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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CORRECTIONS? GET THE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Our March 17 meeting will examine how Ontario has tried to cope with people who break the law.

We'll get the historical perspective from two employees of the local Maplehurst Centre: Volunteer Co-ordinator Pam Skinner and Staff Training Officer John Nugent.

Pam, a Torontonian, chose to make a career in corrections work after taking a theology degree at the Ontario Bible College.

John, who is from Glasgow, started his present career after coming to Canada in 1957. Before that he served in the British Army.

We'll have a chance to ask questions following the formal presentation. As usual, we'll begin the program at 8 p.m. in the Milton Public Library.

WANT TO MAKE VIDEOS?

The Society is looking for a way to develop its own videos. We're buying a book on oral history and we're wondering about studio training.

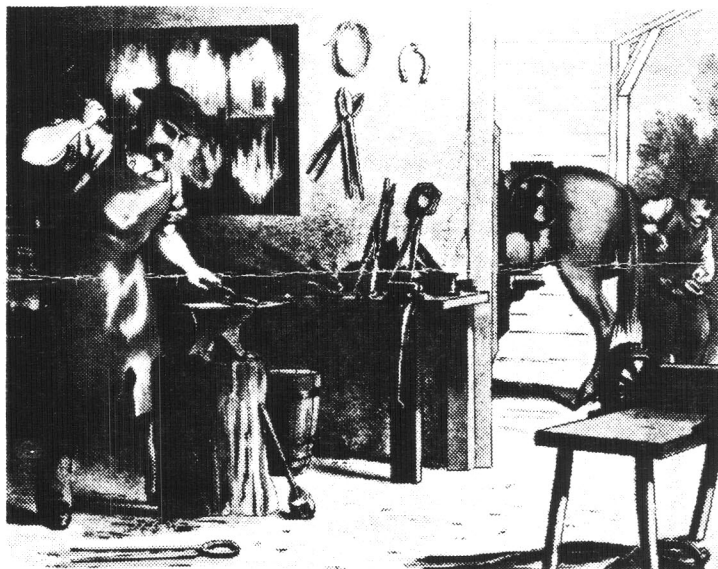
Does the idea appeal to you? If you think you'd like to take part, get in touch with Brenda Whitlock, Dorothy Gould or Ken Lamb at our March meeting. Or call Ken at 878-6391.

SOCIETY SAYS 'THANK YOU' TO RESEARCHER MEL ROBINSON

Research Director John Charlton and other members of the Society want to acknowledge the invaluable help they get from records compiled over many years by Mel Robinson. These represent countless hours of work in the Registry Office.

At the March executive meeting, directors the Society passed a resolution expressing appreciation for Mel's outstanding contributions.

Mel, who has not been able to attend our regular meetings recently, is a Life Member of the Society.



HORSESHOES ANYONE? DON'T MISS THIS PIECE OF LOCAL HISTORY

At our May 19 session we'll learn some of the highlights of the blacksmith shop that operated in Milton for 100 years.

Marsha Waldie and her sister, Gayle Brown, are the fourth generation to be associated with the business which their father, Alfred, closed in 1965. The fully equipped building still stands, of course, on James St. next to St. Paul's United Church.

Besides the memories, Marsha and Gayle will bring along some nails and perhaps a few small tools. Slides too. And we may even get to take home a genuine memento.

We'll also hear about hopes for devising some kind of continuing role for the shop that was such a colorful and important part of Milton's past.

Time now
to Join



HALTON HISTORIAN TO TELL US ABOUT LIMEHOUSE


An avid amateur historian will give a colorful presentation about Limehouse at our April 21 meeting.

The lime kilns that were such an important part of that community in the late 1800's and the early part of this century will get special attention in the slides and comments.

Our speaker, John McDonald, is a native of Milton; he was born in the Raspberry Nursing Home on Martin St. (Now a private residence, the building is identified by a Society plaque). After living in Georgetown and Limehouse for much of his life - he has been a town councillor in Georgetown for 10 years - Mr. McDonald returned to Milton last year. He couldn't resist the lure of a historic home on Queen St.

Mr. McDonald, a personnel specialist in business life, has been absorbed by local history for about 20 years. His book, "Halton Sketches", was published by Jim Dills' Dills Printing & Publishing Co. Ltd. in 1976.

