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Rookie Councillor appointed to board of Conservation Halton

By Donna Danielli
 The Compass

It's been a high profile year for the Board of Directors at Conservation Halton. Not only did they see a lot of press surrounding their March 2000 decision to disband the Conservation Halton Foundation, the fundraising arm of Conservation Halton, but even the recent appointment to their Board of two Milton Council members came under close scrutiny.

For the past three years, Milton Council has been represented by Councillor Brian Penman and Mayor Gord Krantz. Penman served as Chairman of Conservation Halton and vice chair of Conservation Ontario. He was on the Board for 23 years. Until Conservation Halton's dismissal of its Foundation members last March Councillor Cindy Lunau had served as a private citizen on the Foundation. With the recent municipal election, protocol dictated that Council select two members to serve on Conservation Halton for the next three years.

At the December 18, 2000 Council meeting, three members threw their hats into the ring for the two available spots: Mayor Krantz, Councillor Penman, and Councillor Lunau. Mayor Krantz was elected into one of the spots but the Council was deadlocked in deciding who should take the

remaining seat. After lengthy discussions, it was decided to hold the vote on the appointments over until January 8, as Councillors Rick Day and Barry Lee were absent from Council that night.

Concerned users of Conservation Halton facilities filled the Council Chamber on January 8 to see who would eventually end up serving on the Board. Before voting could take place, a heated debate occurred amongst the Council as to whether or not the successful candidates should receive a stipend for attending Conservation Halton meetings, a stipend currently set at \$35 per meeting.

Councillor Ron Furik expressed his belief that no council member should receive stipends for the committee work their position entails, saying, "I don't think any councillor should be double dipping, which is what this is."

Council voted in favour of a motion that individual members of Milton Council retain stipends paid to them for attending agency meetings. Councillor Furik, who along with Councillor Lunau voted against this motion, stated that he would not vote for any councillor who intended to keep the stipend.

Nassagaweya's new Councillor Ken Keates then stepped forward and threw his hat into the ring, stat-

ing that if elected he would donate his stipend to an unnamed Campbellville project, after which Councillor Lunau withdrew her name from the race. The formal vote which followed saw the easy election of Mayor Krantz to one of the positions and Councillor Keates gaining the other seat by a narrow margin of one vote. Councillor Keates then graciously thanked Councillor Penman for his years of dedicated service to Conservation Halton.

When reached for comment later, Councillor Penman was reflective about the end of his 23 year stint on Conservation Halton's Board, saying, "Every time you either close a door or have one closed for you, there's always the opportunity to open another one. I'm very proud of my years on Conservation Halton and I hope there's some element of my signature on that organization."

Councillor Keates stated, "I'm anxious to get going on the process. I have a financial background and an agricultural background that are useful tools to help the Authority."

The hours devoted to the election of two members to Conservation Halton left Mayor Krantz shaking his head, commenting, "In all the years, I've never run into such foolishness, believe me."

