

# Council Traffic hazard

A Laurier Ave. resident has asked the town to find a way to make it safer for pedestrians to cross Ontario St. at Laurier Ave.

Acting Public Works Director Roy Main will look into a suggestion by Mrs. M. Sutcliffe, 411 Laurier Ave. that there be "a significant sign adjacent to the traffic lights on each side of Ontario St. drawing driver attention to the fact that the pedestrian has the right of way when crossing on the appropriate pedestrian signal."

Although there is a lighted advance sign notifying pedestrians when they can cross, Mrs. Sutcliffe said the sign is not illuminated long enough and some drivers are ignoring it.

"The problem is that drivers turning onto Ontario St., those turning north in particular, do not allow pedestrians enough time to cross on the pedestrian light."

"Ignorance of the pedestrian walk light or outright impatience on the driver's part has many a walker scrambling for safety."

"These drivers in question seldom reduce their speed but proceed right through as the pedestrian has passed the centre island and is attempting to complete the crossing," she said.

Mrs. Sutcliffe said a remedy is needed, particularly with the new plaza containing a Dominion store expected to open in the spring.

## Members named

Two Milton residents have been officially inducted as members of the Halton Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee (EEAC).

David Payne, 433 Beaver Ct. and John Hall, of the Halton Region Conservation Authority, join the 20-member, all-volunteer committee which reports directly to Halton Regional Council on issues and developments which may cause environmental or ecological damage.

## Rebates coming

Some residents in the former Burlington and Oakville areas will be receiving tax rebate cheques from the Town of Milton.

Director of Finance Don Lougheed says refunds of taxes to those people adversely affected by the institution of Section 86, (equalized assessment) during 1980 have now been put in the mail. The total being returned is \$25,895.

## Developer sorry

A Milton development firm has apologized for the appearance of land it controls and promises to fix things up "as the weather permits."

Ricenbergh Developments Limited, with offices in Toronto, owns a block of land on Ontario St. near Derry Rd.

Councillors had criticized the firm for letting its lands "fill up with junk" and a letter of protest was sent Dec. 19.

The firm is hoping to build a shopping plaza on the lands and it is thought such a plaza may include an A&P supermarket.

## Clarridge retires

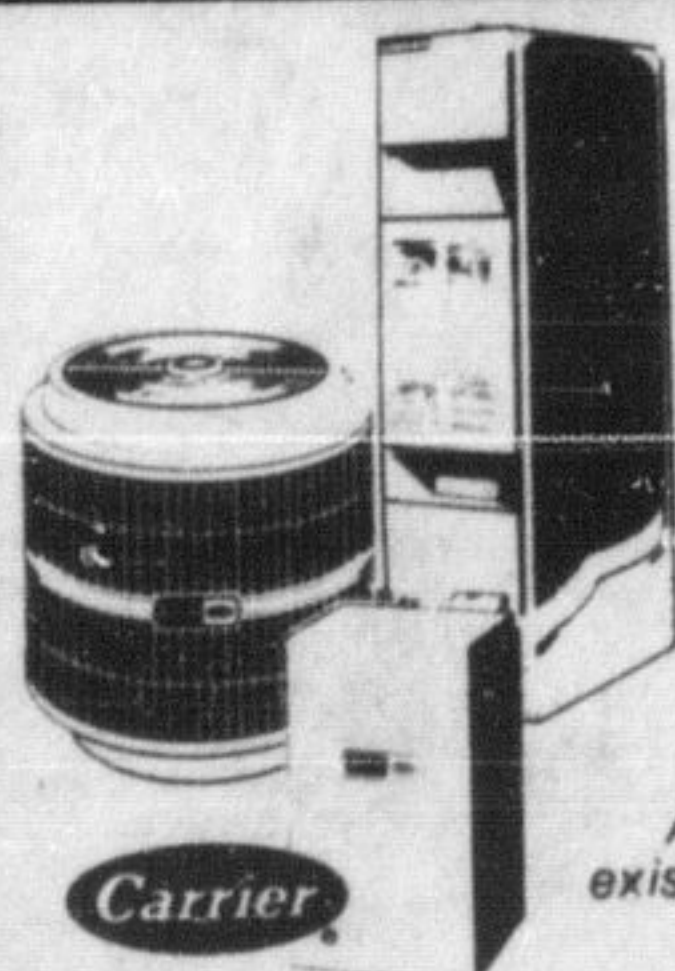
Ivan Clarridge has retired from his post as a lieutenant with the Milton Fire Department.

Lt. Clarridge joined the fire department Feb. 20, 1942. During his long career he held a number of posts with various organizations such as the Halton County Mutual Aid Association and the Fire Fighters Association of Ontario. He was elected president of the Fire Fighters Association of Ontario in 1957.

