

# Councillors support 'cooling off period'

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The Town of Milton is moving to gain more solid footing in the event a designated heritage building's fate comes up against the wrecker's ball. "This would ensure that cool heads

prevail instead of decision by bulldozer," said Ward 2 Councillor John Challinor, who championed Heritage Milton's cause at Monday's town general-committee meeting.

Mr. Challinor put forth a Heritage Milton-supported request that the town ask Halton North MPP Noel

Duignan to introduce a Private Member's Bill at Queen's Park. Committee backed the request.

The bill, similar to those already passed for Oakville, Toronto and London, would increase the town's authority when it comes to demolition of designated heritage buildings. The legislation applies only to heritage buildings or heritage areas, so designated by the province through the Ontario Heritage Act.

"In this community, we have slightly more than a handful of designated buildings," said Mr. Challinor.

"I want to make it clear that I have no intention here of playing 'big brother.' It is not my intention to stop people from doing what they wish with their property. This would simply provide the opportunity to sit back and look at possible alternatives," explained Mr. Challinor.

Under the current Ontario Heritage Act, there's nothing to prevent demolition of designated buildings, explained Mr. Challinor. The demolition can be stalled for six months, but then a permit application can be

made and demolition can go ahead.

The new rules would require an applicant to have in place building plans and a new building permit for the site, prior to demolition. The bill also has provisions that could require further delays in demolition, and the clout of severe fines should demolition go ahead against the law.

"The legislative authority sought

by Heritage Milton for the Town of Milton would not stop demolition but would delay it until certain requirements had been met," stated Mr. Challinor.

Mr. Challinor said the delay period would allow for what he called "a cooling off period" during which the town and property owner could examine potential solutions.

## United Church Minister

# Rev. Hyde new head of conference

By KAREN SMITH  
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Reverend Bob Hyde of Milton has chosen "leadership for mission" as the theme for his term as president of the Hamilton Conference.

The St. Paul's United Church minister was installed as president recently at the 70th annual meeting of the Conference in Mississauga.

"People today are just not trusting the leadership forms from the past. My question this year is, how can we build trust?" Rev. Hyde said prior to his installation.

"What is the leadership style required by the mission of the church?"

The Hamilton Conference, which meets annually, is one of four tiers in the United Church of Canada. It's also among 13 Conferences, each of which ordain new ministers and act as a common meeting ground for presbyteries. It's made up of six presbyteries with about 70,000 members in 350 congregations.

