

Our readers write

Letter for Education Week

**Dear Parents**  
It's that time of year again when your child's elementary school teacher may try to prepare you for the worst—your child is going to fail. If this is happening to you, don't let it, or at least, consider the following before you do.

A few days ago a parent of a child that I had previously taught told me that her child is going to fail. This child has the ability to be successful and if she is not, then it is the teacher who has failed—failed to provide the program she needed. Do you think that this child or your failing child will benefit from repeating the same social studies and science units of work? Will he or she enjoy re-learning the post office or reviewing four filmstrips on the forest in winter? Did he fail printing and if he repeats his year, will he have to spend 10 or 15 minutes each day re-printing the letters he learned last year? Did he fail mathematics? Was he poor in all of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division or were, perhaps, just the latter two his downfall? When he repeats will he be allowed to go on to the next grade level in addition and subtraction or must he repeat all four areas?

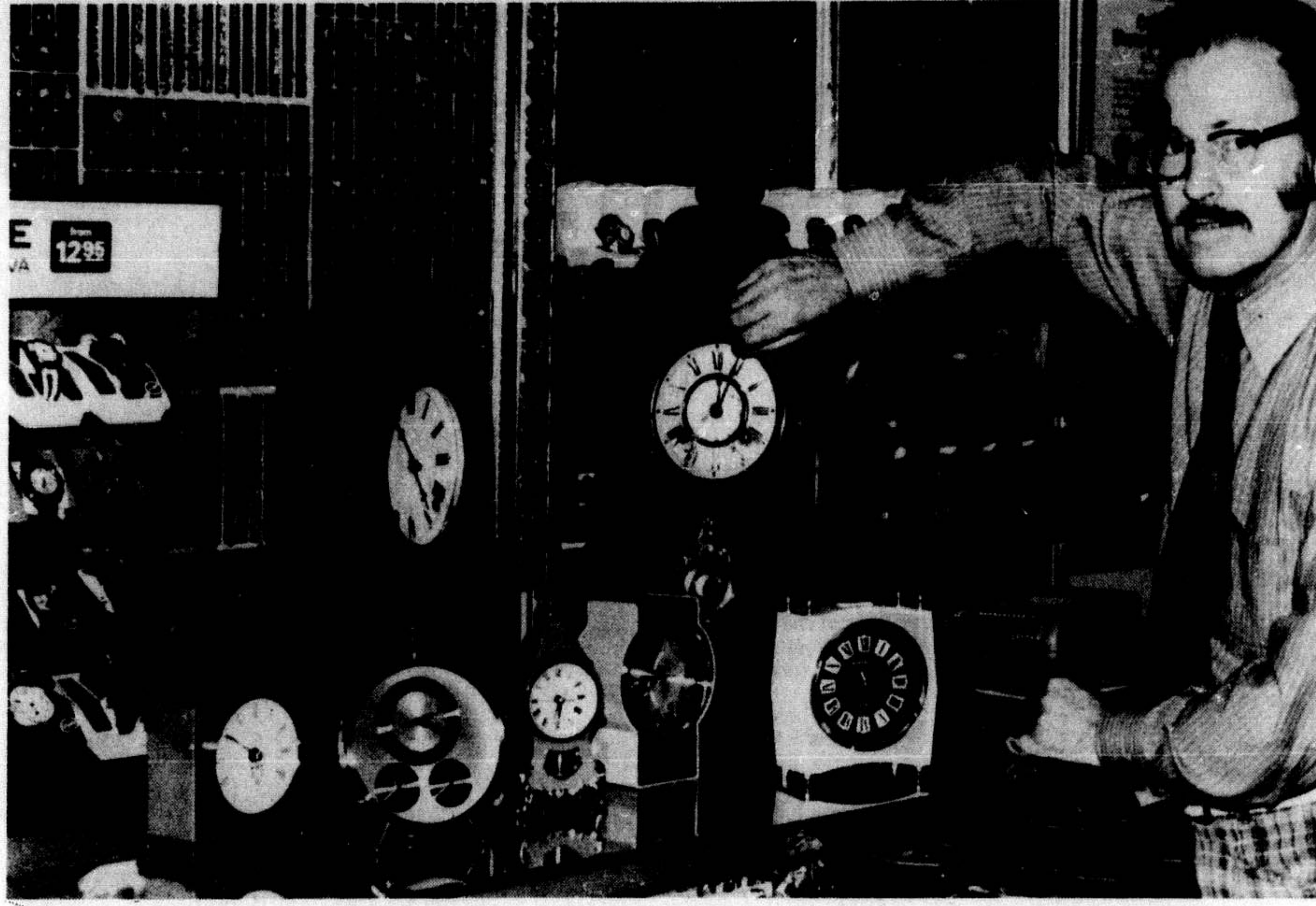
My point, parents, is that if you have a failing child, chances are he did not fail in all subject areas. You must find out what

