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Dirt bikers annoy Glen resident

By **STUART JOHNSTON**

A Glen Williams family claims its peace and quiet is constantly being threatened by dirt bikers tearing through their neighborhood, and they feel nothing can be done about it.

"We moved out of Brampton to get a little peace and quiet — I don't want these guys around here making all that noise," said the Park St. resident, who asked not to be identified.

He added that "several dirt bikers" constantly ride their machines on the hill behind his home, known locally as Groundhog Hill, after school and on every weekend.

He claims the noise gets so loud, he cannot sit on his porch in comfort because it drowns out conversation.

"It's been very aggravating — if I want to barbecue or anything, I can't," he said. "I can't turn on our radio or talk on the deck because the noise is so loud."

"I was told by a police officer there is really nothing they can do because they don't own an off-road vehicle. By the time they show up, the kids disappear."

"But, it does seem that every time I see a police car around the neighborhood, the kids leave, so they might be doing something."

According to bylaw enforcement officer Ron Stein, the onus is on the owner of the property to prevent trespassers. Groundhog Hill is presently owned by a development corporation.

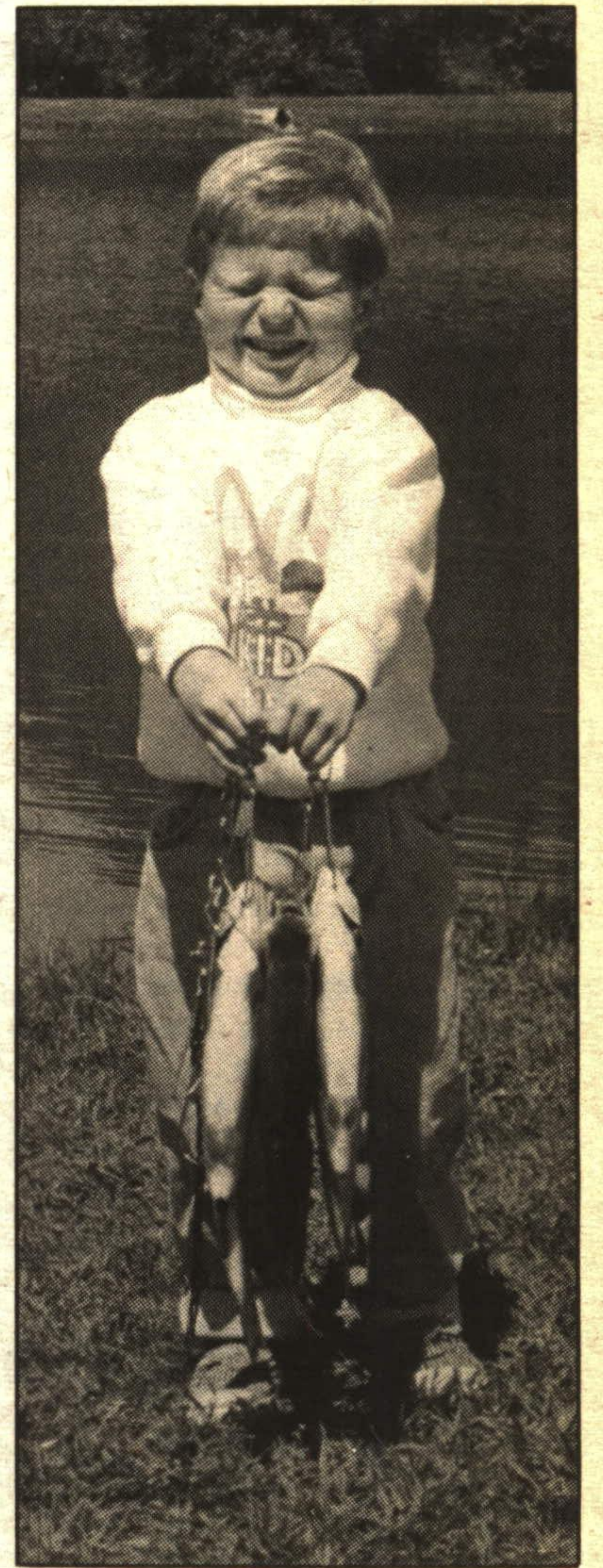
Although there is a noise bylaw, enforcement is often difficult, Stein added.

"Normally, if a complaint came in, we'd get in touch with the owner of the property and let him know what's going on, because he is responsible," Stein said. "If the lot is vacant, as in this case, we would suggest to the owner that he take the necessary measures to prevent the problems."

Stein added that it would be helpful for the complainant to keep a diary of events for two to three weeks, documenting when the problems occur. He must also be willing to testify in court, Stein said.

"We'd give the owner a set time to comply, and if he doesn't, we'll charge him," Stein added. "But, we'll give him fair warning." A few weeks ago the area behind Groundhog Hill was the scene of a

massive field party that involved approximately 150-200 youths. In the incident, an abandoned car was set on fire, and a bottle was thrown at a police officer.



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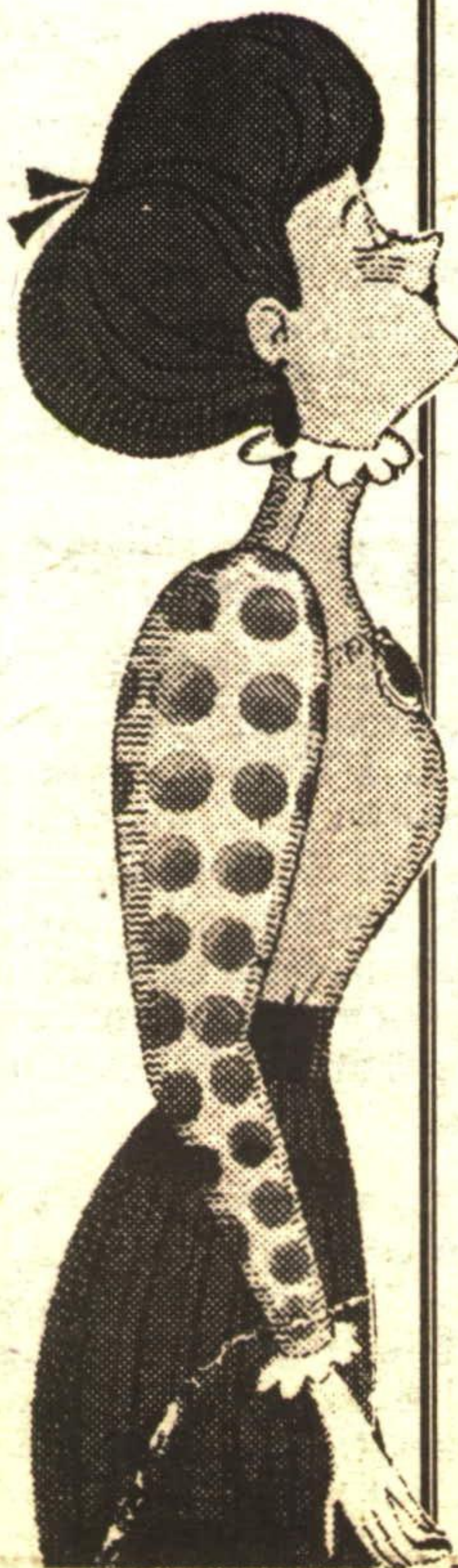
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