

Getting bad for business

Merchants complain about youth gangs

Merchants in Milton's downtown core are becoming uneasy about the groups of young people who congregate on the streets and on the stores' front steps, mainly evenings and weekends, with "nothing to do."

Complaints have been lodged with the Milton Precinct of Halton Region Police but the police admit they don't have the manpower for constant patrols in the downtown. Whenever possible they have tried to keep groups

from congregating, but it's difficult.

Several merchants have expressed their concern about the situation, but individually they haven't been able to solve the problem. One said he feels he has to remain open to serve those wanting to spend money at his store, but the young people are driving business away by lounging around the storefront. Others have been closing their stores early to escape abuse by the teenagers and young adults.

Some claim they have been threatened, sworn at and challenged to fights by the more vociferous youths.

**Many incidents**  
Incidents involving fights, blockage of traffic, tossing of frisbees, broken store windows, foul language and egg-splattered windows have been reported to police.

In the past few months the problems have been blamed on dropouts and school skippers but one merchant said as soon as school ends, the

crowd will be swelled by students who have nowhere to go on summer evenings and weekends. The main problem has been Thursday and Friday evenings and all day Saturday.

"I'm only trying to make a living, but these gangs of kids are preventing me from doing business," one fed-up store owner told The Champion this week. "If the situation doesn't improve by the end of the year when my present lease expires, I'll close the store and move out."

One businessman spoke about the problem last week with the mayor, a town councillor and Halton Region Police Chief Kenneth Skerrett, but so far the situation hasn't improved. The mayor promised to call the police chief and discuss it but the police chief told the businessman he couldn't improve police patrols without more men.

Although the Milton precinct office still has the same number of officers it had before regional government be-

gan Jan. 1, there are often times when only one officer is on patrol, the merchant complained. Sometimes several officers are in court and if a constable is away on a course, the force is short-handed for up to six weeks at a stretch. "How do you police this town with one constable?" the merchant wants to know.

"All I want to do is keep the kids away from the front of my store during business hours," one shop owner said.

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Heights homeowners oppose industry surrounding village

About 50 residents from the Peru Rd., Milton Heights area appeared before Milton Planning and Development Committee last Tuesday and

made known their opposition to plans for a large industrial rezoning in that area.

Lou Nadalin was one of the most outspoken critics of

allowing a rezoning in the area. He said the conservation authorities had spent a lot of money to preserve the area.

He wanted to know if sewers and water would be provided for the people who already live in the area. "You can still catch trout in the 16 Mile Creek and I want it to stay that way. The whole project should be thrown out," Nadalin said.

**What benefit?**  
Several speakers wanted to know what benefit the individual homeowners would expect from the development. Others wanted to know what sort of industry would be attracted. Several objected to the Milton Heights residential area being blocked in by industrial development and feared the residential development already there would become a slum area.

It was noted that the type of industry would be controlled by the town's official plan. Developers noted the residential area at Milton Heights would be expanded and buffers between the zones would be provided.

Several residents from the area spoke of the beauty of

the area as it is now and expressed concern about industry being developed there. One man asked if people would have to drive through an industrial area to get to Kelso.

**Better this way**  
One woman spoke of polluted water and no sewers but claimed she'd be willing to continue to live like that, even though she had to boil water to drink it, rather than have the area industrialized.

Town planner Bob Zsadyani explained the town had a poor industrial-residential ratio. He said the proportion of the tax burden on the homeowners was heavier than it should be.

He said the town was in the early stages of negotiations with the developers who own the land. He explained he was still seeking data pertinent to the application, but lacked some information at that point.

Zsadyani explained he and the committee would try to keep both the people in that area and the Scotch Block area informed about the progress of studies now underway.

**Developers present**  
Representatives of R. V. Anderson, an engineering firm and Alliance and Victoria Wood developers attended the meeting as well. It was pointed out that the industrial growth would provide both a better assessment base as well as job opportunities.

