

# Junior Achievers need place to set up shop

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Junior Achievement of Milton's future is looking brighter than it did when the program wrapped up last spring.

At that time the program, which provides Milton youth with an opportunity to try their hand at big business, was teetering on the brink of abandonment.

The program was running at a deficit, largely because of the amount of money owed on the building which housed the program on Main St.

Today JA is starting fresh. The bulk of the deficit has been eliminated through the creative fund-raising activities of the JA executive over the past few months.

JA has a new program manager in David Aiton, a retired engineer who is devoted to the program.

Mr. Aiton, a Milton resident, will visit all three Milton high schools this month pitching the program to the students. If student interest in the past is any indication of how successful the program will be with the youths this year, Mr. Aiton should have no problem signing 50 students to participate.

But there is one main hitch to the success of this year's program, that being a place to set up shop and hold meetings.

As of today JA has no tentative location for the 1988 program which is set to begin Oct. 17. Mr. Aiton has approached the high schools for the use of their shop facilities but he is waiting for approval from the Halton Board of Education.

The program cannot afford to pay a lot for their facility. Mr. Aiton says they are looking for at least 1,500 square feet of space they could use likely two evenings a week. The idea situation would allow the youths to keep their shop set up through the course of the program, but they would be willing to disassemble their company each night if required.

Volunteer advisors are required. Six adults have already confirmed they will participate. Ten additional volunteers are needed.

"The volunteers should have some business experience," said Mr.

Aiton. "But they don't have to have run their own business. It's important that they can relate to youths."

Each volunteer must be able to commit to one night a week for the

26-week run of the program.

The JA executive will stage fund-raising activities. A fund-raising breakfast for local businesspeople is in the works.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer advisor, or anyone with information on a potential location for the program should contact Mr. Aiton at 876-1815.

## Workshops help get businesses off the ground

Starting a small business is difficult in itself. Trying to accomplish one's goals while at the same time getting on-the-job training of operating a small business presents many problems.

In response, Halton Region has organized four workshops geared to help them get started and succeed along the way.

The workshops are held on consecutive Wednesdays starting tonight. All are held at Milton Town Hall and run from 7-9 p.m. The cost is \$75 for all four sessions.

The topics are:  
• The importance of planning. The why, how and what of preparing a business plan. How to conduct a

market survey.

• Financing. Loan proposals and financial statement preparation among other things. Guest speaker from Royal Bank.

• Legal and accounting. Guest

lawyer is Lorne Greenwood, guest accountant is Linda Nye, CMA.

• Government help. Representatives from federal, provincial and municipal governments along with Milton Chamber of Commerce will offer advice.



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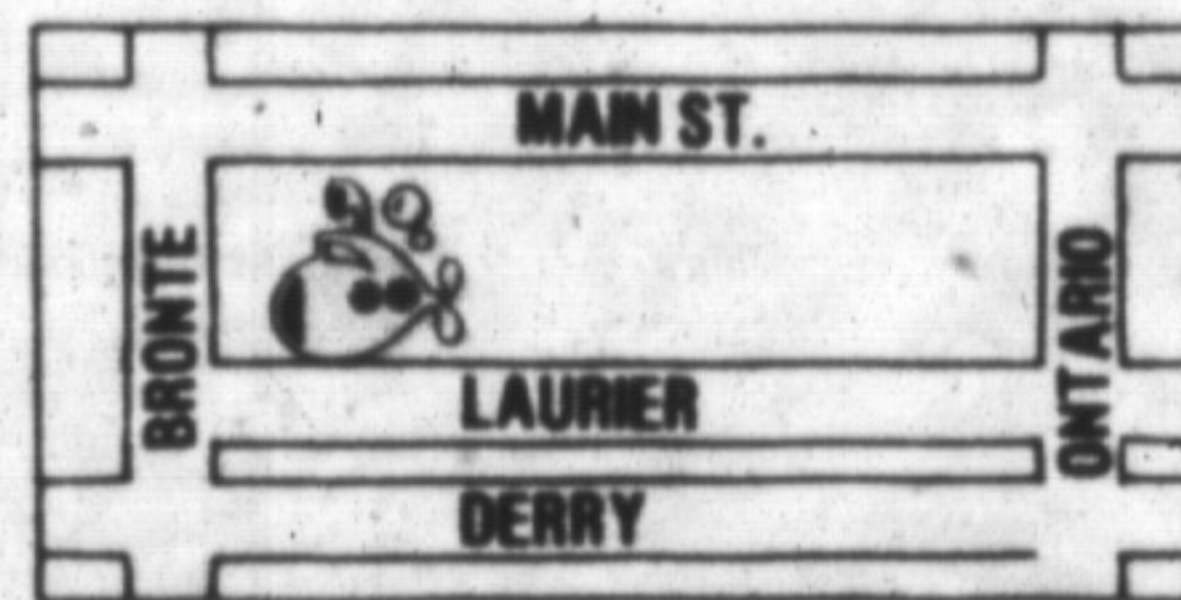
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