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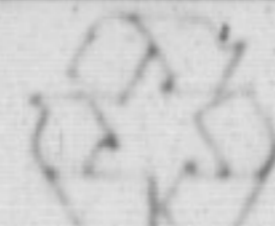
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## Plan needs teeth

There are currently 19 subdivision plans on stream in rural Milton, representing 600 new homes.

Last week alone, three more plans to alter the rural landscape with residential construction, were submitted to Milton's planning department. Is it any wonder that the town planners are throwing their hands up at the deluge?

Planning director Bob Zsadanyi has requested the town put a freeze on the approval of rural subdivisions for at least a year. He says his staff needs time to sort out differences between Milton's official plan and Halton's official plan.

A narrow 5-4 vote at council moved Mr. Zsadanyi's recommendation through Monday's Committee of the Whole meeting and on to next week's council agenda.

The former township of Nassagaweya and the Campbellville area have been swelling with rural clusters filled with "estate homes". The rush to rural lands is largely due to Milton's water and sewage treatment limitations which have curbed urban residential growth.

Milton needs more residential growth but not at the expense of farm land and open spaces outside the urban boundaries. How many septic tanks and private wells can be created before serious environmental damage is done?

If the town's planners believe rural development is out of control, let them get the rules straight. Milton's official plan's teeth have obviously become dull when accusations of abuse of the rules and deficient control are flying. Plan now or pay later.

## It is garbage

We were somewhat amused to see the braintrust at Halton region, known as our elected councillors, move to adopt mandatory recycling. That means any "garbage" deemed recyclable material will no longer be allowed to be thrown out with the weekly trash.

In many ways, that's progressive and commendable -- a community bent on recirculating most of its goods helps the environment. But how hypocritical.

This is the same group which, for political reasons only, have spent millions and millions of our hard-earned tax dollars fighting landfill sites and it's not over yet.

And this group thinks they will save money and the environment by forcing one of the most recycling-conscious communities in the country to recycle? Who do they think they are kidding?

We're fed up with the political games being played for the past 10 years over our garbage. For the amount of money spent on keeping a dump out of our communities, every municipality in Halton could have a new swimming pool, or cultural centre or hockey arena.

Recycling is a good thing and residents of Milton, and Halton for that matter, have shown a good conscience to use the blue boxes wherever possible. The owners of Halton's Recycled Resources, which receive a pittance from the region to carry on their much-needed work, note that Halton is a leader in curbside recycling.

Why do we need "garbage police"? The entire concept is garbage. Perhaps the residents of the green building at Halton region's headquarters might do better to consider their residents' concerns and their tax dollars, rather than inflict some petty order, such as mandatory recycling, on them. You can do much better than that, can't you?

## Looking back



Pineview Public School was officially opened on January 29, 1964 by William Davis who was at that time Minister of Education. More than 400 attended the opening of the school at the corner of Trafalgar Road and No. 5 Sideroad. Dignitaries included from left, trustee Russell Miller; board chairman Shirley Armstrong; Mr. Davis; board vice-chairman Mac Sprowl; and trustees A. Lloyd Fisher and Chester T. Early.

## Pages of the Past

### One Year Ago

From the February 3, 1988 issue

\* The Milton Rotary Club's proposed non-profit housing development took a solid step forward last week, and club organizers are buoyantly optimistic that they will go to tender on schedule for the complex in August. A joint federal-provincial announcement means that the \$2 million 26-unit project moves on to the next stage of detailed design.

\* Former Milton town councillor Jim Watson became the new chairman of the Halton regional police force commission Thursday. His first order of business was to call for a Crime Stoppers program in Halton. Crime Stoppers is a program which has swept North America and is moving world-wide.

\* Members of the union bargaining team in the eight-month labour dispute at Halton Centennial Manor have recommended that the membership ratify the latest contract offer from management tabled Thursday.

\* Bruce Coulson joined the Halton Sportsmen Association 30 years ago for the fellowship the club had to offer. This weekend he was awarded with the club's highest honour. He was named the Halton Sportsman of the Year for 1987 by the board made up of the club's four past presidents.

### 20 Years Ago

From the February 5, 1969 issue

\* The latest intersection alterations required for installation of traffic signals at the Main-Ontario corner would cost the town \$10,000, rather than the original \$2,200, council learned Monday. It was pointed out the Department of Transport and Highways were now requiring widening of Main St. east from Ontario St. to Nipissing Rd. which would include tiling the ditch on the south side and purchasing more property.

\* The apparent consideration of the Township of Nassagaweya as a mere "negotiating tool" as Councillor Art Bigson phrased it, in any discussions of a Halton-Peel regional government merger, as well as several other unsavory aspects of the Township's future, resulted in a number of proposals from the council at Monday evening's meeting ... all unanimously opposed to any dissolution of Nassagaweya.

