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## Ratepayer opposition fails

# 254 condominium units under construction soon

Construction on the 254-unit Bronte St. condominium project known as Chaingate Developments is expected to start in the near future. The issuing of a building permit is being held up pending the settlement of financial arrangements the town has with the developer.

While plans were drawn and guided through the developer channels by the original developer (Chaingate) the project will be built by Sherwood Green Homes of Markham.

The project was opposed by ratepayers in the Heslop Rd., Anne Blvd., Meadowbrook Dr. and Bronte St. area who gathered together, formed the Fallingbrook Ratepayers Association and hired legal counsel to oppose

the project. After a number of meetings with both the developer and Milton Council, objectors took their case to the Ontario Municipal Board which eventually ruled in favor of the project.

At the time of the hearing the residents of the area argued that a project similar to that proposed would devalue their land and some feared they'd have to sell and get out of the area.

**Spearheads attack**  
Ed Loepich, one of those who spearheaded the attack on the project and the formation of the association, said in a telephone interview recently that he personally was still against the use of the vacant land for anything

but single family homes.

"I don't think I'll ever be resigned to the fact that they are going to be there. My own feeling is I didn't want it there. If we have to look at them at least we'll know we tried to do something about it."

In Loepich's opinion, development in town has gotten out of hand. While he claimed he was happy to see development in town, he felt the town had been turned into a developer's paradise.

**While Chaingate lawyer**  
George Ness argued at the OMB hearing that the condominiums would provide a market for the single family homes in the area and keep the value up. Loepich is leery and says he gets a "gut feeling" that tells him that's not true. "I'd sooner see a sea of single family homes there."

**Question Value**  
"The question of what will happen to value of our homes can be argued either way and

can't be proven until after the condominiums are built.

"I fell very helpless and don't feel that we've been represented by council. I don't think this development is in our best interest."

Loepich said he hoped council would make the builder to the

line and stick to the building requirements "I hope they won't be a mess."

The condominiums are to be three storeys in height. They will cover three vacant fields north and south of Heslop Rd. and south of Anne Blvd. on the east side of Bronte St.

## OPP marksmen tops in district

Members of the Milton OPP detachment celebrated Police Week this week by winning a trophy for their expertise on the revolver range. The 36-man force based in Milton, which serves the North Halton area, emerged as the top marksmen in the district and won the Const. John Dennis Davy Memorial Trophy.

Milton OPP averaged 93.59 per cent in the competition for top standing in the No. 3 District

Area which includes forces in Oakville, Burlington, Acton, Waterdown, Brantford and Simcoe. The whole District averaged 87.13 per cent and that average was good enough to make No. 3 the top Ontario District as well. There are 17 districts in Ontario.

The contest involved all members of the force, including the corporals and Sgt. Andrew Thomson. They competed at the Canadian Forces Base at Winona Fire 20 rounds.

Competition was in combat-style shooting with a revolver, comparable to the FBI course in the United States. Marksmen had to fire 20 rounds at a silhouette target from standing, lying and crouching positions, under a time limit. A mark of 80 per cent was needed to qualify. All contestants were required to shoot with both their left and right hands.

This was the fifth year the district trophy has been in existence and although they have been close before, it was the first win for the Milton OPP. Burlington OPP marksmen won it the first year and the Oakville claimed it for the past three years in a row.

Several of the Milton officers scored 100 per cent at the revolver range.

Members of the force have also trained and qualified in the use of the 30-30 Winchester rifle, short barrel 12 gauge shotgun, 45 calibre Thomson sub-machine gun and the powerful 762 mm. FN rifle.



MARTIN STREET school's two entries in the Triple Trio division of the Music Festival held at M. Z. Bennett school, Acton, last Wednesday won second and third awards. Joanne Mercer (left) received the third place award for

Martin Street, Marilyn Thorne received the winner's trophy for Georgetown Centennial school and Susan Sheridan represented the second place Martin Street entry accepting the large plaque. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

## Dispels rumor

# Resign decision expected toward end of this month

Rumors that a Halton regional government would be announced "early this week" were dispelled Tuesday by Halton East MPP and Minister of Government Services Jim Snow.

"I would guess it will be the end of the month before it is ready," the MP told this newspaper. Legislation for the transformation of the present county government into a Halton region is still being drafted, he said. It has yet to go to the provincial

government's legislative committee or the cabinet.

Snow indicated once the legislation is drafted it will take two weeks. Look for an announcement around the end of

this month, he said.

Rumors published last week indicated provincial treasurer John White was planning to finalize the Halton region early this week.

## Concert, films, trailer here for Police Week

Open houses at the Milton Police Department and Milton OPP station launched this week's observance of Police Week in Milton on Monday, as several citizens dropped in to see how their police departments function and to view the equipment in use.

Open houses continue all week at both offices and a number of other interesting programs have been set up to help enhance the image of the police and invite co-operation from the citizens.