In addition to his other distinctions, our speaker is a nephew of Jessie Hamilton.



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MALL DOINGS FEATURED SOCIETY - A CHILLY DAY BUT A WARM WELCOME

Members who manned the Society's display at the Open House in the Mall last month found it easy to keep cool. Our spot was a few yards from the door in the new addition: crowds of shoppers on their way in or out kept things a bit chilly.

However, the response to our display was warm enough. Len McNeil showed his slides of buildings bearing the Society's plaques. And many visitors spent 15 minutes or longer viewing Jim Dills' excellent collection of historic photos.

The people who organized the Open House this year grouped associations with similar interests. Sharing the breezes with us in the history "nook" were representatives of Steam Era, and the Regional and Agricultural Museums.

THE MAYOR SAYS THANKS

Mayor Gordon Krantz has sent the Society a letter of appreciation for our donation of the bronze plaque bearing Milton's Coat of Arms and the verse from which the words on the Arms were taken.

The plaque was on display at our January meeting. A few nights later a strong contingent of members attended the official ceremony in the Council Chamber when Len McNeil presented the plaque to Mayor Krantz.

You can see the plaque in the main foyer of the Town Hall on your next visit to that building.

ORIGINAL LETTER REDISCOVERED IS BIG FIND AT REGIONAL MUSEUM ARCHIVES

Alex Cooke says there was plenty of excitement when an important letter, written 135 years ago, turned up in a collection of documents being sorted at the Regional Museum near the end of Heritage Week.

In the letter to the Warden, Reeves and Deputy Reeves, Hugh Foster offered to donate four acres of land for the County Buildings. Halton accepted the 1853 offer and the Court House and Jail, now Milton's Town Hall, was built on the site. Victoria Park was also part of the donated land.

Hugh Foster was a prominent farmer and owner of a cooperage business. Many of his descendants remain in the area, although they don't have that family name.

MILTON 1888

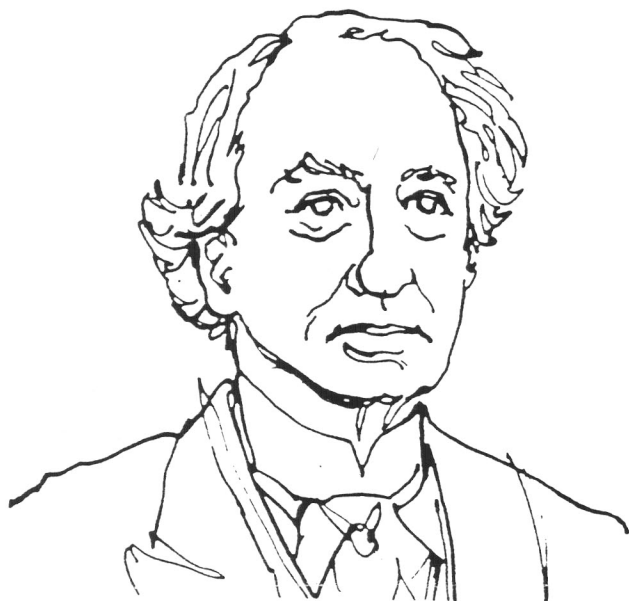
By Ken Lamb

The Ontario Historical Society celebrates its 100th anniversary this year - a valid reason for us to look back on Milton 1888.

What were people's interests a century ago? Who were the main actors? Do we have much in common with Miltonians of that era?

To find out we spent a couple of days in the Library, screening the files of The Canadian Champion.

Sir John A. Macdonald was in power in Ottawa 100 years ago and would remain prime minister until his death in 1891. A few references are perhaps enough to show that "John A." was a legend in his own time.



The following, which appeared in January 1888, carried the simple heading "Sir John A. Macdonald":

"The 'Old Man', according to his own account, enters on his seventy-fourth year today (Jan. 11), but those who claim to know him better say that he is really 76. We would not be surprised if this latter figure is the correct one. But more surprising is the fact that Sir John is as young, indeed appears younger, than he was 10 years ago. He attach-

great store to a prophecy made by an old gypsy woman whose son he prosecuted in a horse case at Belleville some forty years ago. The old dame, pointing her finger in anger at John A., exclaimed: 'May the devil an' you go hunting together for sixty years to come.'"

