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Affordable housing draws people west



JUST LIKE HOME, 15-year-old Mike Lalonde of 547 Beaver Ct. and his nine-year-old sister Pam take pop bottles to the store for candy. From Carleton Place, the pair arrived recently with their parents.

A house in a small town at an affordable price, on transportation routes close to employment, are reasons why people are buying homes in Timberlea—Milton's fastest-growing subdivision.

Jim Ford, formerly of Mississauga, lives in a new house at 527 Beaver Ct.

He works in Hamilton and his wife is employed

as well.

"I wanted to get away from the crowds," he said as he lay on the grass in his back yard. While soaking up the sun and eating a watermelon, he said he and his wife saved their money in order to be able to move into a small town.

"It's handy here," he said of the road system connecting Milton to Tor-

onto, Hamilton and Mississauga.

He said he is glad he came and looks forward to hiking through the conservation areas that lie close by.

Darla Smith of 539 Beaver Ct. is also a newcomer.

She, her husband and child moved into their new house the Friday of the Dominion Day weekend.

They had bought in October.

"My husband works in the west end of Toronto, so the location is convenient," she said. They had lived in Rexdale.

She said her son has developed a young chum next door.

"But I don't know too many people yet."

Timberlea is a subdivision of children.

Mike Lalonde, 15 of 547 Beaver Ct. and his sister Pam, 9, come from Carleton Place, west of Ottawa.

Mike said he likes the

place but hasn't found too many friends yet.

He won't have long to wait.

As of June 12, 666 building permits had been issued by Milton's building department and 20 were being processed.

Of these 666 homes, 217 were occupied.

Building inspector Ray Weido said development is progressing quickly.

Council has given the go-ahead to the servicing of Phase Two. This will eventually mean 561 housing units.

Phase One of the subdivision agreement between the town and Victoria Wood and its partners, is mostly those streets south of Laurier Ave. from Ontario St. in the west, to Thompson Rd. in the east. It also includes development to the north, especially at the western end.

New streets in Phase One off Laurier are Macted Cres., Syer Dr., White Dr., Marcellus Ave., Conway Ct.,

Middleton Cres., McColl Ct., Holly Ave., Moorelands Cres., Beaver Ct. and Gowland Cres.

Phase One consists of singles and semi-detached housing.

Phase Two consists of single, semis and link housing. It will extend Childs Dr. in the north with a connection south to Laurier Ave. via Cox Blvd.

The streets which will be serviced in this phase, are the Childs Dr. extension, Cox Blvd., Coulson Ave., Merritt Dr., Anderson Ave., Morley Ave., Pearen Ave., Randall Cres., Clements Dr. and Robertson Cres.

