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UNISEX OUTFITS worn by Heather McDonald and Vicky Paxton made them lookalikes, and by the end of Saturday's walkathon they had look-alike blisters, too. Dousing their feet with foot powder at a rest

stop at Hornby Store, the girls mustered a smile for the camera as they and 287 others from Milton joined in the 32-mile Walkathon to raise funds for the Ontario Mission for the Deaf.

A day for sunburn, sore feet, satisfaction

469 walkers collect \$8,618

By Roy Downs
There were a lot of tired youngsters around Milton on Sunday. But they were a "happy" tired bunch, the 289 marathoners who took part in the third annual walkathon through north Halton on Saturday.

The event, sponsored by the Halton and Peel Association for the Hearing Handicapped, brought in pledges of \$8,618 from hundreds of sponsors who backed the walkers at varying prices per mile. A total of 126 of the 289 Milton walkers who started out at 7 a.m. went the entire 32-mile distance—the rest got tired and gave up anywhere from five to 31 miles from the starting line.

Dollars for deaf

Proceeds of the walkathon this year go to the Ontario Mission of the Deaf, Toronto. The Mission operates the farm home for deaf students at Milton, a youth hostel in Toronto and a summer camp in Parry Sound.

A total of 469 footsore walkers

joined the Saturday walk. A group of 180 signed up from Acton and the remaining 289 went from Milton. Headquarters for the walkers were the Community Centre in Acton and Martin St. School in Milton. All followed the same route east from Milton along Base Line to Hornby, north on Seventh Line to Silvercreek, west on Highway 7 to Acton and south on Highway 25 to Milton.

Food vehicles and radio-equipped patrol cars were set up every four to eight miles along the way and washrooms were provided for the convenience of walkers. The walkers went through hundreds of pints of milk, cans of pop, dozens of oranges, sandwiches and cookies.

The horde of walkers assembled at the Martin St. School before 7 a.m. Saturday (one official said the first group was on hand at 6.15) and registered with HPAHH officials. It was cool when the walk started but it soon warmed up.

The weather had turned a bit too warm by early afternoon and many had to drop out with severe sunburns before completing the route.

First across the finish line was an OSD student Lee Johnston, 19, who admits he ran "most" of the way. A late starter at 7.20 a.m., he came in at 12.28 p.m., covering the 32 miles in five hours and eight minutes and setting a new unofficial record for the 32-mile route. Last year Steven Swan of Kilbride, another OSD student, had been first in at 2.25 p.m. Lee was walking (running) for 87½ cents a mile from his sponsors.

Second one to reach the headquarters was an OSD residence counsellor Don Brunette who came in half an hour later. Don's also a runner but he developed leg cramps and had to walk the last few miles of the route. His effort was worth 69 cents a mile. Third across the finish line was another OSD instructor, Gerry Hall who made it back to headquarters at 1.25 p.m.

First girl to go the 32 miles was 16-year-old Betty Wilhelm of St. Catharines, another OSD walker. She made it in at 3.20 p.m.

Like previous walks, Saturday's effort was not without a few "dignitaries". Heading the list was Rev. Dr. Robert

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17-storey tower project may not be doomed yet

The 17-storey downtown stores and apartment complex of Dorel Investments may not be doomed yet.

Some members of Milton Council are pressing for approval on the project and the town's Parking Authority has lent some support by suggesting the parking requirements for such a downtown redevelopment project

need not be as stringent as the present zoning by-law stipulates. Present restrictions force developers to provide one and a half parking spaces for each apartment unit in a high-rise, meaning the 100-unit Dorel proposal would need 150 parking spaces. If a developer is short he can pay the town \$1,100 per space for the units he is lacking, to help

provide off-street parking in the neighborhood.

Reduce to 100

Parking Authority members at their last meeting decided parking needs in the downtown core area could be reduced from one and a half to one space per unit, they informed council this week. That would mean the Dorel proposal would only need 100 spaces for apartments plus one space per 300 square feet of floor area in the commercial area. The firm was short 36 spaces on the commercial section so a bonus of 50 on the apartment needs would make the project conform to the by-law.