Here's another item that indicates the prime minister's hold on the public interest:

"Sir John Macdonald is a regular attendant at the meetings held by two revivalists in Ottawa and the speculative ones are trying to discern just what the old man is up to this time."

And finally a despatch from Montreal headed "Sir John Declines to be a Cigar Light";

"Mr. Nathan Michaels, tobacconist, St. James St., placed in the centre of his store a bronze statuette of St. John Macdonald smoking a cigar, said cigar being a gas light just for use of customers. He advertised in the paper that the right honorable gentleman would hold a daily reception on the premises. Sir John took exception to this familiarity and instituted an action against Mr. Michaels for \$5,000 damages for using his name for advertising purposes.

We didn't find out if this action ever came to trial. Could it have just been legal puffery?

We did learn, however, that Macdonald's rival - Liberal leader Wilfrid Laurier - was making his presence felt in this region 100 years ago.

The Champion reported that a large number of Milton Liberals would visit Oakville August 18 to hear their federal leader and that the town band would likely be engaged to accompany them.

In its report of the event the newspaper tells us that the Liberal candidate in Halton, Mr. Waldie, "seized the opportunity to talk" before the featured address. (Mr. Waldie was not related to the well-known Waldie family in Milton.)

But the spotlight, of course, was on Laurier, "the silver-tongued orator". The first part of his speech sounds elaborate to our ears. But it showed the politician's gift for identifying quickly with the mood of his audience:

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I would vainly endeavour to find words adequate to convey to you the full measure of gratitude I feel I owe you for the kind of reception which you have been pleased to give me on this occasion. And I can assure you that my words are not merely empty words or a mere perfunctory expression of conventional formality. I deeply feel what I now say and, if I

may be allowed by you any impropriety, to add one word more in reference to myself, I would say that nothing whatever in the course of my life has ever touched me more than the reception given to me by my fellow Liberals of the Province of Ontario in the position which the too partial regard of my friends has placed upon me. To you Mr. Chairman, I am especially thankful for the kind words you have spoken to me. I am a French Canadian. I need not repeat that to you. You have heard it before. I tell you at once that my heart ever warms at the mention of the land of my ancestors, but my first allegiance is British." (Cheers).

All this is not to suggest that political figures dominated the front page of The Champion 100 years ago. Far from it. In those days novels and advertisements claimed page one. Through much of 1888 Miltonians were treated to "Adopted Daughter", by Eliza A. Dupuy. Her earlier works included "True Love Ne'er Forgets" and "Passion and Pride." Those titles suggest that these few lines may have been typical of her style:

"His words assumed a pathetic tone as he uttered the last words, and Lora impulsively exclaimed:

"Forgive my hesitation, Papa. I am sorry that I wounded you. How can I fail to go with you, even to the end of the world, when you are my own and indulgent father. Let us set out at once that I may get back before..."

The other front-page items, the advertisements, also had a distinctive ring.

"W.I. Stearn has removed to his new shop, next to Geo. Andrews' butchershop, where he is prepared to show the largest stock of Coal and Wood Stoves of the latest design ever brought to Milton, at bottom prices, and it will pay you to cross the street and see his stock and quote prices before purchasing Stove Pipes to fit without profanity. The cheapest in town."

Or how about this note of "Thanks" from merchant J.M. Bastedo:

"Three weeks ago I announced to the public that I wanted to raise three thousand dollars by 24th December, and in return would give them goods at cost. I have done so, and got all the money I wanted for that date for which I am grateful to my many friends. I now wish them all a Happy New Year."

LOCALLY HISTORICAL

We'll be trying to add a new feature to the meetings beginning in March.

Be there to hear Alex Cooke provide a brief outline of a prominent early Milton family and how they originated a number of our street names in the older section of the town.

At the next meeting in April John Charlton will have another interesting snippet of local history in a short presentation that we hope will continue the pattern.

If you have an interest in a particular area and would like to share it during a meeting, please speak to Dot Gould so she can arrange an appropriate time for you.

YOU COULD WIN PRIZES WITH YOUR FARM PHOTOS

The Agricultural Museum is sponsoring a contest for photos about rural life. Both black and white and color photos are eligible. Deadline for entries is June 8; 11 attractive prizes are offered.

Four main categories make up the competition: crops and/or livestock; agricultural landscape; rural life (people) and the Ontario Agricultural Museum site.

