

Region Hamlet plans held

Halton Region has officially decided to hold up secondary plans for the Milton hamlets of Moffatt and Brookville.

Milton Council had approved the secondary plans earlier this year but was surprised when Halton Planning and Public Works recommended approval be held up pending a hydrogeological study.

Such a study looks at the amount of water available to the expected population and the ability for the earth to handle waste treatment and septic tanks.

The region had previously decided to hold up the Campbellville Secondary Plan for the same reason.

Funding sought by Chairman

Halton Region is interested in two provincial funding programs for social services.

Regional Chairman Jack Raftis will be asked to approach the Ministry of Community and Social Services for more funding for counselling services.

At the same time the Minister, Frank Drea, will be told Halton is interested in becoming one of the pilot municipalities to engage in integration of the family benefits and general assistance programs, subject to further information on how the integration will work becoming available.

Pipeline work closely watched

Halton region will watch closely the construction of a 36-inch pipeline which will be constructed through the region along the Ontario Hydro right of way.

TransCanada Pipelines will be required to retain the services of an environmental inspector. The inspector and the pipeline engineering and environmental staff will be required to attend a meeting at the region to discuss the work planned.

The company will also be asked to send its inspector to the meetings of the Halton Environmental and Ecological Advisory Committee on a regular basis to discuss "environmental concerns."

Standards set for counsellors

Halton has approved a new set of standards for family counsellors providing family counselling services within the region.

Councillors have also approved the definition of a Counselling Service Provider.

Halton will contract with private agencies and individual family counsellors who meet the approved standards for the provision of family counselling services to eligible residents of the region.

Lunch meeting to set concerns

A special luncheon meeting Aug. 19 starting at 11:30 a.m. could have long range effects on the delivery of health and social services in Halton.

The luncheon will bring members of the Halton District Health Council and the Regional Health and Social Services Committee together to "review matters of mutual interest."

One of the major items on the agenda will be making sure the Ministry of Health acts quickly on declaring the need for chronic beds a top priority for the regional.

Day care fees

An agreement for the purchase of day care services with the Milton Junior Y Day Care Centre has been approved by Halton.

The date of the agreement will be: full day, without transportation \$11.73; half-day/nursery school without lunch or transportation, \$5.56; half-day with lunch but not transportation, \$7.06; and kindergarten rate with two-way transportation, \$9.56.

Roof fixed

Halton has approved spending \$30,503 to fix portions of the roof at Pettit House.

The work will be done by Warren Steepjacks of Brantford.