kind of program is going to be provided for him if he is allowed to fail.

Failure is often synonymous with "can't read well enough." This is unfortunate because the solution for a poor reader certainly isn't repeating the year. Teachers are well-aware that no two children are alike or at the same point in their learning. When your child "passes" into a new class in September, having "failed" in some areas, his teacher will define these areas and your child will be allowed to go on from where he left off. If, for example, your child is entering a grade three class and he is reading at a beginning grade two level the teacher will continue on from there using level two reading materials and teaching areas. You, again, must make sure this is done.

Every child, every human being, has the right to be successful—successful according to his ability. Don't allow your child to be faced with the social stigma of failure. No child fails, they only progress at different rates. A good teacher knows that the grade number on the door of the classroom has little relation to what is being taught inside, but only refers to a group of children approximately the same age.

Yours truly  
A concerned former teacher.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** returns to Milton and district this weekend and if you think setting your clocks and watches ahead an hour Saturday night is a chore, think of what the local jeweller has to go through. Ross Brancier of Brancier Jewellery, Main St., gave photographer Dave

Pink a preview of his twice-a-year time-changing routine earlier this week, so The Champion could publish a pictorial reminder that next Sunday, April 27 at 2 a.m. is "clocks forward" time once more.

Campground . . .

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spokesman Patrick Straw said they are willing to retain their own solicitor and fight alone if necessary. It is not clear what the case may mean to Milton taxpayers if it is lost. Although town officials met with solicitors Monday to discuss strategy, council was not told what the town's chances are. **OK'd in principle**  
The question has been before Milton Council since last Spring, and it had been considered earlier by the former Nassagaweya Council which gave approval in principle. Last May 6, Milton Council passed a by-law amending the zoning by-law of the former township to ban further campgrounds or parks in the town. Officials of Scotch Block Parks Inc. then warned they would seek a writ of mandamus forcing council to issue a permit, and council considered the subject as recently as Feb. 25.

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Milton Motor Sales

OMB decision may allow retailer expansion

An Ontario Municipal Board decision that may allow Milton Motor Sales to build an addition to its present Main St. structure was put off after a short hearing Friday morning, pending the review of the Milton building by-laws.

An application by Ivan Slessor of Milton Motor Sales to add onto the business' present service facilities was opposed by John Purdy. The Milton Motor Sales building backs onto the rear of a residential Pearl St. lot owned by Mr. Purdy.

Mr. Purdy had lived in the Pearl St. home up until four weeks ago but has since moved to Campbellville. He rents the pearl St. house.

**Buffer zone**  
Present Milton by-laws call for a new commercial building bordering on residential areas to have a 40 foot buffer zone with a 10 foot planting strip. The present Milton Motor Sales building stands about two feet from the Purdy property and other Pearl St. lots.

New by-laws were not in effect when the original garage structure was built.

"It would be an injustice to allow the construction of that building," Mr. Purdy told the one-woman board. The Milton Motor Sales building "has an unsightly rear view." It's unpainted, he charges, "and there is no room for a planting strip."

Mr. Purdy also complains drainage from the Milton Motor Sales building causes flooding on his property. The problem has been compounded since Milton Motor Sales has gravelled the adjoining Pearl St. lot, he said.

**Large expansion**  
Bev Slessor of Milton Motor Sales told the board the company has hopes of expanding its present service facilities to include a body repair shop, more room for servicing and a rustproofing shop. Mr. Slessor

added the business wants to expand to employ up to 24 people and step up auto retailing from 240 units per year to 400.