The contest, which helps mark the centennial of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, will feature a special historical category for photographs of rural life in Ontario before 1945.

For more information or to receive a participant's kit, contact the Promotions and Public Relations Department, Ontario Agricultural Museum, Box 38, 144 Town Line, Milton, L9T 2Y3 or telephone 878-8151.

ONTARIO ARCHIVES NEEDS HELP IN MEETING ITS MANDATE

Ontario is at the bottom of the list among all the provinces when it comes to supporting its Archives organization.

For example, the annual spending on the Ontario Archives is about \$2.5 million, less than half the amount spent in Quebec.

At our February meeting, Hugh MacMillan, Liaison Officer for the Ontario Archives explained why this situation was bad for Ontario in general and for Historical Societies in particular. He asked for support of his campaign to increase funding.

We have sent a letter to our representative in Queen's Park asking for his support in this important area.

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HUGH FOSTER HALL (OLD REGISTRY OFFICE) IS NEW SOCIETY MEETING PLACE

With our September 15 meeting we will be holding our programs at HUGH FOSTER HALL, the beautifully restored 1915 Registry Office, next to the new Town Hall.

This is good news for at least two reasons. We were within a few months of having to give up the Library Hall because the space is needed for books. We were therefore looking for a new location. The Society has been meeting at the Library since it was established (without charge for several years) and it has been a good home, so the search was difficult.

The second reason is that Hugh Foster Hall is an excellent facility for a group of our size, is centrally located and convenient to evening parking.

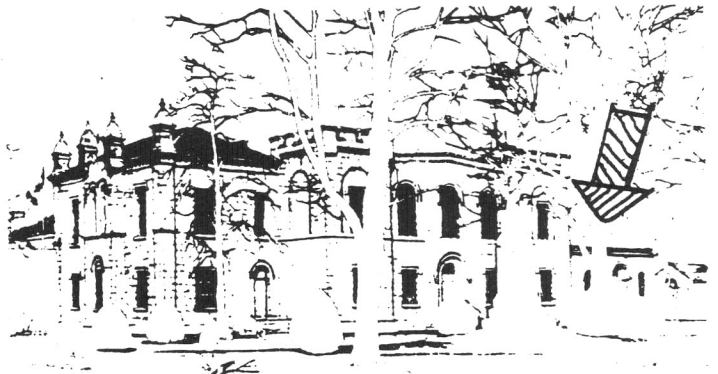
A further attraction is that the Society recommended the name for the new site. It made the recommendation this summer following extensive research by Jim Dills, Alex Cooke and Jack Charlton.

It was, of course, Hugh Foster who gave the site for the County Buildings in 1854 which includes Victoria Park, the new Town Hall, the 1915 Registry Office and other buildings in that four acre block.

As we move to the new location, we can look back on scores of excellent programs held at the Library. We express our appreciation to the Library staff for a decade of unfailing courtesy and co-operation.

REMEMBER THE ARCHIVES when you do fall house cleaning and find photographs or memorabilia which you feel you can no longer retain. Local historical research depends on information you may hold.

MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY welcomes new members who are interested in supporting the on-going work of promoting local history and an awareness of our heritage. Your membership is our major source of income.



BUILT IN 1915 as a County Registry Office, the building next to the new town hall and facing Victoria Park, has been extensively renovated and renamed "Hugh Foster Hall". The name recognizes the donor of the land in 1854 and was recommended by the Historical Society. It will be the site of future meetings of the Society beginning Sept. 15th

LOTS TO ENJOY IN SOCIETY'S SEPTEMBER PROGRAM AT HUGH FOSTER HALL

Our September 15 meeting at Hugh Foster Hall will give us new understanding of two key factors that helped shape Milton's direction and character.

Eric Lawlor will make a presentation on the importance of farming in Ontario life. Eric is a Rural Organization Specialist with the local Agricultural Office. His talk recognizes the 100th anniversary of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. He'll show slides and answer questions.

Following Eric, Alex Cooke will present us with new information about Mathias Teetzel, a key local figure in the mid-1850s, and developer of the plan that covers the south east section of the original town site.

In his research Alex tracked down Mathias' great granddaughter in Michigan. He spoke to her by telephone and will share some of the historical nuggets with us.

