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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 Champion photo by Peter McCusker highly proficient skateboarders.

Residents object to apartment towers

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

area went before Milton and saved it from deteriorat-Council Monday night and ing. We are proud of our said they are objecting to a homes and work hard to rezoning that would allow the maintain them. The decision apartments on Ontario St. you make will decide whether near George St.

the development would de- buildings in your back yard?' prive them of the privacy he asked. they now enjoy, add to further crowding in the schools and further congestion on Ontario town through demands for St., cause hazardous condi- sidewalks, fencing, berming tions for children in the area homes in the neighborhood. would be made.

instead of increasing the den- or semis, the density wouldn't

About 20 residents of the moved into the neighborhood it is worthwhile or not. How The residents said they felt would you like two apartment

Coe said the development would increase costs to the and the provision of traffic and depreciate the value of lights and other demands that

Spokesman for the group, Councillor Gord Krantz Barry Coe said the residents cautioned the people and sugwanted the zoning designa- gested that even with the tion to stay the same as it is, towers instead of townhouses

Planning Director Bob Zsadanyi was ill and did not attend the meeting. Council was uncertain on a number of "Young families have questions about what is and is

> 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 Com-

mittee Sept. 20.

By Rod Jerred

setback in the fight against

the Site F landfill site Wed-

nesday when Halton Regional

Council reversed a decision it

made three months ago to

have the environmental

impact of the dump studied

under the Enviornmental

Assessment Act said Arnie

Zweig, assistant to David

Estrin, the group's lawyer.

tion 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 Environ-

Council's decision hurt the

citizens' fight because the

Environmental Protection

Act is narrower in scope than

the Assessment Act, said Mr.

Council originally voted to

apply under the Assessment

Act after a plea by the citi-

zens' 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 provin-

Mr. Estrin is currently out

of the country and Mr. Zweig

is representing the group in

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

cial projects.

his absence.

mental Protection Act.

Following a recomminda-

necessarily be greater.

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 not permitted under certain

two and three and possibly Burlington and Oakville areas have common

Parents protest bussing

Problem in Miltowne area

Parents living in the Mil-Lawson explained the meatowne Estates development sure was a temporary one to the south and east of Milton and that meetings were going ier, west of Ontario St. Mall are angry and upset beon to try to find a solution to cause their children are hav-

By Bob Burtt

to attend J.M. Denyes School.

the students in that area was

provided. But when an over-

crowding situation was re-

made to provide bussing for

kindergarten and grade one

Ministry guidelines indi-

cate that children seven and

under have to be bussed if the

tances of over two miles.

ministry guideline by provid-

kindergarten and return by

return on the bus at 4 p.m.

leave home before 8 a.m. and

don't return back home until

According to some parents

who had attended a meeting

at the recreation centre in the

complex Sunday night, many

parents were prepared to

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

The parents took their

about 45 children Monday.

keep their children out

close to 5 p.m.

students only.

When school started last

ing to walk as far as 1.4 miles the problem. The parents had agreed that the youngest children week, bus service for all of should ride the bus and they asked that children be allowed on the bus on progressive grades—starting from the youngest to the oldported by the bus line to the school board, a decision was

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 distance is more than a mile Monday and town council and children up to 10 years old have to be bussed dis- agreed Monday to provide a guard for two months until traffic signals are installed. The board is within the

Several of the parents told The Champion that real ing transportation to only the estate sales representatives two lowest grades, but what had told them that a school upsets the parents is that a 72would be built to the rear of passenger-bus makes the dir-Milton Mall near Satok Cr.ect run to the school with only 29 children aboard. Seventeen but instead of a school, more

Mrs. Ruth Hiscox, one of bus at noon and the 14 grade the parents involved, said she ones who are allowed to ride had gone to the Milton Planning Department to talk to officials about the location of Parents claim the trip the school prior to buying and was advised that a school would be built there. the walk, children have to

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

some grade fours ride the bus the future extension of Laurier Ave. east of Ontario St. Another school is planned near the new arena on Laur