Technical data concerning the services that are already there and those that would be

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AN UMBRELLA WITH FOUR LEGS belonging to two little girls requires some negotiation and joint decision-making before it moves one way or another. They were seen at the damp opening of Milton Farmers' Market Saturday. (Photo by P. Ford)



KINSMAN OF THE YEAR, named by the Milton and District Kinsmen Club at their year-end banquet Saturday, was Kinsman Bill Speck, left. He received the Lester Wood Trophy, presented by retiring charter president Les Wood. (Photo by R. Downs)

Cool reception given low cost housing plan

Reductions in the time required for approvals, unconditional grants of \$450 to \$600 per house, and financing for major services were key features in a program presented to Milton Planning and Development Committee by Bob Holmes of the Ontario Ministry of Housing last week.

He asked the council to indicate how many homes it would be prepared to set as a goal and to indicate when and where these homes could be built.

Under the agreement the developer sells 10 per cent of the lots to Ontario Housing

Corporation, assures the ministry that 30 per cent of the homes will be built for families earning \$14,500 to \$20,000 and 60 per cent of the lots have to be available at no more than 85 per cent of the 1973 fall selling price. (Continued on Page 15)

Holmes told the committee the ministry had designated Halton as one of six areas as target areas for housing.

He explained the plan was for a three-way partnership with the municipal council, the provincial government and the developer taking part.

Holmes said the ministry was prepared to work with the councils to speed up approvals, cut red tape where possible and expedite the construction of new decently priced housing. He noted the homes would be geared to modest incomes of \$14,000 to \$20,000.

Teachers' salary meet Thursday

Halton Board of Education will hold a special meeting Thursday with a view to ratifying a salary settlement for the teaching staffs.

Negotiating teams for both the staff and the board have been meeting often and at hastily called conferences lately, in order to reach a settlement prior to summer break.

Keith Wallace, president of OSSTF in Halton said the settlement would go to the teachers today (Wednesday).

Trustee Judy Alexander said the board meeting was called on Thursday so both the board and the teachers could comment on the proposed agreement.

No details of the agreement have been released.

MDHS hosts 3 candidates

The only high school in Halton to organize an all-candidates meeting, Milton District High School Thursday provided a platform for Dr. Frank Philbrook, Liberal; Terry O'Connor, Conservative; and Archie Brown, NDP.

The large attentive audience of students, teachers and members of the public listened as each candidate outlined his party's election policy. Questions from the audience included those on

inflation and wage and price controls and received predictable responses. Philbrook assured everyone "All's well in Canada—we've never done better" while O'Connor warned of letting "Liberal propaganda fool you."

**Quick retort**  
O'Connor said if the time would be allotted him he would gladly explain his party's stand on wage and price controls. In quick retort Philbrook said, "I'm glad to hear he'll spend a lot of time to explain it to you, because Mr. Stanfield has yet to explain it to Canada properly or to his own Conservative party."

As the two representatives of the leading parties sparred Archie Brown made a short, snappy and to-the-point presentation. He said he preferred not to dwell on the mistakes of the other parties but spoke positively of the need to recover economic independence in Canada and on making "Canada a place for all Canadians to live with self-respect and good health."

When asked what proof the NDP party had they were able to effectively run the government, Brown replied, "It's working effectively in three provinces."

Pointing out the jump of 1.7 percent in the cost of living last month, the largest since the Korean War, O'Connor prompted Philbrook to reply,

"Canada has the fastest growing economy in the world, this is what makes Canadians prosperous and wealthy."

