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FACESCRAPER move by Dave Kerr, 15, of 269 Ridge Drive in Milton takes quite a lot of skill. Skateboarding has become increasingly popular amongst youngsters and there are competitive events in the USA for highly proficient skateboarders.

Champion photo by Peter McCusker

Residents object to apartment towers

Residents in the George St. and Court St. area do not want to see two new apartment towers going up near their homes.

About 20 residents of the area went before Milton Council Monday night and said they are objecting to a rezoning that would allow the apartments on Ontario St. near George St.

The residents said they felt the development would deprive them of the privacy they now enjoy, add to further congestion on Ontario St., cause hazardous conditions for children in the area and depreciate the value of homes in the neighborhood.

Spokesman for the group, Barry Coe said the residents wanted the zoning designation to stay the same as it is, instead of increasing the den-

sity to permit apartment towers instead of semi-detached homes and townhouses.

"Young families have moved into the neighborhood and saved it from deteriorating. We are proud of our homes and work hard to maintain them. The decision you make will decide whether it is worthwhile or not. How would you like two apartment buildings in your back yard?" he asked.

Coe said the development would increase costs to the town through demands for sidewalks, fencing, berming and the provision of traffic lights and other demands that would be made.

Councillor Gord Krantz cautioned the people and suggested that even with the towers instead of townhouses or semis, the density wouldn't

necessarily be greater.

Planning Director Bob Zsadyani was ill and did not attend the meeting. Council was uncertain on a number of questions about what is and is not permitted under certain designations.

When the councillors weren't able to get answers to some of their questions, council agreed to defer the matter until a meeting of the Planning and Development Committee Sept. 20.

Impact study reversal

Site F protest group suffers setback

The Tremaine-Britannia Citizens' Group suffered a setback in the fight against the Site F landfill site Wednesday when Halton Regional Council reversed a decision it made three months ago to have the environmental impact of the dump studied under the Environmental Assessment Act said Arnie Zweig, assistant to David Estrin, the group's lawyer.

Following a recommendation by Regional Solicitor Mike Martin, council on a narrow 12-10 vote opted to rescind its earlier decision and apply for the impact study under the Environmental Protection Act.

Council's decision hurt the citizens' fight because the Environmental Protection Act is narrower in scope than the Assessment Act, said Mr. Zweig.

Council originally voted to apply under the Assessment Act after a plea by the citizens' group's lawyer David Estrin who said the site would receive a more thorough study under the Assessment Act which, until this time, had been applied only to provincial projects.

Mr. Estrin is currently out of the country and Mr. Zweig is representing the group in his absence.

