

# Lawsons oppose ratepayers - favor industrial development

Milton's Planning and Development Committee is currently considering a rezoning and official plan amendment that would allow industrial use on about 2,000 acres of land north of Highway 401, south of Five Side-road and between Highway 25 and the Fourth Line in Esqueping. The area being considered also includes an area west of Highway 25 south of Highway 401 and bounded by the Sixteen Mile Creek on the west and Steeles Ave. on the south.

Much of the land is owned by a consortium of development firms. The following is the text of a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lawson. The Lawsons own a farm on the Fourth Line in Esqueping.

The letter is addressed to the planning committee.

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At a recent meeting of the Town of Milton Planning Committee, a brief was presented by members of the Scotch Block Ratepayers. I was present for that presentation and while it was

a responsible brief with a well defined criteria to be responded to, I felt there were implications which should be commented on.

(a) at least three of the houses illustrated did not receive the permission of the owners, whom I know are not in support of the purposes of the Scotch Block Ratepayers.

(b) not all owners of houses in the Scotch Block are in favor of the principles of this ratepayer group, nor is contrary opinion given consideration in the brief.

(c) it is implied that the Planning Committee should consider only a development plan of proportionate size to the population of the town. It is interesting to note the places of employment of the members of this group.

It is my opinion that the town of Milton should not become a larger "bedroom community" as well as an "Institutional town". The location of this municipality could well attract employment personnel from other areas, but only if development possibilities exist for commercial or industrial

interests.

I am sure you are aware that as the population of our town increases so will the demands for increased social services. I am also sure that the ratepayers will be concerned about the costs of these services as reflected in the mill rate. Neither agriculture nor vacant land will assume a disproportionate share of these costs.

From the foregoing comments it will be apparent to you that I and my wife are in favor of industrial and commercial expansion in this community for the ultimate benefits that it will contribute for all the residents.

Yours truly,  
William A. Lawson,  
Doris M. Lawson.



A HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION in Campbellville suffered \$5-6,000 damage Monday when fire broke out in the basement wiring. Some joists were burned and the home filled with smoke. Firefighters blamed a malfunction in the electrical wiring. The home is located in the Campbell Heights subdivision.

(Photo by S. Dills)

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can control the condition and avoid complications in a large majority of people with

hypertension, according to the Ontario Heart Foundation.

## Our readers write

### REMOVE "BAD" BOOKS? THE BIBLE GOES TOO

Sir:

I was shocked recently to hear a televised news report stating that the trustees of the Halton Board of Education intend to remove certain books from high school libraries as unfit for teenage readers.

The claim was that a significant minority of parents had objected to certain books being on the shelves. I question whether a minority, significant or otherwise, should bring about such a change. The fact remains that it is a minority.

I was moved to write this letter not only because I feel that individual tastes should not dictate standards for the entire school community, but also because I question whether some of the books mentioned are unfit.

Some parents may feel that parts of The Catcher in the Rye, for example, are too candid. I doubt this in today's world where teenagers attend movies which make this book positively virtuous, as it really is. The language may offend some but the high idealism that transcends the language is still there. The protagonists' sense of family, awareness of friendship, desire for the real and not the phony, his hope for a life with a meaning rather than an aimless trivial hopeless existence shine through. Most teenagers will tell you that the real impact of the book is wholesome—most teenagers are able to perceive the message.

If we are to judge books by bits and pieces, rather than the total effect of the book, I suggest that a book dealing with lechery, prostitution, fornication and masturbation should also reasonably be

removed from the library shelves. If you ignore the total message of the book that means the Holy Bible goes.

Mark Twain once said "In the first place God made idiots. This was for practise. Then He made school boards." This overly zealous, self-righteous, pompous action of the Halton trustees certainly bears him out.

Sincerely,  
Bonnie Powell,  
R.R. 2, Milton

### BOOK-BANNING NEXT?

Dear Sir,

I am utterly disgusted with Halton's Board of Education trustees. Running scared, tails between their legs, because of Rev. Campbell and his ilk of the so-called Renaissance Committee. Next we will be having a good old "Nazi" book burning.

I wonder if the Holy Bible is on the rejected list—there is some pretty hot stuff in there. If you look for it, I am deeply sorry for the trustee whose wife was shocked by one book. Maybe if she had read and evaluated a few such books at school and had discussed them openly, she wouldn't have gone into shock at the book she read.

This is what education is all about, teaching the student to handle "life", not some Cinderella Syndrome where the handsome prince meets the poor virgin and they marry and live happily ever after. Recently I lectured at Acton, Milton and Georgetown High Schools. Believe me, the kids are great. The only thing that screws them up are stupid narrow chined adults, breathing down the necks of students and teachers.

William A. Johnson,  
R.R. 2, Rockwood

### Here and There in Brief

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10,000 quarts of strawberries a year in "rocky Nassagaweya". There are farms in Nassagaweya second to none in the province. For your information sir, there's some of the best land in Nassagaweya as lays out-of-doors."

Thanking the speaker, Bob McCuag is quick to assure him that development was needed for "those strawberry pickers from Nassagaweya who need town housing."

