



## Merit award Makes him tops

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Machinists have few opportunities to win awards, but such an accomplishment is possible for these skilled tradesmen.

Henry Brinke, an employee at Milton Machine Shop, recently showed that by earning the outstanding achievement award in the advanced apprenticeship course at Sheridan College, Brampton campus.

The 23-year-old completed the final of three eight-week sessions at the college this spring, earning top marks in his class.

Mike Jackman, industrial training consultant with the ministry of colleges and universities, was at the local machine shop to present the special plaque Dec. 1.

Mr. Jackman said the award, reserved for those in the advanced level,

is given to the student who not only has a good academic standing but exhibits the best attitude and aptitude.

Mr. Brinke admits receiving the award made him feel good. He clocked his required 8,000 hours at Milton Machine Shop during the past four years and is now a licensed general machinist.

"It's a job and I try to do the best I can. It takes a long time, but it is worth it," he said after receiving the plaque in a surprise presentation.

"It's a goal that I've achieved," he added.

A resident of Milton for 10 years, Mr. Brinke attended Milton District High School. He decided on his career while still in high school and after graduation worked for about eight months at a machine shop in Oakville before joining the staff of Milton Machine Shop.

A good attitude, aptitude and academic standing in the advanced level of the general machinist apprenticeship program earned Henry Brinke an outstanding achievement award. Mike Jackman, industrial training consultant for the Ministry of Colleges and Universities presented the plaque to Mr. Brinke recently giving him a surprise break from his regular duties at Milton Machine Shop.

## Residents oppose quarry freeze

BY STEVE ARNOLD  
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A small group of north Halton residents, concerned about their property rights in the face of land demands by the aggregate industry, have formed themselves into a lobby group.

Operating under the name Halton's Escarpment Heritage, the residents are now studying the many routes they hope to use to protest against a proposed amendment to Halton Region's official plan.

"We are not at this moment fighting the Halton Aggregate Producer's Group, but we are very much opposed to the sloppy proposals and policies of the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding this matter,"

said Cyril Jenkins, chairman of the new association.

Mr. Jenkins said the group currently does not have an alternative to offer to the proposals of Halton's planning department, "but that will depend largely on what happens in the near future."

The residents of north Milton and south Halton Hills are concerned about a proposed amendment to the Regional official plan that would freeze up to 14,000 acres of land in their area for the exclusive future use of quarries.

Mr. Jenkins said a petition against the Regional proposal has already been signed by 400 residents of the area and further action is being planned.

"We are going to pursue this as vigilantly as we can," he said. "A lot of time, effort and money has been expended thus far by the people who have joined together to oppose this."

Mr. Jenkins explained that the "core" of his group is composed of residents from his home area and that he is trying to bring together other groups that have formed over the same issue.

"I'm trying to bring together a number of splinter groups, groups of two and three people who've thrown up their hands over this and haven't done anything about it," he said.

Among the concerns being raised by the residents, in addition to the negative effect

a neighboring quarry would have on their already high property values is the lack of rehabilitation for worked out quarries.

"We are very disgusted with what has not been done in the past," he said. "These operators have simply raped the land."

The current amendment to the official plan, which regional staff negotiated with local quarry owners, has been shelved indefinitely by Regional Council pending final approval of the new Ontario Aggregates Act and the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

If approved, it would virtually freeze up to 14,000 acres of land for the exclusive use of the sand, gravel and limestone producers.

## Johnson wants clean top cops

Police commissioners should not only be above suspicion, they should be seen that way as well.

That's the thinking that Councillor Bill Johnson is putting into motions he intends to present to Regional Council when it meets again.

In a telephone interview, Mr. Johnson said he would recommend to council that if one of their appointees to the police commission is charged with a criminal offence during his term, he should be suspended until the charge is disposed of.

If he is convicted, his resignation from the commission should be automatic, he added.

"It's like in the army where ex-

ample is everything," Mr. Johnson said.

He added that as far as he was aware, neither of Halton's current appointees to the commission is facing any outstanding criminal charges "but let's start off on the right foot. We have to be totally beyond reproach."

The Halton Police Commission is composed of five members, three appointed by the provincial government and two names by Regional Council.

Halton Hills Mayor Peter Pomeroy and Burlington Councillor Jim Grieve are the current regional representatives.

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