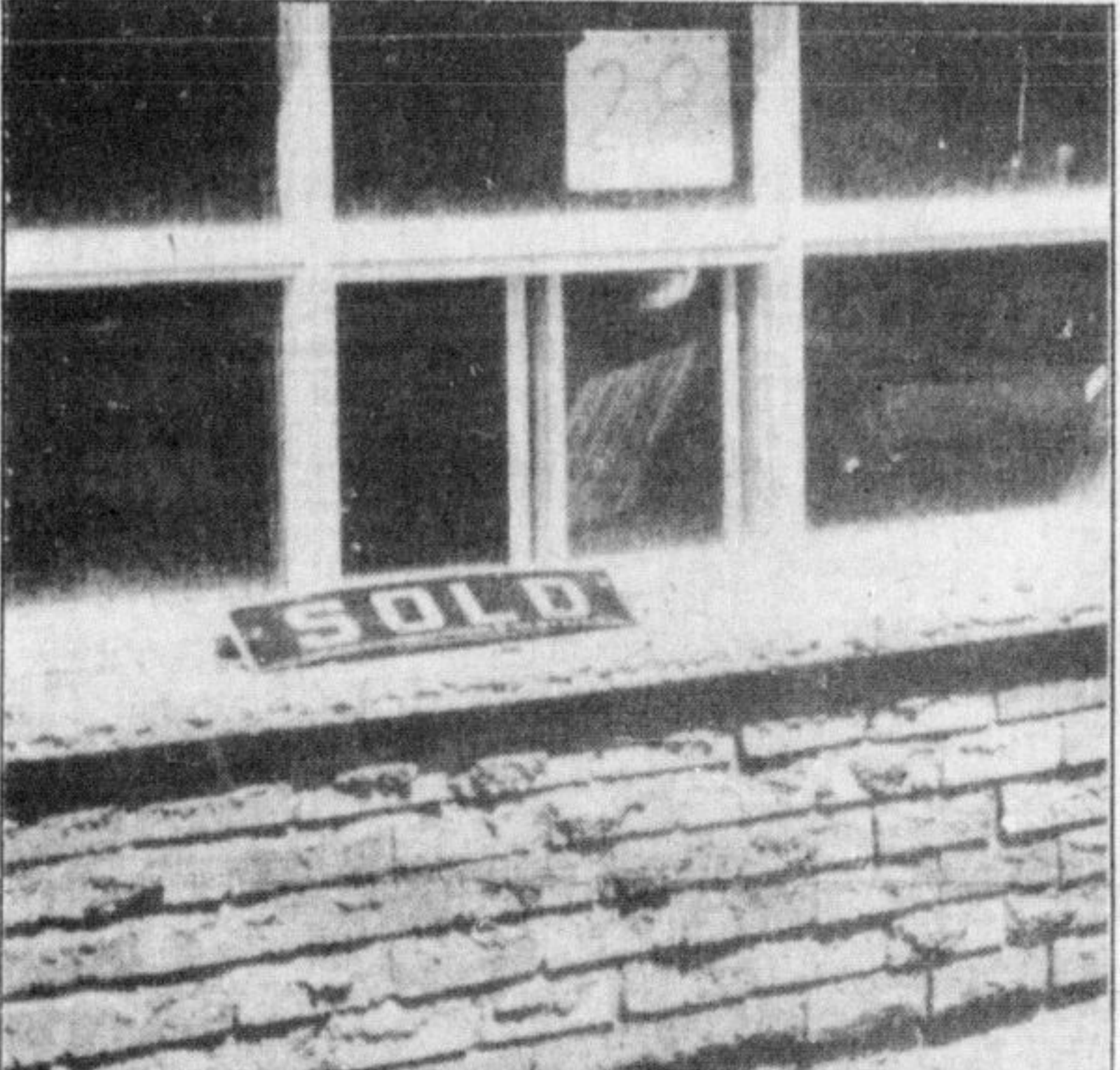
Mr. Weido said it's an advantage servicing in the summer as it avoids the problems associated with winter construction.

He said mail and garbage services have started in Timberlea and there is maintenance agreement between the town and the developers to keep dust and debris to a minimum.