#### All nominated

#### Six eye two seats

Taking care of details, all local candidates for the July 8 federal election got their official nominations in to the election clerk early. Monday, June 17 at 3 p.m. was the deadline for each nominee to officially declare his intention to run for office and present the required deposit.

NDP Archie Brown was the first, going to the electoral office a full week early; PC Terry O'Connor came in the Thursday before; and Liberal Frank Philbrook became official on Sunday.

In Halton-Wentworth all three candidates, PC Bill Kemping, Liberal Eric Cunningham, and NDP Walter Mulkeiwich, presented themselves last Friday. No last-minute candidates emerged to run as independents.

### Obituary

## M. M. Robinson

Well known educator, journalist and sportsman, M. M. "Bobby" Robinson of Burlington died Thursday, June 6 following a brief illness. He was 86.

Mr. Robinson, a Burlington resident for over 50 years, had a Burlington high school named in his honor after he served on the Board of Education from 1940-1963 including the Burlington board before and after amalgamation in 1958 of the community and Nelson Township.

As well as his educational interests, Mr. Robinson worked for the Hamilton Spectator in 1908 and began his education duties in 1919 in the neighboring city before moving to Burlington.

His interests were not entirely sports and education and in 1932 he sought the East Hamilton seat for the Progressive Conservatives in the federal election. He also served as secretary-treasurer of the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association until his retirement from that organization in 1964. He was a charter member of the Burlington Rotary Club.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his wife, the former Maribel Hawkins, a daughter, Edna, who is a Halton Board of Education trustee and a former high school principal. A memorial service was held at Wellington Square United Church followed by a private family funeral.

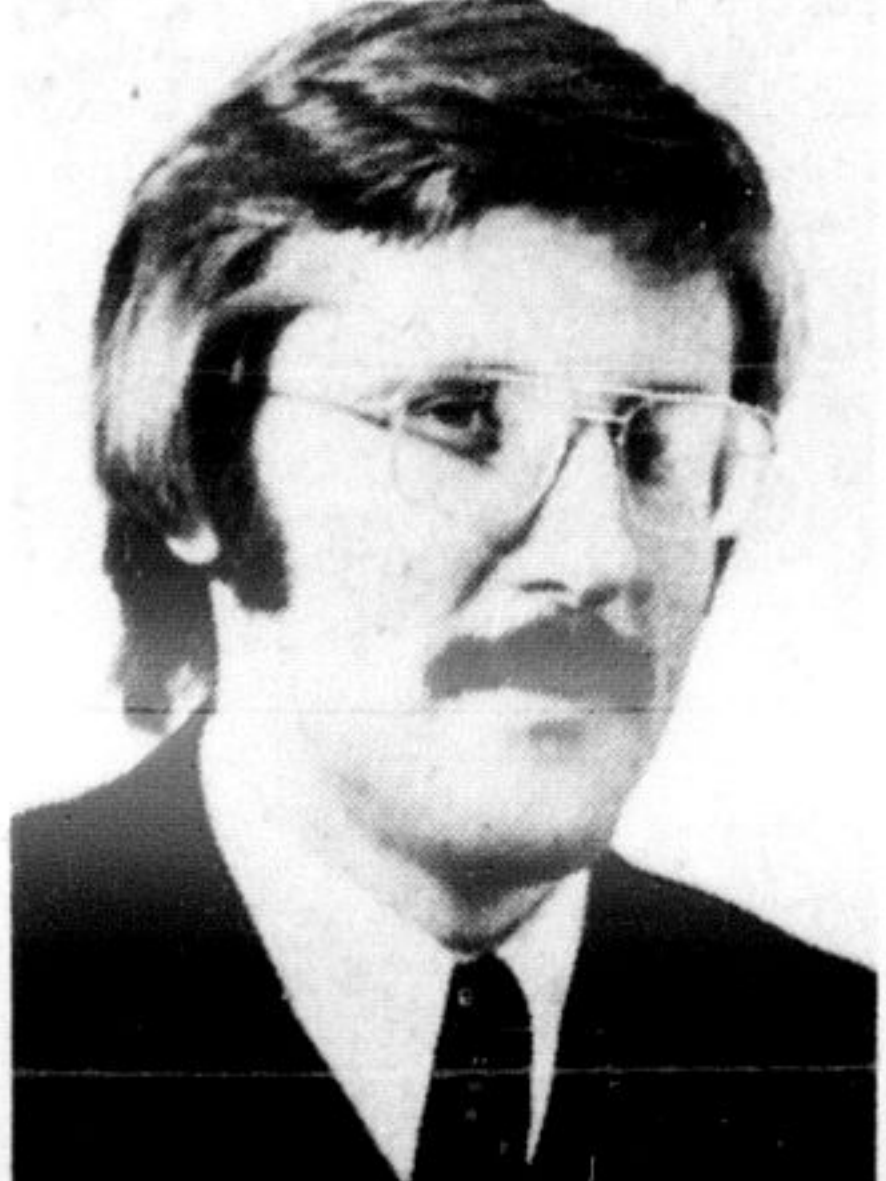
## Milton man awarded chemistry fellowship

David Pedwell, a chemistry teacher at Port Credit Secondary School, Mississauga, has been awarded a Shell Canada Merit Fellowship in Chemistry for study at McMaster University in Hamilton this summer.

