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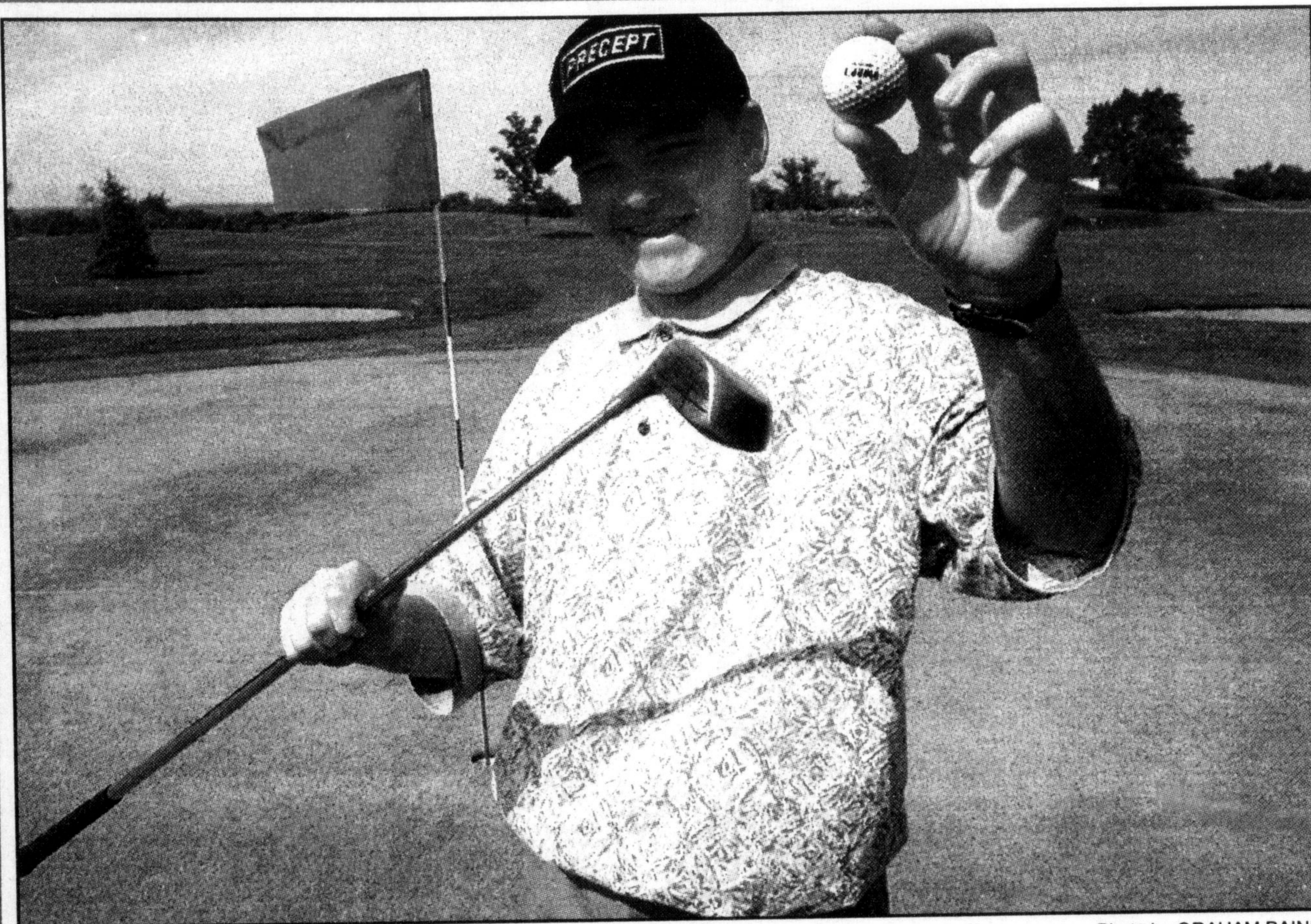


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Ace in the hole

Milton's Josh King sank a hole-in-one while attending a Clarke's Golf junior camp at Oakville Executive Golf Course last week. See story on page 19.

Union probably behind push for school sports dispute: MPP

By IRENE GENTLE

Special to the Champion

Dire predictions that secondary school sports programs will be scaled back or scrapped due to new provincial teaching requirements are likely a union tactic not sanctioned by teachers, said Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh.

"I understand they may be withholding services and I'm not very supportive of that. I don't think most of the teachers are, either," said an exasperated-sounding Mr. Chudleigh.

"I think this is a union tactic being used as a negotiating tool."

The furor is over a government policy requiring both public and separate school instructors to teach one extra 40-minute class per day. Slated to come into effect this fall, that would bring their total in-class commitment to 1,250 minutes, or about 21 hours, a week.

According to comments made at a recent year-end meeting of the Halton Secondary School Athletic Association (HSSAA), that puts area high schools in the kind of time crunch that could result in many school sports being put on the chopping block.

