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## Labor reform concerns businessmen

The following was filed with this newspaper for publication.

Honorable Bob Mackenzie,  
Dear Minister,

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce represents over 350 businesses in Halton Hills, most would be classed as small to medium sized business and the majority are not unionized.

The board of directors have in the past sent letters of concern to you, the Premier and Noel Duignan, MPP (Halton North). We also encouraged our members to contact you and Mr. Duignan and provided to them a form letter for that purpose.

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce has been active in this campaign to let the public know of the business community concern for this proposed legislation. These efforts have been dismissed by you and your government as scare tactics

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tics by the business community and has resulted in a very negative attitude on both sides of the debate.

Enclosed are a number of coupons provided to us by our members and the public and we would ask that they be given your consideration during the public hearing process.

On behalf of our members we hope that all sides will be considered prior to enacting this legislation, we will continue to lobby hard and will keep in contact with Mr. Duignan during these crucial public meetings.

Yours truly,  
Doug Penrice,  
Issues Committee  
Chamber of Commerce  
Halton Hills

## MPP report card

Dear editor:

Noel Duignan's recent riding report continued his tradition of party rhetoric mixed with unsubstantiated statistics, simplistic conclusions and self congratulations.

Take Mr. Duignan's explanation for the government's ill timed rush into labor reform. This "fanfare for the common man" approach should play well to the uninformed and the unmotivated. The NDP theme of heroes in white hats rescuing unfortunate workers from the evil abuse of rich corporations is a story line worthy of Aesop.

What Mr. Duignan fails to mention is the substantial amount of money his party will collect in mandatory political contributions from an increased union membership. This money will be skimmed from the dues paid by every union member regardless of his or her own political viewpoint. In the new spirit of 'equality for all' it's comforting to know that self serving greed is'nt confined to big business.

Yours sincerely,  
Tom Ridout

# The vanishing weekend

It was a nice idea while it lasted. But for a growing number of Canadians the two-day weekend no longer means two days off from work.

A 1990 survey by Statistics Canada found that 40 per cent of Canadians regularly work outside the home on weekends. Among two-income families, more than 50 per cent have at least one weekend-working member.

But even couples who only work Monday to Friday may have too many household chores over the weekend to call Saturday and Sunday "time off," according Dr. Donald Dawson, a University of Ottawa sociologist and interim director of the department of leisure studies. These trends are dramatically changing how people spend their leisure time, Dawson says. Within a single family, there may be someone working every day of the week. One result is that family activities are getting harder to coordinate.

But that's where the Halton Hills Recreation Department can help out. This weekend, its Fall/Winter brochure is being distributed and it focuses on active living in the community. Not only does it have a myriad of activities offered by the Recreation Department, but it also contains a list of community and sports organizations you and your family may consider joining. So peruse the brochure and find out what you and your family can do together.



# Driving around in circles never appealed to me

It was bound to happen.

A few weeks ago I wrote about some of the local drag racing enthusiasts of 20 years back.

The following Monday morning, a tattered, yellow copy of *Wheelspin News* (dated August 26, 1970) landed on my desk with a short note attached.

It read, "Ted: Now you've done it! You got all those car crazy guys wanting to turn the clock back to the late 60s and early 70s."

*Wheelspin News* was published back in the glory days of muscle cars, and centered around the Toronto area racing competitions, covering both drag racing and stock cars.

This copy came to me compliments of co-worker Jeanette Cox, whose husband, Larry, still carries on his own present day love affair with the automobile, collecting and restoring Mustangs and Torinos with a passion.