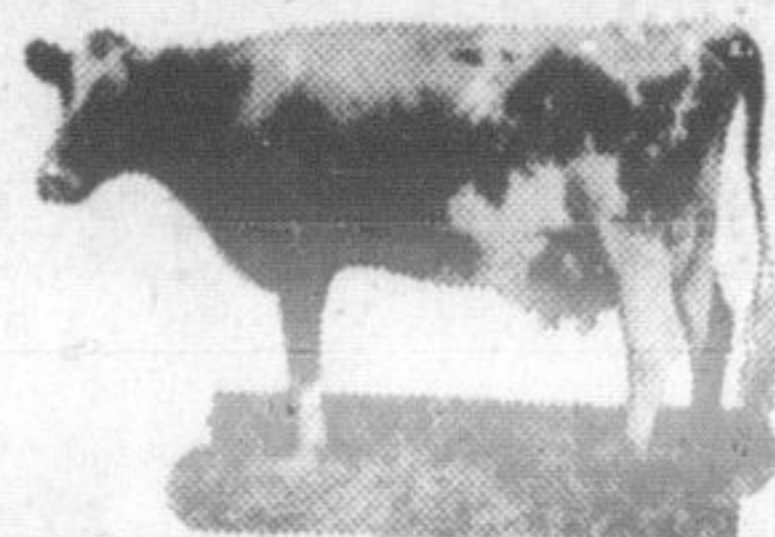
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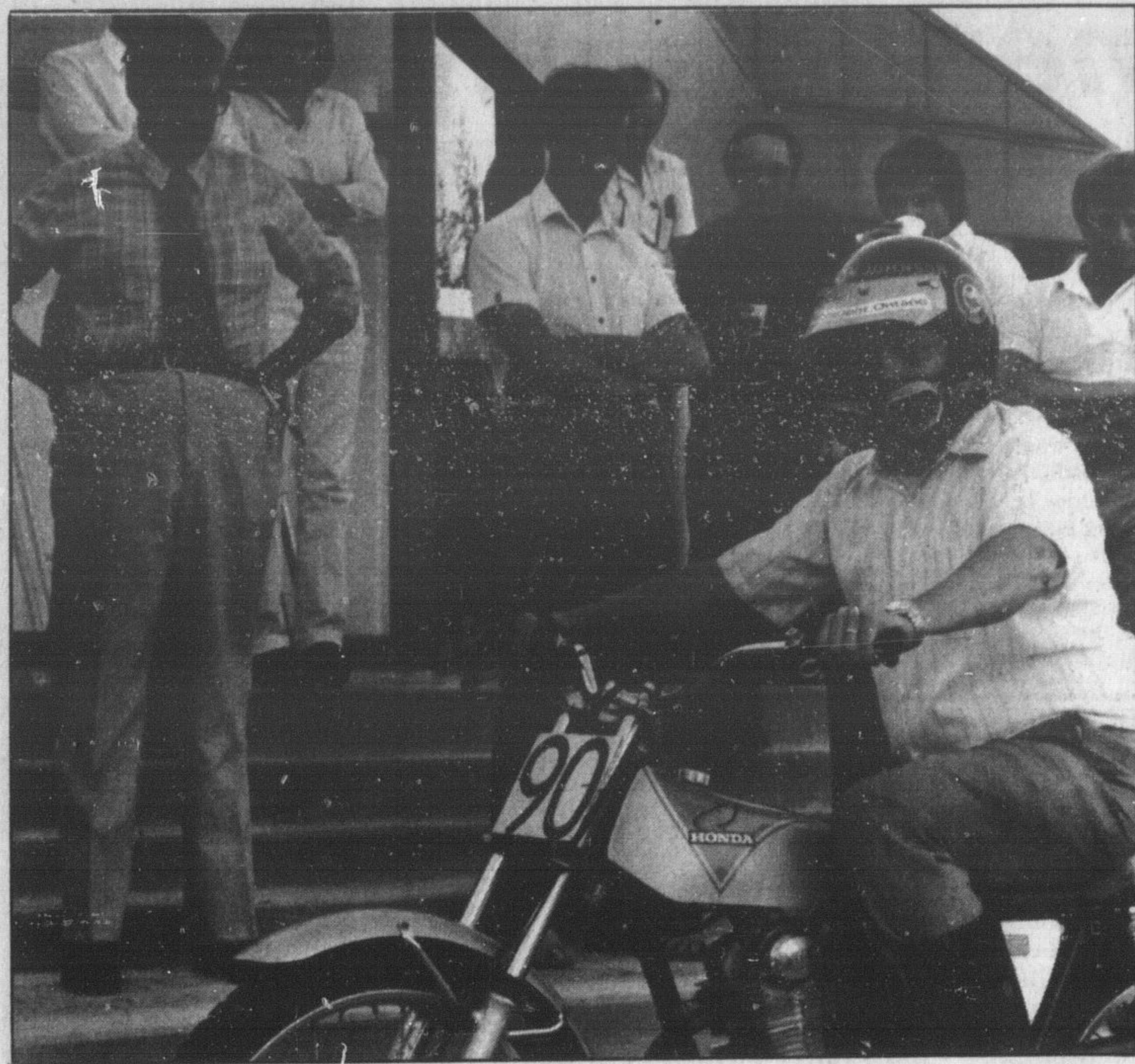
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Showing how it's done. Allan Johnson demonstrated to other members of the Environmental and Ecological Advisory Committee how a trial bike is used in competition. Mr. Johnson is seeking permission to hold an observed trial in the Halton County Forest Nov. 8.

Motorcycles in forest prompts special study

A special sub-committee will look into the possibility of holding an observed trials motorcycle competition Nov. 8 in the Halton County Forest.

The sub-committee will be formed by members of the Halton Environmental and Ecological Advisory Committee (EEAC).

One member of EEAC who will not be on the committee is Alan Johnson, who is making application for the observed trial on behalf of the Halton Off-Road Riders Association, Observed Trials Committee.

Mr. Johnson told his committee the type of motorcycles used are a far cry from dirt bikes and motorcross bikes.

All are of very small displacement (125 cc) and are designed to be ridden at less than walking pace. They are heavily muffled and use a form of "universal trials" tire which is relatively smooth and unlike the knobby tires used by dirt bikes.

In fact Mr. Johnson had one of the small motorcycles at the EEAC meeting and he demonstrated it for fellow committee members.

Object of an observed trial is to ride through a very tight trail but without ever putting the feet on the ground. Putting down a foot, called a "dab", results in the loss of points. Riding with the fewest number of dabs decides the winner.

The observed trial would not be open to the public and would only be open to about 60 riders and observers who are posted along the trial to watch for dabs.