Dorel's plan is to raze the Centre Building and Three Star Restaurant on central Main St. and replace them with a 17-storey tower. It would have two floors of parking with access via the Bailey property on Mill St., a ground floor arcade of stores, a floor of commercial offices, 12 floors with a total of 100

Dorel president says he made concessions to suit newest by-law

Significant concessions were made by the developer in an effort to launch the proposed 17-storey Main St. apartment-commercial complex, William Johnson emphasized to The Champion this week as he complained it had been made to appear only the town was making concessions.

Mr. Johnson is president of Dorel Investments, the firm that announced plans in January for a 17-storey complex on the site currently occupied by the Centre Building, Three Star Restaurant and the former Bailey property on Mill St.

Change by-law

The developer emphasized the town's by-law detailing parking requirements for commercial areas had been changed after his firm's land assembly program had been initiated. The result was that where before no parking was required for the commercial

area, under the new by-law 60 spaces were needed.

(A zoning by-law drafted in 1966 and last revised in the fall of 1969 allows commercial buildings to cover 100 per cent of the lot area but makes no provision for parking spaces. The new by-law was approved recently by Milton Council and it is this by-law which forces Dorel to provide adequate parking for the commercial section of the proposal. An Ontario Municipal Board hearing will be held on this new by-law tomorrow (Thursday) at 10 a.m. Dorel has lodged an objection to the by-law but town officials report they understood Mr. Johnson did not plan to carry through with his objection.)

Mr. Johnson pointed out the developing firm had also added one level of off-street parking to its initial proposal which added 19

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UBCF clean-up

Citizens of Upper Burlington plan to clean up their section of the town by organizing a house to house clean-up to be held on Saturday May 29. Each householder is to clean up garbage and debris near or around their home, parcel it in garbage bags and drop it off at the checkpoint near their home, where it will later be collected and discarded in the town dump.

Organizers of the clean-up, the Upper Burlington Citizens' Forum have arranged five checkpoints in the upper Burlington district. These include Two Sideroad east of Cedar Springs Rd. on the property of Keith Miller, the north-west corner of Ten Sideroad and Guelph Line, Brad Clements Jr. on Ten Sideroad, Roy Bousfield's on Ten Sideroad east of Bell's School Line and Appleby Line at Zimmerman Church.

The pollution campaign in south Burlington was completed last week. After the debris has been deposited at the checkpoints, the town of Burlington sanitary department will take the garbage to the dump.

apartments and a penthouse on the top floor.

Had given up

When it came up for discussion Monday, Mayor Brian Best said he had spoken to William Johnson, president of Dorel, who said he was prepared to discuss the project further, if council was prepared to review it. Mr. Johnson had earlier told the mayor he was giving up on the project and was planning to sell the land and buildings.

Councillor Charles Johnson was adamant there should be no reduction in parking needs on the building. He said council was fussy enough to adhere to the by-law on several other buildings. "I am as much in favor of development as anybody else, but we shouldn't impose this on taxpayers," he said.

The town is already committed to huge sums of money to provide off-street parking for the downtown area and the situation

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Parents to take survey on Bruce St. P.S. future

Should Bruce St. Public School be closed?

A handful of concerned ratepayers and parents of students attending Bruce St., met at a Home and School Association meeting in the school Monday evening, to debate the future of the 14-year-old structure.

And the group of about 20 decided to distribute a door to door questionnaire to all parents, potential parents and ratepayers asking for opinions and answers on whether the school is an asset to the community, and whether or not they think it feasible that Bruce St. remain an active school.

Several members of the Home and School Association volunteered to deliver the questionnaires door to door, but first to the 86 families who have children attending the school. "This way we have all of our parents standing behind us and we can wave the banners and

flags and know we have their support", one concerned woman noted.

Mrs. Janice Kerr, president of the Association, noted the observations she came to following

Rock concert maybe in fall

With the Optimist Club withdrawing its support last week, youths organizing a 12-hour, eight-band rock concert for Milton Arena have dropped their plans to hold the event on June 26.