"We need more room," he continued, "we want two more mechanics but we have no place to put them."

Mr. Slessor told the board the company would prefer to add on to the existing structure rather than construct a new building in another area of the lot.

Police deny plaza "rowdyism" problem

Halton Police Tuesday denied charges that the Milton Plaza parking lot is overrun every night by rowdy youths making noise.

"You get the usual kids sitting around in a dozen cars, and the odd time one of them jerks his car on the way out," said a spokesman for Milton present, "but it certainly isn't out of hand."

"We've only had a half-dozen complaints since it opened and it's no different from any other town," he said.

Mayor Anne MacArthur told council Monday night a "real problem" exists because of "the rowdyism . . . it's going on until 2, 2.30 or 3 o'clock in the morning."

She said the residents of the senior citizens apartment building on Ontario St. are upset by the noise and one of their representatives met with her earlier in the day to complain.

The mayor said she is after plaza owner John Tamai to "enforce control on his private property."

Deputy Clerk Campbell Thompson said that since the property is private, police require the owner or his representative to be present before they assist him.

Councillor Rick Day proposed that the Crown Attorney be asked for advice on the matter, and Councillor Ron Harris seconded the motion.

Police beat

Stolen car recovered by Waterloo police

Police searched a Bronte St. apartment recently and discovered some plant-like material in the home. The occupant has been charged under the Narcotics Control Act and admitted to being a regular user of marijuana. The plant-like substance has been sent away for analysis. Police used a search warrant to enter the apartment.

Waterloo police have recovered a car stolen from Wilson's Industrial Auctioneers, Market St. A Kitchener man was arrested in connection with the theft and admitted to stealing both the car and some licence plates, also from vehicles belonging to Wilson's Auctioneers. The man was apprehended last week.

There were also break-ins in Milton last week.

Someone pried a lock off a door on a construction trailer at the corner of Wilson Dr. and Main St. and stole a measuring tape and a can of fluorescent paint. The items stolen were valued at \$80.

**Coins gone**  
Thieves went through the unlocked window of a Pearl St. home last week and made off with some coins. Police seized the coin jar to get the culprit's finger prints. The crooks took 10 silver dollars, eight 50 cent pieces, and \$4 to \$5 in loose change.

An apartment resident didn't find anything missing after discovering his home had been broken into last week. A poster in the kitchen was torn by the would-be thieves.

Drapes and a coffee table were taken from a model home on Valleyview Cresc. last week. They were valued at \$300.



Career days at MDHS Forum

It's Career Days at Milton District High School and the Forum program is designed to introduce the students to the possibilities of employment in a variety of jobs. Speakers will be from the community as well as out of town.

Beginning Monday, April 28, Milton's recreation director Bob Small will speak on recreation. Careers in the hospital field will be told Tuesday by Joan Beaverstock of the radiography department of Princess Margaret Hospital.

**Secretarial**  
Clerical and secretarial careers will be featured Wednesday morning with Pearl Gee of Milton Canada Manpower. Colleen Burt of Sheridan College will discuss working with children in the afternoon. May 1 will feature The Champion's editor Roy

Downs speaking on careers in journalism. Sgt. Al McQueen of Halton Regional Police will be there Friday to talk of jobs with the police force.

If a military career is your goal Capt. G. W. Knight, military career counsellor with the Armed Forces will be the guest Monday May 5. Tuesday Careers in the legal field will be discussed with Mr. Carter, a lawyer with Breen and Carter.

**Trades**  
May 6 in the afternoon will feature trades and apprenticeships with Ross McIntyre of Manpower Technical Services. Medical secretary's computer programming is the topic for May 7 when George Pearce of the Herzog Institute in Toronto is the guest. Careers in the environmental field will be the topic Friday May 9, with A. R. Kirby of the Canada Centre for Inland Waters.

Agree to maintain Town Line

Milton Council Monday night approved an agreement with the Town of Halton Hills for the joint maintenance of the Town Line running north-south between the two communities.

Milton is now responsible for the Town Line from 17 Sideroad south to Five Sideroad.

Halton Hills is to maintain the Town Line from 17 Sideroad north to 32 Sideroad.

Halton Hills council proposed the plan at an April 7 meeting, and public works superintendents from both towns later worked out the details.

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