Mr. Pedwell, who lives at 140 Lorne Scots Dr., Milton, is one of 20 Fellows chosen from high school science teachers throughout Canada to attend a four-week institute commencing July 1. He obtained his Honors B.Sc. in chemistry from the University of Windsor in 1968, his M.Sc. Chemistry from the University of Toronto in 1970 and his B.Ed. in Chemistry, Mathematics and Education at the University of Toronto in 1971. He joined the staff of Port Credit Secondary School the same year.

Pays all costs

The Shell Fellowships program, now in its fifth year, is designed to bring science teachers up-to-date on rapidly-expanding knowledge in the chemical field and its implications for high school teaching. Emphasis is placed



DAVID PEDWELL

on the interchange of ideas between teachers and university faculty.

Each Shell Fellowship provides payment of tuition fees, a stipend of \$300, travel allowance and accommodation on the campus. It also covers any required material for laboratory workshops. Shell's annual expenditure for the program is \$25,000.

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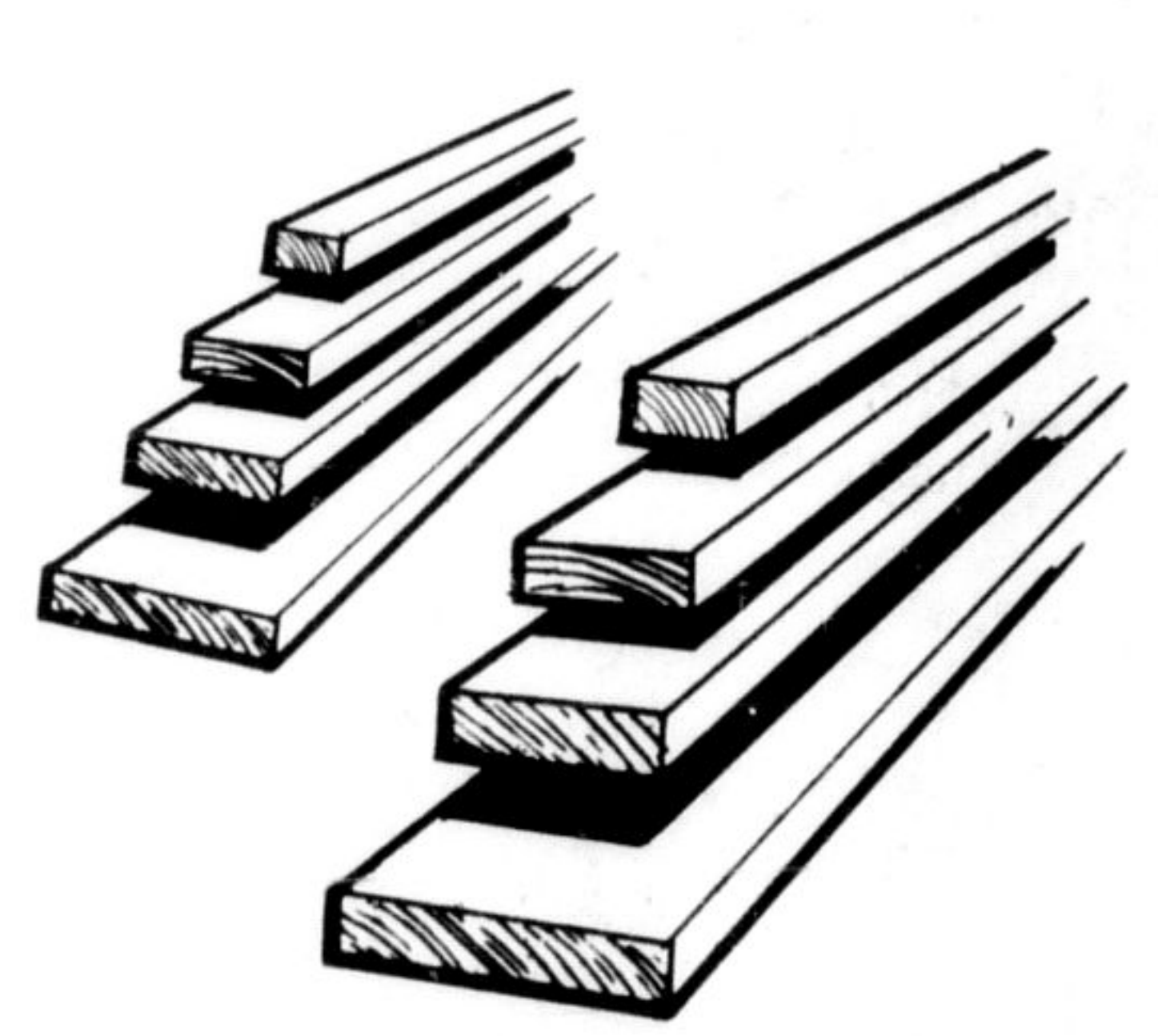
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