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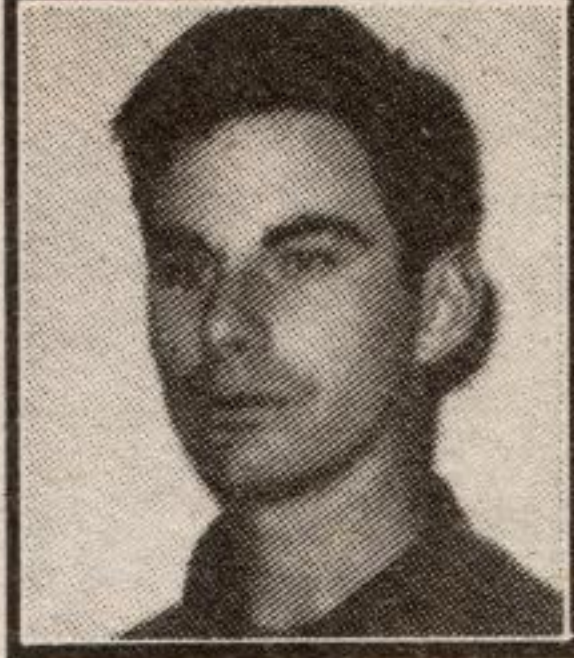
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Robert Little opens \$8,000 playground

BY DOUG HARRISON
 The Acton Tanner

The smiles said it all. After seven long years of fundraisers, frustration with Town officials on budget commitments and delayed construction work, the fun has begun on the playground at Robert Little.

Members of the Parents Assisting Children and Teachers (PACT) group, Halton Board of Education chair Dave Whiting, principal Deanna Nodwell and screaming youngsters shared last Wednesday in the ribbon cutting to officially open the new apparatus.

"It's a good feeling to get this in and see all these kids," PACT co-chair Rachel Hendry said of the \$8,000 project, as 25 kids christened the new equipment follow-

ing the ribbon-cutting.

Hendry said PACT was hoping to open the playground by the first day of school this year, but rain delays put a damper on construction scheduling. "We started to get panicky (when Sept. 6 neared), but I guess the kids don't mind. When you see how happy the kids are you forget all that behind-the-scenes stuff."

The project hit a snag last year when Town council failed to include it in this year's budget. Furthermore, the Town notified PACT in the spring that they wouldn't be able to assist with the \$2,000 to \$3,000 installation costs. However, Hendry said, the Town was helpful in digging the hole for the playground.

"It feels good, especially when (plans) were put off for a year. There's a possibility we'll add to it, but we (PACT) will probably turn our interests inside now," Hendry vowed.

The new unit is like a fitness trail. At one end there's an apparatus for Kindergarten and Grade 1 students—spider climber and barn climber—and the other half is for the older kids.

The other apparatus includes parallel bars, tire run, flank vault and trapeze rings.

In addition, there's a new pea-

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