

Stiff ratepayer opposition to reduced planting strip

Proposals to reduce planting strip requirements between residential and commercial property ran into stiff ratepayer opposition Monday night at Milton Council and will be the subject of a future Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

A delegation of 22 residents from the Mary-Main St. area opposed a town proposal to eliminate the requirement of a 10 foot planting strip between commercial property and residential property when both are designated commercial in the Official Plan.

Ratepayers were also objecting to the rezoning application for Longo and Hines properties on the north side of Main at 91 and 95, as well as to a by-law dealing with the zoning on the Milton Community Credit Union property.

of the old Bowes St. extension as an exit from the Credit Union property was bound to increase traffic on the residential Mary St. Dealing with the hazard Mr. Dowdell felt was developed by the entrance onto Mary St. Harry Funk representing the Credit Union, suggested the hazard would be dealt with by a gate or otherwise if the organization felt such a hazard existed.

Asked by the Mayor if there was any way the town could make the by-law less objectionable to those who were opposing it, no specific suggestions were advanced.

J. H. Froesch complained the unopened Bowes St. had been sold without advertising. "Maybe someone else would have paid \$500 just to plant flowers," he observed.

Conflict?
Mayor Best noted the Credit Union had made a proposal to the council which included cleaning up the drainage situation right through to Mary St.

Observing that he hears a lot about conflict of interest in big cities, Mr. Froesch was challenged by the mayor to be specific. The Mayor emphasized that Councillor G. Krantz, who is also a director of the Milton Community Credit Union, had publicly declared his conflict of interest on the subject and always refrained from voting or discussing the by-law.

Mr. Dowdell objected that as a neighboring property owner, he had not been approached with an opportunity to buy the site.

Credit Union solicitor H. Funk noted the property was less than 66 feet wide, has a sewer through

Strangler still loose

Milton OPP is still seeking clues to the identity of a young man who attempted to strangle a 17 year-old girl in the northern part of Nassagaweya Township on May 17.

Despite a province-wide alert and circulation of a police artist's sketch of the wanted man, there are still no suspects.

The man entered a Guelph Line home near 20 Sideroad where Catherine Eleda Ward was babysitting and asked for money. He allegedly tried to choke her with an iron cord. A telephone call scared him away and the girl was treated at Milton Hospital for neck and face burns.

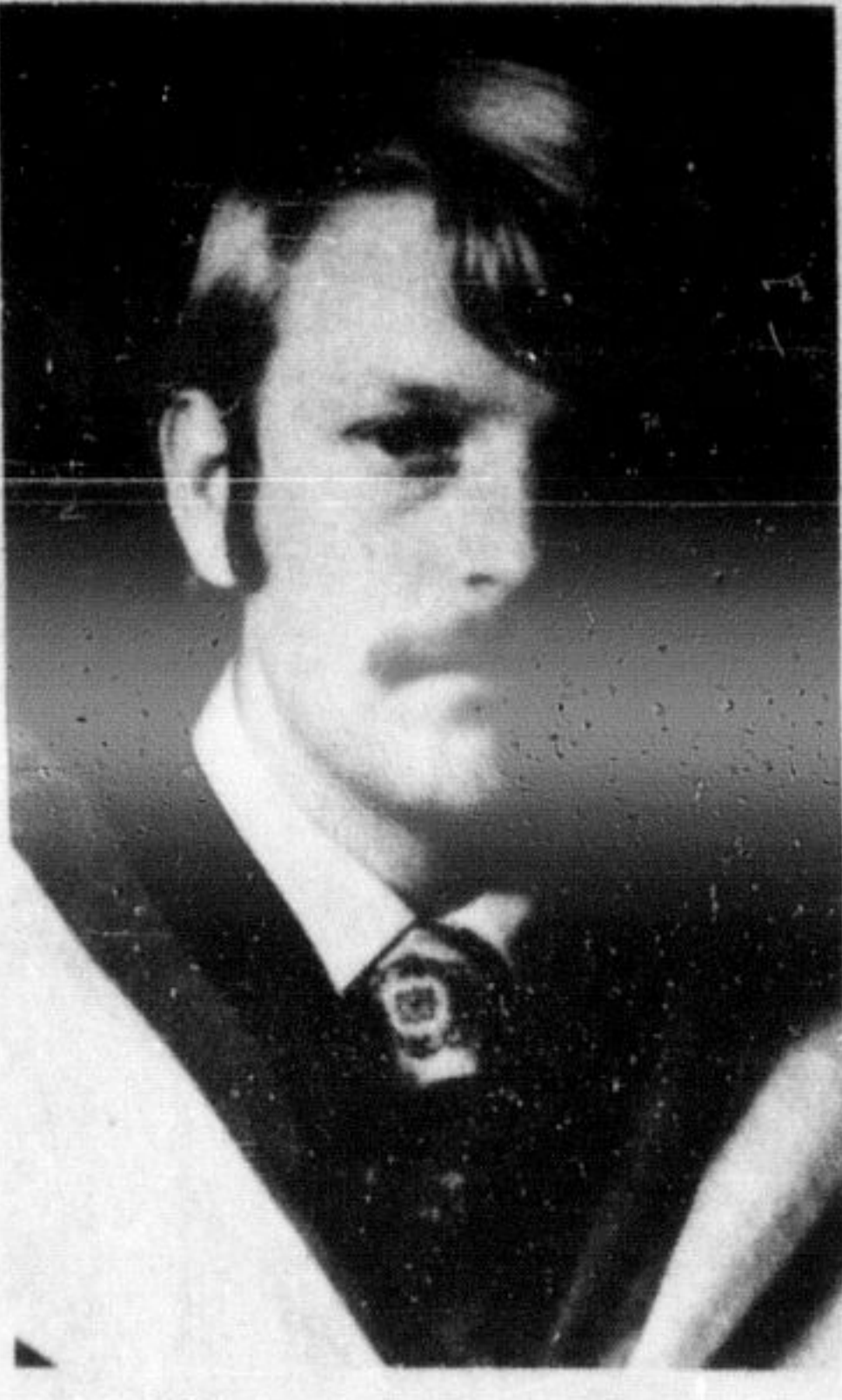
There is only one species of Chestnut native to Canada, but these seldom achieve adult size because of the Chestnut Blight.

