrician, has bought a lot off Thomas Street from John Lawson and will build a house on it this summer.

Mr. Clement, painter, has purchased the yellow frame house on Main St. opposite Allan Bowman's and is putting it in shape to live in. Mrs. Tock owned it.

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A church parade was held on Sunday morning to Knox. There was a good muster and the men marched to the church under Sgt. K. Coxe.

This material is assembled on behalf of the Milton Historical Society by Jim Dills, who can be reached through the society at (905) 875-4156.

Nice garden can prevent crime

Did you know that gardening is a good crime prevention tool?

If your house has maximum curb appeal, people will stop and look at it. If passersby are looking at your house, no one will be breaking in.

That's one of the tenets of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). If your property looks cared for it's less likely to be targeted by criminals. It's called territorial reinforcement. Having said that, great landscaping won't work if you leave your front door unlocked or open.

When the weather improves it's very tempting to open windows and doors to get a fresh breeze going through the house. Homes often have a screen door at the front, and homeowners will leave the front door open while they're gardening in the back.

It only takes a few minutes for an opportunistic thief to walk in your front door. The same applies to an open garage door, if there's ac-



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CONST. LAUREL BARNETT

cess into your house via the garage. There have been several occurrences in the past where homeowners have come back into the house to discover that items have been stolen, or worse, to encounter a stranger in their home. Don't provide a thief with an opportunity. Lock your doors.

If you have any concerns, send an email to laurel.barnett@haltonpolice.ca or call (905) 878-5511, ext. 2438.

Const. Laurel Barnett is Milton's community support officer.

I feel sense of community will stay intact

table and had the pleasure of speaking with some of the close to 2,000 in attendance. I was thrilled that so many of the families were new to town. They asked about newspaper carrier opportunities for their kids. They stopped to pick up a copy of the paper, and they read the billboards showing historic front pages of the *Champion*. And many of them wanted to know when delivery of their newspaper would begin so they could find out more about what was go-

ing on in the community. I saw the same people checking out the other tables of businesses and community groups. I came away with a good feeling that despite the growth, the sense of community that Milton takes pride in will remain intact. To those I talked to, it was great meeting you. Please know the *Champion* welcomes your story ideas and letters to the editor. Karen Miceli can be reached at kmiceli@milton-canadianchampion.com.

Work of humane society very much appreciated

Dear Editor:

I was saddened to read the story in the paper about a raccoon that suffered abuse and had to be humanely euthanized by the Oakville & Milton Humane Society (OMHS). It's very sad in this day and age that we still have to read these kind of stories. At the same time, I'm grateful for all the

work of the OMHS (I'm a proud financial supporter of this group and will continue to be). I just wanted to say thank you to the OMHS staff and to keep up the good work as it doesn't go unnoticed.

Steve Camilleri
Milton

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