

# OUR READERS WRITE:

## SENIORS OBJECT TO APARTMENT SITE

The Municipal Council, Town of Milton.

Dear Sir,  
Re: Proposed site - Senior Citizens' Apartments.

Last night, 75 members of Milton Senior Citizens Club voted unanimously to express their disapproval, regarding the selected site on Ontario St., for the new Senior Citizens' apartment building. The voting members of the club included 15 who have submitted their reasons for criticizing the location of the proposed building.

One of the chief objections to the location will be its proximity to the double railway track of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Miltonians are still mindful of the fact that a number of people have been killed at the intersection of the tracks and Ontario St. There is a possibility that the proposed apartments will be occupied by elderly persons, many of whom have impaired hearing. To walk from the proposed site to the business section of the town will necessitate the crossing of the railway tracks. Lack of careful consideration to that hazard could result in further fatalities.

Among the other objections to the proposed site are the absence of sidewalks and the long distance to the business section of the town. If the occupants of the apartments are compelled to engage taxis for the purpose of shopping, further expenditures will have to be made from purses which are now being squeezed to provide a livelihood.

This letter has been respectively forwarded to confirm the objections from the members of a large and reputable club in the town, who are of opinion that the proposed site is an improper place to erect an apartment building to accommodate elderly people.

Your truly,  
Charles E. Bownhall,  
Secretary of Milton Senior Citizens' Club.

## POLLUTION: WE HAVE ONLY 10 YEARS TO LIVE

Dear Sir:  
I am greatly concerned about the chances of myself, and others in my age group, getting a chance to become grandmothers. Sounds silly? If we consider what all sources are telling us, we are polluting ourselves right off the face of the earth.

Pollution Probe at the University of Toronto is battling with high phosphate content detergents and auto manufacturers are being urged to find a way to save us from polluting the air with gasoline fumes. We are unconcerned to such an extent that debris lies everywhere (roadside or town streets) and we don't even mind local industries polluting our area streams and ponds.

Even if we could get a few more responsible adults to start using soap flakes and sal soda for the weekly wash I could feel slightly eased.

But Paul Grescoe, a writer with the Toronto Daily Star, stated that after much time, energy and research, we have roughly till 1980 (at best) to get this pollution snowball stopped.

Sometimes we refuse to listen, thinking "what can one individual do, really?" Ontario Water Resources Commission states that many people believe because the hole is at the other end of the boat we aren't all going to sink! Even children think more clearly than that! Mine often question our seemingly ridiculous dumping of garbage and sewage. According to Mr. Bruce McKerr, if other communities had the facilities we have here in Milton, they would be doing well. Our sewage treatment plant is battling with phosphates every day and I was asked to make a plea to local housewives asking that they turn to soap flakes until a satisfactory substitute is found.

Just because we can still breathe in Milton doesn't mean it will always be so. Halton County is still so beautiful that it is difficult to envision its ruin. But public apathy is everywhere. Or is there a potential S.P.E.C. (Society for Pollution and Environmental Control) group in Milton? Why not start a local branch and urge some changes NOW?

I have made a few inquiries and there are organizations to turn to for help. Oakville has the Canadian Consumers Association, Toronto has Pollution Probe at the U. of T., and SPEC has a group in Burnaby B.C.

The cost of re-purifying water is rising each year and we, the taxpayers are going to pay and pay. Also we aren't any better than the long-haired "hippies" that we more mature people keep squawking about. Call us social drop-outs, apathetic adults or human ostriches but we fail to see the real danger that lies ahead. Our extinction. According to my dictionary that means—having died out or come to an end.

Do we really need a string of Government regulations laid down before we come to our senses?

Pollution Probe quotes "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their planet". I'm willing to put considerable time and effort into this problem. Are you? I would consider it an investment. In our future.

Why not enlist now, it's everybody's war.  
United we stand because divided — we're DEAD, buddy!

Yours sincerely,  
(Mrs.) J. P. Burton,  
71 Heslop Rd., Milton  
878-4476 (Phone before 1980 if possible).

## WANTS TO START JOGGING PROGRAM

Would it be possible that in this town there are enough enthusiasts of a "Better Body Program" to initiate a regular schedule of jogging? This form of health building exercise has so many giving lip service to its virtues but so few of us participating.

May I suggest or inquire:  
(1)—Have we a physical training instructor or enthusiast who would be willing to give leadership in this venture? Or better still, have we two, one to lead in a man's program and one in a ladies'?

(2)—If we have, could we meet in three starting locations (to which of course we would drive in our cars) (a) Monday — at Milton Sopping Plaza (b) Wednesday — at Milton Senior Public School (c) Friday — at Milton District High School.

