

Many farmers' fields ressemble lakes after two solid weeks of rain dropped about 25 centimetres of water in the area. Although there were several times

when Kelso Reservoir and 16 Mile Creek reached dangerously high levels. neither overflowed their banks.

## No threat of floods despite record rainfall

The recent respite of sunshine from almost two solid weeks of rain have helped only slightly to solve many of its accompanying problems. Since Sept. 1, about 10 inches of rain has fallen in the Milton area. the most on record for close to 40

John Matthews, the Town's public works director, said he has had several crews out in force clearing storm sewers to free the movement of water. He said with trees shed;

ding the leaves, sewers have become blocked with saturated leaves necessitating regularly cleaning.

He has had few reports of flooding. although some basements in town have a tendancy to flood anyways. The large amount of rainwater has raised creeks to dangerous levels flooding some fields - but 16 Mile Creek remains within the allowable limits and poses no immediate

Ray Tufgar, manager of water resources for Halton Region Conservation Authority, said the reservoir at Kelso survived a flood threat last

He said Kelso reached its crisis point last Monday. However, he said that by maintaining the emergency overflow at the maximum discharge for about five days, the flooding was avoided.

He said the water situation is

under control now

The wet farmland has delayed several farm operations. Some low lying land remains saturated under. a sea of water making it impossible for farmers to work. Some farmers have resorted to planting their winter wheat by air. About a week of dry windy weather is needed before tractors can properly operate on the fields and harvest what stands to be a good crop



Rain, rain and more rain have brought levels in creeks and ponds to their high points recently. However, the past few rain-free days have permitted the flow to subside. The worst problem has been that fields are saturated with water causing all new rain to immediately drain to the nearest creek.



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## Leaders touch base at Halton caucus

Presenting a more united front to bring federal and provincial development money to Halton Region was one of the many outcomes of a special "Halton Caucus" meeting held Monday.

The meeting was proposed by Halton regional chairman Peter Pomerov and designed to bring all four levels of government together under one roof to discuss items of mutual interest

Those attending included: federal members. Otto Jelinek Halton. Bill Kempling Burlington and John McDermid Halton Hills-Brampton); three of the four provinical members including Halton-

Burlington MPP Don Knight, the four mayors of Halton, and Mr. Pomeroy who took the chair.

He said Peel, Durham and York regions have all benefitted in one way or another from federal and or provincial loans to get development moving.

"We might look at a Halton ver sion of federal or provincial support and possibly money from the municipalities and the other players like the developers. Mr.

Pomerov said

He said there was general agreement that the four levels should come together to help Haltor apply for development money on a loan. basis. This has been done in Durham. and York regions

Mr. Pomeroy said the feeling in the room was "positive" and said a large number of items for the nextagenda came out of the Monday morning meeting in the Milton town \*hall committee room. He said the next meeting will probably take place in the spring. He expects three meetings will be held in 1987

"I'd say a meeting of four hours! because we have so many people to get together and about 15 items on the agenda. Mr. Pomeroy said. He said the subjects discussed Monday "ran from social housing to economic development.

Mr. Pomerov confirmed there was discussion of the water sewer line from Oakville to Milton but only in sion centered more on being better prepared for future development,

He indicated the next move in terms of the double line must come from the locally affected: municipalities Mitton and Halton Hills) and the region and that the initiative must flow from there to the next levels of government.

We have to start looking down the line for the next 20 years and defining where it is we should be

Mayor Gord Krantz said he found the meeting productive and of. benefit to Milton. He said he hopes the meetings will continue to

## First diabetes fund raiser

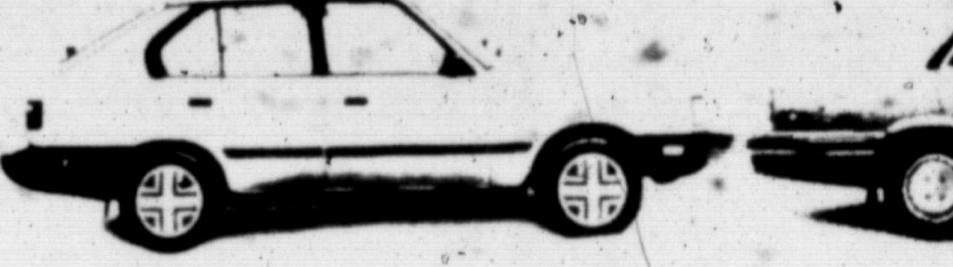
The Oakville and District Branch of The Canadian Diabetes Associated received permission the broadest sense. He said discus - from Milton Council Monday to can wass Milton homes in November in fund raising drive

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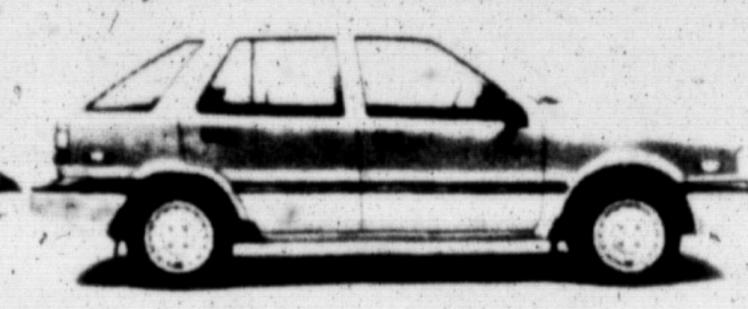
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