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## More allegations about rough stuff at the picket line

By **KAREN SMITH**  
*The Champion*

Police are investigating another alleged picket line assault as tensions between Milton Hydro and locked out workers continue to escalate.

A management employee reported to police that her shoulder was shut in the main entrance door as she tried to enter the hydro building Tuesday at about 10:30 a.m.

The stepped-up line of about 60 picketers — many of whom came from outside Power Workers' Union locals — held up management personnel for two-and-a-half hours, said hydro commissioner Bill Rowney.

Police officers were at the scene when the assault allegedly occurred, however, they weren't in the immediate area and didn't witness it, said Staff Sgt. Roy Smith of Halton Regional Police.

Union spokesperson David Shier said the incident was no fault of the union, as the management worker went through the door while it was closing.

He added that management workers continue to try to avoid picket lines by attempting to sneak into the building in other ways, causing tempers to flare.

Staff Sgt. Smith said police monitor the scene when officers are available, but are only visible to keep the peace and will only intervene if violence erupts.

Any illegal picketing practices should be dealt with through other means such as a court injunction, he said.

"It's our view that there's a civil remedy."

Mr. Rowney, who called the outside union members who attended the scene Tuesday goons, said management hasn't decided whether it will seek a court injunction.

"We don't know at this point," said Mr. Rowney, the management spokesperson.

The 23 linemen, office workers, customer service representatives and engineering staff were locked out June 14.

The main bones of contention include a grievance over a job classification, a dispute over whether temporary students should be in the bargaining unit and disagreements over changes to life insurance benefits and working hour options.

The two sides were expected to meet with a Ministry of Labour mediator today. Nothing was resolved at the last meeting July 4.

