

Young Progressive Conservative group has started up in Halton

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The Tories have found new support in Halton with the establishment of the Young Progressive Conservative (YPC) group.

"I'm confident that we can have a voice in our riding and that we could make changes happen in the future," YPC president Rob Demille told *The Champion*.

"We just want to get the word out there to other youth and explain to them what the PC party stands for. We'd like their help in the next election to re-elect (Halton MPP) Ted Chudleigh."

Meeting for the first time August 31, the group of 15 young people — a dozen of whom are from Milton — set out their constitution and elected Mr. Demille as their president.

Members can range in age from 14 to 35 years.

With the association still in its infancy, its most immediate goal is to increase its membership. Ultimately, Mr. Demille said, they want to have one member in every grade in every high school in Halton.

"Right now, in the school structure they (young people) don't really have anywhere to go if they have an interest in politics," he continued.

"Student governments are more run by the teachers and not really anything students do by themselves. Our association lets them have a voice and talk about things that they want to change."

Mr. Chudleigh attended the group's inaugural meeting to show his enthusiasm for the new PC support group. Start-up fund-

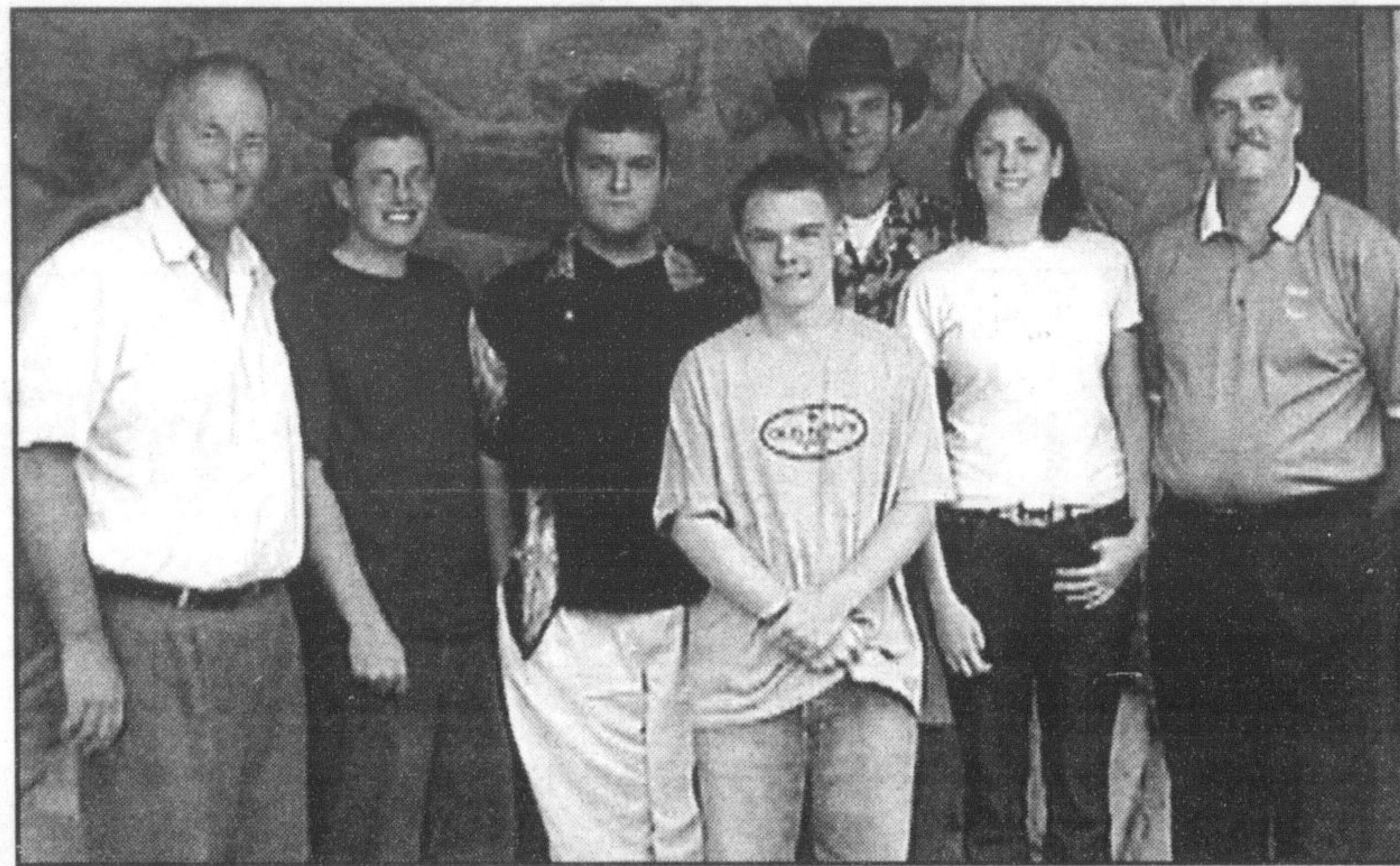


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MPP Ted Chudleigh visits the YPC group including (from left) Rob Demille, Kevin Spahick, YPC regional director Tom Hooper, Joe Hlavek, Jen Reinhorn and Halton Provincial PC Riding Association president Darryl Demille.

ing for the YPC was provided by the Halton Provincial PC Riding Association.