(3)—Could these exercise hours be scheduled for 6.30 to 7.00 a.m. (now that summer weather and longer daylight are with us). This would allow time for a quick shower and breakfast by 7.30 a.m. which may conceivably be a time acceptable to many people.

(4)—Each of the focal points suggested above is proposed because of its parking facilities and because of its proximity to a jogging course (a) from the Plaza to Hand Chemicals (b) from the school around the pond at Centennial Park (c) around the cinder track which I presume is at this school.

(5)—I have in mind a jogging program outlined in the recent issue of Reader's Digest. Does it interest you? Would you care to use our telephone this Saturday (starting at 6.30 a.m.), submitting the following information that I may collect, summarize and assess the possibilities of initiating a jogging group. For expediency would you give your name, number of participants from your family (adults only, please), your ability as leader or participant, your phone number.

(6)—Following this assessment I would inform you, via telephone or this column, of the interest manifested.

John G. Purdy, 878-9949  
399 Pearl St., Milton.

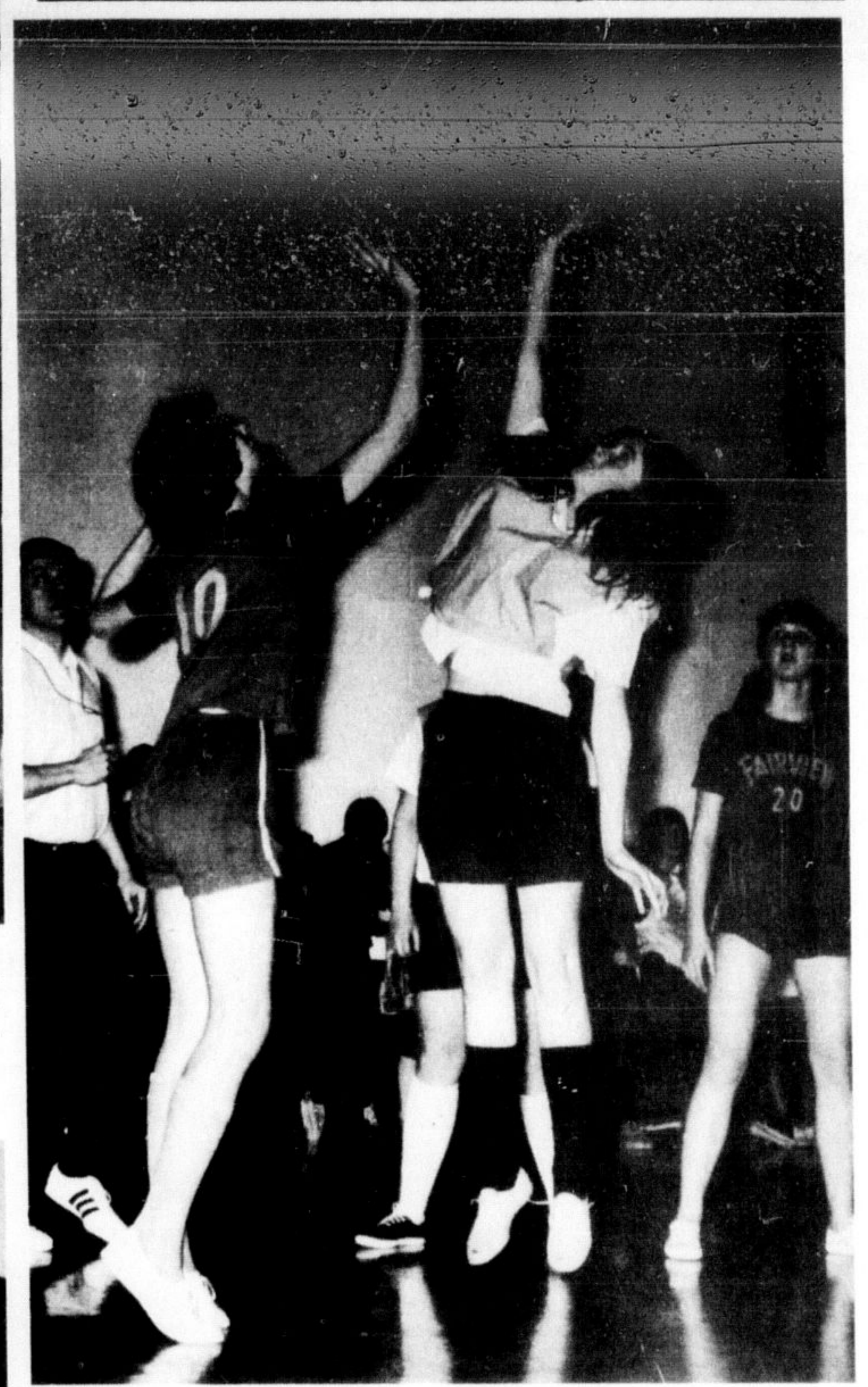
—Have you mailed your Easter Seal donation to the Rotary Club c/o Bank of Montreal yet? The campaign has not closed and more money is needed to reach the \$2,050 goal.