Mr. Johnson said the trial would be run over logs and rocky ground, not through the forest floor or on wild flowers. The problem facing Mr. Johnson and the EEAC is the Halton County Forest has been declared an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA).

The forest is managed for Halton by the

Ministry of Natural Resources. The MNR has no objections to the trial if there is no objection from the region and that was the reason Mr. Johnson came to EEAC to discuss the run.

Although the forest covers some 982 acres, the actual amount of the land needed, Mr. Johnson said, is 10 feet wide on rock outcrops, boulders, around trees, and up and down grades. The width times the required length would mean an area of 15,000 square feet or about one-third of an acre.

Mr. Johnson emphasized the trial would run from around 10 a.m. to about 4 p.m. with full clean-up crews on hand to make sure the forest is left as it was found.

Parking for cars and trailers hauling the bikes would be at the Sheridan College Heavy Equipment school which is adjacent to the section of the forest the off-road riders want to use.

The committee discussed the question at

some length before it decided it would form a sub-committee to look at the condition of land in Flamborough where a similar observed trial was held this year.

The results of this would probably be sent to the Regional Planning and Public Works Committee which does not meet again until the end of August.

Forest goes to HRCA, debt question remains

The Ministry of Natural Resources will be asked to hand over the management of 982 acres of Halton forest land near Hilton Falls to the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

But the method of how it would be done and what way the region could find to avoid a \$187,758.85 management fee caused a heated debate at the region.

The Planning and Public Works Committee had asked the forest be put under the control of the Halton Region Conservation Authority and the Ministry to ask to consider cancelling the management fee in total or in part.

The Regional Administration and Finance Committee also discussed the item and it recommended the return of the forest to the HRCA but with the understanding the fee be cancelled outright.

Both committee recommendations came to regional council on the same day and a wrangle developed over which recommendation took precedence.

Members of the Administration and Finance Committee had stated that by taking the management of the forest off the Ministry's hands, Halton would be doing the ministry a favor.

In return, the committee thought the Ministry should do the favor of cancelling the book debt.

The feeling was summed up by Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, also a member of the HRCA, who said "we won't take it over unless we get it for nothing."

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said essentially the same thing and added the region should go to the Ministry "with a strong case" and that would mean asking outright for the book debt.

However, it was decided that since the Planning and Public Works recommendation was first on the agenda it would be the recommendation discussed.

That committee said only the Ministry "be approached with regard to the cancellation of the existing book deficit."

This is the recommendation eventually passed.

Buy Valley NEC advises

The Niagara Escarpment Commission has urged the Halton Region Conservation Authority to consider buying "the most significant portions of the Bronte Creek Valley between Lowville and Cedar Springs."

The NEC made the suggestion to the HRCA that such an acquisition be considered "a long-term objective."

The suggestion came after the NEC turned down an application to develop part of the creek valley area.

In opposition to the development besides the NEC, were the HRCA, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the City of Burlington, and Halton Region.

The NEF's objection came mostly on the fact the land is designated "escarpment natural" and according to the NEC, Chairman Ivor McMullin said the commission "could be prepared to support the conservation authority should it decide to place emphasis on the acquisition of these lands."

