

Hood to take shot at federal politics

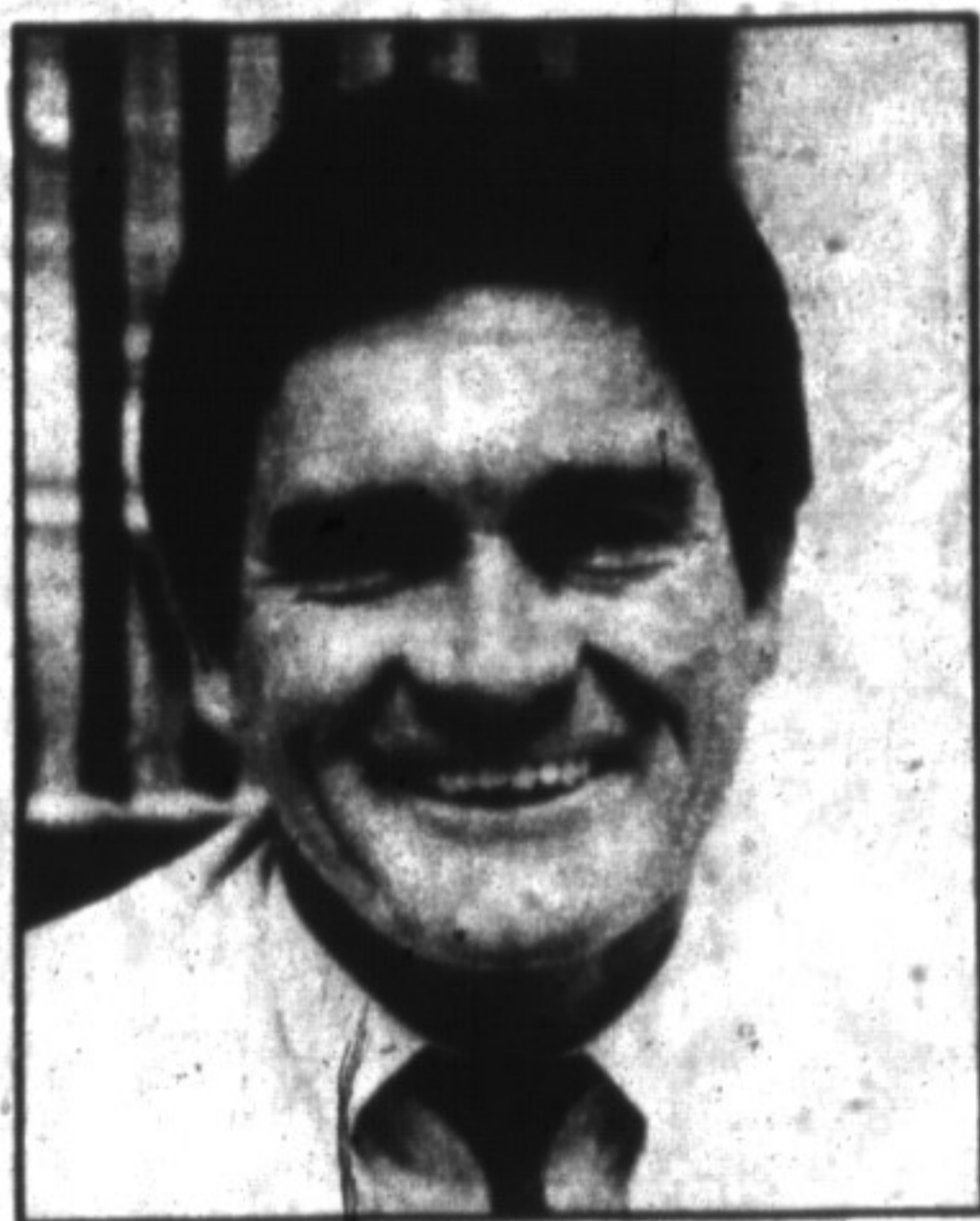
• from BRUCE HOOD on page 1 to do is show to these people what I have to offer."

As far back as last spring, "different people mentioned the idea to me" of contesting the nomination, Mr. Hood said. "I was taking a real serious look at it, talking to people, visiting friends in Ottawa, talking to Mr. Chretien (federal Liberal leader Jean Chretien). Finally I decided to go."

He is currently in the process of "creating my network."

Of Mr. Jelinek, who is the national Revenue Minister, as well as a man who held the riding for the Tories even when the country was run by the Liberals, Mr. Hood acknowledged, "he's a formidable opponent. He has been there an awful long time. I don't even question his ability to do the job."

However, with regard to the



Bruce Hood

Progressive Conservative government as a whole, Mr. Hood added, "maybe they haven't been listening as much as they should be. Maybe they have been there too long."

While some have criticized Mr. Chretien as a holdover from another era, Mr. Hood praised his leader's energy. "I was impressed with his spark, his enthusiasm, his sincerity," during live-speaking engagements.

