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Helpful neighbors

It's nice to see someone is working for the residents of Acton and the surrounding area at the Halton Board of Education in the absence of Dave Whiting.

Whiting resigned his position recently to take a job on the east coast, leaving Ward 1 and 2 of Halton Hills without representation at the committee table.

Well, Milton trustee Tim Kingsbury seems to have adopted the area as his own, at least until the proposed October byelection is complete.

A rookie trustee, Kingsbury has taken the issue of twinning McKenzie Smith Middle School and M.Z. Bennett Public School to heart and has been working diligently, alongside Georgetown trustee Dick Howitt, to see that the project is not put on the shelf.

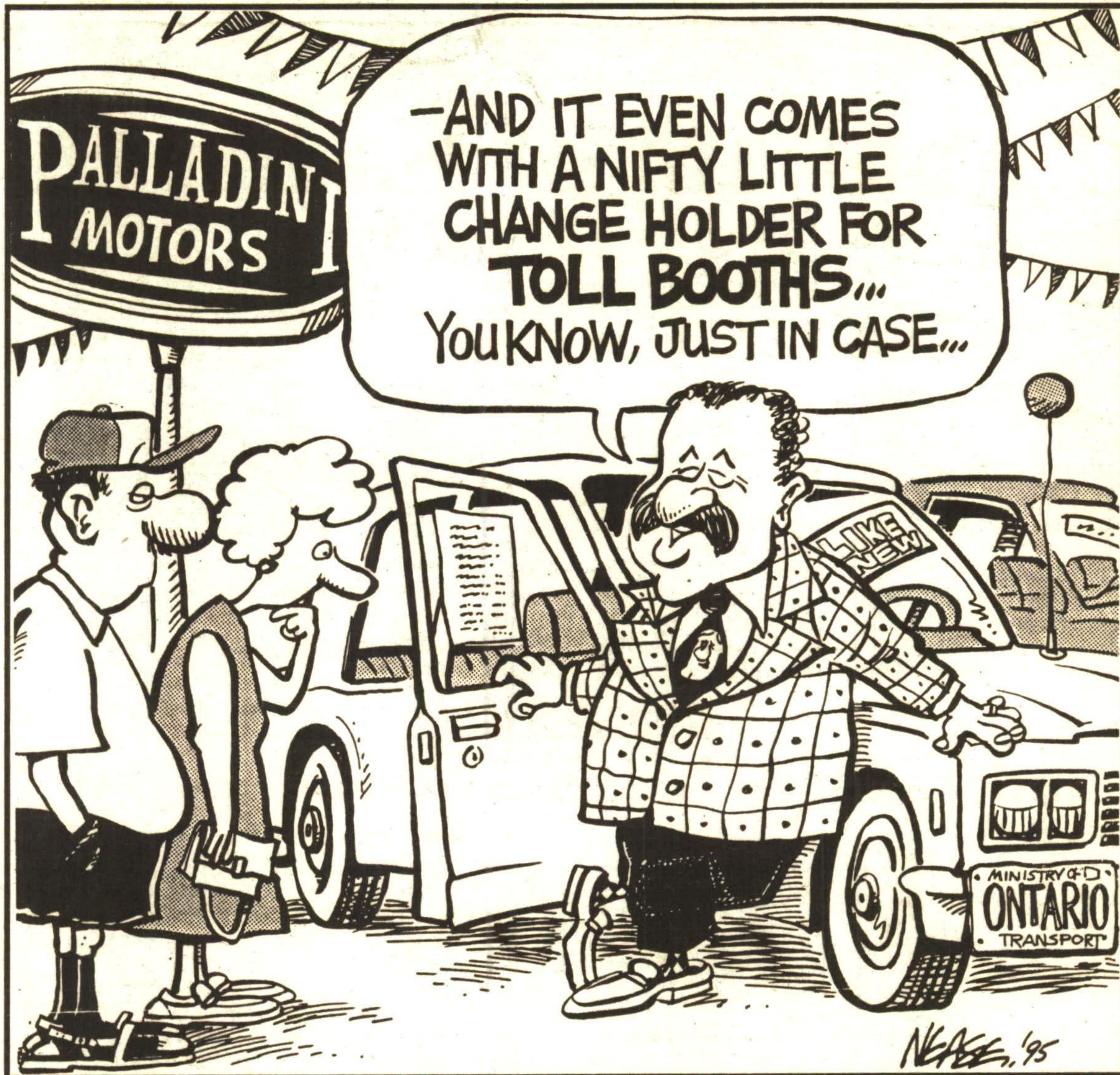
Kingsbury is working hard to ensure that the north is not forgotten, even if they are operating one trustee short.