it and a stream over it. "The town saw the advantages of correcting the stream and the installation of a water main", he suggested. He also noted the Credit Union had already spent about \$13,000 on the project. "It wasn't a cheap property," he suggested.

D. Phillips said he would continue his objection to the Credit Union development that would permit them to build right to the east property line. He suggested he would not object to extending the building to the street line if it was not extended east.

Council agreed to forward all the objections and the by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Neil Cowan of Palermo is a recent graduate of McMaster University. He received a Bachelor of Commerce degree.



B. Sc. DEGREE

Trevor Marshall Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Houston, 101 Main St., Milton, received his Bachelor of Science degree (Honors Kinestiology—Co-Operative Program) at the University of Waterloo spring convocation, May 25.

Next year Trevor will attend the College of Education, University of Toronto for his Bachelor of Education degree.



BIOLOGY DEGREE

Frank P. Devlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Devlin, recently graduated from University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Science degree in Honors Biology.



RECEIVES B.A.Sc.

Dale Barrett of 68 Glasgow Street, Guelph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Barrett, Moffat, graduated with first class honors at the convocation exercises at the University of Guelph on May 24, in an Honors Chemistry Course. Dale is married to the former Peggy Dandy, graduate of the St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Guelph. He attended public and high schools in Milton, and is temporarily doing research work at the University of Guelph.



R.P.I. GRAD

Paul John Kitchen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kitchen of 118 Lydia Ave., graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering. He is a graduate of Milton District High School.

Schools approved

Halton County Board of Education submitted plans to the Ministry of Education for approval of two schools in Milton last week.

The board requested permission to build a 500 pupil place public school on Wilson Ave. and a 1,200 place secondary school which would also include a 400 place vocational wing, at the corner of Main St. and Third Line.

Youth aid

Les Griffith, recreation chairman for North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, has formed Youth Across Canada Mentally Retarded groups in Georgetown and Acton. A Milton group is being organized for September.

The group consists mostly of grade 12 students who help to organize and conduct swimming, hikes, barbecues and various other recreational activities for the handicapped children.

Alternate plan
Council agreed to an alternate plan on the Longo-Haines properties that would retain the planting strips around the two commercial areas, except on the west side of the Longo property where a mutual drive prevented the planting strip.

Residents generally indicated they would withdraw their objections to the rezoning if the plan submitted was incorporated as a site plan agreement and registered on the title of the properties.

Outlining the proposals of the by-law eliminating the planting strips, it was noted commercial development on a lot adjoining residential properties required a planting strip of 10 feet on each side. If a drive was also required to parking at the rear the usable width of the lot was drastically reduced and when the adjoining lots were developed the 10 foot pieces would not be required.

"Is council prepared to rescind that by-law", former councillor Charles Fay asked, "because if you're not we'll save all our objections for the Ontario Municipal Board."