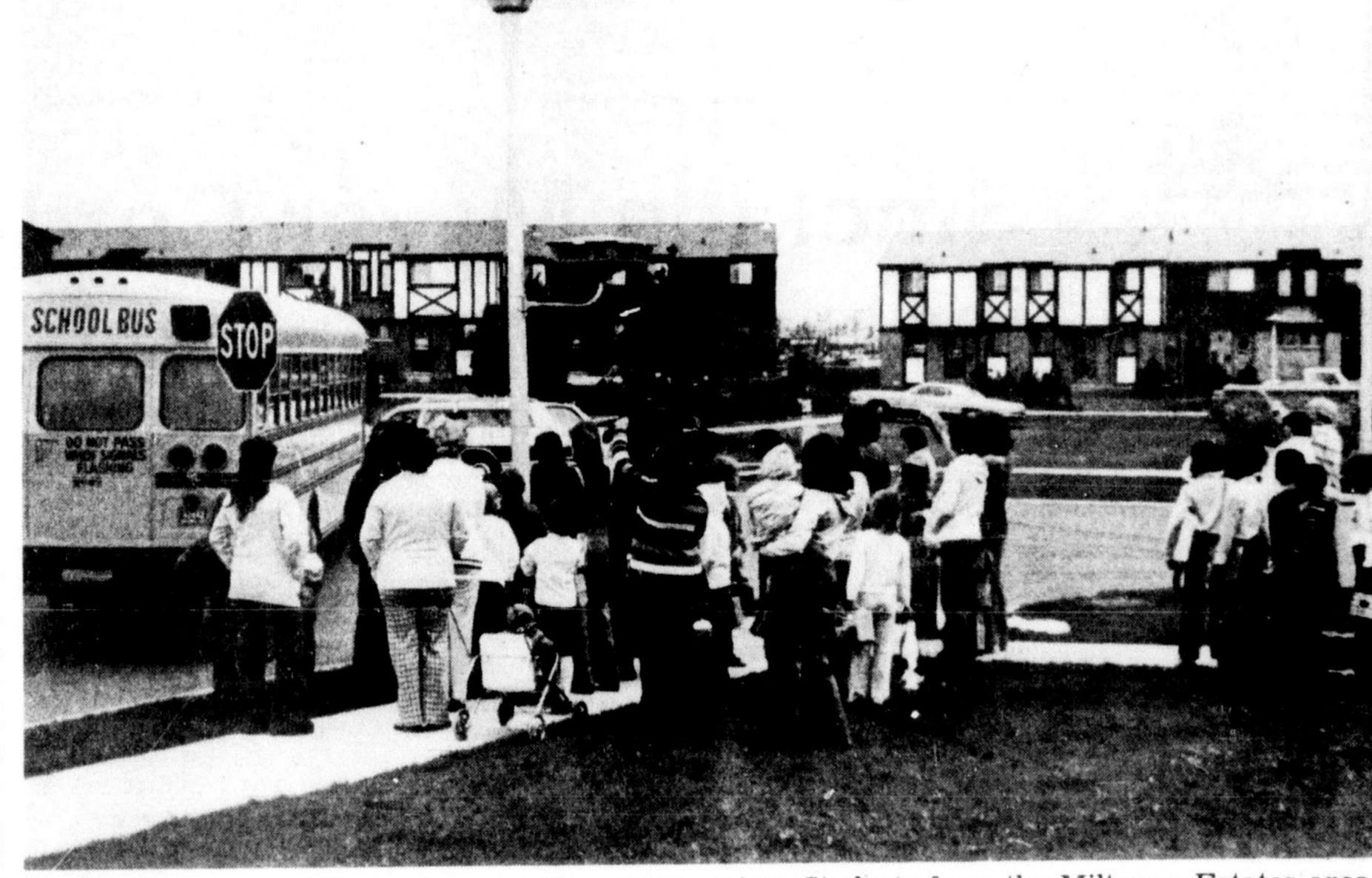
the town," she said.

Susan Todorowski said the whole beef was that residents

walking.

The parents will meet with related problems.

"I didn't take the sales- were paying for the bus, it trustee Lawson tonight at 8 man's word for it, I went to was running more than half p.m. at the recreation centre empty and the students were in the development. They will discuss the bussing and other



STUDENTS were left standing on the street corner when this school bus refused to take students in grade two or higher Monday mor-

ning. Students from the Miltowne Estates area are protesting a decision of the school board to carry only kindergarten and grade one pupils.

Burlington joins Oakville

Ward boundaries shuffled

children to the bus stop Monaffecting Milton's two rural day morning, even though wards were approved Council on a 6-4 recorded vote at a meeting of council Tuesday evening of last week.

The change pulls the forthan the 29 children. "I have mer North Burlington area my orders and I have to out of Ward Three (which was follow them," she told angry Burtington and Nassagaweya Wards One and Three if the balked at the change, but the Later that day Mr. Griffin former North Oakville area, would become effective for was in touch with board offi- reducing the size of Ward the 1978 election. Ward One cials and trustee Bill Lawson Three and increasing Ward Councillor Rick Day said the and managed to have grades One. In future the former Oakville and Burlington

areas will be known as Ward terests, while Burlington has man. Urban Milton remains as Nassagaweya area.