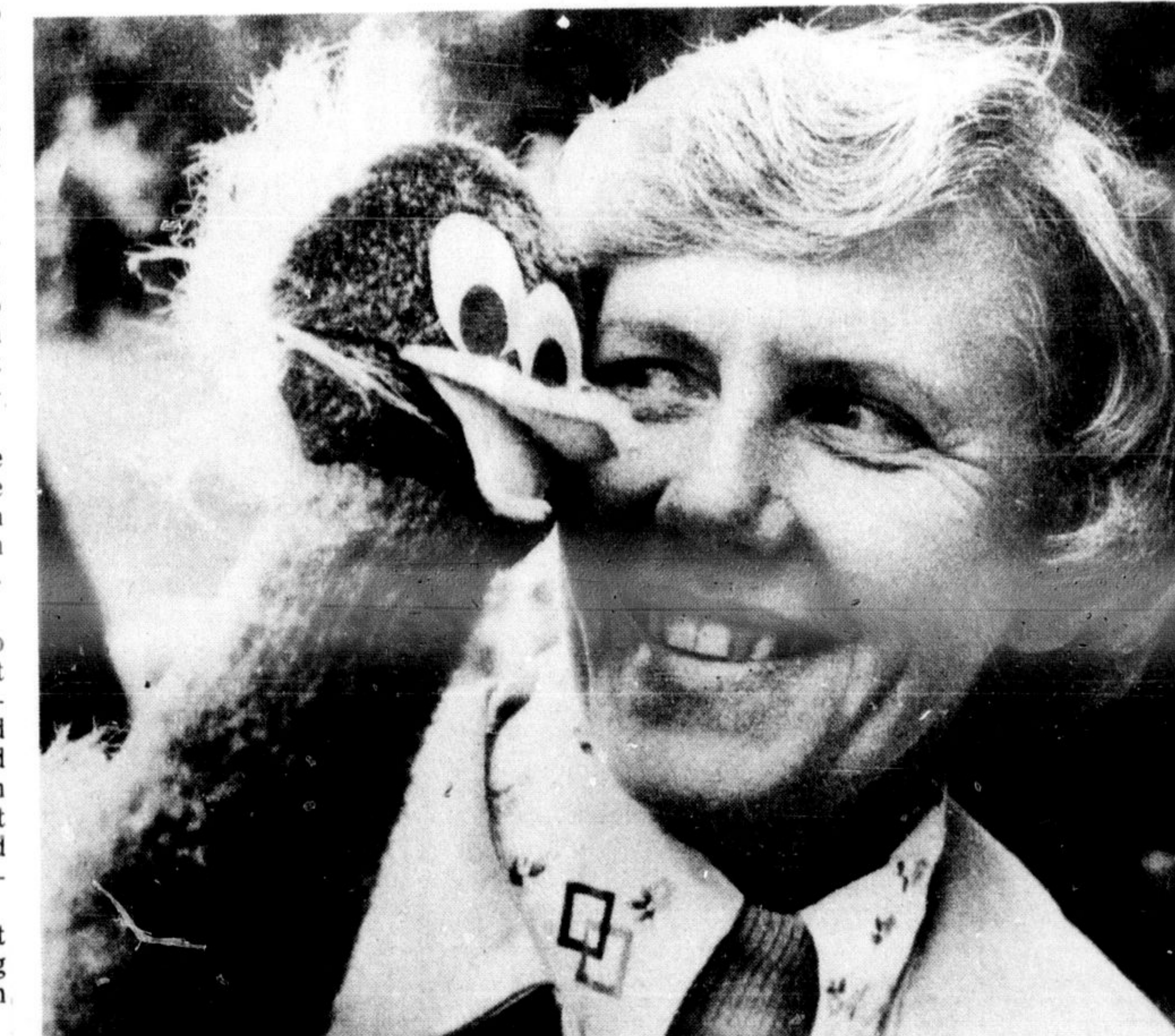
Under the Environmental Protection Act other possible landfill sites are examined, said Mr. Zweig but under the Assessment Act not only are other landfill sites considered

but also alternatives, such as resource recovery plants, are considered.

"It is also a setback to any future policy with respect to garbage," said Mr. Zweig. "Whenever anyone goes for a

landfill site over other methods it is a setback to society."

The region's decision could be over-ruled, Mr. Zweig indicated, by lobbying to the provincial government to have



PLENTY OF CUDDLY TOYS were available at the toy table staffed by Eileen Martin of 4323 Britannia Rd. The HAA volunteer was at loggerheads with this purple ostrich that just stood out among the other toys.

Problem in Milton area

Parents protest bussing

By Bob Burt
Parents living in the Milton Estates development to the south and east of Milton Mall are angry and upset because their children are having to walk as far as 1.4 miles to attend J.M. Denyes School.

When school started last week, bus service for all of the students in that area was provided. But when an overcrowding situation was reported by the bus line to the school board, a decision was made to provide bussing for kindergarten and grade one students only.

Ministry guidelines indicate that children seven and under have to be bussed if the distance is more than a mile and children up to 10 years old have to be bussed distances of over two miles.

The board is within the ministry guideline by providing transportation to only the two lowest grades, but what upsets the parents is that a 72-passenger-bus makes the direct run to the school with only 29 children aboard. Seventeen of those children are in kindergarten and return by bus at noon and the 14 grade ones who are allowed to ride return on the bus at 4 p.m.

Parents claim the trip takes youngsters 40 minutes to walk and to allow time for the walk, children have to leave home before 8 a.m. and don't return back home until close to 5 p.m.

According to some parents who had attended a meeting at the recreation centre in the complex Sunday night, many parents were prepared to keep their children out of school.

