

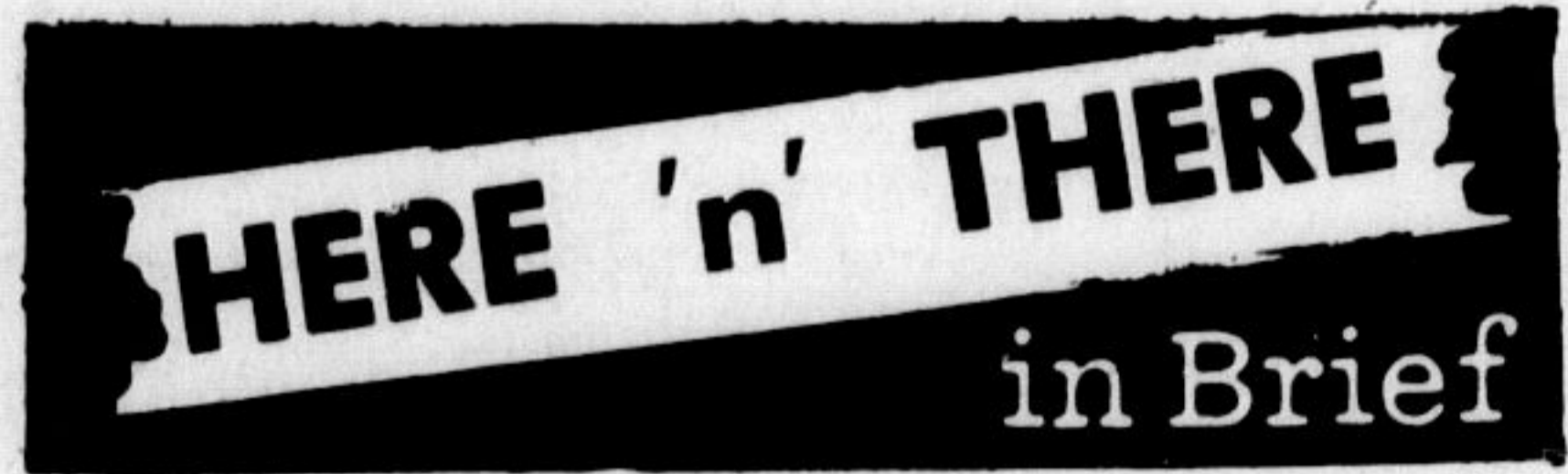
## Ask re-route street for industry expansion

A re-routing of a section of Bronte St. was proposed to Milton Council by P. L. Robertson Manufacturing Co. to permit future expansion of the present industry.

The company presently owns land on both sides of the road and suggested the street be redirected at the point of a curve north of the company and parallel to the railway, to rejoin the present Bronte St. at the C.N.R. crossing.

It was noted the cost of the project would be undertaken by the company and the relocation could eliminate a present bad curve in the road. The hazard of having the parking lot on the opposite side of the road to the plant was also cited.

The proposal was submitted to the works committee for study and the company was to be advised of the procedure in altering the street and changing the railway crossing.



### "STAR" LOSER FROM MILTON...

When the Five C's club—Canadian Coast to Coast Calorie Counters—held their annual convention at Windsor last week, a member of the Milton club was named a "star" performer for reaching the weight loss goal her doctor had prescribed for her. Another Milton member was recognized for having lost 39 pounds although she hasn't quite reached her goal to date. "Queen" of the convention was a Kingston woman who lost 118 pounds and her "princess" was a 15-year-old girl who dropped 87 pounds.

Member Mrs. E. Hanks reports the girls had a wonderful weekend at their convention in Cleary Auditorium. The Mayor of Windsor welcomed them warmly and almost gave them the keys of the city—even promising to "fix" any parking tickets. The calorie counters were impressed with the "terrific" meals served there—although they featured hundreds of those dreaded calories. Seven Milton club members attended.

### SEPARATE SCHOOL TAXES...

Halton's Roman Catholic separate school supporters will face a tax hike similar to public school supporters this year. The county separate school board's 1969 levy, announced at their April meeting in Milton last Tuesday, will require identical mill rates to the elementary public schools.

Of the total \$3,500,000 budget, municipalities in Halton will raise about \$840,000. Most of this will come from Oakville and Burlington. Milton's share is 27.2 mills, \$35,000; Georgetown's 21.6 mills, \$43,000; Nassagaweya Township's 22.1 mills \$828; and Esquesing Township 30.6 mills, \$19,000. In Milton, the mill rate means about a \$20 increase on an "average" home assessed at \$5,000.

Trustees said it was necessary to cut out all frills and "squeeze every dollar" to keep the mill rates the same as the Halton County Board of Education. Their budget is up about 10 per cent over the combined budgets of the four Halton boards in 1958, which merged to form the county board on Jan. 1.

