

# New Block Parent head says it's in her blood

Elaine Frei of Georgetown will be taking over the reins of the Halton Hills Block Parent program.

She brings with her a long history of volunteer work and an enthusiasm for it that would put most anyone to shame.

"I love it (volunteering). I'm really looking forward to it," says Elaine of her new charge.

She will be replacing Block Parent Program Chairperson Bonnie Guise this September. Bonnie is moving to Whitby this summer, but will continue to be active in the Block Parent Association through the Ontario Board.

The local Block Parent program had all but died when Bonnie took it over. She built it up, recruiting volunteers, organizing promotions,

and making sure children and seniors alike had a safe haven on many Halton Hills streets.

Elaine has been a Block Parent for 10 years. She joined the organization the same year she and her family moved to Georgetown in 1979.

She comes from a long line of volunteers, she says, and it was a way of life for her in her childhood home. For example, her father was never home on Christmas Eve—he was always out delivering toys to the needy with other members of his service club.

The Block Parent program is not the only organization Elaine has been involved in as a volunteer.

She started with the Georgetown Toy Lending Library which she

toiled for until 1984, spending three of five years with the group on the board.

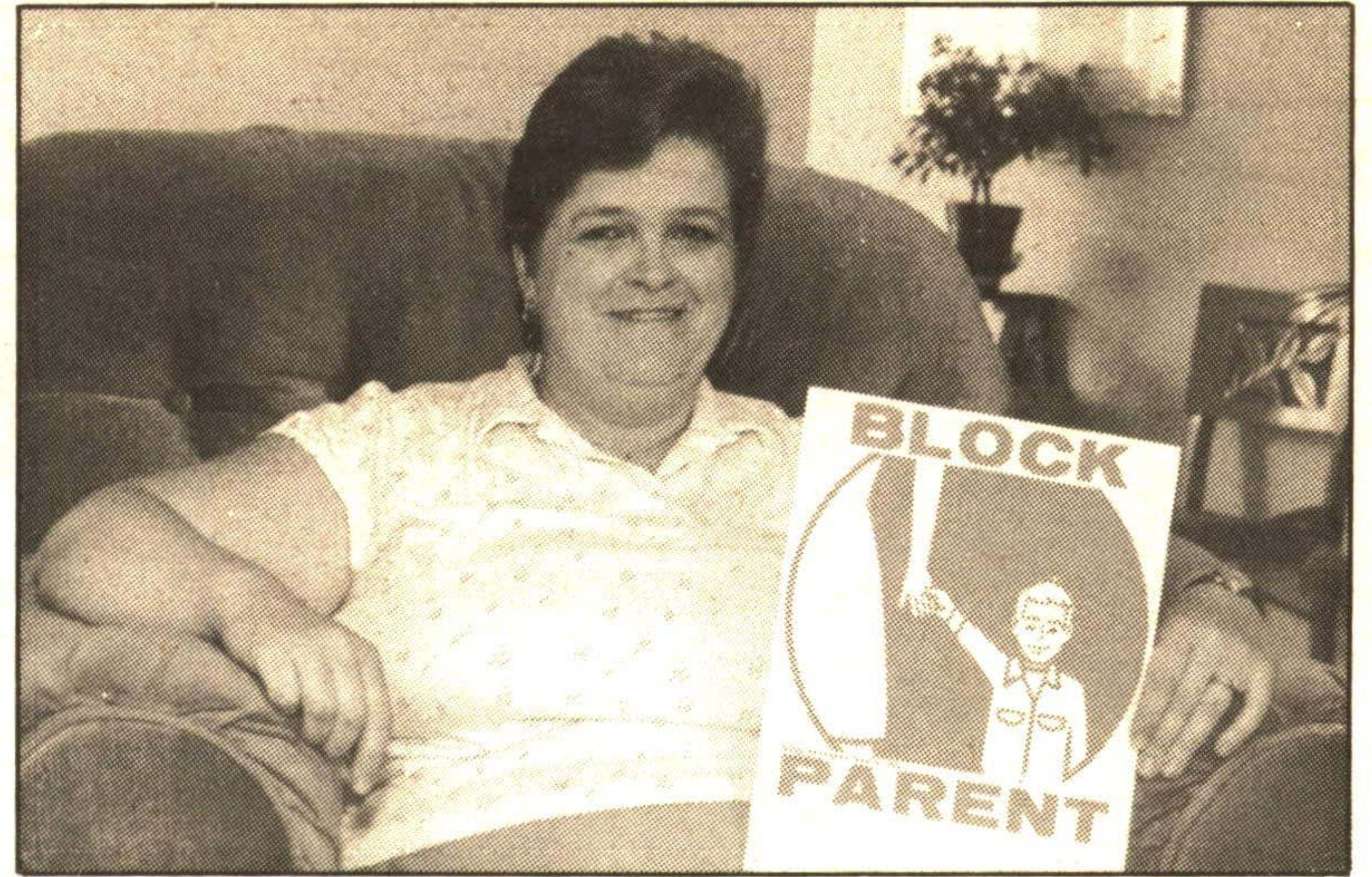
She then started to volunteer at George Kennedy Public School where her two children are currently enrolled.