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 areas) and lumps it with the change is made now, and

little in common with the

Each of the new wards will have about 3,200 eligible Discussion on the proposal

grew hot and heavy and involved a procedural wrangle. Most of the urban councillors rural members supported it. Voting in favor of the change were Councillors Day,

McCready, Powadiuk, Jim Watson, Brad Clements and Brian gpen-

At one point a motion nrom

Councillor Jim Kerr, tabling the subdect, 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 Counnillor Rose Harrison. The public should have some input, she sugg-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 haring,

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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Impact study reversal

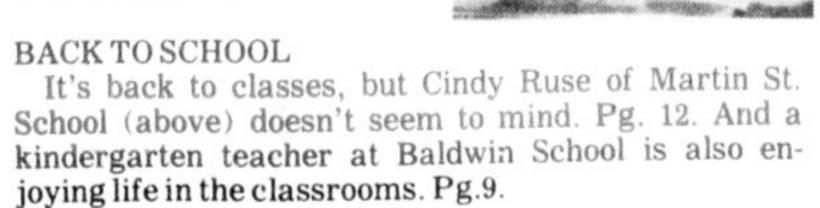
Site F protest group suffers setback

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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.

MUNICIPAL COVERAGE Milton Council, Pgs. 2, 3; Regional Council, 6, 7; Board of Education, 12, 13.

but also alternatives, such as landfill site over other the impact study put under resource recovery plants, are Tremaine-Britannia considered. Citizens' Group suffered a

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

methods it is a setback to soc- the Assessment Act.

"The Assessment Act was The region's decision could brought in four years (1975) be over-ruled, Mr. Zweig indi- after the Protection Act, cated, by lobbying to the pro-said Mr. Zweig. "In a lot of vincial government to have ways the protection act is



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

redundant."

Mr. Zweig said that Mr. Martin gave the idea that councillors could choose from either act. Mr. Zweig felt this was misleading the councillors, because in reality the being hauled to a finished Protection Act was being phased out.

He pointed out although they are two different acts, both are handled by the same hearing board. The young lawyer was not

the only person who felt the regional councillors were being misled.

solicitor cited costly delays as the reasoning for recommending the change.

Mr. Martin pointed out that Halton would be the first municipality to apply for an impact study of a landfill site under the Environmental felt would cause further

sment Act could amount to nine to 13 months, with additional costs of \$22,000 per month.

Mr. Martin said he was making his recommendation because he felt council was unaware of the additional time and costs which would occur under the Assessment Act when they made their original decision.

Burlington Mayor Mary Munro said the solicitor's added costs of \$22,000 should be disregarded, since most of the cost-\$18,500-was for

'hauling garbage from northern areas first to Burlington and then to Oakville sites.

She said the hauling costs would be substantially the same if the garbage was dump on Site F. Others questioned the

reliability of Mr. Martin's figures and Oakville Councillor Laurie Mannell wondered if since the region acts. would be the first to apply under the Assessment Act, how the solicitor knew it difference. would take longer.

since no landfill sites have been studied under the Assessment Act, there is more potential for a concentrated opposition such as the Tremaine-Britannia group to

What Martin neglected to present council with, said Mr. Zweig, was a time-length comparison between the two Mr. Zweig estimated this

Mr. Zweig agreed later that

a study under the Assessment

Act would take longer than

under the Protection Act, be-

cause it requires more

studies. .. but not because it

take advantage of.

is a new body.

"You are trying to scare In his report the regional Mr. Martin replied that the hell out of us," accused

could only be a six month

Oakville Councillor Gordon Reade. "The Costs will be considerably less than what you show here."

Burlington Councillor Ben (Continued on Page 14)

Assessment Act—which he felt would cause further Arena on schedule He said the time delay for the Environmental Assest despite poor soil, rain Although the Milton area had are the poor soil condi-

has been experiencing rain tions on the east side of the almost every three days for arena," he admitted. "We've the past four weeks, the had to dig deeper and put in unusual weather hasn't really more concrete block, but delayed construction of the Milton Community Sports Centre on Laurier Ave. "We've had to pump out a lot of water," said Whitney week. Construction's Supervisor Jim Brown. "But to say it has

on schedule."

arena should be coming this delayed construction is diffi-

"The concrete block walls cannot be built until we have

we're almost finished the

The steel for the walls of the

foundation block now."

the steel up," Brown said. "Despite the rain and the

cult, because the job is going poor soil, the job isn't really going too badly," he said. "The only problems we've