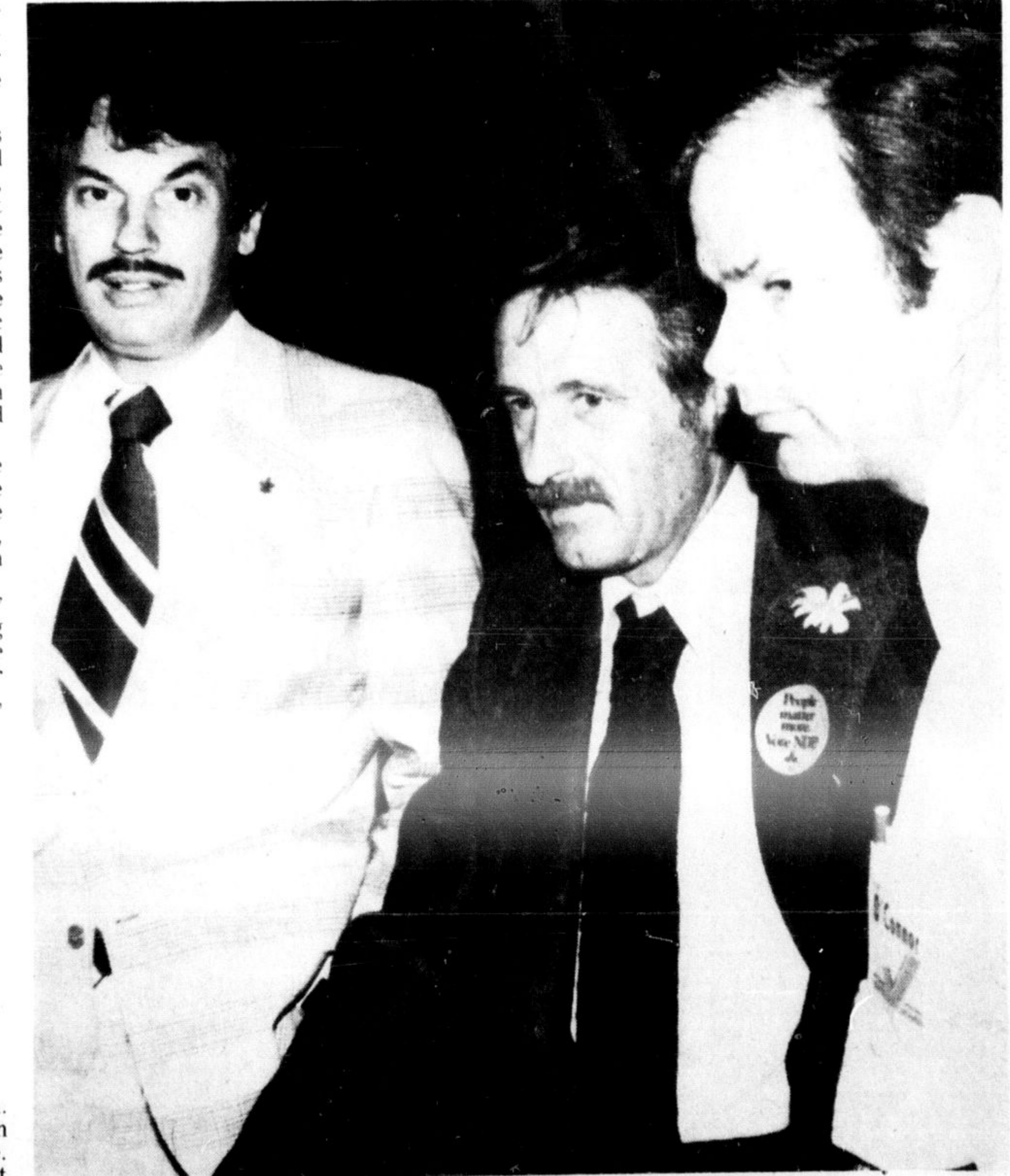
**Unemployment**  
"What has Liberal leadership obtained for you over the last six years but inflation," O'Connor countered. "They brag about bringing unemployment down to six per cent."

Philbrook would make little comment on a question asked

about price controls to be put on oil companies. "The answer may lie in the competition act but I have no comment at this time," he said. He also refused to go into detail on a question of foreign investment and ownership, stating simply, "This is a fairly new act and I can't go into it right now."

O'Connor assured if his party were in power they are "determined to curb foreign ownership to gain back that which we've lost."

**Football**  
Brown reiterated his previous stand on the waste of Canada's natural resources by stating, "I don't want people of your age in 20 years to accuse us of doing nothing to keep Canada for Canadians." Football in Canada received the only agreement between Philbrook and O'Connor. Both men feel there is no place for the Toronto Northmen in opposition to the Canadian Football League.