Friday evening at the high school a concert featuring Holy Rosary Youth Choir will highlight the special week. Police and members of the Milton Optimist Club will show films before and after the concert and refreshments will be served by the police officers. Films run 8 to 9 p.m., the concert from 9 to 10 and more films from 10 to 11 p.m.

**Trailer here**  
The OPP safety trailer will be on display at Milton Plaza Thursday and Friday, staffed by officers from both OPP and Milton forces.

A public film show is scheduled for Denyes school on Saturday, May 19 from 1.30 to 4 p.m. and children are especially invited. Through the week safety talks and demonstrations will be given at town schools by Const. Ron Oswald, the safety officer with Milton Police.

Besides the open house at the police station, Milton Police invite citizens to accompany police officers on cruiser patrols. Application forms are available at the police office.

**List hours**  
Milton Police Department's open house runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Milton OPP station on Steeles Ave. at Martin St. is open 24 hours a day.

Chief Ray Andress of Milton Police said he hoped most of the residents of Milton would participate in some facet of the Police Week activities, so the citizens could get to know their police officers better and gain a better understanding of their work.

Const. Jim Redpath, safety officer at Milton OPP, said "We sincerely want the people to visit our station, any hour of the day or night. We want to give them a better understanding of how a modern police department operates and help them learn the function of a police force in the community."



WHAT'S A BLUE AND SILVER spaceman who can't spell doing in school? Kathryn Dodds, 10, of W. I. Dick Public School knows. See Page B6 for story.

(Photo by S. Cassina)

## Down in dump

A fire had started in garbage beneath the ground level and it took three hours to make sure the pesky fire was completely out.

Damage, understandably, was listed on the fire chief's report as "nil".

**Milton Firefighters** were "down in the dumps" this week—for a good cause. The only fire call of the past week was a Thursday night call to the town's sanitary landfill site on Commercial St.

## Sell over 50 trees in co-op town program

Over 50 trees valued at close to \$1,000 are being planted on Milton homeowners' properties this spring, through a co-operative program with town council.

Council offered to split the cost of trees, ranging in price from \$10 to \$17, if homeowners would pay the balance and have them planted in their front yards. Deadline for applications was Monday of this week and treasurer Mrs. Audrey Brush reports over 50 trees were pur-

chased. The program will cost the council close to the \$500 limit the town was prepared to spend.

**Maple most popular**  
Norway Maple, Crimson Maple, Paper Birch, Shademaster Locust, Sunburst Locust, Flowering Crabapple and Mountain Ash were offered and Mrs. Brush reports the Crimson Maple was the most popular. Prices included the planting of the trees.

## Plenty of summer work available for students

"Business has been pretty good," Margaret Donaldson of Milton's Canada Manpower Student Centre reports.

To date, 208 students have applied and 31 have been placed in summer jobs. The majority are high school students; only 25 or 30 post-secondary students have applied.

Miss Donaldson says Milton employers are responding well, and she is surprised at the number of jobs available. For girls there are jobs as waitresses, baby sitters and sales clerks. For boys, positions are available in general labor, farm work, factory work, and as gas station attendants.

Right now there are more jobs

than students. This may change, however, when Sheridan College students finish exams this week. But, Miss Donaldson forecasts, there should still be lots of jobs by the time high school students get

out. The "Operation Placement" office at 160 Main St. is sponsored by Canada Manpower with assistance from Milton Chamber of Commerce.

## Glass smashing spree leaves trail of damage

Milton Police are investigating over \$2,000 damage resulting from glass smashing sprees at five businesses last week.

Clements Motors, Joe's General Store, Milton Bowlaway,

Vogue Beauty Salon and Jack Richardson Che Olds Ltd. had windows broken for no apparent reason.

Police Chief Ray Andress says he has "no idea why anyone would do such a . . . stupid thing."

## Drumquin Pk. sale contentious issue

The possible sale of Drumquin Park, a contentious issue in North Oakville, was to be dealt with at a parks and recreation commission meeting in Oakville last night (Tuesday).

## Clean-up ordered

A clean-up of the Armstrong Homes subdivision was ordered by Milton Council in a brief meeting Monday.

Mayor B. Best termed the accumulation of debris disgusting. "If this is the type of building that is coming we will have to be a lot tougher," he declared.

Council agreed to inform the builder he has 10 days in which to clean-up or the town would clean it up and charge the builder.

North Oakville Councillor Don Gordon is adamantly opposed to the sale of the park. In an interview with The Champion yesterday Gordon said he was disturbed about the motion passed by the commission's finance committee.

Gordon said the finance committee had met behind closed doors to discuss the matter and had agreed on the resolution to sell the park in north Oakville and use the money to buy parkland elsewhere.

**Just committee**  
Gordon stressed that it wasn't a move by the commission, but just the finance committee. "I hope it will get turned down flat at the meeting."

He said he hoped the commission would not support the move. Gordon planned to ask the commission to support a motion that would prevent the sale, leasing or rental of park land in Oakville.