In other business at their meeting, trustees approved bilingual classes for students from kindergarten to grade four in one Burlington school, following requests from French-speaking parents for instruction for about 85 children. There are 170 students involved in a similar program in Georgetown. The board also approved a plan for Burlington students to participate in a swimming program at the YMCA, at a cost of \$3,000 for 10 weeks of lessons for 600 grade three pupils.

## MARIANNE

After four days of intermittent digging and blasting, police have given up hopes of finding the body of a missing girl in a crevice beside the Bruce Trail in Esquesing Township.

Hopes of finding 10-year-old Marianne Schuett who disappeared from near her home in Kilbride almost two years ago, faded away again Monday when officers from Burlington Police and the Criminal Investigation Bureau of the O.P.P. gave up digging a 20 foot deep hole they had dug and blasted in a swampy, rocky bush. The site, half a mile south of the dead end of Esquesing's Third Line below 22 Sideroad, had been pointed out to police as the possible spot where Marianne was buried.

Marianne disappeared on her way home from school at 4 p.m. April 27, 1967. Witnesses said they saw her entering a man's small foreign make car halfway between the school and her home. Her disappearance launched Ontario's largest manhunt as more than 15,000 police, army, Scout and citizen volunteers combed the rugged bushlands of Halton County. The main search lasted more than two weeks, but the files on the case remain open.

Inspector William Lidstone, who headed up the investigation for the C.I.B. accompanied by Lt. William Smith of Burlington Police, has followed up thousands of false leads and hundreds of suspects have been interviewed. Only trace of the

missing student was a child's blue running shoe that Const. Jerry Terryberry of Milton O.P.P. found on Highway 25 near 17 Sideroad two days after her disappearance.

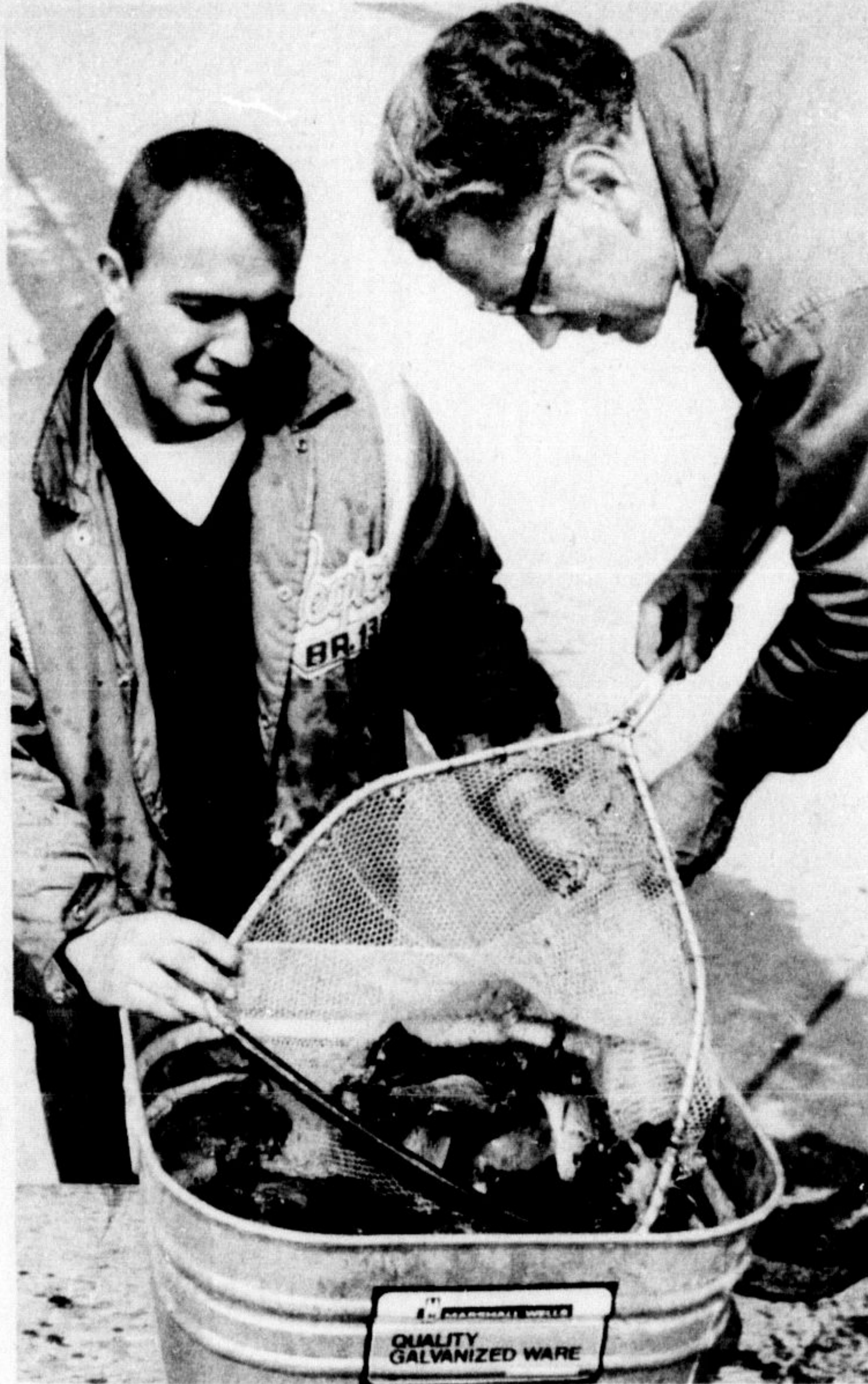
The girl's mother Mrs. Milton Schuett said it looked like the shoes her daughter was wearing to school that day. Tests were unable to prove it was hers.

