

MILTON TIME CAPSULES

Hundreds turn out for Halton United Farmers convention

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.

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The Halton United Farmers of Ontario held their convention here in the town hall on Tuesday. There were between 200 and 300 delegates. Each polling subdivision was entitled to 10 - five men and five women. Some, but not all, the women were members of the United Farm Women. Marshall Campbell, president of the Farmer's Clubs of which there are nine in the county was chairman. There were four nominations: John F. Ford, Jas. Waldbrook and A.G. Farrow, of Trafalgar, and W.J.L. Hampshire of Esquesing. The last three withdrew and Mr. Ford accepted the nomination.

He made a short speech in which he said he had always voted Conservative in parliamentary elections, but in municipal matters he had taken and independent stand. In accepting the U.F.O. nomination he reserved his independence. ... Mr. Ford has been a leading Conservative and prominent in municipal matters. He represented his township for a number of years in the county council as Reeve and he is a former Warden of the county. He is one of the most successful of its farmers.

Sapper Russell Ford got home to Milton last Friday, after being on duty at Halifax for about a year.

Dr. Anson Buck, of Palermo, who died in Toronto Apr. 18, 1919 left \$35,334, including

debts \$2,328, mortgages \$12,330, life insurance \$6,921, securities for money \$8,279, cash in bank \$174, other personal property \$300 and residence in Palermo \$5,000. By his will made out May 29, 1893 his estate goes to Minnie Campbell, daughter, in Winnipeg and May Matheson of Toronto, adopted daugh-

Workmen are busy in the store lately occupied by B. Polakoff & Son and now owned by T.H. Moorehead. C. Toletzka has leased it for a billiard room. He and his family are living in the upper storey.

Heavy rains having ended, men have been busy this week, under the auspices of the Milton Athletic Club, preparing the fair grounds for sports. An extra good baseball diamond is expected to be ready within a week or ten days. There is plenty of material here out of which to select a nine and a strong one is hoped for. Ball games will be played throughout the summer on the Wednesday half holidays.

Pte. Alfred Metcalfe, 15th Highlanders, got home to Toronto on Sunday and came out by motor in the evening to visit his mother. His own home is in the city. He enlisted about eighteen months ago and was sent to the 15th in a draft. He was in last year's fighting and was in Germany after the armistice was arranged.

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Politicial TV attack ads amount to nothing more than bullying

Dear Editor:

So here we go with more political attack ads. We all know what they are: one political party tries to embarrass the leader of another political party by presenting unflattering pictures of that person coupled with some obscure, out of context quotations that will further lampoon, humiliate, or attack that person, making the viewer cringe, resent or otherwise dislike the targeted individual.

We all remember the ads from the last federal election — out-of-focus pictures of Michael Ignatieff paired with out-of-context quotations designed to downplay his intelligence and patriotism.

And then there was the 1993 election, where the Progressive Conservative party attacked Jean Chrétien, suggesting that the facial paralysis from his childhood palsy, the 'crooked' smile, made him untrustworthy. We are now presented with the latest attack ads focused on Justin Trudeau, suggesting that his bloodline (Pierre Elliot Trudeau - prime minister for 15 years) somehow makes him unfit to lead Canada or that his 41 years is not old enough to govern.

I taught for 32 years and always tried to instruct my students on the dangers of taking things out of context. I graded my students on hard work, knowledge and integrity, and assured them that honesty was paramount. I presented myself as an example to my students, modeling good behaviour in the hope that they would reciprocate and expect appropriate behaviour from everyone.

Together we explored the personal and societal implications of a system that allowed bullying and decided that bullying was inappropriate. In fact, when some students suggested imitating the attack ads format in the school election, we concluded that an attack ad would contravene the school's anti-bullying policy.

Attack ads are bullying — there is no way

around it. They are aimed at that middleground of voters who are ignorant of the issues and the characters of the politicians. It is time for the federal government to fall in step 2 with the provinces in outlawing the kind of > bullying that attack ads are and to set a better example for Canadians, young and old. My father always taught me that if you do not

have something nice to say about someone, do not say anything at all.

He also said that if you really want to attack someone (and he rarely did because he did Z not believe fighting ever solved much), then \$ you should just put on the boxing gloves and 3 step into the ring.

Oh wait, I think I remember Justin Trudeau g doing just that last year.

Michael Clancy & Milton o

Bikes need a bell

Dear Editor:

As the weather is slowly getting nicer, more people are out riding their bikes. Would it be too much to ask these riders

to purchase a cheap bell for their bikes? Just today I, an avid walker, had several riders either speed by me or ride right up behind me, scaring me half to death.

I don't walk with ear buds or while talking on a cell phone. My hearing isn't what it used to be but a simple ring of a bell would be a polite way to warn me and others that they're coming up behind, and I could therefore move off to the side and let them pass.

I realize to most that a bike bell isn't very cool but it may save someone from a serious injury and would be a good way to share the paths with walkers and riders. Cathy O'Keefe

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