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**MILTON HIGH'S SOCCER TEAM** won honors for the school this year. The team is coached by John Sullivan, Fred Stevens and Howard Sammy. Shown in the back row are Paul Gould, Ron Trimby, Garry Andress, Bill Presse, Jim Keane, Neil Robertson and David Regis. In the

second row are John Combers, Loris Faggion, Dorian Poloni, Gary Nayler, Hong Nin Mark, George Straw, Jerry Legate and Cam Mitchell. In the front row are Vick Poelzer, Wayne Densmore, Mr. Sammy, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Sullivan, Peter Jensen and Ken Brown.

## — Our Readers Write —

### THE VALIDITY OF UNIONISM

Dear Sir:  
Your correspondents George E. C. Jackson and R. A. Wooland, judging by Mr. Jackson's term "job dealer" and Mr. Wooland's concurrence and term "outsider" seem to dislike unionism as generally practiced today. Far be it from me, a unionist of conviction, to call these gentlemen wrong or question the validity and purity of their value systems and outlooks. Instead, I feel challenged to demonstrate, as best I can, the validity and worth of big modern unions.

Before I attempt this, however, I will concede to Messrs. Jackson and Wooland that a mere observation of union activity does not lead to discovery of the union ideal. This is because of the obvious rule that, working towards an end that one perceives as ideal, one must, by necessity, apply measures which conform with reality, for otherwise one cannot hope to materialize one's ideal and at best remains a likeable if somewhat odd individual. Since we unionists readily admit that in our everyday life we are more concerned with results than with purity of behavior, it is perhaps better to speak of union function than of union ideal.

What, then, is the function of unions?

There are several. In factory, office or other places where people work, the fact of the union is the employees' means to safeguard their basic human rights and other interests where these clash with management functions, well-established and legitimate though the latter are.

This union role, like others, is accepted and held indispensable by scholars, governments, most of the press and, last but

not least, management itself. Another and equally important union function is a perpetual drive for a more equitable distribution of income.

By conscientiously and judiciously (please, make allowances for the many frailties imposed on man by his Creator) performing these two functions, unions:

(a) Provide — and sometimes withdraw — a more or less disciplined and willing work force, and

(b) Assure participation in the democratic give-and-take by a segment of society that might otherwise feel compelled to destroy this society.

While these may be my words, the facts they—I hope—express did not originate from me. They evolved naturally and were analyzed and defined by empirical method at university departments dealing with the social sciences. It is, indeed, these departments of social science wherefrom contemporary unions receive much invaluable aid.

The question arises: Is there an alternative to powerful, effective unions? Could not union functions be carried out by management or government, or the two together?

Without effective unionism, and provided we would retain political democracy, we would be a divided nation, much more so than we are now. Lawlessness, extremism, guerilla activity would run rampant. A 1789 (France) or a 1917 (Russia) would be inevitable.

All this may sound a little far-fetched and irrelevant in our placid rural atmosphere, but the current U.S. racial debacle should enable anyone to draw appropriate parallels.

As to a possible union role of management (?), the impossibility of this is amply established alone by the inadequate per-

formance of the so-called company unions, i.e. unions which were restricted to one plant and which often were dependent on the company.

The functions of management, with its paramount need for efficiency, are intrinsically antagonistic to the essentially humanitarian union stance.

Likewise, our conception of human dignity, indeed human nature itself, would make governmental paternalism unlikely or, at any rate, insufferably condescending and ineffectual.

Therefore, whether one understands it or not, big unionism, for the foreseeable future, is here to stay. The natural law of supply and demand has made it so. We could not get along without it. It may be contrary to our solid rural middle-class values, but then, these might not be geared to all existing situations.

With some goodwill and acceptance of the fact that we cannot, nor care to, understand might nevertheless contribute to the common good, groups with disparate backgrounds and concepts can yet live together with a minimum of fuss. This, it seems to me, is the essence of democracy and applied Christianity in the context of our time.

Yours truly,  
Unionist.

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## High School Highlights

by maurice cassidy

There is a distinct lull in activities concerning sports at M.D. H.S. Football is over and in anticipation, we await the renewal of the basketball season. During the annual setback athletes are concentrating on sports between grades. Perhaps this accounts for its recent success although it was initially formed

for those students who were not participants in varsity squads. At any rate, we express our hopes in its favor, trusting it will benefit.

As the annual trip to Ottawa and Montreal approaches the efforts of the Grade 12 students seem to stimulate all concerned. On Wednesday of this week cho-

colate bars were sold for seemingly outrageous price of 50 cents. However the product was well worth the meager sum required. I might now make an appeal to all citizens: I urge your co-operation in future events sponsored by Grade 12.

Astra went on advanced sale on Thursday and students were able to reserve their year book.

Pictures taken earlier were returned to students for personal observations and amid groans and tears they were taken home for parental observation.

On Thursday the students of M.D.H.S. congregated for an assembly in remembrance of our forefathers who made the supreme sacrifice in the World Wars. Although the service was much a repeat of last year, it revealed the inner core of 700 young Canadians who felt so strongly concerning the subject. These students should be an example and guiding light to those who are skeptical of the merits of those who went before.



## Nassagaweya Council Briefs

At their regular monthly meeting on Monday night, Nassagaweya Township councillors:

- Received a letter from Chief G. M. Holmes of the Acton and Area Fire Department indicating what precautions should be taken at the Township dump site to prevent fires. It was pointed out the suggestions of the chief regarding permanent fencing, the cutting back of trees and the erection of a gate are being taken care of.

