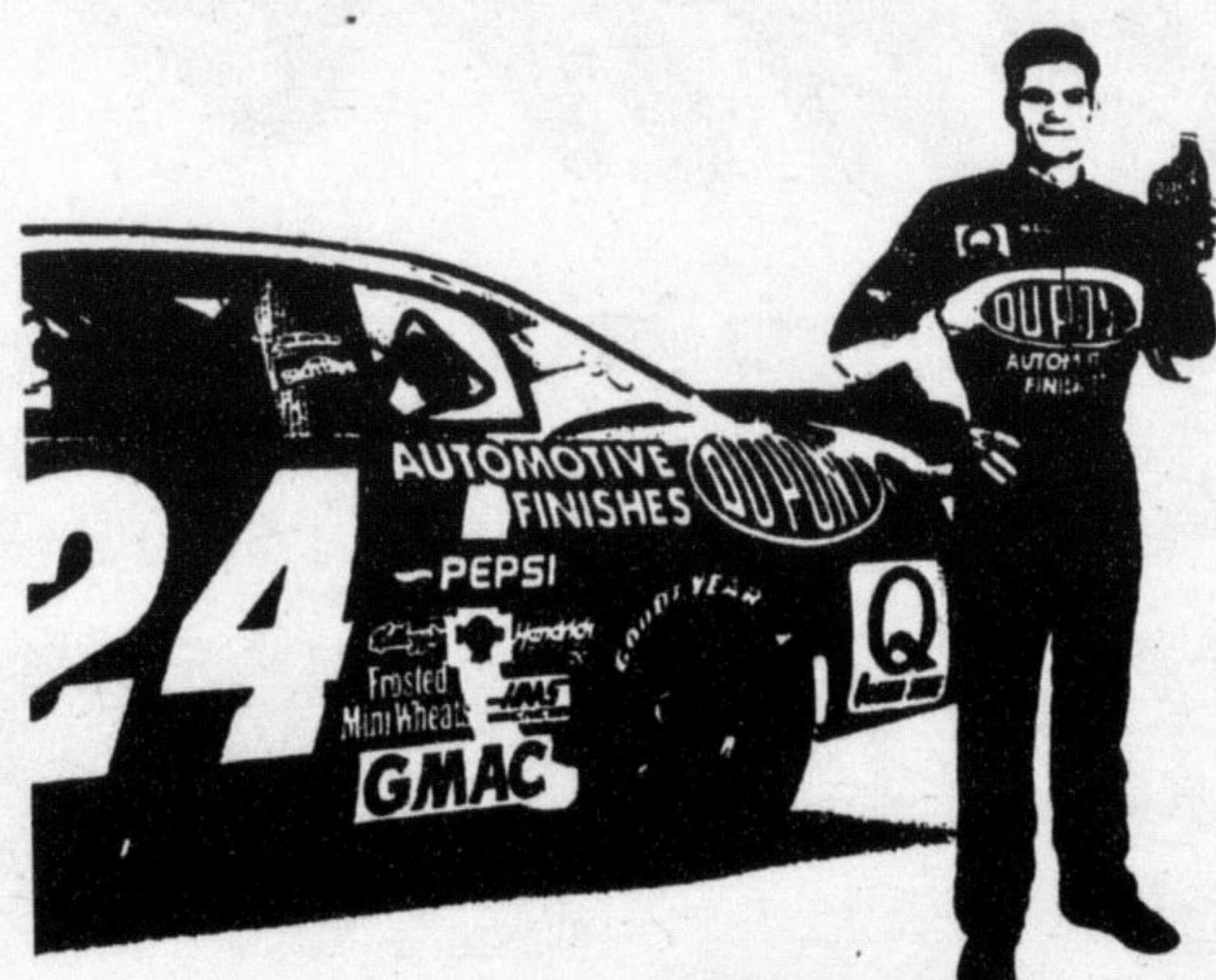


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Andrew says she knows turf having taught and negotiated

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
Special to The Champion

A retired teachers' union chief says she has absolutely no hidden plans to protect her ex-colleagues, if elected as Milton's public school trustee.

Erica Andrew, who stepped down as president of the Halton Women Teachers' Association this summer, assures that she's committed to children's education — not teachers' interest.

