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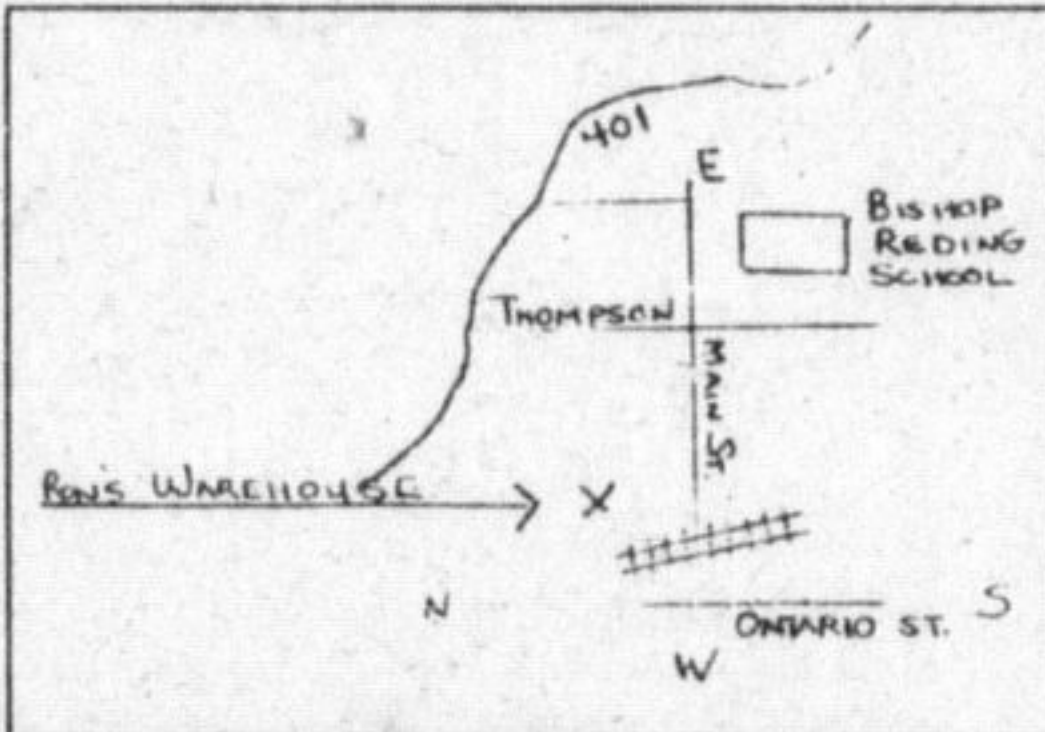
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CRIME PREVENTION WEEK '97 NOVEMBER 3-7

Crime prevention is the anticipation and recognition of a potential crime risk and taking the necessary steps to remove or reduce it.

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The week of November 3rd to November 7th is designated as national crime prevention week. It's the time when the public's awareness to crime prevention is encouraged. The police are constantly promoting safety through education in this respect. They gather, analyze and disseminate knowledge about crime, crime trends and crime prevention. However, although the police have the resources to gather the data there has to be community involvement in awareness and prevention to maintain continuity of everyone's efforts. Community policing addresses this area. It's crime prevention through community policing; if the community is not involved it is not community policing.

The Benefits to Reducing Crime Include:

- Greater freedom and security for every person at home and in the community.
- Increased respect by all for the rights of all.
- Revived sense of personal civic responsibility as a natural and expected part of membership in the community.
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Added firepower

Milton Fire Chief Harold Penson holds the license plate for his department's new truck on its arrival at Central Station Wednesday afternoon.

Region begins PR thrust against Tory government

By BRAD REAUME
The Champion

Halton Region has fired its first shot in the public relations war against the provincial government.

Recently 137,000 Halton households received "an urgent message" that any property tax hikes are the fault of the provincial government and its "unfair" policies.

The pamphlet describes a potential 15 per cent tax hike, the reasons taxes may rise and why provincial policies are to blame.

In addition, the pamphlet asks residents to forward a pre-printed request which they will pass on to Ontario Premier Mike Harris asking him to insure property taxes are not increased.

The information was distributed with the cooperation of Halton Region and its four constituent municipalities.

According to Halton's Chief Administrative Officer Barry Malmsten, replies will be forwarded to the premier after they are all collected.

"We're not trying to pick a fight with the government," he said. "But their plan is not going to achieve what it sets out to do. They have the right goals but are taking the wrong route to achieve them."

Mr. Malmsten said more than 100 responses were returned to Halton Region shortly after the first pamphlets were distributed. Several people, concerned by what they read, have also phoned.

"We are saying to people 'we don't want you to be surprised next June when you get your tax bill'," Mr. Malmsten said. He added there have been several spins on information received from the province.

"We still don't know what number to budget for," he said. "In some cases those decisions haven't even been made yet."

Mr. Malmsten said the provincial government does not seem to appreciate municipalities are "delivering real services for real people."

"It's their right to make the policy, however, I have to make it work," he said. "I don't want the wheels falling off the wagon. I don't want it to effect the economy of the Greater Toronto Area."

The pamphlet outlines changes the provincial government has promised which will affect the municipal sector, including the pooling of social service costs with Metro Toronto.

In addition the mailing explains the idea of simpler government and says proposals will not accomplish the objective.

Election candidates debate issues, but don't draw much of a crowd

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which is very temperamental," he said, though adding "We need to let the town grow. If we had 10 years ago, we wouldn't have the problems we do now with drugs and unemployment."

Another hot topic was the provincial government's controversial Bill 160. Singing its praises was trustee candidate Reverend Ken Campbell, who said the government is finally putting parent power back in the classroom.

When confronted with the issue of censorship, he described his and Jack Huisman's campaign to ban Foxfire as "proper book selection."

Opponent Erica Andrew defended the board's selection process while fellow candidate Paul Tate said Foxfire was an appropriate "extension" to Lord of the Flies, which he studied during his high school days.

Both spoke to what they see as the dangers of Bill

160, which Mr. Tate believes will damage Ontario's education system.

"There's just a few areas of the province where secondary school education is lousy. Bill 160 will be damaging to the overall system."

Ms Andrew said Bill 160 is not about education quality but the "absolute power over the system" the provincial government is attempting to gain.

Closing out the evening, Mr. Best said he has the energy and enthusiasm to lead Milton into the next century and the ability to forge change.

Responded Mr. Krantz, "This election isn't about change but about leadership, experience and credibility."

The two mayoral candidates will again address the public next Thursday at the Optimist Centre, where the Milton Ratepayers' Association will host a one-on-one mayoral debate.