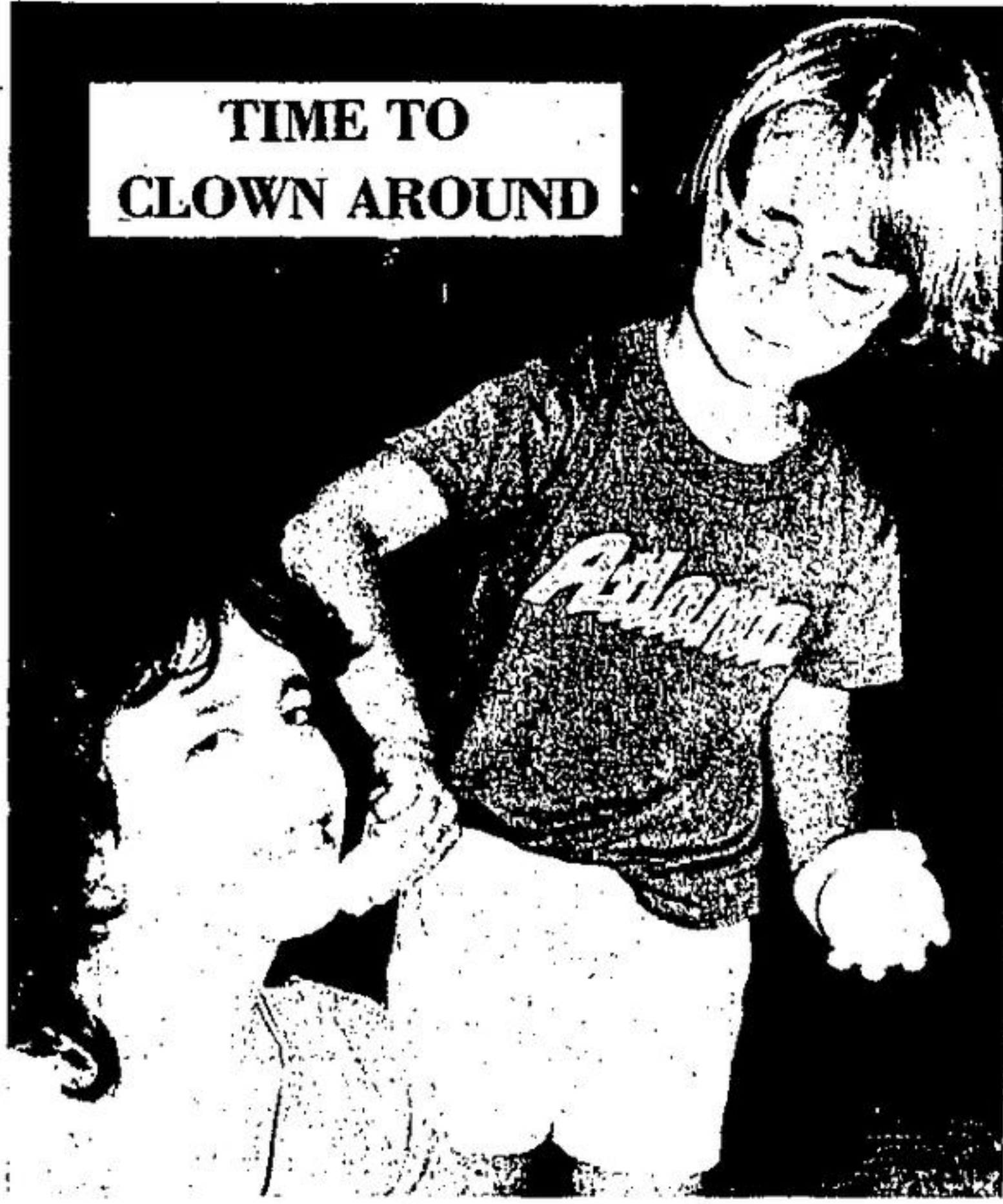


TIME TO CLOWN AROUND



Pat, pat, pat went Karen Goodbrand, 5, with the powder puff. Recreation department leader Cindy Sabo turned into a clown at George Kennedy Public School last week.

(Herald photo)

FBDB 'banks' on growth with fall economic upturn

Things will be more positive as far as the economy is concerned by September, forecasts a Federal Business Development Bank manager. Project Development manager for the Mississauga branch of the crown corporation Bill Law said businessmen are a little afraid now, but things will be picking up in September. "The lending market right now is really flat, with the economy just starting to turn around," Mr. Law said. "There seems to be a little more activity now." The attitude is "Let's

wait and see if interest rates will stay down", among businessmen hesitant to expand, he said. "The survivors have become so good at surviving that rather than borrowing money they're working off their business cash flow," Mr. Law said. "Everyone's loan-avoiding, all across Canada." **HELPS BUSINESS** The Federal Business Development Bank has been loaning money and giving businesses financial advice since the mid-seventies. Before that, it was called the Industrial Development Bank, started in

1944 strictly for lending to the manufacturing sector. With the name change in the last decade came the expanded man-



BILL LAW date to lend money to any sector of the economy.