She started the School Attendance Check Program there, making sure every student who was not in school could be accounted for by a note or a phone call home every day of the week.

Elaine teamed up with Sandra Morris to organize a volunteer program at the school, arranging rides for school trips, help for hot dog sales or field day at the school.

Elaine says there are a number of new promotions and initiatives in

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Elaine Frei is the new chairperson of the Halton Hills Block Parent program.

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### Vehicle entered

A brown leather briefcase worth about \$110 was stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in a driveway on the Fourth Line north of Highway 7 sometime overnight Monday, police report.

### Piggy bank stolen

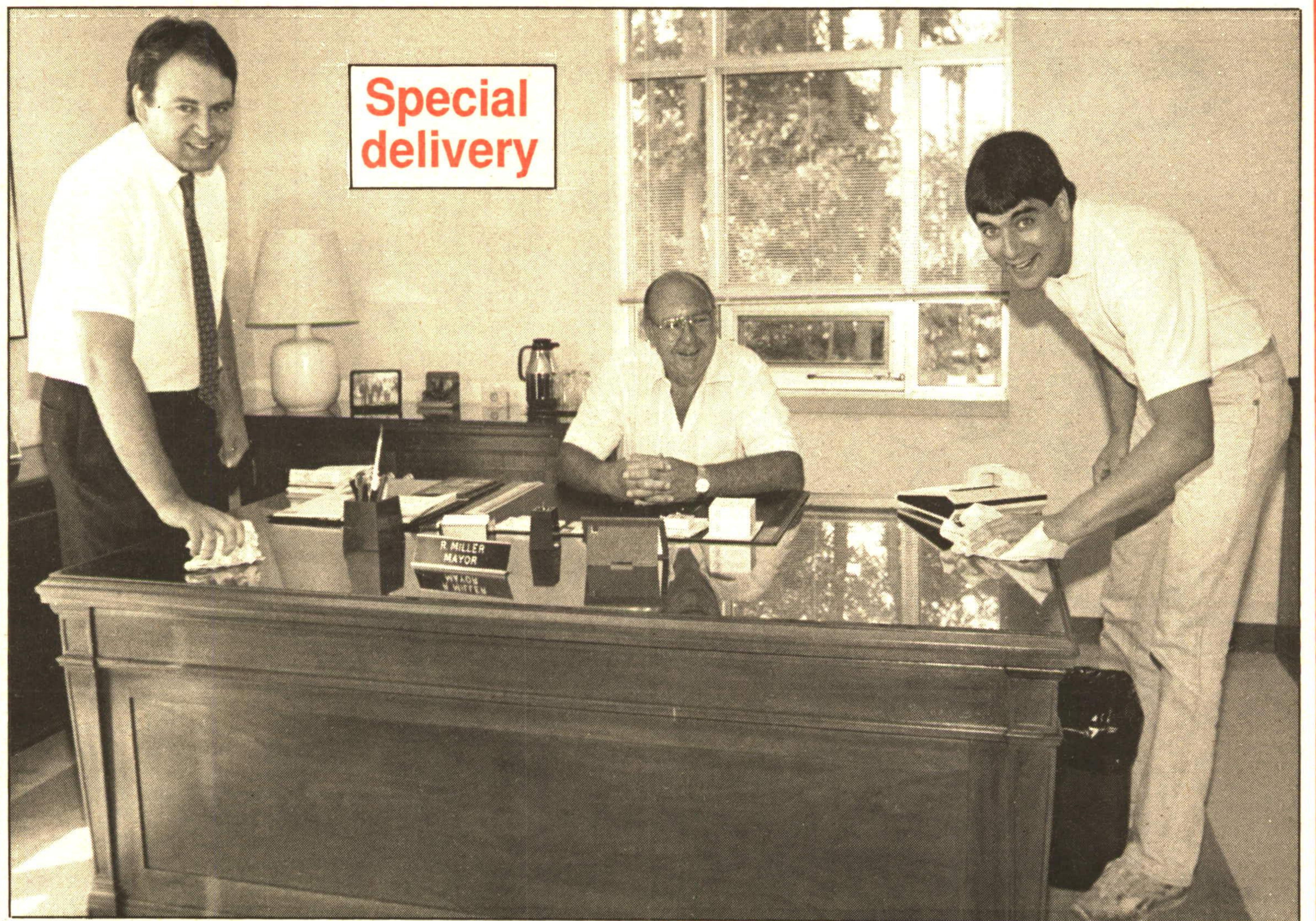
A Fourth Line home was broken into sometime between Tuesday and Wednesday, police report. The house was entered after a screen was ripped off of a basement window. The only thing reported stolen is a coin bank containing coins totalling \$350.