"But we'll try to get it going in the fall," one of the spokesmen told The Champion this week. He indicated that despite all the red tape and set-backs the organizers ran into, the concert was still a good possibility for the fall.

a discussion with school board trustee John Noble. "He stated that it was strictly a proposal that the school board close Bruce St. School," she said. "His two main reasons backing the proposal were that it is not economical to keep the school open with the decline in population in the surrounding area, and that the structure is definitely not up to par."

Mrs. M. Willoughby also outlined her telephone conversation with Emmerson Lavender, assistant to the director of the Halton County Board of Education. "He stressed the fact that the structure is in need of immediate repair," she added.

"Mr. Noble noted there is no need to panic as we have eight to 10 months before a decision will be reached," said Mrs. Kerr. "The only way there will be a snap decision is if someone

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County representation

War paint discarded in favor of debate

A north-south battle on representation at Halton County Council was averted last week when Burlington Council decided to request a referral of their amendment to the Halton County Act until the next meeting of the private members bill committee at Queen's Park.

Burlington and Oakville had applied for a change in the voting power at county council that would give the two southern municipalities more weight at the county level.

Would fight it
Representatives from the five northern municipalities and the

five northern councils had made it clear they would fight to have the private member's bill defeated. It was in view of this solid wall of opposition that Burlington council agreed to withdraw their bid until next fall and have the matter studied by a

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SHE WORE A HOLE, not in the bottom of her shoes, but in the TOP! Comely Betty Wilhelm, 16, of St. Catharines, a student at OSD, claimed the distinction of being the first lady walker to cross the finish line in Saturday's HPAHH walkathon. She did the 32 miles in eight hours and 20 minutes.

Council upset, will carry quarry appeal to Cabinet

With leadership from Reeve A. MacArthur, Nassagaweya Township Council will appeal an Ontario Municipal Board decision to allow a seventh quarry to operate in the township directly to the Cabinet of the Ontario Government.

Other efforts to stop Campbellville Sand and Gravel from purchasing and rezoning land now owned by Cloverleaf Quarry have been frustrated. The OMB rendered a decision favoring the quarry last month and more recently the Ontario Court of Appeal refused a plea for leave to make an appeal against the OMB.

The land is on the Guelph Line, opposite Mohawk Raceway, Nassagaweya Township, The Jockey Club, Halton Region Conservation Authority and area

residents registered complaints against the proposal.

Only recourse
"I think the only recourse we have is to appeal directly to the cabinet. I think it is time we made ourselves heard about this official plan of ours," Reeve MacArthur told council at their Monday night meeting.