After thumbing through the old newspaper and perusing ads for

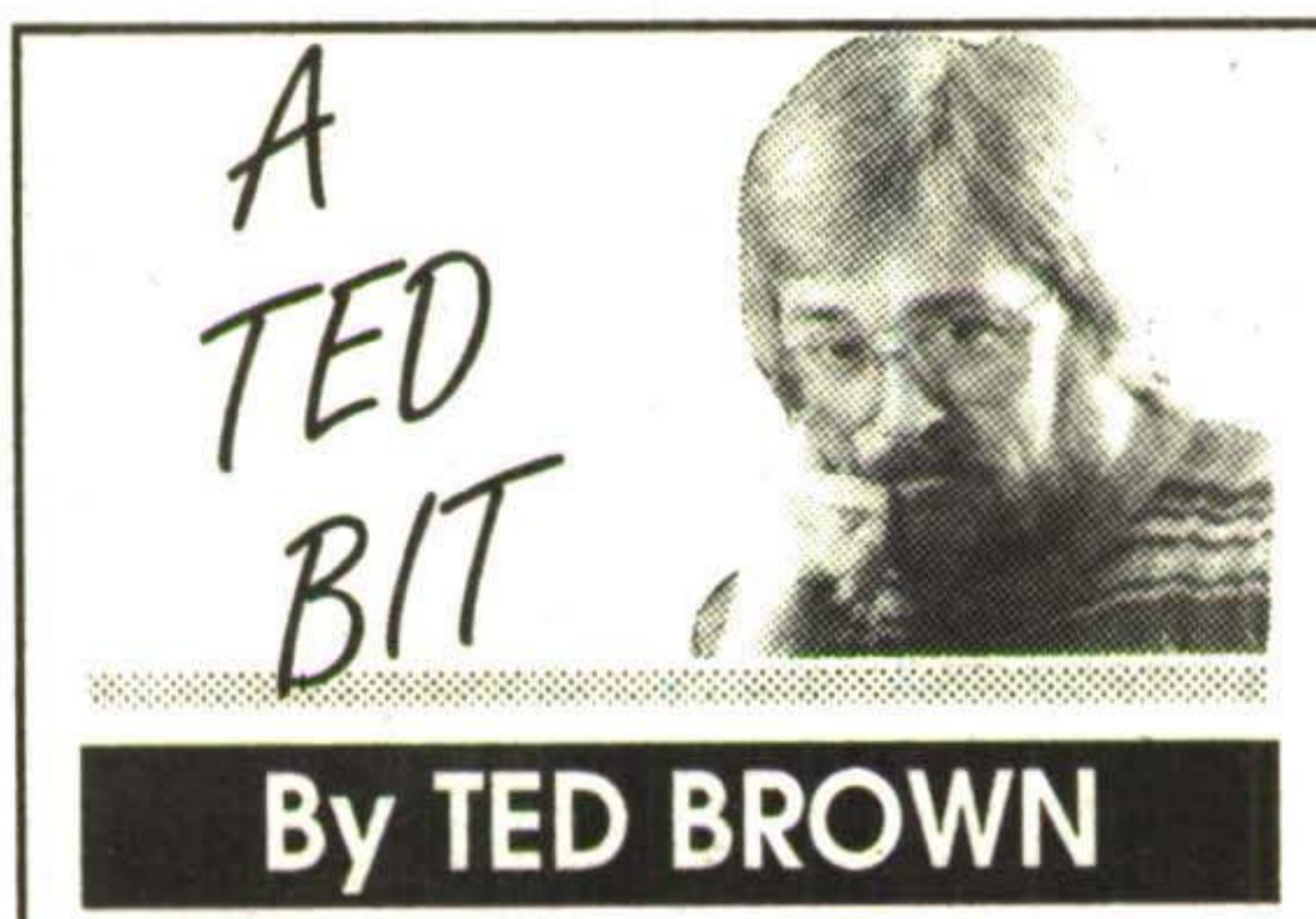
*Hooker Headers and Thrush Mufflers*, another piece of paper fell out of the newspaper.

It was a program from Acton-Osprunge Speedway, from June of 1969.

For those who aren't aware, Acton-Osprunge Speedway was located on Hwy 25, just south of Osprunge, and featured a paved oval track for stock car racing. The track still exists, now overgrown with weeds, but it has been a good many years since the sounds of revving engines and smell of exhaust and burning tires have assaulted that piece of pavement.

Myself, I never attended races at Acton Speedway, but the program revealed a number of familiar names of local racers who did.

In this particular program, the entry of George Nichols and Danny Kociuk of Acton had accumulated third place in points, followed closely by Dave and Barry Cleland of Acton Auto Body. Larry Cox was



breathing down their necks as he and Ray Thompson of Osprunge were tied for fifth place.

Other competitors included Larry Majurey of Limehouse, Murray Wallace and Jim Loutitt of Rockwood, George Wrigglesworth and Delmar Majurey of Georgetown, and Len Degeer and Harry McFadden of Acton. Erin area racers included Harry Johnson and Stan Adams and right next door to the speedway, in Osprunge, Ed Stewart and Bill Clark were the hometown boys.

The back of the program also offered a trip down memory lane,

listing draw prizes at the speedway. They included two \$5 cash prizes from Acton-Osprunge Speedway and Art Overland Pace Car and a grease job at Johnny's Texaco in Acton. Other prizes included two 69 cent bags of potato chips (those were the BIG bags back then) compliments of Humpty Dumpty and another grease job from Ed Stewart's Shell at Osprunge.

The final prize was a pair of chicken dinners from Acton BP Car Wash, which was located where the showroom of Achilles Motors in Acton now stands. (Acton BP had great chicken dinners back then.)

Included with the program, a number of clippings from the August 20, 1969 issue of *The Acton Free Press*, reported Larry Cox as top point man at Acton-Osprunge Speedway.

Another story told of Eddy Stewart winning the feature class while the same clip described

George Nichols (in his famed No. 90) wiping out his car in the fourth corner, just shy of a checkered flag. Apparently the car sat in the infield for the balance of the day, but was expected back the next week, after George pounded out the dents.

Other pieces in both *The Acton Free Press* and *Wheelspin News* routinely described blown motors and rads. One story told of Larry Cox losing his oil plug, leaving the track an oily slick for the other drivers to spin out on.

Yep, those were the days of Acton-Osprunge Speedway, when locals battled it out trying to outmaneuver their opponents for that elusive checkered flag.

Not me. I was a drag racing fan, content to watch two cars accelerate from Point A to Point B in the least possible time.

Stock cars just didn't make sense to me, spending all that time, money and effort.

Just running around in circles.