Let's get together at 7.30 so we can chat before the formal program starts at 8 p.m. It looks like an exciting start to the fall season.

COLORFUL PROGRAM, EXCITING HISTORY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER MEETING

Dressed in an authentic and vivid 18th century Highland military uniform, our October 20 speaker will tell us about a regiment that took part in some of the most vital battles ever fought on Canadian soil.

Our scarlet-clad visitor will explain how Fraser's Highlanders--known to military historians as The 78th (Highland) Regiment of Foot came to have such a dominant influence on our military customs.

Raised in Scotland for service in North America, the Highlanders took part in the overthrow of Louisbourg in 1758. The following year they were the only Highland troops to take part in the capture of Quebec. They took part in other major actions before disbanding in Quebec in 1763; many of their descendants live throughout Canada.

In the program highlight that deals specifically with our own community, Jack Charlton will let us in on recent research on medical pioneer Dr. Charles Gardner. And he'll show how the good doctor helped shape the map of present day Milton.

ml Frederica

THREE MORE HOMES PLAQUED UNDER SOCIETY RESEARCH PROGRAM

Three more historic homes now display plaques as part of the Society's dating program.

Jack Charlton, who's in charge of this research program, says people are most enthusiastic about having their homes singled out. Often the plaques are proudly fastened in place within a few hours of delivery.

Latest homes on the growing list are:

- * 337 Oak St., home of Cheryl and Edmund Sellors, which was built in the mid 1850s.
- * 99 Mary St., home of Eileen and Stan Callard, dating from 1887.
- * 5501 Tremaine, home of Janet and George Watchman, dating from about 1850.

In addition research has been completed on the Conrad Soucie home at 92 Martin St.

Those interested in the plaque program may obtain details from the Society at any time. Past President Val Grimshaw inaugurated and continued the program for many years. Currently Jack Charlton is arranging the details and research which is voluntarily done. Those wishing the dating of their home are required to pay for the plaque. A set amount of \$75 has been established.


YOU CAN ADD TO THE ARCHIVES RECENTLY ESTABLISHED BY THE SOCIETY

The Society has been given the use of a room at the John Martin House, on Margaret St., in which to organize archives.

We moved in during the summer and are finally able to start organizing. Milton Library officials transferred some items which they were no longer able to hold and this has added substantially to our collection. Perhaps you can help add more.

We are looking for one or two photographs of the VIPs at the official opening of the new Town Hall on July 26, 1985--we have the printed program but no photographs to enhance it. We are also missing the Supplement to the Milton Tribune "Milton: the early days" published in August 1981 - we have the other supplements and they make interesting reading, but it would be nice to have the complete set.

Perhaps you have school class pictures (with identifications please) or items you've been keeping until a suitable place can be found. If you have, please contact Society Librarian Brenda Whitlock, 876-4989.



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LET'S TALK UP ORAL HISTORY

Would you like to help Milton people record the town's history in their own words?

If so, you'll be interested in the Oral History seminar being organized by Dorothy Gould, our program director.

Dorothy intends to have several sessions this fall to teach us the knack of putting people at ease and asking the kind of questions that will sift out a kernel of history.

Bob Carbert, formerly head of the Ontario Agricultural Museum, has volunteered to share his expertise with us in these seminars. Bob has considerable experience in radio and television and is still heard regularly on Ontario radio stations.

Please call Dot Gould 878-8918 or Ken Lamb 878-6391 if you would like to know more about the program.

IT'S WORTH THE DRIVE TO SPADINA HOUSE

On a blistering Sunday in mid-June about 20 members and friends spent a fascinating couple of hours visiting Spadina House in Toronto.

The house - next to Casa Loma - was home to the well-to-do Austin family for more than a century. One of the most interesting features is that the interior is just the way it was when the last family members departed a few years ago.

A pleasant tour guide revealed some of the social niceties of the 19th century - shades of the tv classic "Upstairs, Downstairs". She also proved we don't have to go to Britain to see stately homes.

Even though the eight acre site is only a few hundred yards from busy Toronto traffic, it has a restful rural air. The Toronto Garden Club has taken on the huge job of reconstructing the 160 year old garden to reflect various stages in its development.

RECOLLECTIONS are often a treasure in passing along information you have from first hand knowledge. Write your own recollections about your years growing up, school days, farm or urban life, what you remember about shopping, cooking, or dealing with medical emergencies. Your family -- and the Historical Society-- will appreciate a copy.

ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY REACHES ITS 100TH BIRTHDAY

The Ontario Historical Society celebrates its 100th birthday at Gage Park, Brampton, Sunday September 4.

The fun starts at 1 p.m. and continues for four hours. Numerous museums and historical societies will demonstrate pioneer crafts and skills. And the 78th Fraser Highlanders will supply the music.

Other attractions include games for the children, lemonade and, of course, a birthday cake.

Gage Park is on the west side of highway 10 just south of Queen St. in central Brampton.

WE PLAY DATING GAME WITH LACAC

The Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, a group that advises Town Council on conservation of heritage buildings, has been busy this summer compiling a history of Milton's commercial buildings.

Our researchers Jack Charlton, Alex Cooke and Jim Dills have been working closely with LACAC researcher Kim Dinelle.

Most of the work has been on Main St. and Kim expected it to be complete by the time she returned to her history classes at Guelph University in early September.

LACAC completed its dating of institutional buildings last year and in 1989 will likely concentrate on residential buildings.

Oldest buildings studied this summer were those at 155 to 159 Main St., next to the old Thompson House; they date from 1847.

BROCHURE ON WALKING TOUR MARCHES ON IN MILTON

Jim Dills is in the final stages of putting together our walking tour brochure.

The text has gone through final drafting, design has been established and technical details are being worked out.

The text has been "test-walked" by President Ken and Treasa Lamb to work out final complications.

The tour starts and ends at the new Town Hall in Victorial Park. It takes in buildings on Main St. as far east as Grace Church. It also includes Martin Street, up to John Martin House on Margaret St. and optionally takes you along the Pond Bank to Rotary Park and back to Victoria Park along James St.

MORE VIEWS ARE INVITED ON REGIONAL MUSEUM STUDY

It looks like decision time for the Halton Region Museum at Kelso.

For the past two years a firm of consultants has been studying various aspects of the Museum, now located in the Kelso Conservation Area. It has compiled hundreds of pages of analysis and recommendation.

Four volumes of information have in turn been studied by Halton Region's administrative staff and by the technical advisory committee on which Len McNeil represents the Society.

Recommendations that have so far been made to the Halton Region Council include:

- * the present region museum at Kelso is not viable because of shortcomings in design, location etc.

- * a new site should embrace 20 acres.

- * preferred site for a new structure (a) the southwest corner of highway 25 and Upper Middle Road, and (b) the northeast corner of Steeles Ave. and Guelph Line (next to Crawford Lake Conservation Area.) The latter site is favored by the technical advisory committee.

- * the new structure should be known as the Halton Heritage Centre with a focus of developing Halton Region. In effect, Halton Region Museum would be incorporated into this Centre.

- * the Heritage Centre would provide technical and co-ordinating services for other museums in Halton.

- * 'community focus' museums should be established in Halton Hills and Milton at some unspecified date.

Cost of the proposed Heritage Centre (more than 30,000 square feet) is estimated at \$6.8 million, of which Halton would contribute about \$2 million.

Our Society is one of about 20 heritage organizations that have been asked for comment on the recommendations being put before the Halton Region Council. If you have any thoughts on the subject please get in touch with Ken Lamb 878-6391. The Society will be making a written report to Milton and Halton Region representatives.



A GOOD IDEA for an interesting meeting? Tell Dorothy Gould. She welcomes suggestions.

FALL SERIES OF WORKSHOPS COVERS WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS

The fall session of workshops sponsored by the Ontario Historical Society covers a broad range of subjects of interest to us.

Following are those being held within a few hours drive of Milton:

- * The Heritage of Ontario Cemeteries - Sept. 17 at Vaudorf.

- * Writing and Publishing Community Histories, Oct. 1, Woodstock.

- * Oral History, Oct. 15 at Midland.

- * Profit from Pictures (Audio-visuals) Oct. 15, Aylmer.

- * Making it look good: Displays, Graphics, Labels, Oct. 29, Simcoe.

- * Using local heritage resources to meet Ministry of Education curriculum guidelines, Oct. 29, at Chatham.

- * Promotion and Presentation, Nov. 5, Port Colborne.

All workshops begin at 10 a.m. and last about six hours, including a break for lunch.



