



MILTON TIME CAPSULES

Lots of positive feedback for Campbellville Police Village

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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Campbellville Police village is said to be most progressive in Ontario, with a finer class of buildings and more cement walks than any other Ontario village of its size. It is now negotiating for electric lighting. This week the Trustees have had notices posted forbidding bicycle riding or coasting with wagons on the pavements and they mean to enforce their edict. In this they are more up-to-date than Milton which has a bylaw, but it is violated with impunity.

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Sergt. Jack Ford got home to Milton on Sunday night, Sergt. Ed. Blampied and Ptes. Russel Hamilton, Roy McDowell and Chas. Whitehead on Monday. All five went overseas with the 164th Batt. and went to France in a draft for the 102nd Battalion. Both Sergeants reverted to the rank of private when they left England but did not remain long in the ranks until promoted. Each received a slight wound in his right arm, Sergt. Ford from a bullet and Sergt Blampied from shrapnel. Both soon returned to duty and are all right now. Neither of the four privates was wounded. On Monday evening Driver Walsh, 11th Field Battery, arrived here in good trim after long service at the front.

He is a brother of gunner Fred Walsh, who was killed in 1916. Pte. Stewart of Milton Heights, got home on the same train. He went overseas last year, was drafted into the 75th Batt. and had his share of fighting later.

The reception committee was on hand and Judge Elliot gave the official welcome. Driver Geo. Gordon who enlisted from Milton at Toronto in the 10th Field Battery, got home 1st week to Galt. Mrs. Gordon having removed to that town some time ago. He has been in town this week. He served two years in France, saw much fighting, was buried twice by shells and is still a little deaf from their explosions.

He contracted rheumatism and was sent to England about a year ago for duty on the staff of Beach Hill Forestry Hospital, where he remained until he left for home, long after the Rhyll riots, in which he was falsely reported to have been killed. He says he is still very much alive, though not quite as supple as he was when he enlisted. Pte. W.E. Ford, son of John F. Ford, of Trafalgar got home last Monday. He went overseas last year and served in France in the 102nd Battalion. Like the other boys of the 102nd he saw hot work but came through it unhurt. Pte. Julium Hampton, whose mother lives on Victoria St. got home on Monday.

He enlisted in the Pals (124th) at Toronto in 1915, was transferred to the 75th and has seen a lot of service in France, with only one break, when he was slightly gassed. On Sunday, June 1st. Pte. R.J. Craine, 20th Battalion, arrived per C.P.R. A large crowd was at the station, but Pte Craine not expecting anyone to meet him, got off the wrong side of the train and so missed his friends.

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.



Commitment to learning

Jayne Smiley (left) of Lydia Snow North Halton branch of Retired Women Teachers of Ontario presents a cheque for \$1,000 to Literacy North Halton's Dympna Dewar. This is part of the Lydia Snow branch's commitment to supporting learning at all levels in north Halton.

Thanks for Community Day clean-up

Dear Editor:

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the good neighbours group for organizing the wonderful Milton Community Day of volunteers to assist in 'neighbours helping neighbours' on May 4.

As a senior I am so grateful to those who helped me with some outdoor property clean up that was more than I could manage myself.

I was fortunate to receive assistance from the firefighters of Milton, who so kindly donated their time to help out this very worthwhile cause. My sincere thanks to you all.

To the businesses in the community that donated supplies for the day, my thanks goes out to them as well.

We are so fortunate in Milton to have kind, thoughtful and caring people like Len Lee and the group that takes on this project every year to help people out and keep our town beautiful.

I understand there were about 550 volunteers who took part. That's amazing, and so very much appreciated.

Marilyn Thomson
Milton

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