"It was started up purely to provide a secondary source of financing for people who couldn't get any anywhere else under reasonable terms," Mr. Law said. "That's still our goal." About 60 businesses in Halton Hills have taken advantage of the Bank's services. A term lender, the crown corporation lends money for fixed-asset projects like the purchase of machinery, land and buildings. The loans are similar to those at a chartered bank, but the conditions are

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DETOUR

Work began last week on an extensive Mill Street-Park Avenue project in Georgetown. G.W. Barr Construction Ltd. was awarded the project, expected to cost about \$350,000, which will improve drainage in the Mill-Park Avenue intersection area, control traffic flow at the Park Avenue and Guelph Street intersections of Mill and improve the general appearance of the Mill Street with better parking and landscaping. Most of the work is expected to be completed before the fall freeze-up. (Herald photo)

Open holsters for police

Halton regional police will have one less thing to worry about as they head into a dangerous situation. With the new open security holsters authorized for uniformed officers this week, they won't have to worry about their guns falling out in a scuffle. District 1 commander

Inspector Matt MacPherson said 40 uniformed men in Halton Hills are being provided with the new holsters. "They don't have a flap for one thing, so the gun can't fall out as it would with the old holsters," he said. In a scuffle, the flap would easily come undone, allowing the gun to fall out, he said. As well, in a few incidents, someone other than police were able to grab hold of the weapon. The open holsters are designed to hold in the gun by their very construction. Officers no longer have to contend with whether or not the flap to their holster is open. "It's actually easier to get the gun out than with the old holsters," Insp. MacPherson said. "It won't slow the men down. It's simply a safety holster."

Insp. MacPherson said. The new holsters require a special technique to release the gun. Insp. MacPherson said an incident in Georgetown August 1981 triggered

ed the change in holsters. A Georgetown woman had removed an officer's revolver from his holster and pointed it at two officers and a gathering crowd.

Health Council exec

Four charter members of the Halton District Health Council were honored last week as they retired from the body. Estrid Manore, Diane Ball and Mayor Harry Barrett, all of Oakville, as well as Milton's Edgar Forster have served on the council since it was founded in 1976.

One of 25 in the province, the Halton District Health Council provides advice to the provincial health ministry on such issues as the planning, development and co-ordination of health care service in Halton region.

Salary problems

Continued from page A1 won't consider their contract until the uniformed contract is settled," Const. Gardner said. "Other forces have always been paid more, with increases on a percentage basis, so the bigger the salary base, the bigger the percentage increase," he said.

ABOUT THE HILLS

Assault charge laid

When a man interfered in an argument between a 38-year old man and his girlfriend, he was charged with minor assault.

The accused punched the 38-year old in the eye, causing redness to the eye. The incident took place at 2 a.m. July 9 at the Acton Canadian Style Donuts on Mill Street.

The Acton man was charged Monday with assault by Halton regional police and will appear in Milton provincial court Aug. 31.

Help strikes girl

A man hired to do work at an Esqueping township home was charged with minor assault after striking a 16-year old female three to four times on the lower back, Halton regional police said.

The 43-year old man had been working at the Lot 6 Concession 9 home assisting the victim's father in baling hay when an argument developed Friday between himself and the young woman. The man will appear in Milton provincial court Aug. 29.

Rubbish fire

A large rubbish fire Saturday at Lot 22 Concession 1, Esqueping, kept firefighters busy for three hours. Both Acton and Georgetown tankers were required to put out the blaze for which a cause has yet to be determined.

The fire was within 30 feet of the barn on the farm property at Sidcroad 22 and the Halton Hills Townline, but firefighters were able to protect the barn so it suffered no structural damage. Nobody was injured.

Sunday grass fires

There were two grass fires Sunday within a half hour of each, both caused by lightning. The first, at 5:05 p.m. was at Lot 28, Concession 6 in the town of Caledon.

At 5:38, a second grass fire was reported at Lot 32, Concession 11 at the Halton Hills and Erin town line.

Area home robbed

During daylight hours July 13, a Nassagaweya home on Lot 14, Concession 7 was broken into by thieves who made off with \$10,000 worth of stereo equipment, jewelry, cutlery and a microwave oven. There was \$200 damage to a ground level bedroom window which had been broken.



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