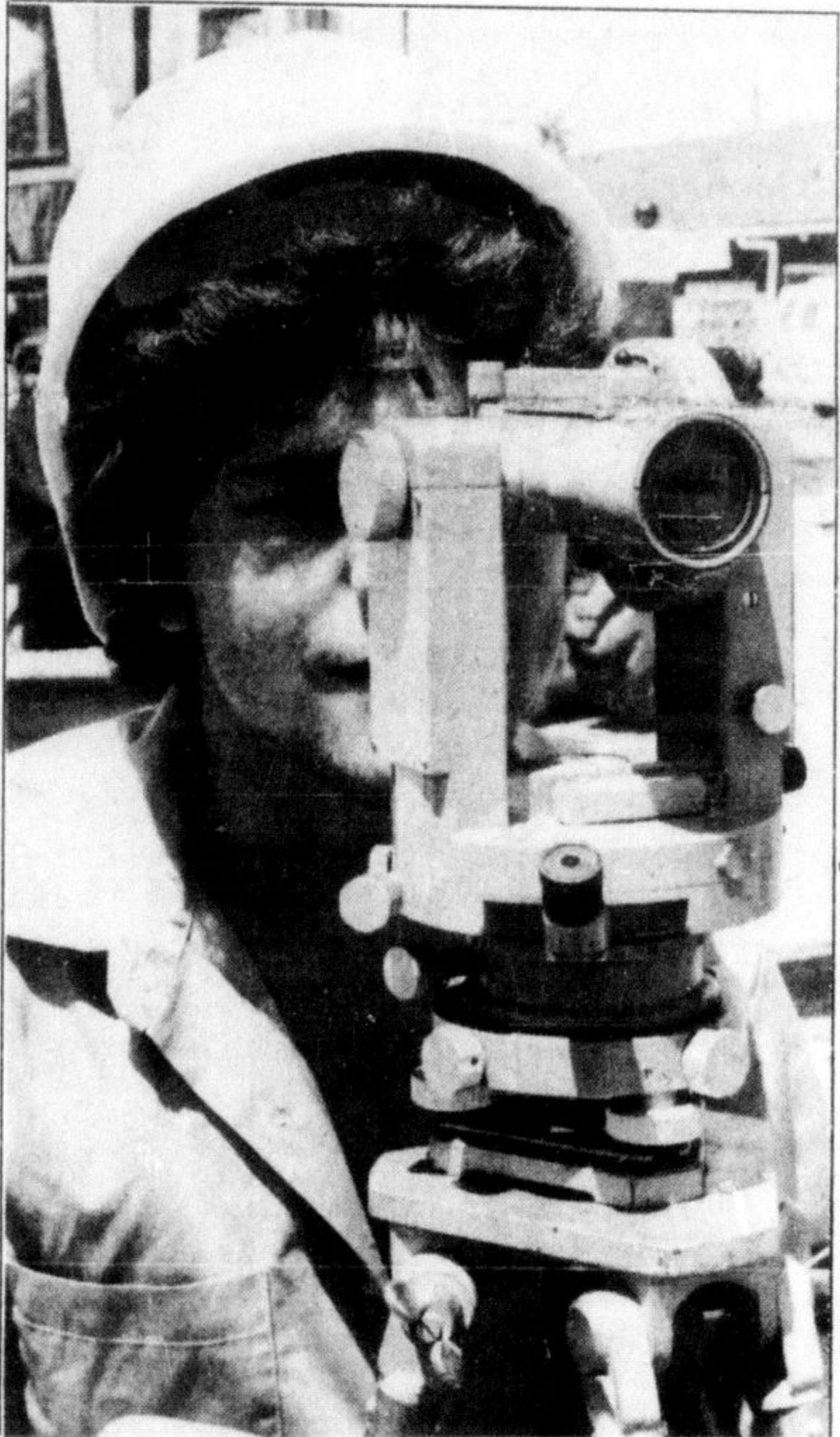
Although all the residents of Timberlea are new to Milton, their street names are old. All the roads except Laurier Ave. are named after prominent old Milton families.



WITHIN A WEEKEND of moving into her new home, Darla Smith of 539 Beaver Ct. hanging out the washing in her backyard. She and her family came to Timberlea from Rexdale.



SOLD. The sign of the times in Timberlea is a sign saying the house has been sold. As of June 12, Milton had issued 666 building and 217 occupancy permits.