"I am very passionate about education and am committed to the kids. That's why I'm running," stressed the single mother.

Competing against Reverend Ken Campbell and Paul Tate for the local seat, Ms Andrew described the next municipal (three-year) term as a "turbulent time" for education.

While she supports curriculum changes and standardized report cards, the longtime educator opposes the seemingly "ultimate power" the provincial government will assume if Bill 160 (the Education Quality Improvement Act) is enacted.

Problems with the bill

"It seems like the government will be able to order changes that can't be questioned under Bill 160," Ms Andrew suggested. "Also, I have a problem with non-certified teachers being used in the classroom. Only expert teachers should instruct our children, whether it be in math, science or phys-ed."

She said she is saddened by the illegal strike, adding that it's a desperate move by teachers who "have their backs against the wall."

Now retired from teaching, Ms Andrew believes she has a distinct advantage over her two male opponents in the amount of hours she can commit to the responsibility. "I certainly have the time for this job."

"The role of the school trustee won't be defined until the whole Bill 160 issue is resolved. I think one of the primary responsibilities should still be support-



"I'm an excellent listener, I really care about the students and I'm very professional."

— ERICA ANDREW

ing staff and students.

"If elected, I'll work on a strategy to effectively communicate with these groups and be in the schools as much as possible."

Ms Andrew's teaching career spanned five decades, coming to a close this summer. She has worked at almost every elementary-level school in Halton including E.C. Drury's Trillium School, where she taught special needs students.

As Halton Women Teachers' Association president, she attended every school board meeting over the past three years.

Understands the numbers

Ms Andrew says this — plus long-time affiliations with every group in the Halton board — affords her familiarity with the system.

"I have a clear understanding of the political and budgetary process of the (school) board," she said. "I'm an excellent listener, I really care about the students and I'm very professional."

She offered no direct comment on Rev. Campbell's wish to blend religion into the public school sector — only that many Christian-related teachings are already being included.

"We may not be using the word God, but his ethics are actually there. I've seen it with my own eyes."