The site where police excavated the crevice last week was just a little more than a mile away from the spot where the shoe was found.

New hopes in the two-year-old mystery came to light over a month ago when a prisoner at Toronto's Don Jail told police he knew the girl was buried in the North Halton bush, and offered to show them the spot. He said an acquaintance had shown him a body in a rocky grave near Speyside about a year ago. He visited the site with Insp. Lidstone several weeks ago but was unable to pinpoint the exact location because of the deep snow. Police salted down the area, then decided to wait until the snow melted before launching a dig.

Thursday morning shortly after 10 o'clock, Insp. Lidstone, Lt. Smith and a short, balding, nattily dressed young man drove to the end of the Third Line and walked the remaining half mile to where Burlington Police and works department employees had roped off a large segment of bushland.

Talking in quiet voices, the trio walked over the area, looked



THE OLD MILL POND is teeming with trout this week, just in time for Saturday's opening of the fishing season. Last week Halton Sportsmen's Association purchased 100 Rainbow Trout 10 to 12 inches in length, from Rainbow Ranch at Moffat and transplanted them at the mill pond. In the past three years over 4,000 Speckles and 700 Rainbows have been stocked there. Don Kearney of Halton Sportsmen and Ivan Cryderman of Rainbow Ranch are pictured dumping the fighting Rainbows.—(Staff Photo)

### Esquesing protests

## Farmers hardest hit in education increase

"A minority of ratepayers in Esquesing are being adversely affected by the province's method of apportioning municipal costs for education," trustee William Lawson declared this week.

He pointed out that last year the Department recognized Esquesing's ability to pay for education and made grants of 55 per cent. This year the Department looks at the whole county and pays only 47 per cent of the cost.

Agriculture, which makes up only 37 per cent of the township's assessment is the

minority adversely affected where education costs this year will be more than the total tax last year, the trustee emphasized.

In a letter to the Minister of Education, Esquesing Township Council protests "not only the amount but the division of the proposed levy of the Halton County Board of Education."

The letter protests that the method of distribution of costs, using the provincial equalizing factor instead of the county equalization bylaw, has resulted in an increase in the levy for

## \$62 increase in taxes budget still not final

An increase of \$62 in the taxes on an average home in Milton is reflected in the 1969 budget that Milton Council decided not to finalize Monday.

Councillor Percy Barr, chairman of the town's finance committee observed that the town's mill rate should be established but he was still hopeful the province would revise its grants for education. The clerk reminded council that if the rate was set it could not be changed if additional grants were given.

The proposed budget would have a residential mill rate of 86.68 compared with last year's 85.54. The industrial-commercial rate proposed is 96.01 compared with last year's 95.34.

Council gave its budget-by-law two readings and requested the Minister of Education to revise the grant structure for education to ease the burden of property tax on the people.

The residential rate for education at the elementary level last year was 23.44 mills and this year it would be 27.28. For high school education the residential rate last year was 18.33 and this year would be 18.92.

For all municipal purposes the town's residential rate last year was 36.72 mills and this year would be down to 34.77. A reassessment during the past year increased values on properties and the mill this year

raises more money than the mill last year.

Mayor Brian Best reported the council, in budget sessions, had cut \$3,000 from the Library Board, \$1,000 from the sewer and sanitation committee, \$400 from the industrial committee, \$300 from the parking authority, \$2,000 from the property committee, \$400 from the public relations committee, \$1,600 from the parks board, \$2,200 from the arena board, \$200 from the allowance for conventions and dues, \$41,712 from the streets and walks committee. Net deductions amounted to \$51,068.