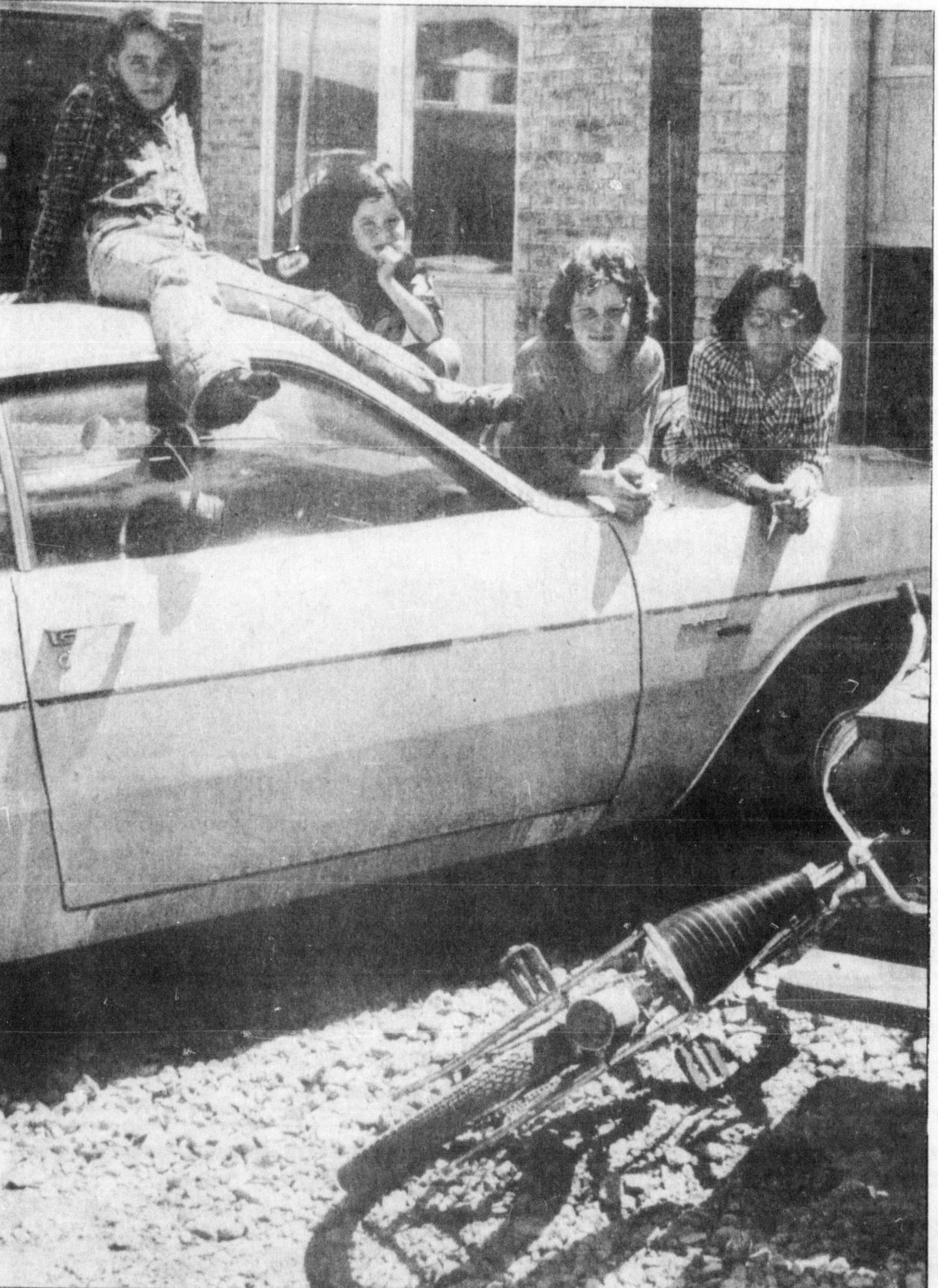


GETTING A SIGHTING is Frank D'Andreis of Mississauga. He is one member of a construction crew building a new intersection leading to Timberlea.



GETTING HER MAIL is Cathy Parkinson of 538 Conway Ct. She and dozens of other newcomers to Timberlea pick their mail up at a central row of mail boxes on Laurier Ave.

Story, photos by Rod Lamb



YOUNG FAMILIES are among the people snapping up homes in Timberlea. Lying on top of the family car at 403 Gowland Cres. are Ricky Patten (second left) 7, his 12-year-old brother Mike (next to him) and

cousins Toni (left) and Terry Chenier of Bramalea. Like many homes in the development, the driveway has not been paved nor lawn sodded.



PARKED CARS, construction equipment, rows of houses, a real estate office and an outdoor toilet are characteristics of Timberlea, Milton's fastest-growing subdivision. With building permits issued for almost all of the 692 housing units in Phase One of

Timberlea, servicing of Phase Two has started. The multi-million dollar development will eventually house approximately 4,000 people.