Hot tunes for a cold night



Photo by Deborah Qualle

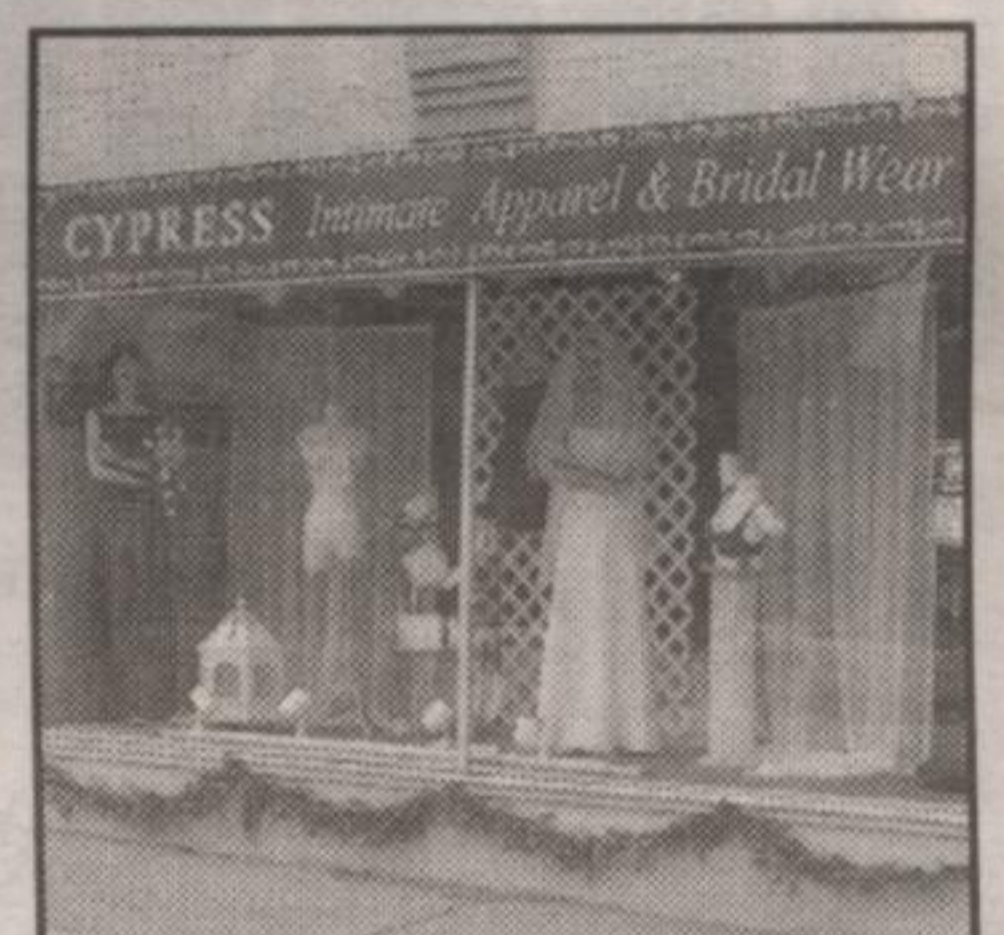
James Gordon headlined a warm and humorous concert evening on January 27 at Eden Mills Community Hall, along with the slow, sultry songs of Deanna Knight. The series is designed by local residents to allow the community access to a richness of entertainment on their own doorstep. Watch for Spring Miscellany 2001 coming April 28.

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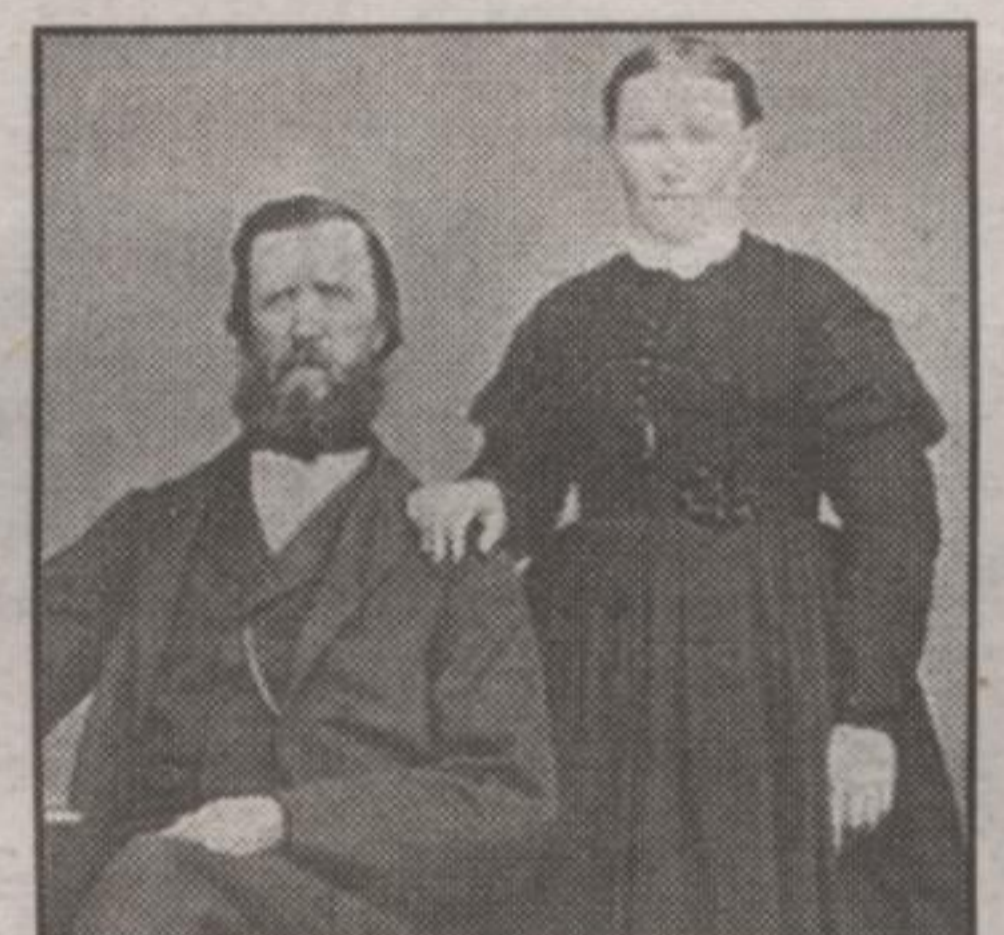
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Shoebox Memories

