



### Taking credit

An official cake-cutting marked the 35th anniversary of Halton Credit Union recently. Mayor Gord Krantz, who is also president of the local Credit Union's board of directors (second from left) took part in the October 28 celebration. Lending a hand are from left: John Kruchuk, assistant general manager; Mr. Krantz; Peter Buwaida, general manager; Shirley Lott, executive secretary; Brad Clements, vice president surrounded by customers.

## Airport responsibility lands on Halton

The federal government is getting out of the airport business, while, temporarily at least, regional government is becoming more involved in it.

Last week Halton Region's administration and finance committee heard an update on a push to form a Local Airport Authority (LAA) to take over operation of Pearson International Airport in Mississauga.

In 1987 the federal government announced plans to shift responsibility for nationwide airport operations from Ottawa to LAA's. That has already taken place in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary and Montreal. A similar process is in its early stages in Toronto.

James Bulloch, a Halton Hills business executive, is a member of a temporary board set up to form an LAA. "The first role of the board will be to map out a game plan with the federal government for the transfer of Pearson to local jurisdiction," he told the committee.

He sees the transition as "a unique opportunity" for the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The Peel, York, Durham, Halton and Metro Toronto GTA councils all plan to have representation on the LAA.

While many smaller regional airports struggle, Pearson turns "a significant profit," Mr. Bulloch noted. Instead of having that money subsidize federal programs, as is now the case, the LAA's will control it.

One of the advantages for LAA's will be that they can finance projects by borrowing money, Mr. Bulloch said. Transport Canada, the federal agency which is currently running the airport, is not allowed to obtain loans and must fund its initiatives from annual budgets.

Halton regional chairman Peter Pomeroy, who has

been working with the LAA group, wrote a report on the matter which accompanied Mr. Bulloch's appearance. Mr. Pomeroy said there is "some urgency" to establishing an LAA because its members should participate in ongoing discussions about terminal renovations and runway improvements.

## Jack-o-lanterns eaten by pigs

Despite cold rainy weather, a group of Milton District High School students picked pumpkins Monday afternoon for their second annual environmentally friendly project.

The group, with the help of three Town of Milton trucks, delivered discarded jack-o-lanterns to Bob Merry's farm where they were eaten by pigs and to Andrews Scenic Acres where they were plowed into the fields.

According to organizer Dodie Morley, about seven truckloads of pumpkins were diverted from landfill. She says residents of the Woodward and Mountainview area complained about being left out of the program. The students had not intended to service the entire town however and that information had obviously not been made clear.

A story published in *The Champion* October 28 indicated the boundaries for the pickup. A subsequent photo caption in the Oct. 30 issue did not give those specifics.



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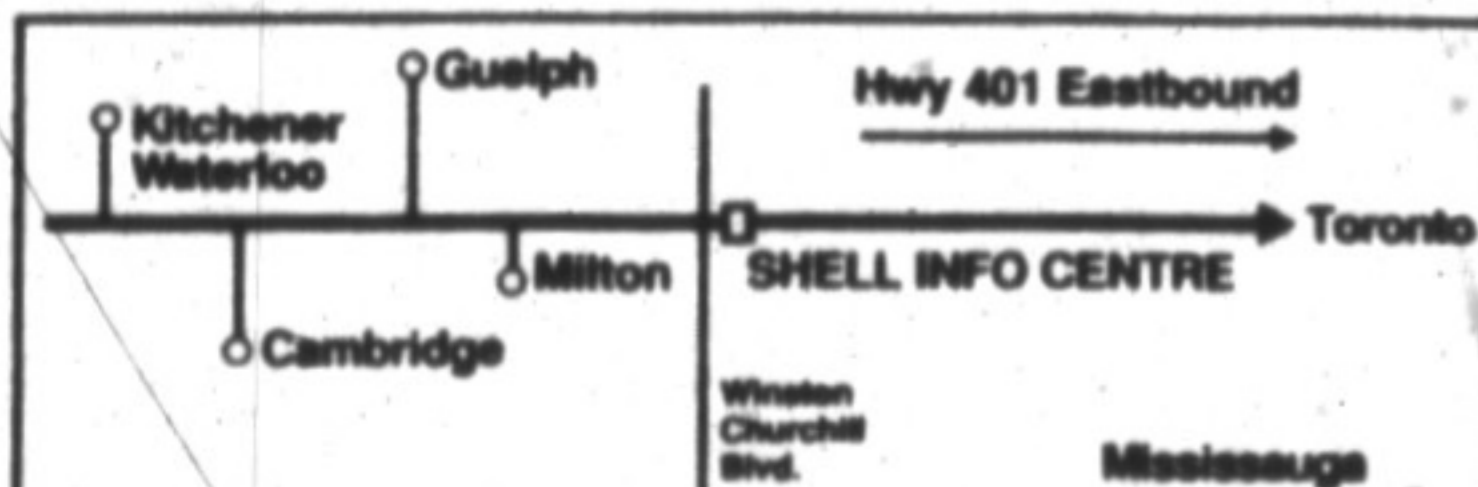
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