WINNER IN THE GIRLS DIVISION of North Halton elementary school basketball league was the entry from Burlington's Fairview School. Team members are Lorna King, Karen Ashcroft, Janice Ashcroft, Sharon Smith, Maria Van Triqt, Ruby Verkaik, Janet Knight, Jennifer Stares, Susan Dobbie, Margaret Ibbetson, and Pat Powell. Fairview won the game 45 to 1 against Acton. Fairview coach is Mrs. C. Yuzwa.—(Staff Photo)



PENNANT WINNERS in the North Halton Boys' Basketball League was the team from Martin Street. Shown here left to right are Tom Hawkins, Mike Kendrick, Sandy Elliot, Ken Armstrong, Ken Fay, Brad Joyce. Back row Andy Hull, Scott McKenzie, Ron Haring, Tim Bailey, Don Kosulick and coach Tom Travis. Missing from the photo was taken were Kim French, Bob Mercer and Norm Mowbray.—(Staff Photo)



ACTION IN FAIRVIEW TERRITORY sees a faceoff between Acton and Fairview girl competitors. A weak defensive effort by Acton gave Fairview the winning pennant by a score of 45 to 1. Both teams were entries in the newly formed North Halton elementary school basketball league.—(Staff Photo)

## Reward winners at banquet

Members of the Commercial Bowling League celebrated their end of season at the annual banquet and awards night Saturday. The season championship Jets include Ron Shannon, Don Marshall, Ron Marshall, Porky Gervais, Don Anderson, Butch Riddell and Harvey Black.

Members of the playoff championship team were Primo Rigo, Jim Morton, Henry Home, Bill Praught, Murray Allan, Mario Cassarin, and Mike McConnell.

Special presentations from Milton Bowlaway went to Larry McDougall who bowled a 440, an all-time high for Milton, and to Harry Smith who bowled a 410.

Milton Council plans to finalize its 1970 budget before the end of this month.

—Got a "beef" or a word of praise? Drop a note to The Champion "our readers write" column. Your opinions are welcomed anytime.

## Fairview, Martin St. win North Halton basketball

This year for the first time on record a North Halton elementary school basketball league was formed. Both boys and girls competed in their own division vying for the winning pennant and crests. Teams included Fairview, North Burlington, Martin St. and OSD,

Milton; Brookville, Nassagaweya Township; M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little Schools, Acton.

In the boys' department Martin St. finished first, Fairview second and OSD third. For the girls it was Fairview, Martin St. and OSD.

"Next year we hope to expand the league," said Fairview girls' coach Mrs. C. Yuzwa. Mrs. Hilda Clark, physical and health education consultant for North Halton, presented the crests and pennant to the winner of the girls' division.

## Bezek Centre sod turning planned for Saturday, May 9

Last fall plans for a retreat centre "Bezek Centre" were announced by Rev. Bern Warren.

The religious retreat will be open for people to visit, whether they want to take part in a seminar, reading, play games outdoors or just walk in the woods. It will be "a place to get away from it all".

Since then plans have been drawn for the project including a lounge, library, seminar room, prayer room, a large dining room, a lobby, chapel, study and living room.

In the latest newsletter organizers Mr. Warren and Norm Hare invite the general public to a sod turning May 9 at 3 p.m. at the Second Line Nassagaweya site.

"Enjoy a hot dog or a hamburger cooked on an outdoor barbecue, plant a tree, wear a Bezek Button, wear your boots. It's a Saturday," the bulletin reads.

Much of the labor for the \$32,000 project will be done by volunteers. A youth group at Alderwood United Church have presented a box of carpenters

tools to Bezek. The Anglican Church Women of Trinity, Streetsville made Bezek their Mission Project for Lent 1970.

In memory of Art Cantle, killed in a plane crash at Churchill Falls last Nov. 11 some hundreds of dollars have been given by fellow classmates (STO Civil Engineers) for a fireplace.

For the past several months Mr. Hare, Mr. Warren and others interested have travelled about the province visiting other centres and speaking about their plans for the centre.

Time is running out

MAY 1st

is the deadline for Crop Insurance applications - see your local agent now.

**Note:** Soybean and White Bean Growers — application deadline for these two crops is June 1st.

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