As the only Irish family and members of the Church of England living in the Scotch Block at the time, legend has it that their Scottish Presbyterian neighbours first had to take a vote to decide whether the Joyces could stay.

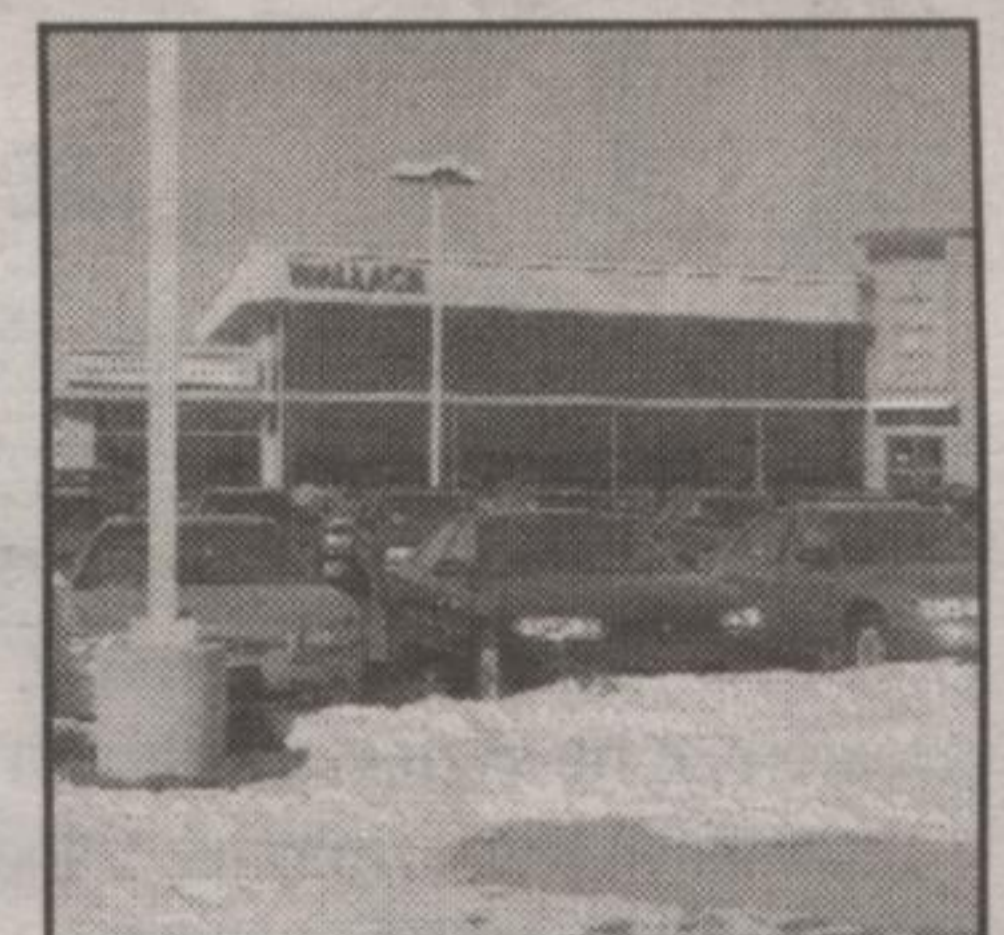
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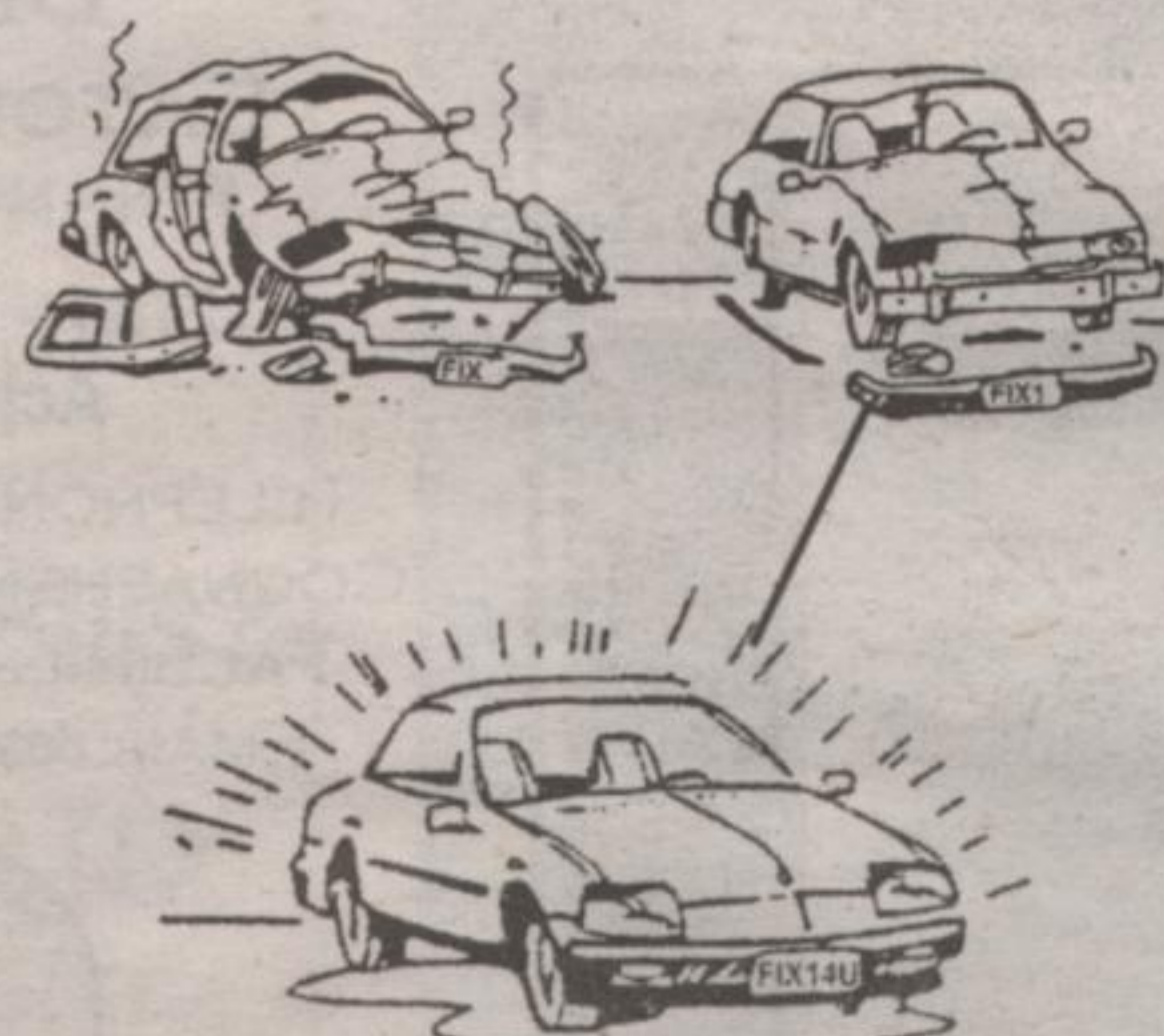
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