He joined Howitt, the Ward 3 and 4 representative, at a recent meeting with Ward 1 and 2 residents to find out how the constituents wanted to replace Whiting.

And Kingsbury went one step further on Thursday, lobbying other members of the school board for support in the twinning venture.

And he succeeded! It was approved Thursday.

It's encouraging to see that municipal boundaries can be ignored for the betterment of our children's educational future.



It's time for MY demands

You know, it just keeps getting worse.

In a recent column on truck safety, I referred to some of Georgetown's Maple Ave. area residents as whiners, because they want Maple to be more "residential" by eliminating truck traffic.

A letter from an irate Maple resident suggested I was misinformed about the situation and my column was "tabloid style" journalism.

Okay, everybody's entitled to an opinion.

Since then, the next wave of whiners has emerged, complete with their list of demands for the Town of Halton Hills.

This group, from the Mountainview Road South area, claims the Town has been giving them "the runaround" with regards to the future of Mountainview Road, suggesting they will be soon living on "an expressway going right through a residential area."

(Sorry folks, but it seems to me when you buy a house situated on a four lane street heading in the general direction of Hwy. 401, that should be your first clue.)

With this petition, those residents have produced a list of demands to compensate them for the disruption of the "quiet enjoyment and safety of the residents on Mountainview Road."

The demands include the Town installing central air conditioning in each affected house (because their windows are sealed to keep out dust), as well as absorbing their property taxes while construction is in

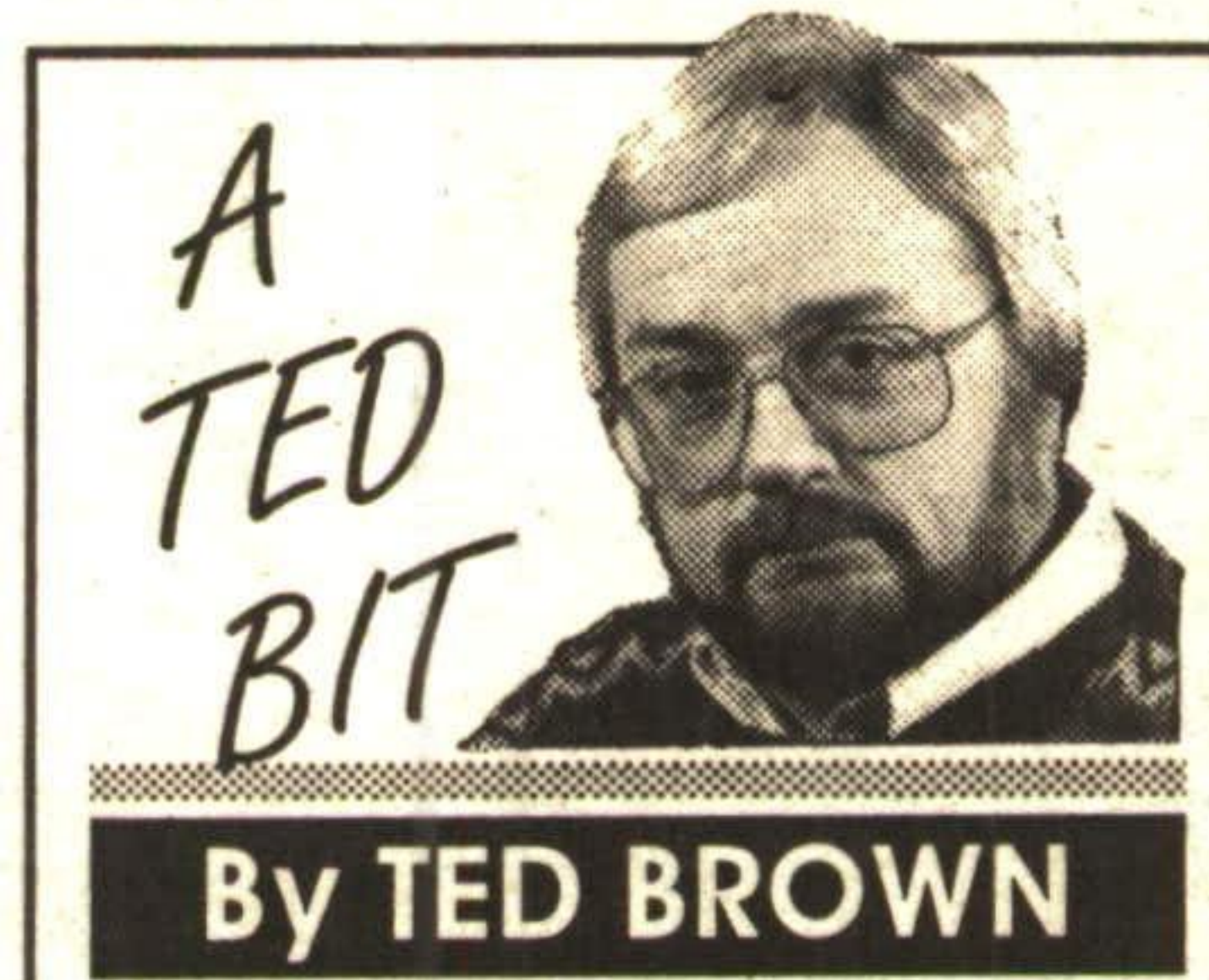
progress.