He officially retired from the department Jan. 12 but has offered to continue as the department's secretary until a replacement can be found.

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## Winter warmer

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## Chief says 'stay put'...

(Continued from Page 1) telephone the fire department to let the firefighters know where you are located — the dispatcher is in touch with the trucks by radio.

The fire department has smoke fans which will quickly remove the smoke from a building.

Chief Coulson said the department does its best, at the time of construction, to make sure all public buildings are fire-safe. As each apartment unit is a self-contained unit, it must be closed off from the next unit and that is thoroughly checked at the time of construction.

However if people poke holes in walls later, there isn't much the fire department can do to control it. This effectively ruins all the safety factors built into the unit, as it creates an opening for a fire to spread into the adjoining unit.

"We will be starting our annual inspection of local apartment buildings in the near future," Chief Coulson said, "and we will be making some recommendations, based on these recent fires, to help improve the fire safety in the buildings."

"We also plan to monitor the results of any inquiries or requests, so we can notify local residents of any new developments," he added.

## Force honors former head

Fellow policemen paid their final respects Tuesday morning at the funeral of Constable Al Ruelens, a former president of the Halton Police Association.

Constable Ruelens died Saturday following a battle with cancer.

The 56-year-old policeman had served on police forces for 36 years.

He joined the Toronto police department in 1941 and with the exception of the two years he served with the Royal Canadian Navy during the second world war, he served that force for over 10 years.

He transferred to the Oakville police department in 1955 and became a member of the Halton force when regionalization took place in 1974. Constable Ruelens was better known for his outspoken views on the issue of police morale during his three years as president of the Halton Police Association.

While president, a 70-page report compiled by the Association was released, dealing with a wide range of difficulties expressed by members of the force.

He was appointed to the Halton Health Council in 1977 and was well known throughout Ontario for his work with Alcoholics Anonymous.

An Oakville resident, he is survived by his wife, Doreen and three sons.

A funeral was held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Maplegrove United Church with burial in St. Jude's Cemetery.

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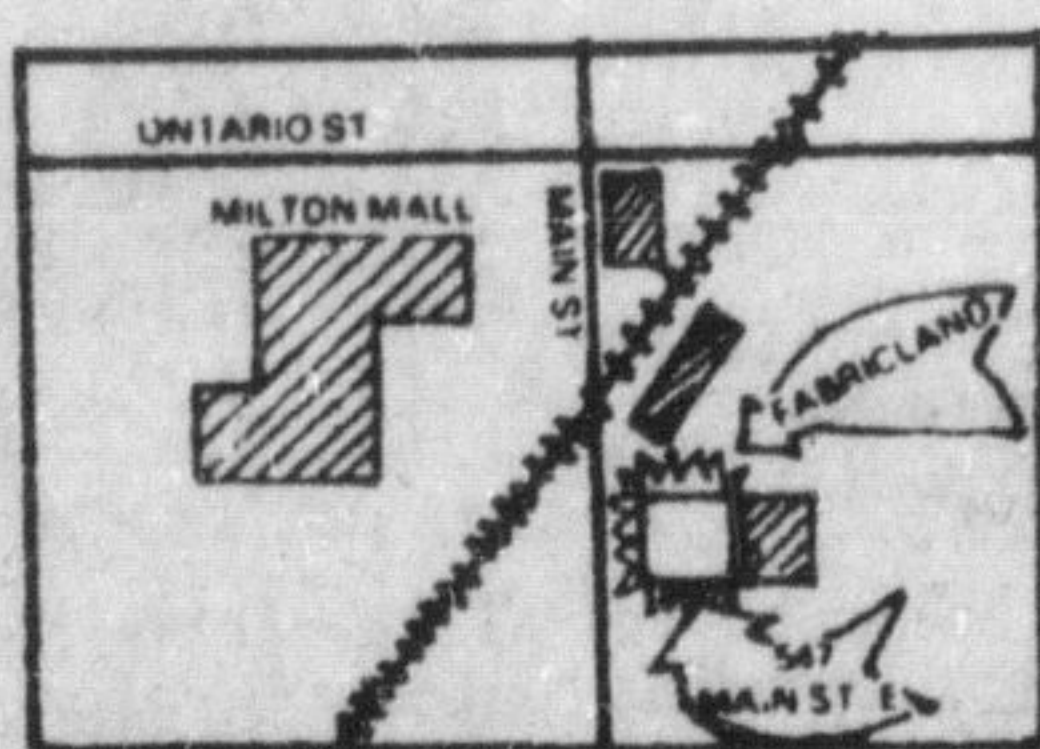
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