\* Property loss due to fire quadrupled from 1967 to 1968, the annual report of Fire Chief A. E. Clement to the Milton Fire Area Committee notes. Loss during the previous year was evaluated at \$18,300 while this year it is estimated at \$72,342. The Department responded to 119 alarms in 1968, 54 more than the 65 turned in the previous year.

### 50 Years Ago

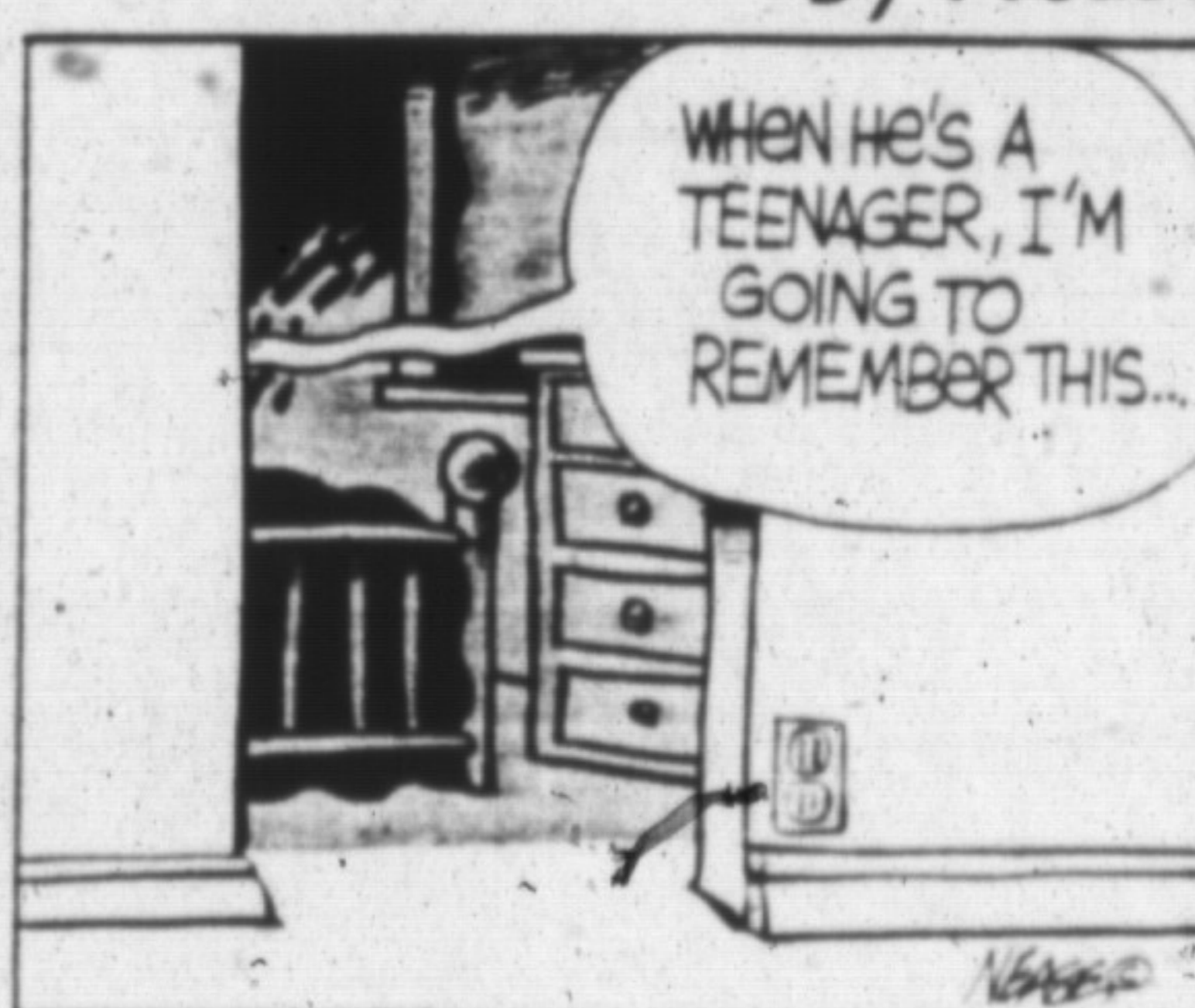
From the February 9, 1939 issue

\* A picture racket that has swindled thousands of dollars from residents of Northern Ontario has been aired in the court and the racketeers are being sent to penitentiary. Beware of the racketeers, and look with suspicion on the stranger who has exceptional bargains to offer.

\* At least Joe Louis, who wound up his last two fights in less than five minutes, is taking no chances with the United States Wages and Hours Act.

\* Miss Marjorie Buck, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Buck, of Trafalgar township, arrived home last Wednesday after spending a year and ten months in England and on the Continent. Miss Buck reports having visited France, Germany and Austria and also having a very fine trip from Paris to Budapest by airplane. She has a very high regard for England and the English people, but says there is no country, or people, quite as good a Canada or Canadians.

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