"If it's a YPC or any other party, for kids to get involved in politics is a marvelous thing," said Mr. Chudleigh. "It's something that's going to affect the rest of their lives. Anything that brings people out with an interest in politics, I think, is good for the community and good for the riding. It creates that grassroots exchange of ideas."

Though his involvement with the group is limited, Mr. Chudleigh said he plans to attend its meetings when his schedule

allows. That, he said, will enable him to hear their concerns and provide them with accurate, up-to-date information.

School helping U.S.

In light of the recent terrorist attacks south of the border, grade 8 classes at Holy Rosary School have organized two fundraisers for U.S. relief efforts.

A bake sale will be held Thursday at the Martin Street school from 10:45 a.m. to noon.

Students will also hold a car wash Saturday at Wilson's Automotive Detailing, 705 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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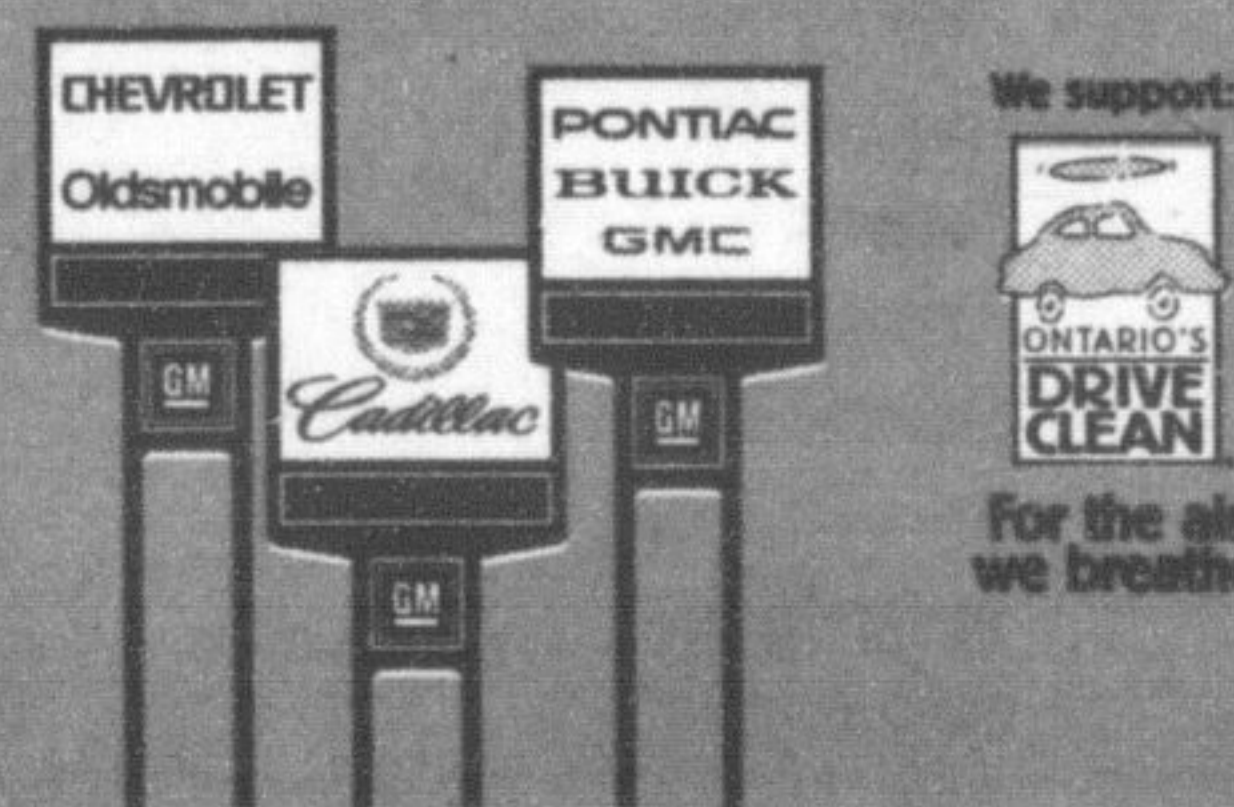
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