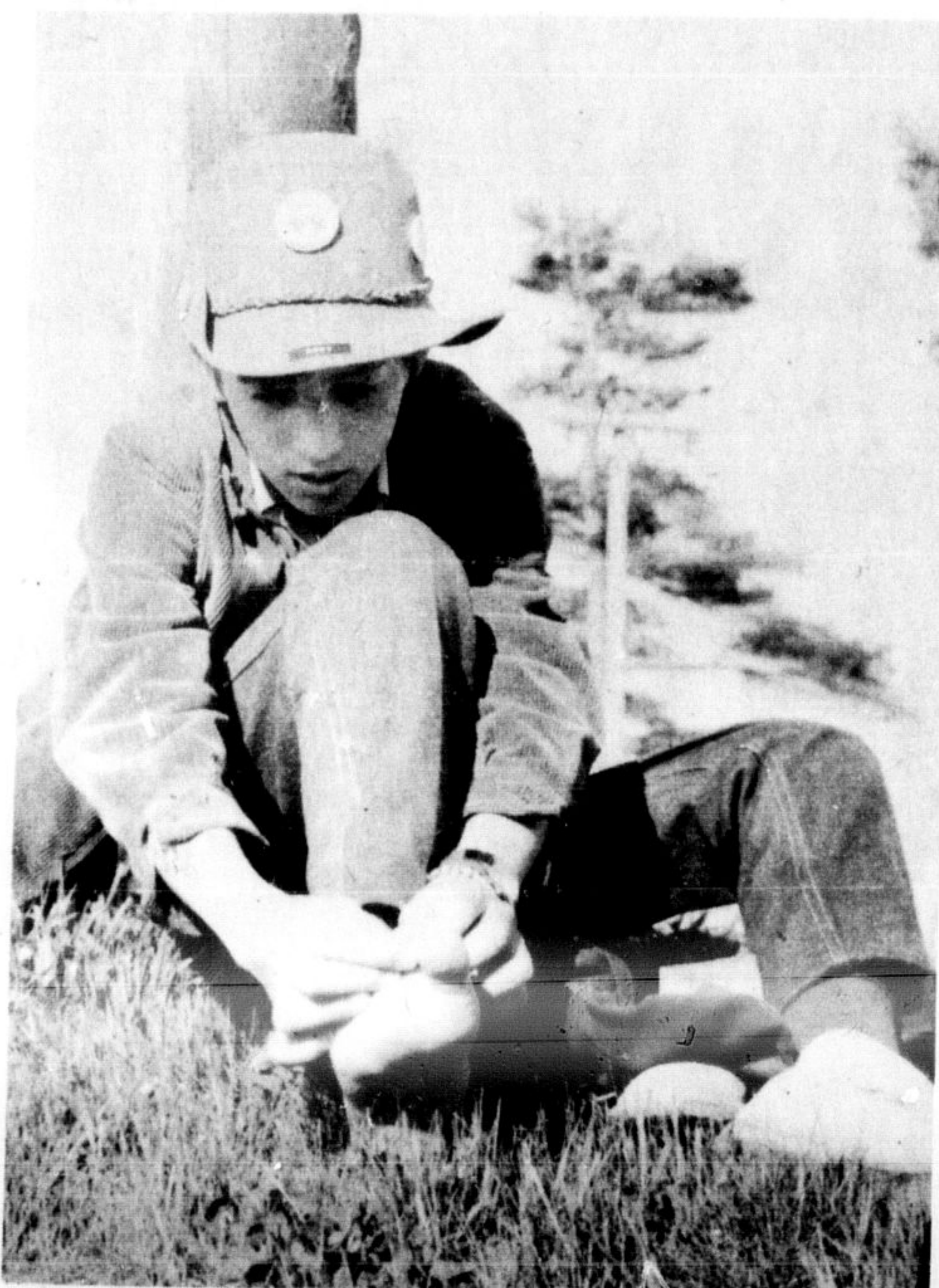
She said the Reeve at the time of the passing of the official plan (Bill Coulter) had promised it was just a guideline and not a hard and fast rule. "That is not so. It is a case of the tail wagging the dog. We felt this quarry would be detrimental to the Jockey Club and the people of the township. There is no need for a seventh quarry," she said.

The Reeve charged that council's wishes were being blocked by a bureaucracy 40

miles away. "I blame shortsighted people at the bureaucratic level (the OMB), not the elected officials". She suggested the employees at Campbellville Quarry had not told the truth when questioned about blasts on a; least one occasion and she said it appeared they may not have told the truth in their presentation to the OMB.

Go to cabinet
Councillor Art Gibson said he had been in touch with MPP and Minister of Energy and Resources George Kerr, who advised the only recourse would be an appeal to the Cabinet. Gibson said the cost would be in the neighborhood of \$100.

Council agreed the reeve and deputy reeve should meet with the Jockey Club to see if they wanted to join in the appeal to the cabinet.



A NEW BANDAGE does wonders for an aching blister, as Ross Clarke of Milton found out in Saturday's big walkathon. He stopped to inspect his weary feet at Hillcrest Church above Hornby.



THE MILTON "CHANSONNETTES" choir sponsored by the University Women's Club of Milton and District starred in the club's annual spring musicale at Ontario School for

the Deaf on Sunday. The Wicks Jazz Quartet and organist Rebecca Wicks also performed. The Chansonettes are pictured in song during the program.