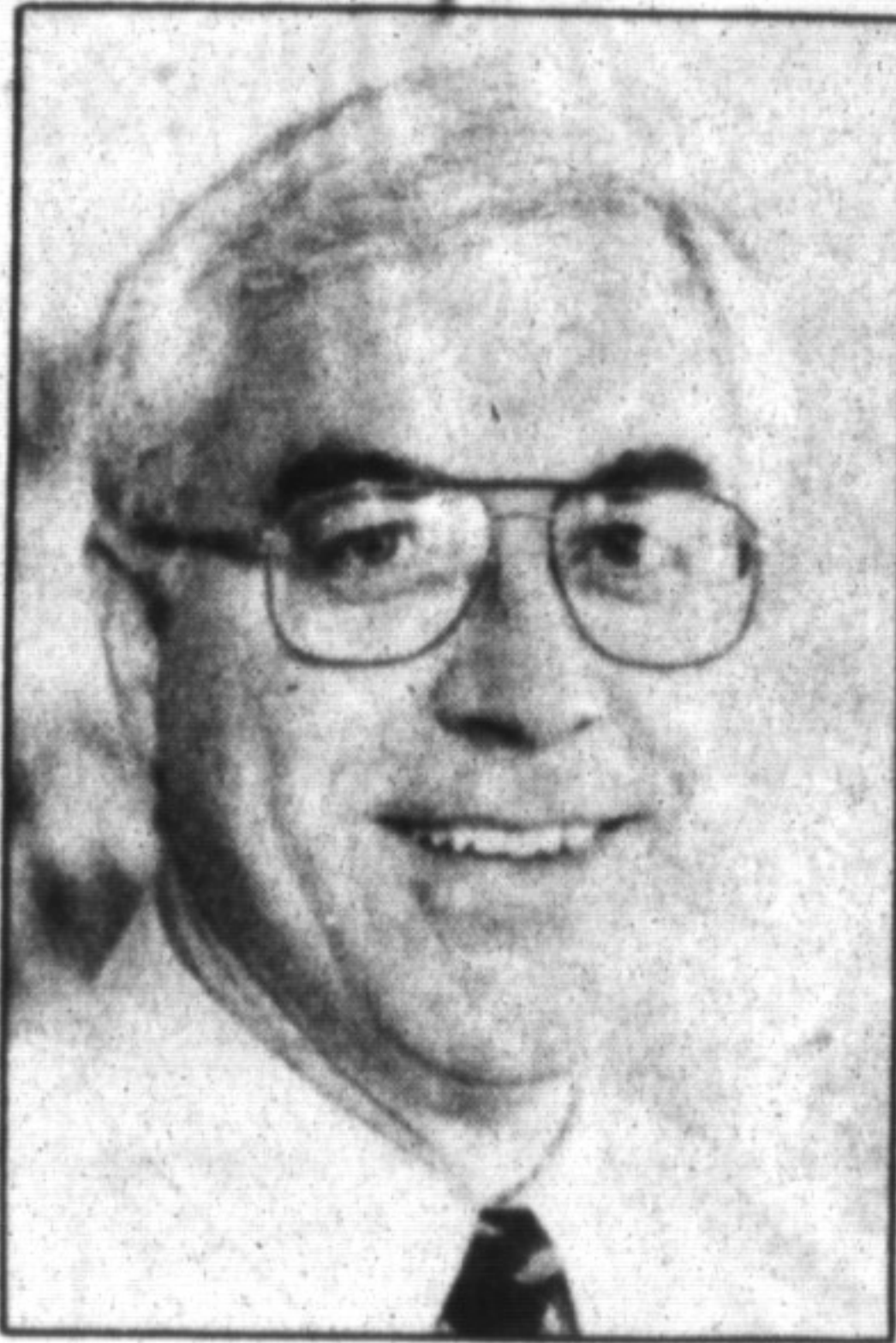
Rev. Hyde's first pastoral charge was in Saskatchewan, where he served the native people (Cree, Sioux, Saulteaux and Assiniboin) at White Bear and others at Manor during a period of native unrest in Canada and the United States.

He has served three pastorates in the Hamilton Conference — Nanticoke (1977-78), Eramosa (1979-87) and St. Paul's on Main St. East, where he has been involved in team ministry since 1987.

He and his wife Carol have been married for 24 years. They have two sons — Jeremy, a third-year student at Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia and Andrew, a grade 11 student at Milton District High School.

Mrs. Hyde is a supply teacher for the Halton Board of Education and is active in the Hamilton Conference and National Archives Committees of the United Church.

Rev. Hyde studied at Huntington College, Laurentian University (BA 1968) and at Emmanuel College,



Reverend Bob Hyde

University of Toronto (M.Div. 1972).

Chairman of the Waterloo presbytery from 1986 to 1987, he has been active in the Hamilton Conference, chairing various committees and sitting on its executive. He was also a commissioner to the General Council of the United Church this year and in 1982, 1984 and 1986.

He has been a member of the board of governors of St. Paul's United College at the University of Waterloo since 1988. He chaired the board from 1991 to 1993 and recently chaired the principal search committee for the college.

He's currently a member of the Victorian Order of Nurses' advisory committee for hospice and has just finished sitting on the Economic Development Task Force for Destiny Milton. He also serves as a volunteer at Maplehurst Correctional Centre.

Rev. Hyde's other interests include travelling, working around the cottage, and family genealogy. In May, he presented a paper about his family to the Townsend Historical Society in Waterford.

His term as president of the Hamilton Conference ends in May, 1995.