### Cassettes stolen

Approximately \$92 worth of health cassettes were stolen from Zellers in Georgetown at 7 p.m. Wednesday. An 18-year-old Georgetown woman has been charged with theft under \$1,000. She will appear in court Sept. 4.

### Burglar tools

Three Georgetown area teens were charged with possession of burglar tools after police received a call that three youths were attempting to break into vehicles on Queen St. near Murdock St. around 4.30 a.m. Wednesday. Two 17-year-old males from Georgetown and one 19-year-old from Glen Williams were charged. They will appear in court Aug. 24.



Jasper Wintjes, left, and Richard Vieyra of Creditview Furniture Restorations in Georgetown put the finishing touches on Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller's desk after refinishing it and personally delivering it to the new Civic Centre. The mayor, sitting, was glad

to have his old desk back in shiny, good-as-new condition. The company was responsible for refinishing most of the wooden furniture moved into the Civic Centre from the old Town offices. Photo by Ted Brown

# Recycling saves us \$68,000

By PAM DOUGLAS

In the first six months of the Blue Box program, Halton Hills residents have collected more recyclables than in all of 1988.

Between December and June 605 tons of newspaper, 139 tons of glass and 73 tons of tin have been collected for a total of 818 tons. In 1988 only about 781 tons of recyclables were collected.

At the rate things are going, in 1989 Halton Hills will have

diverted 1,635 tons of recycleables from the main stream of garbage currently being shipped to New York for disposal.

If those recycleables had been disposed of in the main stream of garbage, their weight would have added another \$68,000 in tipping fees.

That's \$136,000 in tipping fees per year. The Town only spends about \$750,000 in tipping fees each year.

The program itself, completely funded by the Region of Halton, costs about \$3,000 per week to operate, which includes vehicle repair and wages, according to Halton Hills Co-ordinator Paul Sargent.

Revenue earned through the sale of the material goes to the Region. A glut on the market for recycleables, caused by the success of programs in other cities and towns, doesn't seem to have had

much of an effect on Halton, according to Sargent.

"But it's happening all over Ontario. We're bound to feel it," he says.

Sargent says he believes the public's participation rate in the Halton Hills program is probably close to 80 per cent. Last year participation in the Town's own recycling program was about 25 per cent.

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