On the national level, "we need to create an atmosphere where people have pride in their country again. We will always criticize government, but people have got to have a subconscious feeling that they're okay."

Although no date has been announced for the nomination meeting, Mr. Hood expects it will "probably" take place in February.

Police giving blood tomorrow

Detective Jack Poot bleeds for his job.

The Halton Regional Police detective will make his 50th blood donation today (Wednesday) at the annual blood donor clinic sponsored by Halton Region and the police force, in conjunction with the Red Cross. Police Chief James Harding will give detective Poot an award in recognition of his efforts.

Organizers are hoping for a brisk turnout in the auditorium of the regional administration centre on Bronte Road in Oakville. The goal is to raise 100 pints of blood. The clinic will run from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Teens can have an impact, murder victim's brother says

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

A murdered woman's brother urged Milton District High School students to do what they can to provide more rights for victims.

"The victim is forgotten in the legal system, said Glenn Roche of Canadians Against Violence Everywhere Advocating its Termination (CAVEAT). "I'd like to talk to you about the other side."

Mr. Roche's 33-year-old sister Anne was murdered in March, 1990 in Brampton. Her killer pleaded guilty to second degree murder and is currently serving a life sentence in prison.

When he's eligible for parole in 18 years, Mr. Roche said he may wish to have input in the decision. Currently, no law gives the family of victims the right to do so.

The guest speaker was invited to talk to MDHS students on behalf of CAVEAT Friday as part of the school's week-long campaign to put an end to violence. The organization is a Burlington-based group headed by Priscilla de Villiers, mother of murdered teen Nina.

He has spoken to a dozen schools representing CAVEAT, he said. Many students ask him how they can make a difference. Others complain no one takes them seriously because they're teenagers.

A law teacher at Lord Elgin High School, Mr. Roche urged both males and females to get involved in putting an end to violence. "Don't think for a minute that it's a woman's issue. It's not, it's everyone's issue."

He told students to write to their local members of parliament for changes in Canada's legal system, especially regarding suspects in violent crimes who

are granted bail.

Jonathan Yeo — the man police believe shot Nina de Villiers — was "out on bail" in connection with a violent crime when he murdered the Burlington teen. Mr. Roche's sister's killer was "out on a day pass," he said.

Because judges are appointed, he added, "they're not accountable to anyone. We want public protection to be their first concern."

"People are not being involved anymore in the law making in this country," he continued. "We want changes in the bail law. To anyone else it seems to be common sense that they (suspects in violent crimes) shouldn't be out on bail."

Mr. Roche also said people can make a difference by being aware and reporting anything suspicious to police.

"Sign petitions," he said. "Your name can make a difference. Don't wait too long."

A petition being circulated by CAVEAT for changes in Canada's legal system has so far received 750,000 signatures, Mr. Roche said in an interview after his speech.



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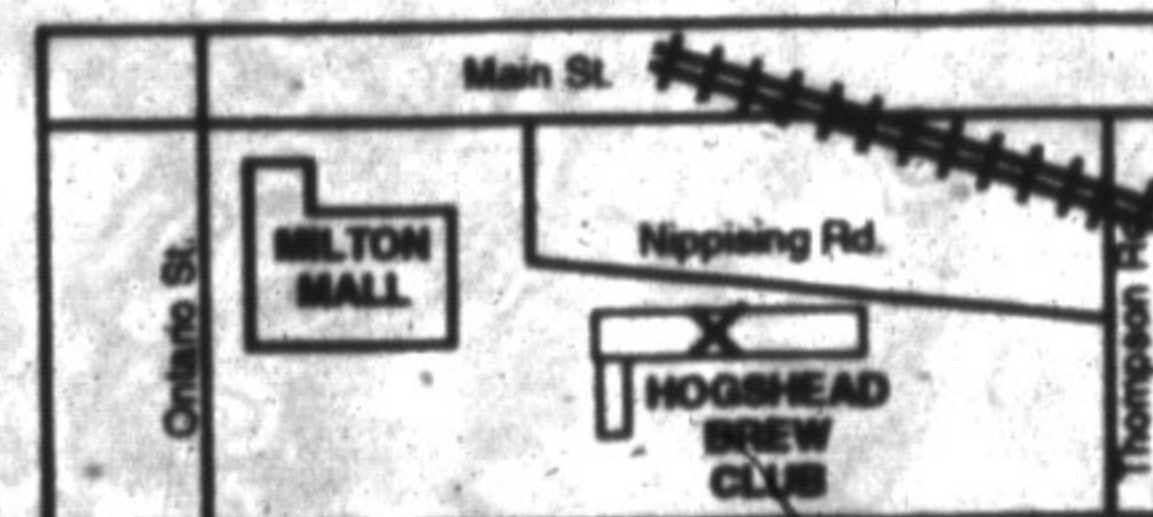
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