

Optimists Bike Rodeo held

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Pupils at St. Francis of Assisi school set off on a slow bike race. The last one to stop who has gone the furthest wins.

After being twice rained out, the Optimist Club of Georgetown Bike Rodeo got underway Friday at St. Francis of Assisi School.

The entire student body, about 200 pupils from Grade 1 to 6, participated in the day long safety program.

The children had classroom sessions with their teachers on balance of bicycles, control of the bicycle, and all the safety rules.

After the classroom sessions, all the children went to the playground where a course was marked out for the practical part of the program.

And after all the children had gone through the course, they participated in a slow bike race.



Napoleon Benito gets a hand around the bike course from Cynthia Latter and teacher Theresa Vermeer. Six-year-old Napoleon says he knows how to ride a two wheeler but that this one was a bit too big for him.



This young lad gets marked as he goes around the course.

Acton Optimists chartered

The Optimists Club of Acton was awarded its charter by a representative of Optimists International Tuesday at what the club's first president, Bill Chagnon, called a landmark meeting for the community.

Elected vice-presidents of the Acton chapter were Robert Hart and Dave Henderson. Bert Husman was appointed secretary-treasurer by new president Bill Chagnon. All will serve one-year terms which will continue until October, 1979.

Chosen as first-year directors were Harmen Vander Heide and Al Burns, with Walter Barlow and Bill Johnston assuming two-year directorships and Dave Boycott and Clive Jago serving three years.

Mr. Gorman told the members that Ontario district is among the most successful Optimists districts in North America, at times taking second place only to Quebec-Marytime in terms of activities and interest.

A massive charter banquet is being planned for July, and discussions have already opened the door to the formation of an Opt-Mrs. Club for Acton area women.

Today, he said, there are more than 3,500 Optimists on the continent and each is estimated to be helping out 11 youngsters, adding much credibility to the club's motto "Friend of Youth."

"We're not here to compete with the other service clubs," Mr. Gorman said. "They're all doing beautiful things, but put them all together and they're still not doing as much as the Optimists."

Branching a sincere belief in the philosophical value of

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New high school

Haltim board of education has approved a \$3.4 million high school for Milton. The school, which is slated to open September, 1980, will have room for 900 pupils. Four hundred of the places will be for vocational students and 500 for composite high school. There will also be two classrooms for adolescent trainable mentally handicapped. Emerson Lavender, director of Education, also told the board there may classrooms for severely disabled children but this may go into E.C. Drury school, also in Haltim.

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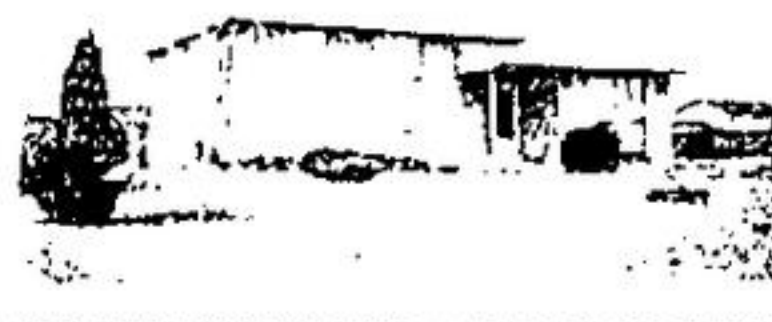
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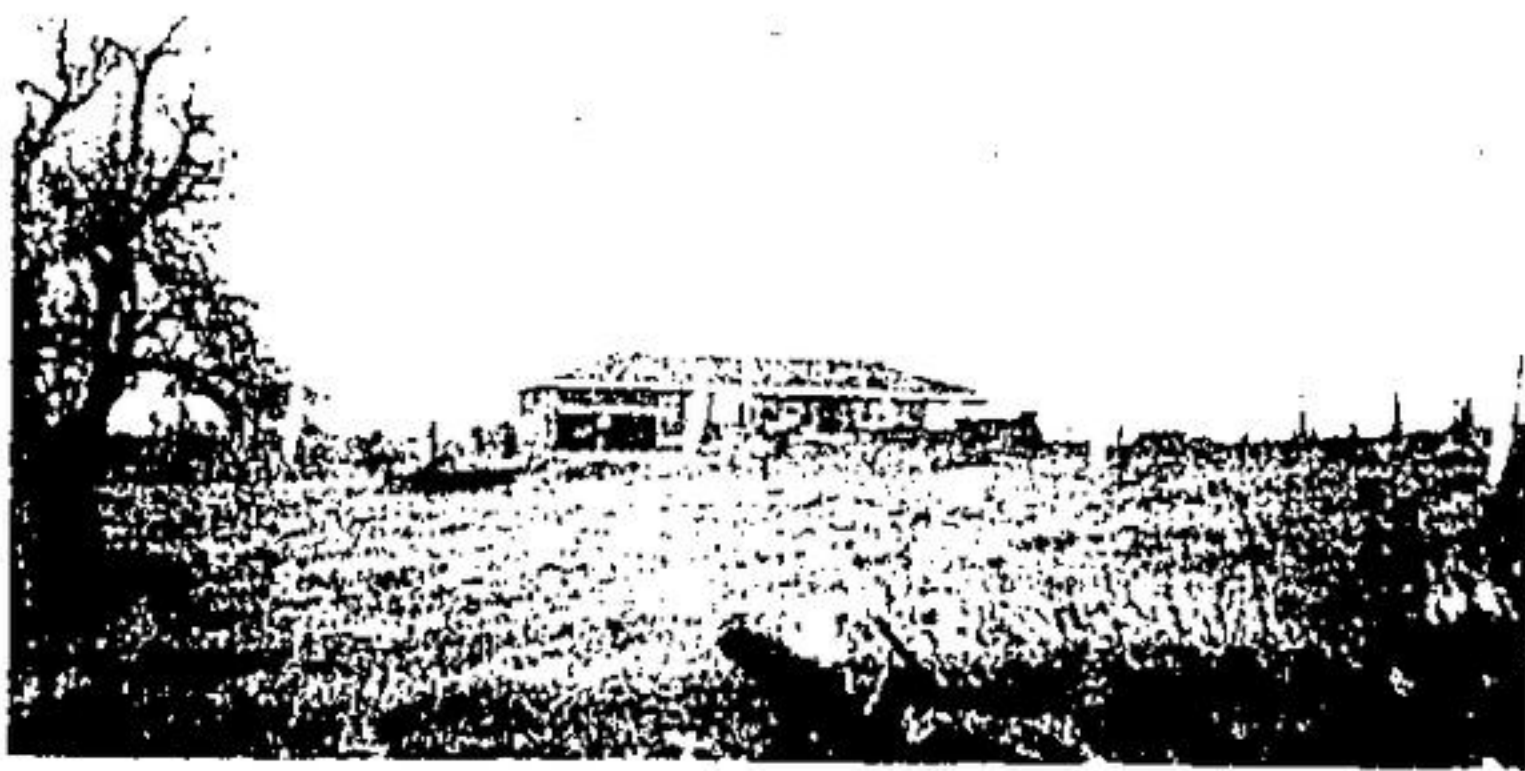


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