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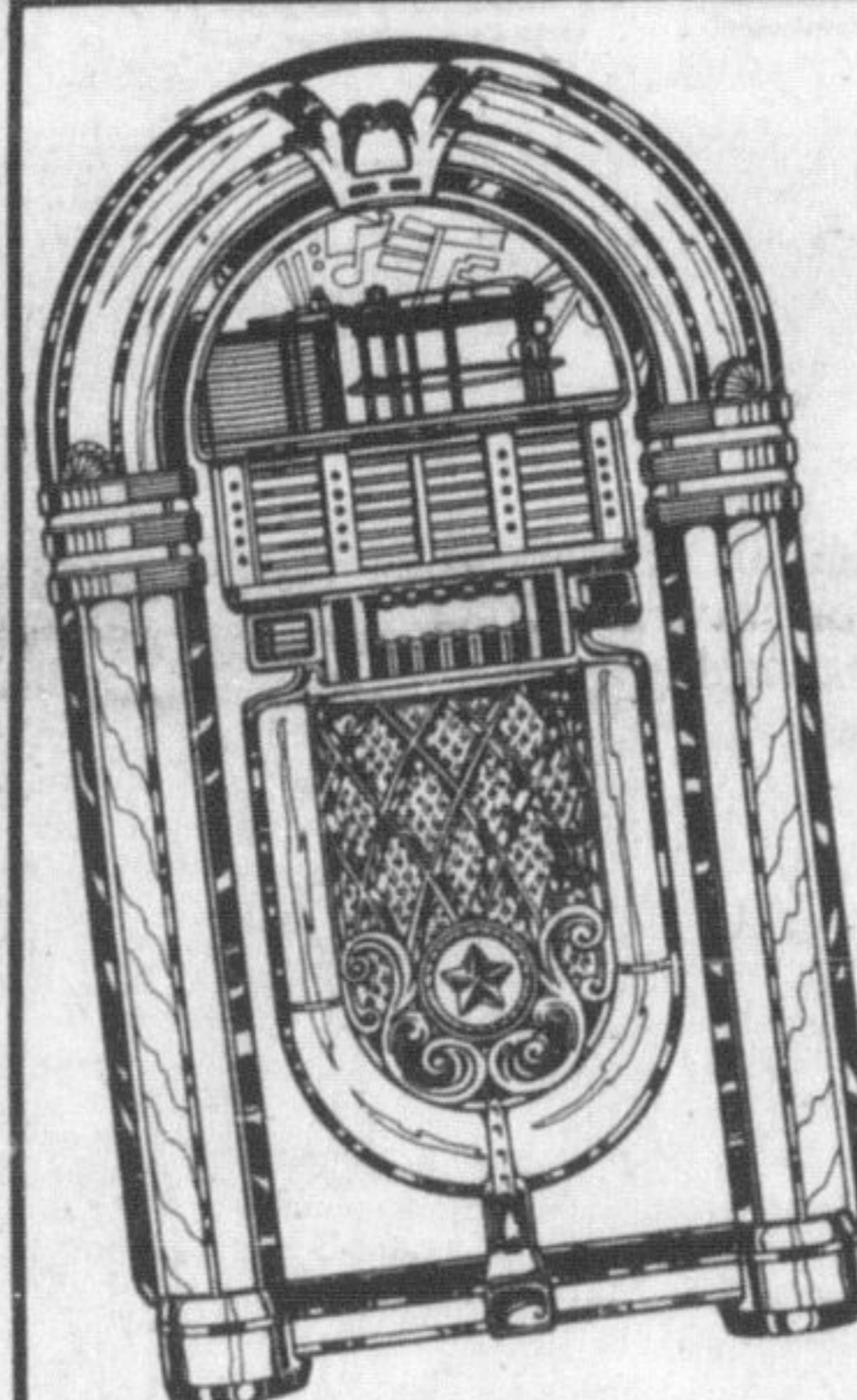
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Milton may be asked to close road

Milton may be asked to purchase a portion of Walker's Line north of No. 10 Sideroad so it can be permanently closed off to four-wheel drive vehicles.

Halton Environmental and Ecological Advisory Committee (EEAC) was told the four-wheel drive vehicles are using the dirt road and it is now heavily rutted and there has been damage of an environmental nature.

At one time a gate closed off this section of Walker's Line but Milton asked that it be taken down. Another one has since been put back up but it is not stopped the four-wheelers.

The area, known as Nassagaweya Canyon, is not owned by the town or the Halton Regional Conservation Authority

although the EEAC would like to see it taken over by the HRCA.

In a letter to Alan Stacey of the Bruce Trail Association, HRCA Wildlife Biologist Robert Edmondson said "the real problem as stated earlier is that we are dealing with an unopened road

allowance.

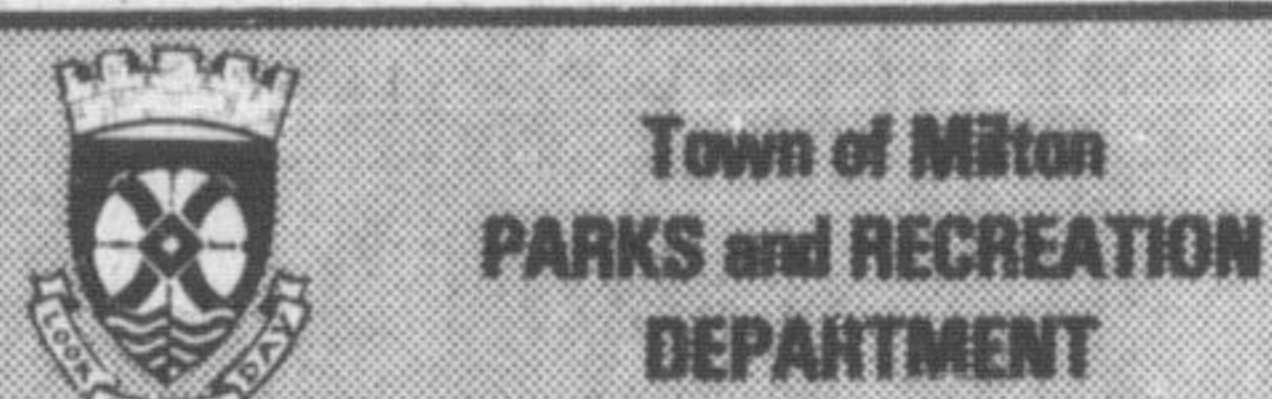
"Although our authority has blocked the southern access point this may have to be removed if the municipality requests it.