Only protection
"I'm very disappointed in the council and planning board. That planting strip is the only protection a homeowner has left in that original by-law" Mr. Fay declared.

"I didn't think we were imposing any hardship on the people on Main St. Mary St. properties still protected by a planting strip at the rear of their properties," Councillor Art Melanson observed.

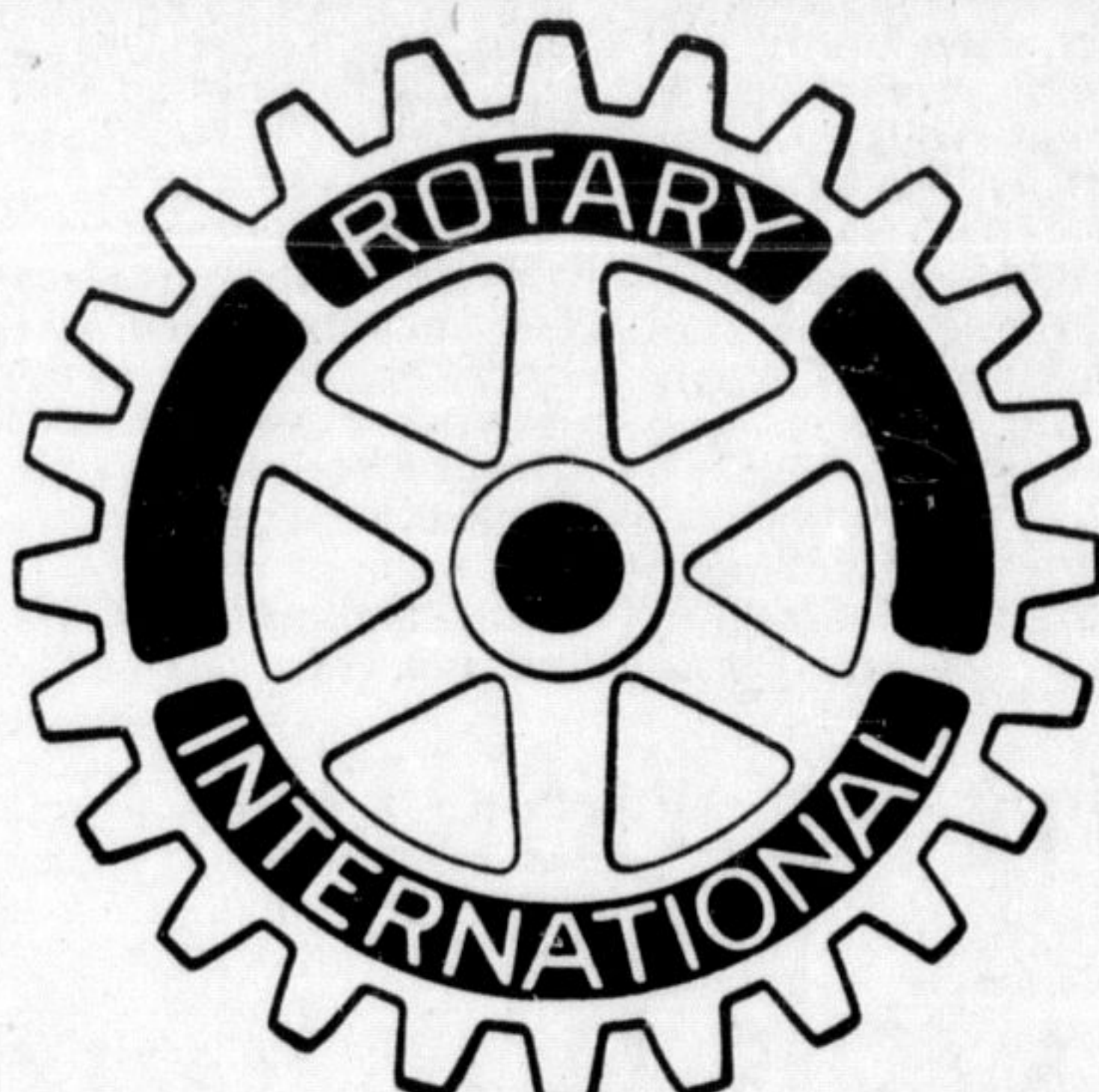
"I'm concerned because if Mary St. is ever rezoned to commercial in the future we would have the protection of any planting strip," Ted Stover emphasized.

"This is just the thin edge of the wedge. A developer buys a commercial property and wants to put everything possible on the property. The next thing they will want to cut down on the planting strip at the rear of the properties," Mr. Fay argued.