Halton District School Board instructional head for physical and health education Sue Amos told the HSSAA meeting that in light of the increased teaching load 71 per cent of regional high schools are looking at cutting back their programs, while the remainder may scrap them altogether.

Despite that glum forecast, Mr. Chudleigh says he feels the majority of teachers are behind the government's plan to improve education.

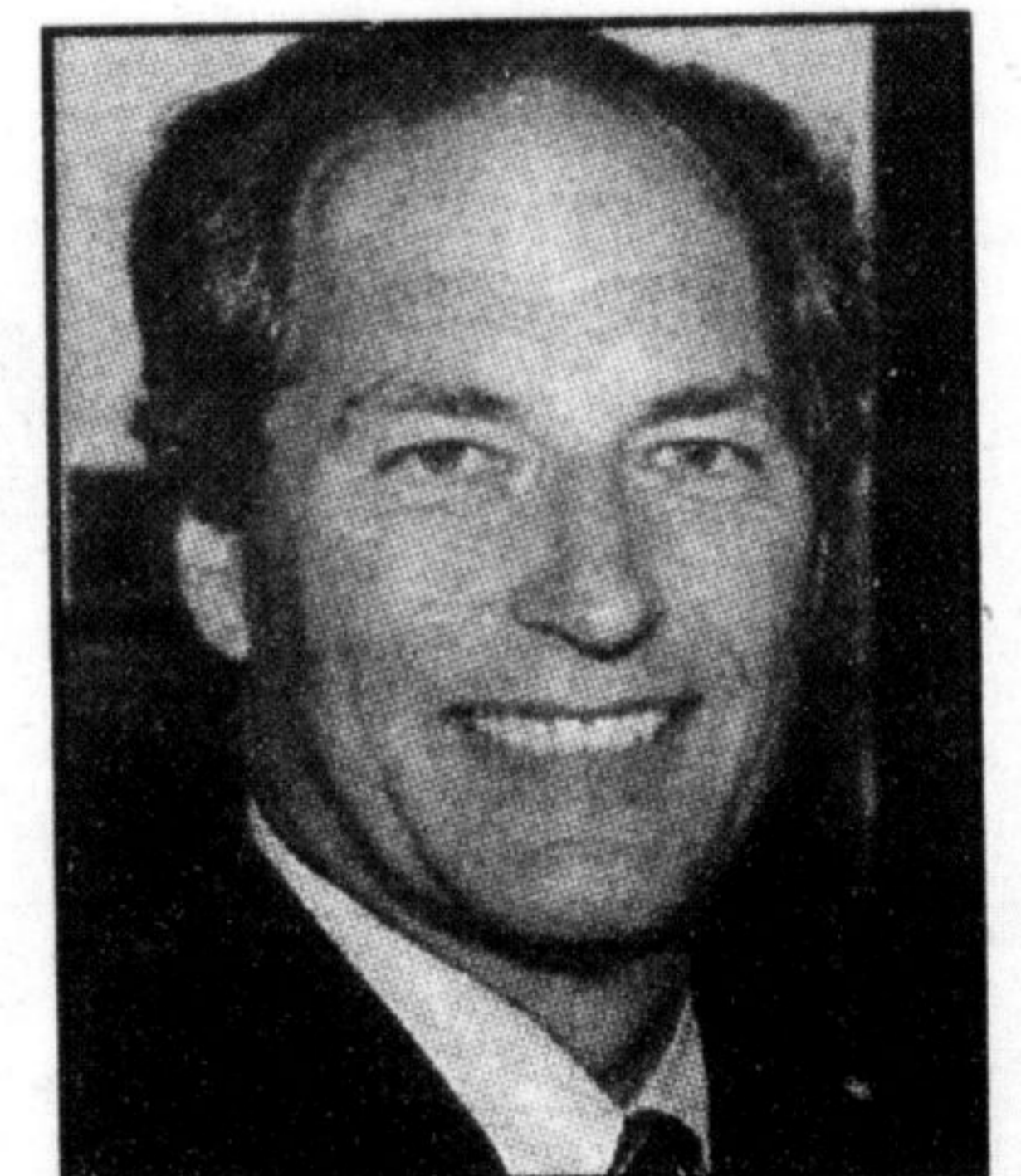
"The unions seem to be heading the charge on this. I wonder how supportive the average teacher is," said Mr. Chudleigh. "I think the average teacher likes the added commitment to classes and the better textbooks."

Before the new regulations, teachers used the extra period for prep work. With them in place, it is feared that teachers won't have the time to cover for coaches who have to leave early for games.

A lack of late buses and potential conflicts with community groups using school gyms at night also complicate the issue of evening games.

Mr. Chudleigh maintains that placing teachers in the classroom for one extra period a day will bring Ontario education up to speed, putting teaching schedules in line with the rest of the Canada.