"I find it unpalatable to think a

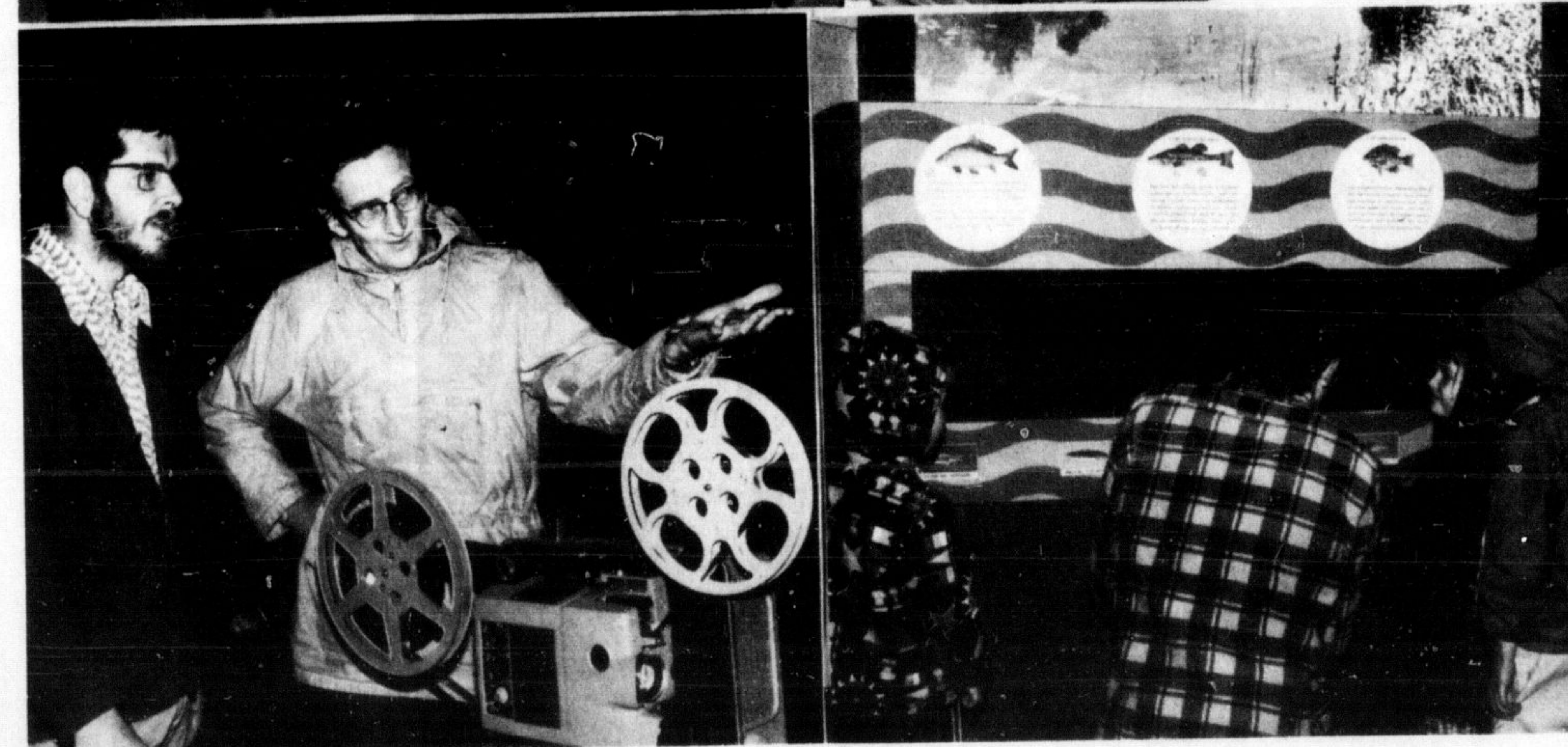
commission would consider selling public land and open space. It just doesn't sit right," the councillor said.

Gordon said he was confident that if the park became part of Central Halton it would be left as parkland for ever.

**Dog in Manger**

He described the move to sell as selfish and a dog in the manger attitude. Gordon was optimistic that last night's meeting would lay the matter to rest once and for all. Oakville has a nine man commission for parks and recreation and according to Gordon, only two or three favored the sale.

Gordon said that even if the 115-acre park became part of Central Halton it would continue to serve the same people. "They seem to think if they can't have it, nobody can." Ratepayers in the Drumquin area also opposed the sale.



DISPLAYS AND NATURE HIKES were inaugurated at the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre on Saturday. The displays are on aspects of the Halton Region Conservation Area and films highlight points which are subsequently emphasized on nature hikes. Karen McEachern explains a display on fungi to Janine Giroux, Irene Stachowick and Peter Gabriele, all of Hamilton, in the top photo. At the bottom Authority wildlife supervisor Frank Timmermans discusses a

point in one of the films with Ray Lowes, proponent of the Bruce Trail who conducted the first nature hike Saturday. Some of the younger visitors Laurie Elsley, Carolyn Dills and Diane Ptolemy look at the fish display as Alex Sorenson explains some of the species found in the watershed. The area is located west of Campbellville and offers films and hikes on Saturday and Sunday. (Staff Photos)