The Mayor pointed out the increase for education alone would be \$72.72 if the town had not reduced its own mill rate. "It's regrettable that every year we have to reduce the general rate to accommodate the educational levy. We just can't expect to get all the work done on the roads that people have been accustomed to," he observed.

Those living in the unserved areas recently annexed to the town will pay taxes on a rate 10 mills less than the general rate. The differential is based on the lack of such municipal services as garbage collection, sewer

service, water and street lights. Councillor S. Childs noted that if the town had not received the annexed land the general rate would have been still higher. The clerk commented the commercial rate would have one to 114 mills if the annexation area had not been added to the town.

Expenditures in the proposed budget are broken down as follows:

General purposes	\$454,408.52
Elementary Schools	326,849.00
Separate Schools	35,281.02
Secondary Schools	251,196.00
County purposes	72,771.05
Total	\$1,140,505.59

### Blood flows, but

## School bill accepted board explains levy

Blood flowed, literally, when the deputations of chairman Fred Armitage and W. G. Lindley of the Halton County Board of Education appeared before Nassagaweya Township Council Monday evening to explain the Board's budget requisition from the township.

It wasn't due to an irritated council, however. Mr. Lindley, delivering his presentation from behind a large bandage on his upper lip, daubed at the cut and explained his car had crashed into a field on the rain-slicked road up from Burlington, en route to the meeting.

Council adjourned and re-convened in total as a finance committee, with deputy-reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur in the chair, to meet the Board representatives.

Chairman Armitage noted during the discussion the County Board is responsible for

establishing its budget, but not for the apportioning of costs to municipalities, or the decrease in provincial grants.

Earlier, a copy of a resolution from Saltfleet Township had been read, calling for governmental revision of the educational grant structure "to avoid general rejection of educational budgets, by municipal councils, and the resultant fiscal paralysis."

Nassagaweya has also received a copy of correspondence from Esquesing Township to Education Minister Davis, protesting amounts and division of the education levy in Halton.

The Saltfleet motion, seeking endorsement of each municipality in Ontario, was endorsed by council.

Following lengthy discussion of the Halton Board's budget, particularly Nassagaweya's crippling share, it was agreed the

majority of the problem was as a result of provincial legislation and grant structure.

"We would like to sit down with each and every ratepayer and explain our position, were that possible," chairman Armitage stated. "Then it would be clear we really have little control over the sharp education tax increases to the rural resident."

Later reconvened, the Nassagaweya council agreed to accept their \$343,725 1969 allocation; but sent a copy of a motion to Minister of Education Davis.

The motion protested the increase tax burden brought on by grant reduction, and called for introduction of a new grant system by the provincial government, as well as direction from the Department to school boards—calling for more prudence in budgeting.

### County council decides

## Keep Halton one region

Over opposition of Oakville and Georgetown, Halton County Council voted Tuesday to press for Halton as a regional government unit.

The county's committee on regional government, meeting with representatives of Peel and the Minister of Municipal Affairs, was directed to negotiate for a two-tier Halton unit. Failing that, the committee was directed to negotiate for the best terms possible for Halton in a Halton-Peel merger. In a special meeting of council

on April 8, members agreed to obtain the direction of their local councils on support for Halton or a Halton-Peel unit.

Georgetown Reeve W. Hunter suggested a delay of a further month in reaching a decision would not be unreasonable.

Disagreeing, Deputy-Reeve Ron Harris of Milton called on council to show some solidarity and clear thinking. "We don't need to wait for Peel. If we want a Halton County region we should be working on it now," he emphasized.

Deputy-Reeve W. Reeve, Burlington, suggested it was a majority decision earlier to ask local councils for their views for this meeting.

A Halton-Peel unit is supported by Oakville, Deputy-Reeve W. Gillies reported. He suggested the county committee on regional government should prepare a recommendation for the county's consideration.

In expressing support for a Halton-Peel unit, Reeve Hunter

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THE SEARCH IS CANCELLED now, but on Thursday when these photographs were taken there were high hopes of solving the almost two-year-old disappearance of a young Kilbride schoolgirl, Marianne Schuett. Police, acting on information received from a prisoner at Toronto's Don Jail, dug a large excavation in the Esquesing bush at the south end of the Third Line road, south of 22 Sideroad. Champion photographer

Roy Downs took these photos as Inspector William Lidstone of the Provincial Police C.I.B. and Lt. William Smith of Burlington Police (in white trench coats), and an unidentified third man probed through the bush Thursday morning. The balding, frock-coated man with glasses is believed to be the informer who tipped police off about the site. Digging was called off Monday and police said the tip proved to be false.—(Staff Photos)