Unable to resolve the planting strip by-law, council agreed to forward it with objections from the residents, to the Ontario Municipal Board for a hearing.

Credit Union
Opposition was also expressed to a by-law dealing with the Credit Union property development and the exit from the property to Mary St. which was created when the drainage ditch was tiled.

B. Dodell argued the opening



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The Rotary Club of Milton

The club was chartered in 1947 and is part of a world fellowship of business and professional people who accept the ideal of service as the basis for success and happiness in business and community life.

Over the years the local club has participated in a wide variety of community and international projects. One of the club's major community contributions was in the purchase and early development of Rotary Park which was given to the municipality in recent years. The club was active in furnishing the hospital, in organizing minor hockey, in sponsoring 4-H clubs and many other activities.

In international service, the club has participated in wells for India, in hosting visiting foreign students and in hosting an exchange student in Milton.

A continuing program over the full life of the club has been its involvement with crippled children. Now the club is participating in the development of a treatment centre to serve Peel and Halton, in conjunction with other area service clubs.

Activities of the Rotary Club of Milton

- Milton Rotarians are represented in the program to construct a new treatment centre for crippled children which will serve Halton and Peel counties.
- A Milton Student, Gordon Thompson will be spending a year in Belgium as a guest of Rotarians in that country. A student from Denmark will be in Milton as a guest of Milton Rotarians and to build international bridges of friendship.
- Milton Rotary assisted Milton District High School students in their recent exchange with students from Quebec.
- Club members assist with preparation for the Figure Skating Carnival staged by the Milton Figure Skating Club.
- A series of Travel and Adventure films is sponsored during the fall and winter, by the club.
- The annual Easter Seal program is operated in Milton and district by the club on behalf of crippled children in the town and area.
- A local Scout Group is sponsored by the Club.
- The Rotary Club was one of the groups financially supporting a photographic study of the changing face of Milton.
- John Fisher "Mr. Canada" spoke in Milton under the sponsorship of the club.
- Annually sponsor a high school student in a trip to Ottawa for a citizenship program.
- Hosted residents of Halton Centennial Manor on a fall color tour of the district.
- Provided some furniture for the new lounge at Halton Centennial Manor.
- Sponsor a team in the Milton Minor Ball league.
- Participated financially in assisting deaf students to attend the Deaf Olympics.

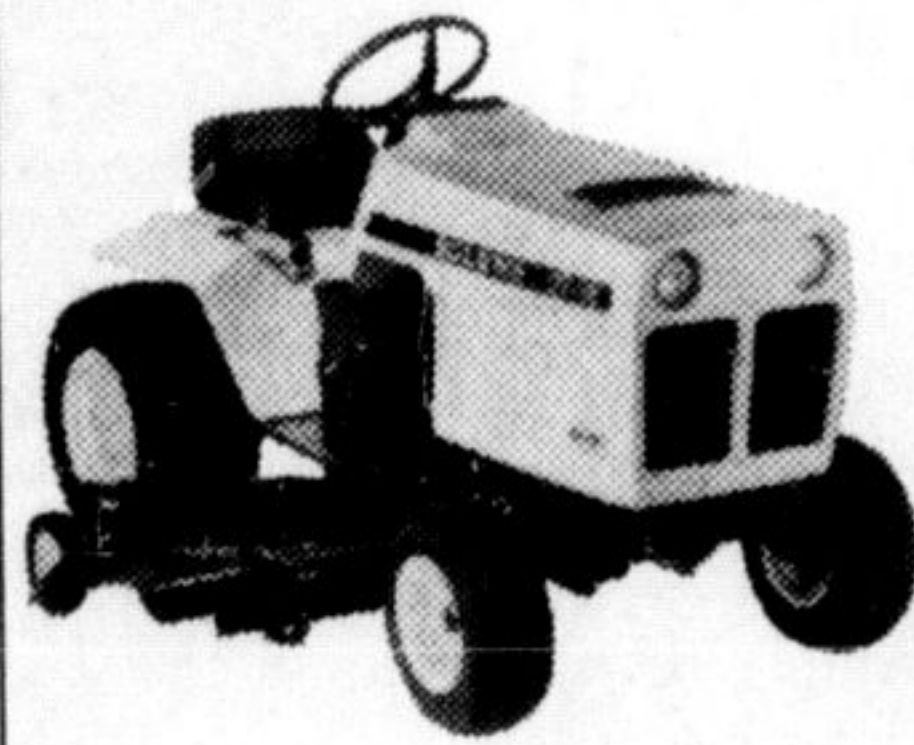
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