(I wonder; do the 64 people who signed that petition still believe in the tooth fairy?)

Not to be trampled in the rush, I decided I'd better file my own list of demands to the Town without delay. (After all, if the Maple and Mountainview folks can receive special treatment, why not me?)

So here goes.

My first demand focuses on the state of my road. It's a gravel road, a poor one at that, which turns to mud when it rains. The Town has given me the "runaround" for the 40-odd years I've resided



on that road, refusing to pave it, install street lights, curbs, sidewalks, bike paths, a video rental outlet and initiate pooper scooper patrols to follow horseback riders.

In addition, it's a heritage road; one the pioneers hewed out of the white pine forest. It deserves special recognition, many years overdue.

Consequently, I'm demanding compensation.

First thing, my car gets filthy from the mud, so I'm insisting the Town install an automatic, drive-through car wash on the end of my garage.

Complete with a staff to

run it.

In addition, since Halton Hills' rural roads are always the last to be snow plowed in the winter, I feel I should be compensated for my inconvenience. The Town should provide me with snow tires. Or better still, a four wheel drive vehicle.

At no cost, of course.

By driving to work, I'm still contributing to the traffic on that sensitive residential boulevard, so perhaps the Town should provide rural residents with public transit to and from work.

Too costly? Perhaps a bypass could be constructed, so Maple residents won't be disturbed by the throaty growl of my powerful four cylinder car as it drops back a gear on the hill by North Halton Golf Course.

Better still, I'll insist the Town relocate The Independent/Free Press to Limehouse, so our traffic won't be violating any residential streets.

After the newspaper office is established in its brand new facility in Limehouse, the Town must then relocate my co-workers as well, so they won't be driving through the Maple or Mountainview areas, creating such nasty things as dust or, God forbid, noise.

There they are, folks; my demands.

Get working on it councillors.

And get real, people. Stop wasting the resources of the Town of Halton Hills with your petty, self-serving demands.

And above all... Stop whining.

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Look on the bright side. If you're already broke, you don't need a vacation this year.

Did you know?

University of Guelph psychology professor Dan Yarmey conducts regular seminars for the Ontario Police College in Aylmer to help officers evaluate the information given by eyewitnesses. Yarmey's research demonstrates, for example, that women and people under 30 are best at recalling characteristics such as hair color, hair length, age and height.

— University of Guelph