"In fact this did

happen before when a complaint was lodged with the municipality.

"The authority was requested to remove the barrier and did so, however with the passage of time, a second barrier has been installed.

"From past experience, it is probably best that organizations such as the Bruce Trail Association and the Rattlesnake Point Citizens' Group attempt to accomplish this rather than the authority."



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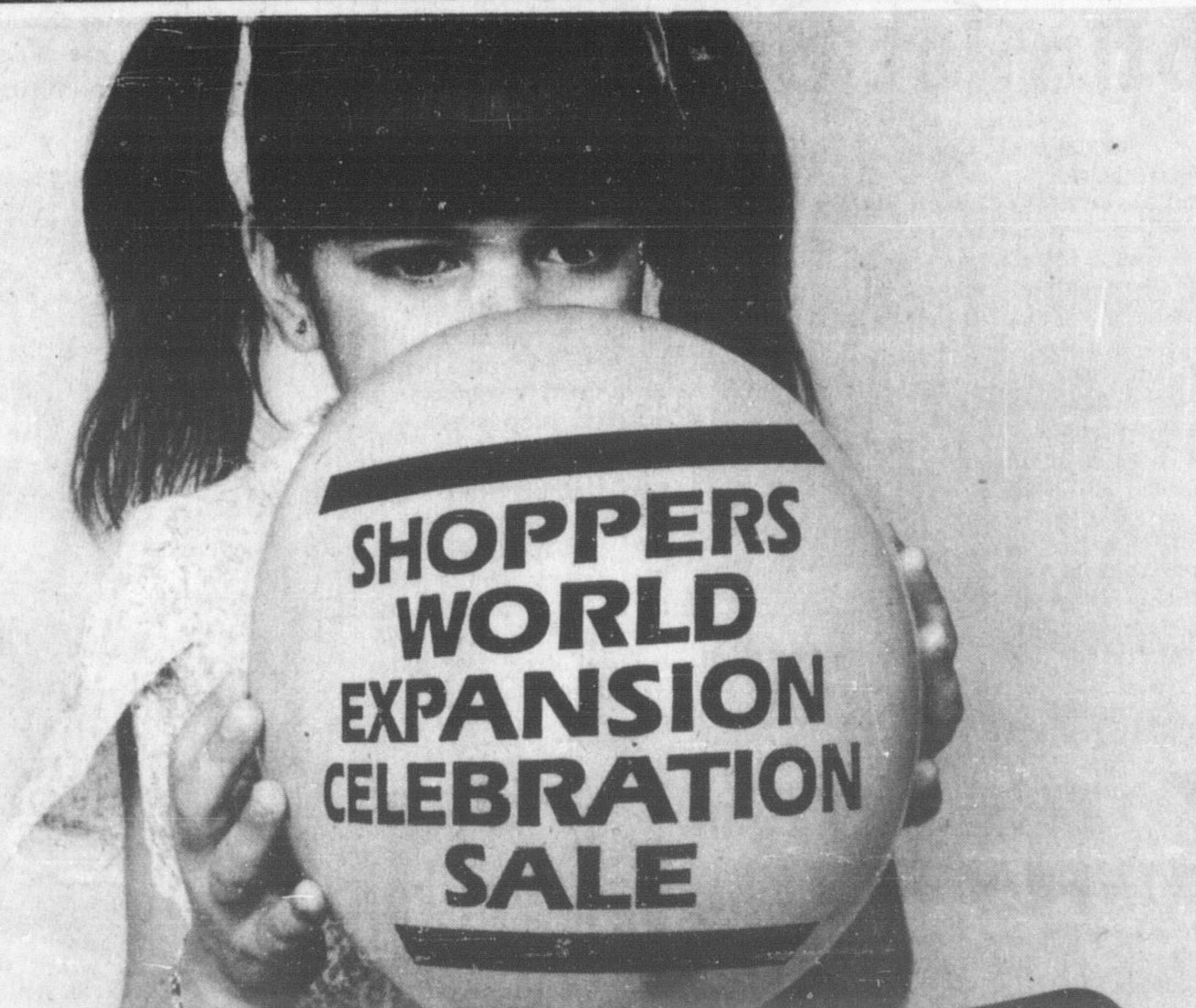
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