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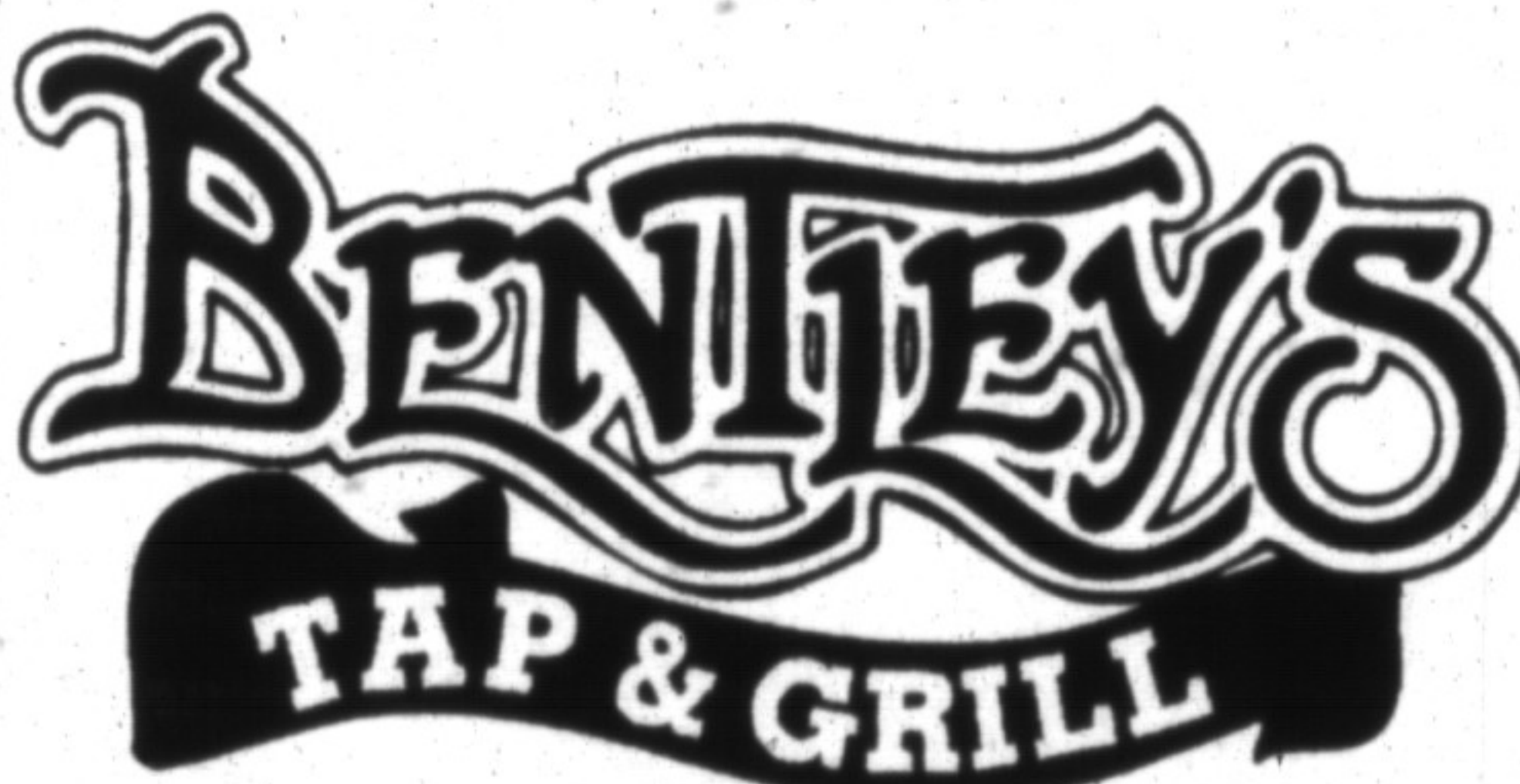
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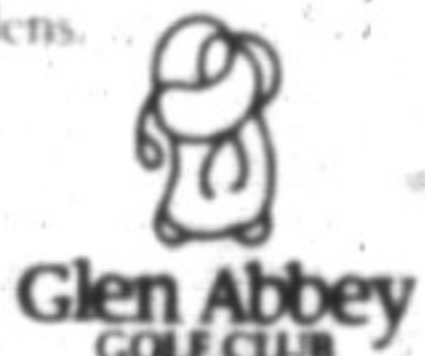
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