



MILTON TIME CAPSULES

Extra security in place after latest escape attempt at jail

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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Another attempt at escape was made at the jail last Sunday. After those reported last week the prisoners Baylis, alias Robertson and Graham, alias Clements, alias Cassidy had been kept locked in their cells. Last Sunday it was discovered that two of the legs were broken off a cot and the men were not in the cell. To guard against any more attempts, handcuffs were put on both the men, to remain during their stay in jail, even at mealtimes.

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Dr. L.K. Sirrs and Miss E.J. Jameson, nurse, under the direction of the Provincial Department of Education are this week making a thorough medical inspection of our school. This is the beginning of the medical survey of the whole county, which will continue through June and be concluded next school term.

This movement has been thoroughly discussed in recent years and the benefits of the survey now being made will undoubtedly be great. On Tuesday evening of next week Dr. Sirrs and Miss Jameson will address a meeting in the town hall at eight o'clock.

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Pte. Flett Wilson stopped off last week on his way to his home at Calgary to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. F. Wilson. He enlisted at Calgary and went to France in a draft for the 10th Battalion. He was 15 months at the front and was wounded with shrapnel in one of his arms, about two weeks before the ar-

mistice was signed. He is all right now.

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Grand Field Day in honor of returned soldiers of Ward No. 1 Esquesing will be held in John Robertson's Park, lot 5, con. 2, 2 miles west of Milton opposite Ligny School.

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Some years ago an effort was made to put the old cemetery (Bronte St.) into decent condition. Little was done beyond cutting down the bushes with which it was overrun. The bushes have grown up again, are thicker than ever and as many of them are thorny, anyone forcing his way through them would suffer and so would his clothing. The bodies of many of the pioneers of this neighborhood lie in the cemetery. That their last resting place should be so neglected is a disgrace. (The cemetery is now maintained by the Town of Millton.)

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There was a good attendance last Saturday at R.B. Anderson's auction of his livery stable, which was conducted by Geo. Andrew. All the equipment except one horse and a motor car, nearly new was sold. Prices were satisfactory. There was no bidder who really wanted a livery stable.

The highest bid was less than the cost of the building which was erected a few years ago when figures were about half what they are now. The stable was not sold, but Mr. Anderson expects a private sale. Several liverymen are negotiating.

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.



Time capsule dedication

In celebration of Milton's heritage, the Town of Milton recently invited residents to the Nassagaweya Tennis Centre and Community Hall to bury a time capsule. Mayor Gord Krantz (holding a shovel), said he's excited to think of the day when future residents will look back at how Miltonians live today and learn a little something that may have helped shape their present and future. Holding the time capsule are Roberta Sager (left), the Town's acting manager of parks planning & community services department, and Ward 3 Local Councillor Cindy Lunau as the Town's Community Services Director Jennifer Reynolds (far left), Nassagaweya Tennis Club Past President Kathy Harding and Nassagaweya Tennis Club President Jim Harding look on. *Photo courtesy of the Town of Milton*

Sewell makes 'big picture' decision

That and the chance to get paid for playing the game you love can be awfully enticing — and for someone less mature and level-headed may have been enough to forego a very important opportunity like the one Sewell currently enjoys.

It reminds me of a conversation I had with a former junior hockey player several years ago. Returning to watch his old team play during the U.S. Thanksgiving break, he mentioned how his class load was far from challenging — more on par with his final year of high school than what he had figured college would be like.

He went on to talk about how some of his former junior cohorts (not all or even the majority, mind you) were simply having fun continuing their playing career and not really tak-

ing advantage of the educational opportunity afforded them by their hockey skills.

I always wondered if that mindset would change before it was too late.

Fortunately that type of short-term thinking is far from common — as far as I can tell — among Milton's top-level athletes.

Sewell is a prime example of this. He's doing what's best for his life, not just his immediate future.

Argos GM Jim Barker may have said it best: "Matt is a very bright and talented young man and this is a terrific opportunity for him to become an even more well-rounded individual." Absolutely.

No doubt many local football fans are anxious to see this gifted Miltonian in the pros. We're just going to have to be a little patient about that.

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