- Noted receipt of a model parking by-law which will be studied by council. It was noted the by-law would be difficult to uphold because of the lack of a Township Police Force, but it was suggested one "mess" concerning a wrecking yard could be cleared up.

- Learned that a suggestion for a second township dump, to be located in the southern part of the township, was considered very good by Halton County Health Unit. However the Health Unit will have to consult the Ontario Water Resources Commission before final approval can be obtained.

- Received a letter from Halton County Clerk-Administrator Garfield Brown requesting the opinion of individual councillors on Plunkett needs study. Opinions on eight different points of reference are to be sent to the County for study by December 12.

- Learned the Ontario Water Resources Commission has granted approval for proposed

sewage treatment facilities for the Mohawk Motor Inn currently being built on the Guelph Line just north of the MacDonal-Cartier Freeway (401). A provision of the approval indicated wastage could only be released during the spring and fall months.

- Referred a letter from H. Eichenberger to the Planning Board. The letter suggested certain lands should be rezoned as commercial on the Township's Official Plan since commercial enterprises are currently locating on them.

- Approved payment of the Township levy of \$536.51 to the Grand River Conservation Authority.

- Referred a copy of the proposed Puslinch Zoning By-law to the Planning Board for study.

- Approved road accounts totalling \$9,249.78.

- Approved a by-law setting the inaugural meeting for 1967 for 7 p.m. on January 4 (the first Wednesday).

- Requested the clerk to look into the possibility of obtaining grants on the basis that the secretary-treasurer of the Township School Board is using office space in the Township Administration Building. The secretary-treasurer is using what used to be the Reeve's office.

- Learned the telephone rates on the Campbellville exchange would be increased since the number of calls in the area has exceeded the rate group by more than the accepted five per cent.

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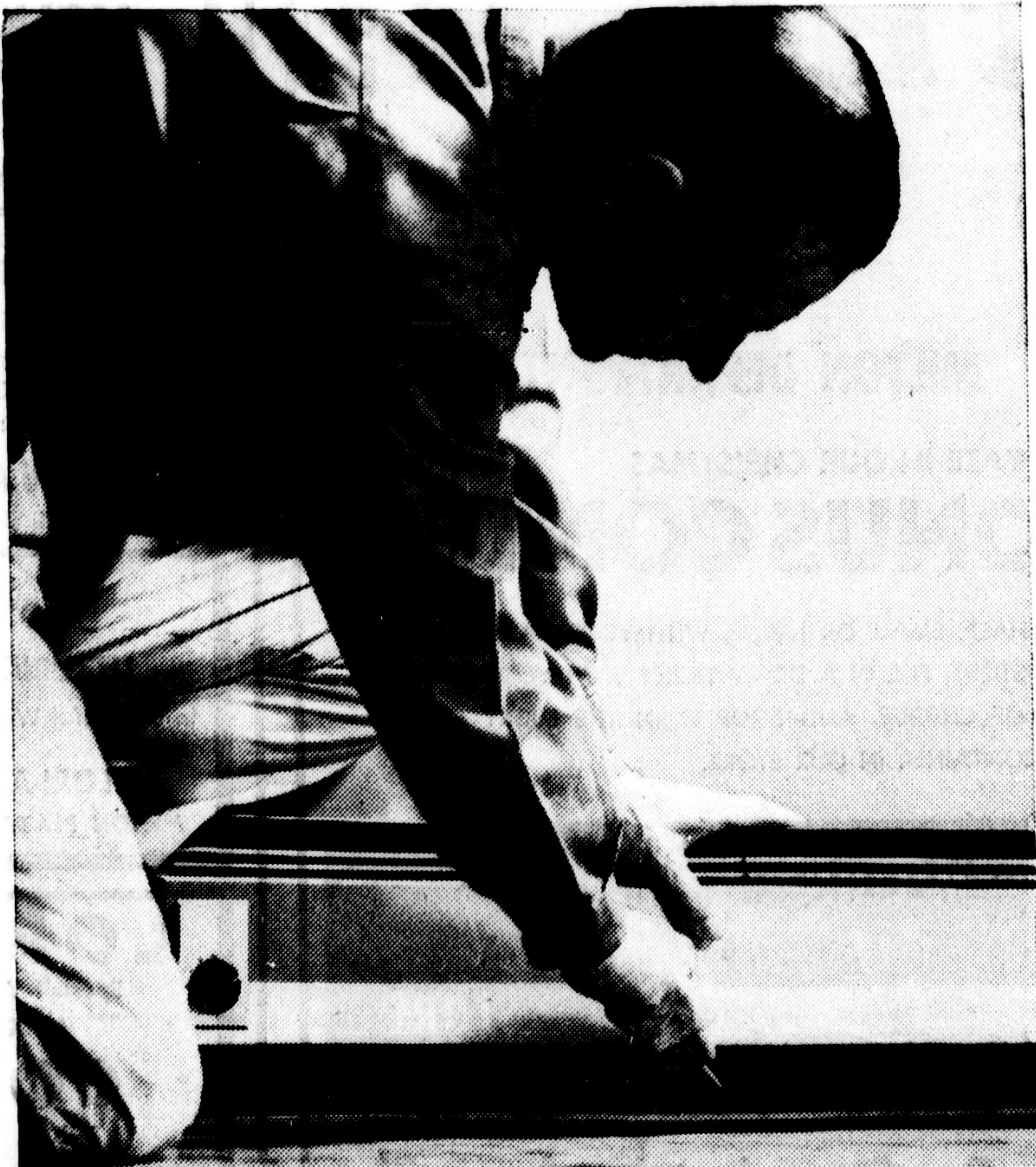
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