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Ted Chudleigh

Campbell is acquitted, feels he made his point

By KAREN SMITH

The Champion

Reverend Ken Campbell says he was successful in challenging a court injunction even though his protest didn't quite go as planned.

The outspoken leader of Choose Life Canada was acquitted last week of obstructing a police officer outside a Toronto abortion clinic after the judge threw out the charge.

"We were delighted. The points we wanted to make were made by the court," Rev. Campbell said.

Rev. Campbell, who has admitted he purposely violated the law, was originally charged in September with disobeying a court order for refusing to leave an area

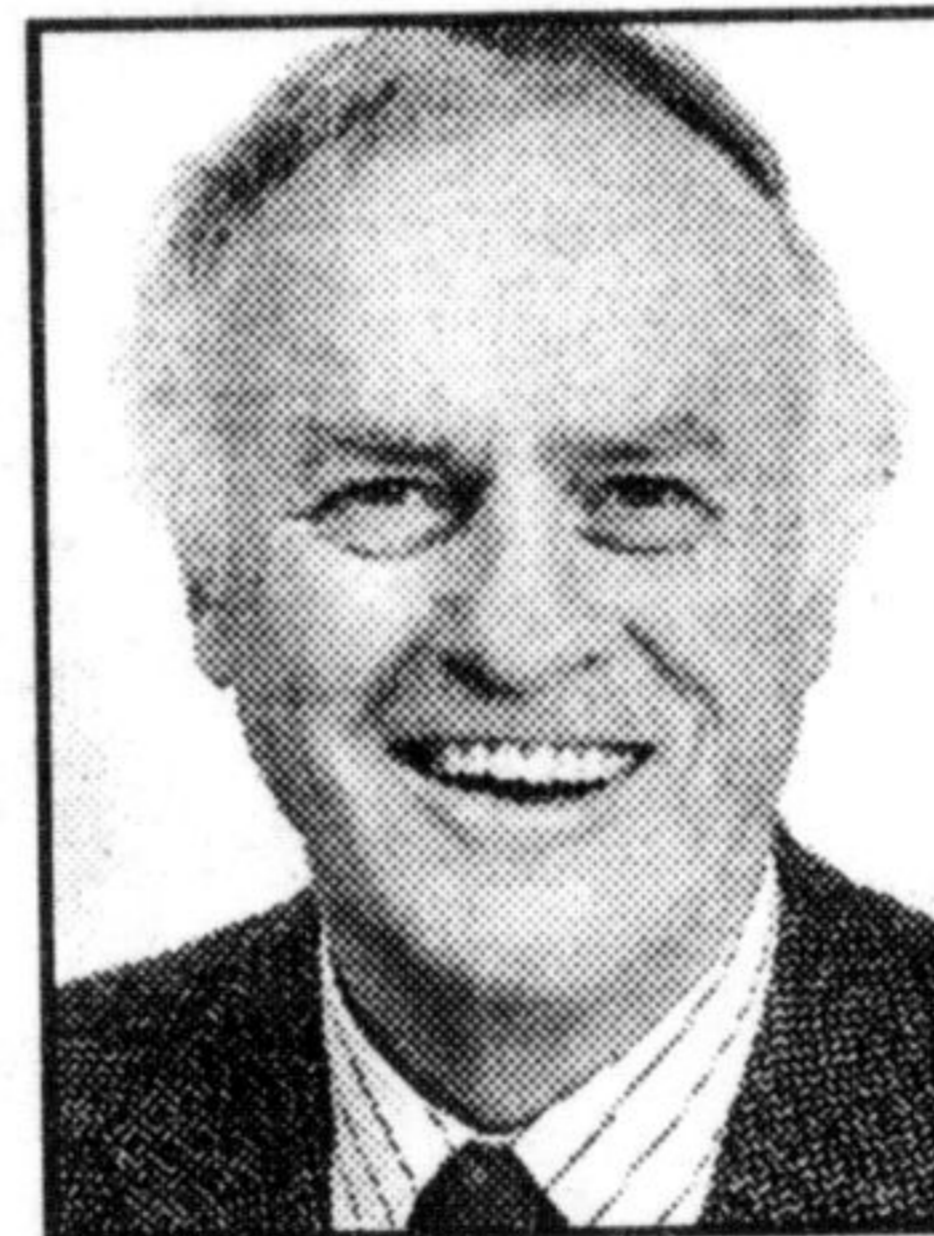
near the Scott Clinic on Gerrard Street.

A court injunction bans protesters from the immediate vicinity.

The anti-abortionist has said he planned to get arrested on the charge in order to challenge the injunction before the court.

But about two months after Rev. Campbell's arrest, the Crown changed the alleged offence to obstructing a police offi-

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Ken Campbell

NEWSLINES

Store holds barbecue for Milton food bank

A local grocery store will help feed people in need this weekend.

Savemore will sponsor a fundraising barbecue outside its Bronte Street location Saturday.

Proceeds will go to the Salvation Army food bank.

The barbecue will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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