



**FARM FUN**

April Bond was one of those trying to grab hold of an apple on a string using nothing but her teeth at the Pine Valley Farm Halloween Party Sunday afternoon. April had a little help from Rob Horning when it came to getting a good grip on that elusive apple.

**Michael Hollett**

Herald editor



**Good time to be starting**

There's probably no better time for an editor to take over a newspaper than at the beginning of the municipal election campaign, and that's what happened to me.

There's not much room for easing into the job or the community slowly when you find yourself rapidly heading towards the political highlight of the year but you certainly learn fast, you have to.

At this time of year all of the key issues and concerns facing a community are brought to the surface and publicly debated. If an issue doesn't warrant being discussed during the municipal election campaign, well, it's probably not that important. This desire on the part of candidates and interested citizens to have their concerns dealt with during the course of the election means that in less than a month I am exposed to the concerns of Halton Hills citizens that may have taken at least a two year municipal term to build up.

outside the town limits, but in that town libraries are places to go for books, not the cause of heated OMB hearings.

And the people of Caledon know all about the problems of regional government and the Niagara Escarpment Commission but mention River Run and they think you are talking about what joggers do beside the Credit.

Election time is also probably the only time of year newspaper people as well as voters - don't have to go searching for politicians, they're everywhere and more than pleased to talk. Again, it's helpful for me.

So with the election campaign, and some intense briefing by Herald staff members, I feel confident in getting an adequate crash course on Halton Hills.

**PROBLEMS** - First, my thanks to all those who have dropped by the office or gone out of their way to welcome me to Halton Hills. It's been appreciated.

Many of the well-wishers ask me if I've run into any problems since taking the reins at the Herald. The answer is not really although I did run into one difficulty the first day on the job.

It involved phoning someone regarding a story. Try saying, "hello, this is Michael Hollett of the Halton Hills Herald" three times, fast, without stumbling. It's not easy.

**SIMILAR CONCERNS**

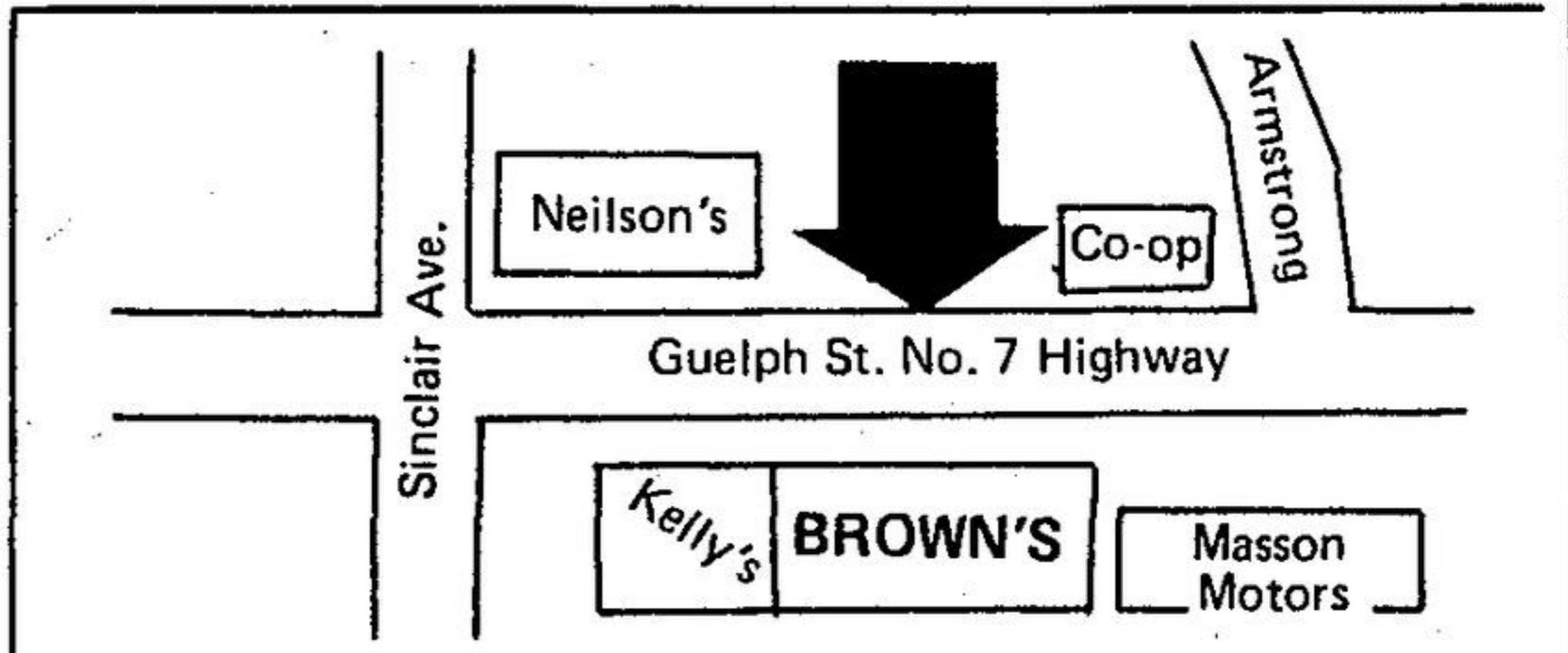
While residents in the Caledon and Orangeville communities - my old stomping grounds - have many similar concerns to those of the people of Halton Hills, there have been more than a few new issues for me to bone up on.

Orangeville's downtown business people know all about forming BIAs to fight off the challenge of a new mall just

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