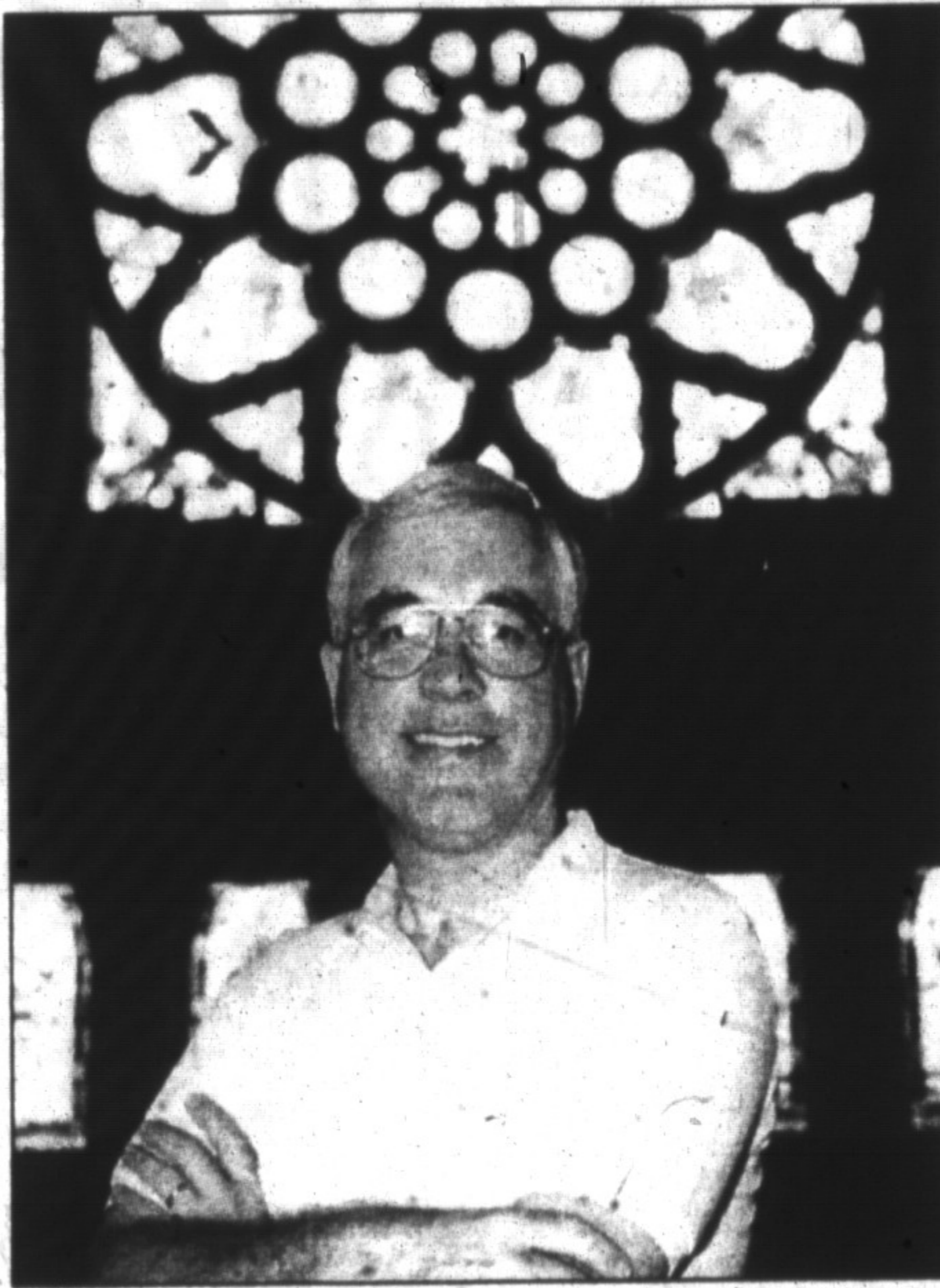


Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Reverend Bob Hyde shows off some of the stained glass in St. Paul's United Church on Main Street. The sanctuary is undergoing renovations. See story at right.

## Faith, fundraising go hand in hand at this United church

By **BRAD REAUME**  
*The Champion*

You probably cannot remember what it looks like, despite having driven past it a thousand times, but once you've been inside, St. Paul's United Church will stick in your memory. So will the fundraising efforts of its congregation.

The century-old building is attached to a utilitarian school structure of more recent construction. It's located just west of the central business district on Main Street. However, it was not built to impress those on the outside. Rather, according to Reverend Bob Hyde, it serves the purposes of those inside.

St. Paul's members have sunk more than \$300,000 into their building in the last few years, including \$120,000 to do the latest structural and aesthetic work to the interior. The ongoing project includes replaster-

ing, painting the interior of the church sanctuary, moving the pulpit, redoing the floor and widening the aisles.

St. Paul's ran an amazing six-week campaign to raise the necessary \$120,000. According to Rev. Hyde the goal will be met. Donations are approaching \$114,000 and are still trickling in.

"The short fundraising period has the advantage of creating excitement," said Rev. Hyde. "We contact everyone in the congregation and set up a number of projects." • see **THEY BREATHE** on page 12

## Watch water

Halton Region has again implemented its even-odd watering scheme as a conservation measure for the summer.

Property owners with odd numbered addresses will be allowed to water their lawns only on odd numbered days of the month. Similarly, those with even numbered addresses can water on even numbered days.

For townhouses, watering is allowed based on the unit number, not the complex address.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Chuck Bonnaffon, a member of the organizing committee, warms up at Rotary Park for this weekend's bicycle tour in support of Milton District Hospital. The tour begins at Kelso.

## Bike tour to raise money for hospital

The Milton District Hospital mountain bike tour is slated for this Sunday (July 14).

The tour begins at 11 a.m. in the west parking lot of Kelso Conservation Area. The cost is \$5 which includes maps and admission to Coral Park at McClure Lake.

Swimmers are invited to come prepared as there is swimming at Kelso, with an additional admission of \$3.25, and at McClure Lake. Photographers can get shots at Nassagaweya Canyon Lookout, the maarl pits and at Crawford Lake.

Organizers suggest participants bring lunch as there is no place to purchase food on the route. Everyone who enjoys the outdoors is invited to participate.

For more information call Chuck Bonnaffon at 876-2207.

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#### Blaze ravages ball equipment

Police are investigating a suspicious shed fire that destroyed \$7,000 worth of baseball equipment owned by a local girls t-ball league.

A storage shed behind Sam Sherratt School on Laurier Avenue went up in flames Tuesday at 2:45 p.m.

Two pitching machines, umpires' equipment and bases, which belonged to the Milton Girls T-Ball and Rookie Ball Association, were destroyed, said Mark Cross of the Milton Fire Department.

It's believed the fire was deliberately set, Mr. Cross said.

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