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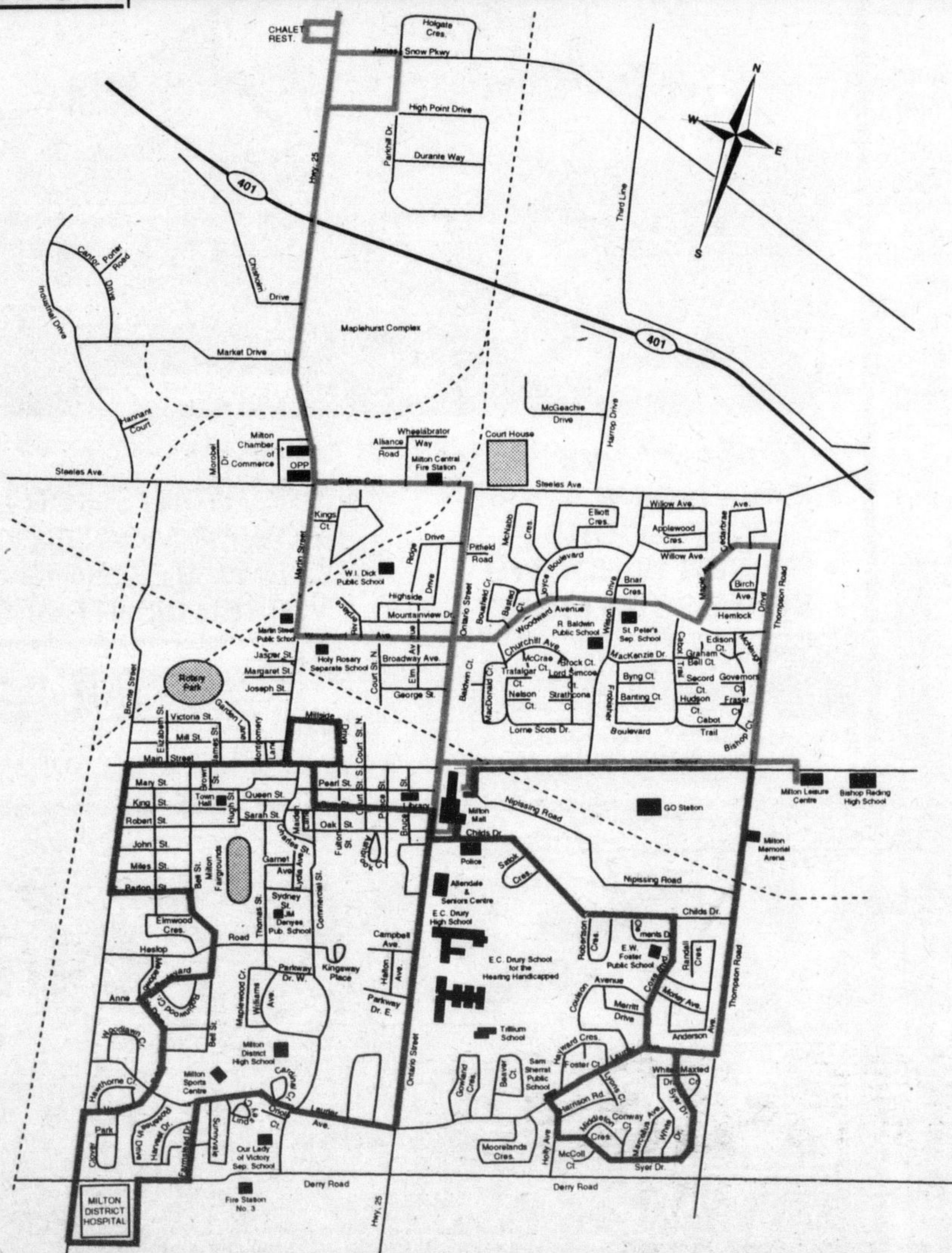
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SOUTH ROUTE STOPS		NORTH ROUTE STOPS	
	Time		Time
MILTON MALL	:15 :45	MILTON MALL	:15 :45
PINE ST. (MILTON LIBRARY)	:16 :46	MILTON LEISURE CENTRE	:18 :48
PINE & COMMERCIAL	:17 :47	(SERVICING BISHOP REDING 9:00-3:00)	
CARRIAGE SQUARE	:18 :48	MAPLE & CEDARBRAE (W)	:19 :49
MILLSIDE DRIVE	:19 :49	MAPLE & HEMLOCK (SOUTH)	:19 :49
MAIN & ELIZABETH	:20 :50	WOODWARD & WILSON	:20 :50
BRONTE & MILES	:21 :51	WOODWARD & JOYCE	:21 :51
BARTON & BELL	:22 :52	WOODWARD & ONTARIO	:21 :51
BELL & HESLOP	:23 :53	WOODWARD & ELM	:23 :53
BELL & ANNE	:24 :54	WOODWARD & HIGHSIDE	:24 :54
ANNE & MEADOWBROOK	:24 :54	(SERVICING WI DICK 8:45-3:15)	
MEADOWBROOK & LAURIER	:25 :55	WOODWARD & MARTIN	:25 :55
VANIER & HAWTHORNE (N)	:25 :55	KING'S COURT	:26 :56
MILTON HOSPITAL	:28 :58	HIGHPOINT & PARKHILL	:30 :00
FARMSTEAD & LAURIER	:29 :59	CHALET RESTAURANT	:32 :02
LAURIER & COMMERCIAL	:30 :00	#25 & CHISHOLM	:35 :05
(SERVICING MDHS 8:45-3:45)		STEELES & GLENN	:38 :08
ONTARIO @ E.C.DRURY	:32 :02	ONTARIO & HIGHSIDE	:39 :09
(SERVICING EC DRURY 8:45-3:45)		ONTARIO & MOUNTAINVIEW	:40 :10
CHILDS & COXE	:34 :04	ONTARIO & GEORGE	:42 :12
COXE & PEAREN	:34 :04	MILTON MALL	:45 :15
COXE & LAURIER	:34 :04		
SYER & HOLLY	:36 :06		
HOLLY & LAURIER	:37 :07		
(SERVICING SAM SHERRATT 8:30 - 3:15)			
THOMPSON @ THE HYDRO	:40 :10		
MILTON MALL	:45 :15		