DO SOMETHING HISTORIC

JOIN MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY



TOWN HALL IN FOCUS FOR BRIDAL PARTIES

Wedding parties have discovered that Town Hall gardens make excellent backgrounds for "official" photos.

Town officials say the garden is rivalling the Mill Pond as a venue for wedding photos. What better place to combine something old and something new?

The wedding parties are most interested in the gardens enclosed by the former jail walls and especially the wonderful roses. The Milton Horticultural Society took on the job of establishing this aspect of the landscaping. Dorothy Gould has put an enormous amount of time and effort into this new beauty spot.

Put it on your list of local places to visit. You'll be surprised.

IDENTIFY PEOPLE in your photographs. Sort them so they mean something to your family. They may reflect important history but their value is diminished if nothing is known about who is in them or where and when they were taken. It's a great winter project.

MILTON 1888

(Continued from last issue)

By Ken Lamb

The most consistent topic in the local paper in 1888, however, was alcohol. Week after week articles appear about temperance and the Scott Act, which prohibited sale of liquor. These ranged from straight news to various degrees of editorializing and sermonizing.

A news item:

"Mr. D.D. Christie, formerly of Milton and Acton, was a candidate for alderman last Monday at Toronto and was defeated. He is a 'Temperance man' and ran on that ticket."

Contrast that tone, with the following, which The Champion copied from the Sarnia Observer:

"Ed Core, of Forest, left on Wednesday for Milton, county of Halton where he has contracted to box a large number of wells. There is a great demand for water in Halton since the enforcement of the Scott Act."

Another hard-hitting item - this time cited from the Ayr Recorder:

"Charles O'Neil of Glenmorris, while under the influence of liquor, fell over the Glenmorris bridge on Sunday night of last week and was found frozen stiff on Monday morning. His face was gashed and frozen to the ice, the warmth of the face having melted an outline on the ice. Such a shocking fate as this leaves one to state - why was poor O'Neil sent to his death by whiskey when Glenmorris is in a Scott Act county. The man who served that liquor has an awful responsibility to face."

Next The Champion is on the receiving end of a dig from the Georgetown Herald.

"If the Champion don't keep quiet on the temperance question, the repeal will be defeated by at least 600."

In fact, Halton in 1888, voted to repeal the Scott Act. And the decision gave rise to the following editorial:

"The repeal should teach people generally that a prohibitory liquor law, whether local or general, cannot in a Christian country prohibit, because it is opposed to Holy Scriptures, and is an unwarrantable and presumptuous interference with our civil and religious liberty. It is no argument to say that the Ten Commandments are prohibitory and yet are broken. For if the Divine Law is often

broken in violation of conscience, much more we expect a merely human law, like the Scott Act, to be broken when ...the breaking of it is no sin whatever but, on the contrary, a deed well pleasing to God."

SOCIETY MOURNS LOSS OF "BUS" NORRINGTON

Walter "Bus" Norrington, a member of the Society who made countless contributions to the Milton community, died August 10 in Milton District Hospital. He had been ill about a month.

The Society extends deepest sympath to Jessie Hamilton and members of the family.

At the funeral service Scott Gillies read a biography written a few months ago by "Bus". Characteristically modest, the biography ended with a P.S.: "Should have mentioned being member of Milton Town Council and a charter member of Milton Rotary Club as well as being a member of the Milton Brass Band."

Born 73 years ago in Streetsville, Bus came to Milton after being educated at Georgetown and Welaco, Texas. He set roots wide and deep.

Bus was a junior sidesman and played chimes at Grace Anglican Church. He was leader of the 1st Milton Scout Troop and a founder of the "Big Ten" group that brought "name" bands to town. He served the Milton Volunteer Fire Department.

In the late 40s he operated a family confectionery-ice cream business on Main St. He sold that to purchase a farm that is now part of Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area. He raised high quality Ayrshire cattle, won four world championships in rye grain and one world reserve championship in wheat along with numerous other grain awards.

He later worked as a cook at Centennial Manor and in a catering business with Jessie Hamilton at Hornby Golf Club and Ontario Agricultural Museum. During the past few years he worked on numerous projects for the Regional Museum and our Society.

During the war, Bus served with the Canadian Army in Canada, Jamaica, U.K., France, Germany, Belgium and Holland. He married while serving in Belgium.