Spokesman for the group, Reg Griffin said he wanted the children to get to school. He and about 15 other parents walked the 1.4 miles with about 45 children Monday.

The parents took their children to the bus stop Monday morning, even though they received notice Friday that bussing wouldn't be provided for grade two and up. On Monday the bus driver refused to accept any more than the 29 children. "I have my orders and I have to follow them," she told angry parents.

Later that day Mr. Griffin was in touch with board officials and trustee Bill Lawson and managed to have grades two and three and possibly

some grade fours ride the bus Tuesday.

Lawson explained the measure was a temporary one and that meetings were going on to try to find a solution to the problem.

The parents had agreed that the youngest children should ride the bus and they asked that children be allowed on the bus on progressive grades—starting from the youngest to the oldest.

Parents were also upset about poorly marked pedestrian guards, and the lack of a safety guard at Ontario St. and Childs Dr. A regional police officer helped some of the children across the street Monday and town council agreed Monday to provide a guard for two months until traffic signals are installed.

Several of the parents told The Champion that real estate sales representatives had told them that a school would be built to the rear of Milton Mall near Satok Cr.—but instead of a school, more houses were built.

Mrs. Ruth Hiscox, one of the parents involved, said she had gone to the Milton Planning Department to talk to officials about the location of the school prior to buying and was advised that a school would be built there.

Trustee Bill Lawson said there had been a plan to build a school near Satok Cr. but the board later decided to go with Robert Baldwin School and a new one to be built near

the future extension of Laurier Ave. east of Ontario St. Another school is planned near the new arena on Laurier, west of Ontario St.

"I didn't take the salesman's word for it, I went to the town," she said.

Susan Todorowski said the whole beef was that residents

were paying for the bus, it was running more than half empty and the students were walking.

The parents will meet with

trustee Lawson tonight at 8 p.m. at the recreation centre in the development. They will discuss the bussing and other related problems.



STUDENTS were left standing on the street corner when this school bus refused to take students in grade two or higher Monday morning. Students from the Milton Estates area are protesting a decision of the school board to carry only kindergarten and grade one pupils.

Burlington joins Oakville

Ward boundaries shuffled

areas will be known as Ward One.

Urban Milton remains as Ward Two.

Councillor Russ Powadiuk, one of the proponents of the change and currently a Ward Three councillor, explained the number of eligible voters would be evened out between Wards One and Three if the change is made now, and would become effective for the 1978 election. Ward One Councillor Rick Day said the Oakville and Burlington areas have common in-

terests, while Burlington has little in common with the Nassagaweya area.

Each of the new wards will have about 3,200 eligible voters.

Discussion on the proposal grew hot and heavy and involved a procedural wrangle. Most of the urban councillors balked at the change, but the rural members supported it.

Voting in favor of the change were Councillors Day, Emmerson, McCready, Powadiuk, Jim Watson, Brad Clements and Brian gpen-

man.

At one point a motion from Councillor Jim Kerr, tabling the subject, was passed on a 6-4 vote. But Councillor Watson re-introduced the subject a few minutes later, claiming the change should be made by mid-October to become effective for the next election.

On its second time around, the motion was approved, again by a 6-4 vote.

Councillor Powadiuk said if there are to be any changes made in the urban ward, they can be added later.

The by-law is premature, claimed Councillor Rose Harrison. The public should have some input, she suggested. Council's clerk Campbell Thompson said it would be easier to incorporate all the changes when the by-law goes to the Ontario Municipal Board for hearing, than to do it piecemeal.

What's the rationale, wondered Councillor Gord Krantz. He didn't think the ward boundaries set four

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BACK TO SCHOOL

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LEGAL AID, 10th ANNIVERSARY

Staff feature writer Olga Darcovich explores the world of legal aid, in a special article on Pg. C1.

FRONT YARDS WIN CERTIFICATES

Eight Milton homeowners earned certificate of merit awards from the Horticultural Society, for the appearance of their homes, front yards and gardens. See Pgs. 2, C3.

SPORTS THIS WEEK

Tom Martin of Milton is heading for Sweden to play and coach a hockey team. Pgs. B1 to B5.

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