ALL-CANDIDATES MEETING at Milton District High School introduced Frank Philbrook, left, Archie Brown and Terry O'Connor to the students. Here the men consider questions from the audience which leaned heavily on wage and price controls and inflation. (Photo by S. Dills)

Here and There in Brief

Oakville rally Stanfield coming

Robert Stanfield, leader of the federal Progressive Conservative party, will pay a visit to Halton riding Thursday evening and is scheduled to speak at a rally in Oakville.

Local party officials report Stanfield will be accompanied by his wife and 20-year-old daughter Mimi. A rally is planned at Oakville-Trafalgar High School on Reynolds St., Oakville at 7 p.m. and the federal leader is expected to arrive at 7.30 p.m. Halton riding PC candidate, incumbent MP Terry O'Connor will join him on the stage, as will Halton East MPP Jim Snow and Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett.

On June 8 Liberal leader Pierre Trudeau spoke at a rally for Halton candidate Dr. Frank Philbrook in Oakville. The NDP has not yet been able to arrange a visit by their party leader David Lewis to this riding.

Champion honored Kin say "thanks"

The Champion was honored for its support and encouragement of the Milton and District Kinsmen Club, during the one-year-old club's closing dinner and awards night Saturday.

Incoming president Bill MacLennan presented Roy Downs, editor of The Champion, with "a certificate of appreciation, in recognition of your contribution to the development of the M.A.D. Kinsmen Club." He noted the club had won an honorable mention in a competition with other Kinsmen Clubs for publicity work, and suggested most of the credit for that honor was due to The Champion for its coverage of Kinsmen activities since the club was formed just over a year ago.

Andy objects It ain't all rocks

Town of Milton planner Bob Zsadyani ran into some opposition during his speech to the Milton Chamber of Commerce yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon. He referred to the up-dated official plan for the town as "providing for some rural estate development in Nassagaweya." It's a natural out there, it's only scrub and rock," he commented.

Former Nassagaweya Andy Frank took exception to his remarks. "I hope he has a greater knowledge of planning than he has of Nassagaweya," he said, referring to the 29-year old Zsadyani. "I grew

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IT WAS LOVELY weather for ducks at the Farmers' Market on Saturday. Clark Somerville of Acton made friends with one of the muscovy ducklings for sale.

Letter of the Week Commends boys for thoughtful act

Among the letters to the editor received this week was the following, which we feel deserves more prominence than most letters:

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two Milton youths for a kind act that I feel should be mentioned in this time of upgrading our youthful citizens.

Last Tuesday our pet cat was hit by a car on the speedway known as Thomas St., and left at the side of the road to die. These boys, Jimmy Weston and Alfie Hiltz, heard him crying and took the time to knock on doors until they found the owners. Although the injuries were too severe for the animal to be saved, the thoughtfulness of the boys is to be commended.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Durnan,  
243 Sydney St.,  
Milton.

Want trash rejected

Trustees seeking justification for use of controversial books

**By Bob Burt**  
Halton Board of Education trustees Thursday refused to give their stamp of approval to a list of thousands of books planned to be used in connection with courses in 1975.

Several trustees objected to a number of books, referring to them as tripe, trash and having no educational value. The 107-page list was tabled until the next board meeting. In the interim trustees will have the opportunity to speak to principals and teachers in an attempt to allow the teachers or principals to justify the use of the books.

John Boich explained that any books that could be considered controversial had to be justified in writing by the teacher. According to Boich the principal must be prepared to defend the decision if he accepts the teacher recommendation.

He noted there was a series of checks and balances in the system. He said any parent had the right to ask that his or her child study an alternate book. According to Boich, no novel is mandatory. Boich argued strenuously against censorship, noting that while parents do have and should have the right to

remove any given book from the student's program, they do not and should not control what other children read or study. **Watson upset**  
Acton area trustee Tom Watson said he was disturbed with the list and claimed the board should have something

better to spend the money on. "This stuff is available in paperbacks at the drug store. That's fine, kids can take it home and read it. No one can tell me that it is good literature and it shouldn't be in the schools," he charged. Watson said it wasn't a

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