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to purchase the signs and proper installation is available by calling Fire Chief Harold Penson or Deputy Chief Dave Krantz, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 878-9251.

An information package may also be picked up at Central Station firehall at 405 Steeles Ave. Monday to Friday during regular business hours.

"Your voluntary co-operation in this program is the key to its success and the key to you and your family's safety," Mr. Cross said.

New store from Amity

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recycling and reuse philosophy is another positive implication of the organization's arrival in Milton, Mr. Coe says.

Last year, more than 6.5 million pounds of donated textiles otherwise destined for landfill sites were collected.

The Milton store is open to shoppers Monday to Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Donations can also be made during those times.

Donators of good quality clothing receive tax receipts.

"It's a win-win situation for everyone involved," Mr. Coe says.

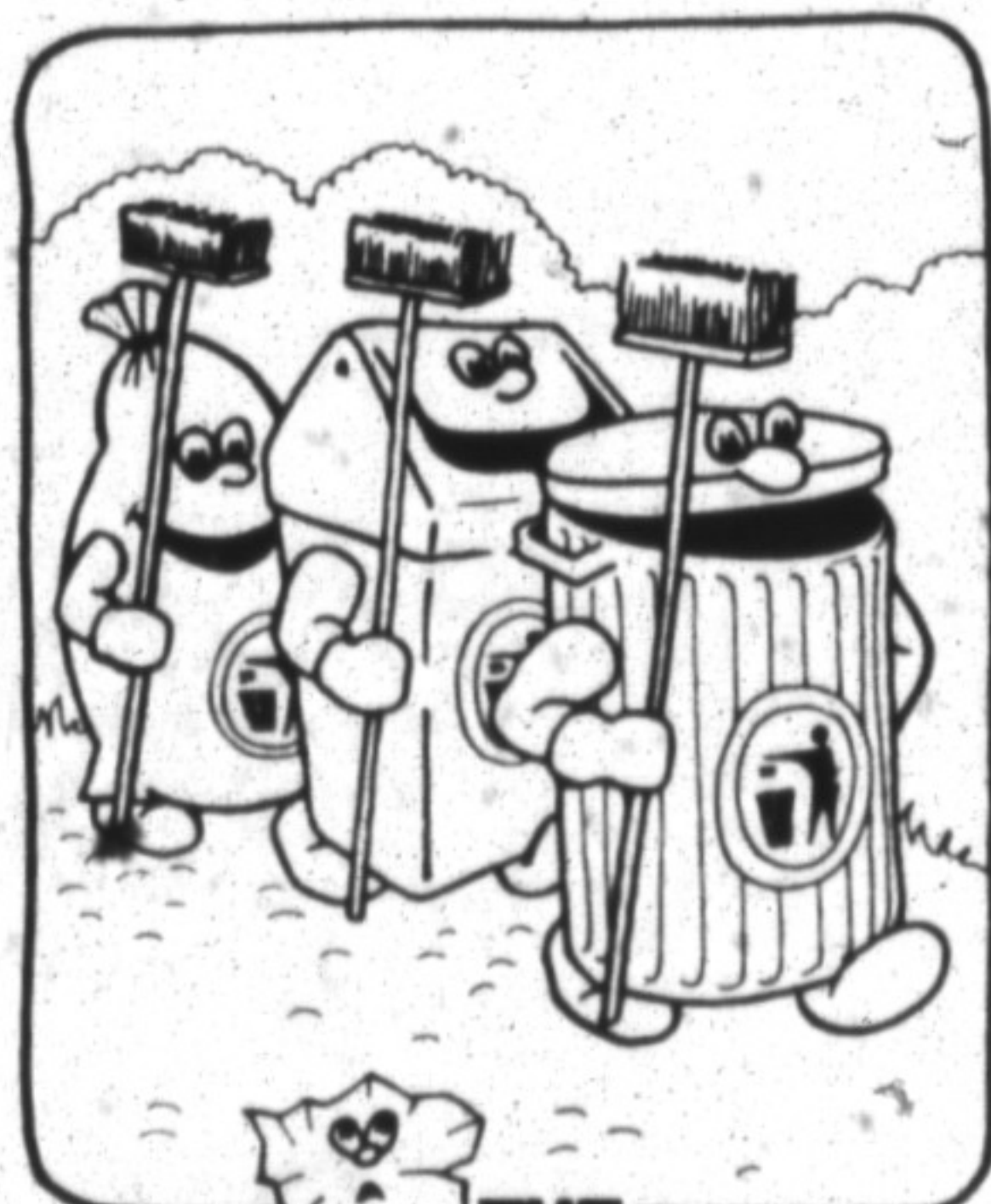
Meet the Liberal hopefuls

Candidates for leadership of the Ontario Liberal Party will be on hand at a picnic in Burlington on Sunday (September 8).

Gerard Kennedy, Dalton McGuinty, Annamarie Castrilli, Joe Cordiano, Dwight Duncan, John Gerretsen and Greg Kells are expected to be at Boehringer Ingleheim at 3180 South Service Road between Burloak Road and Appleby Line from 4-7 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$15 per person or \$25 per family and include hot dogs, hamburgers, corn on the cob and line dancing. The event is sponsored by Liberal Party riding associations in Halton North, Halton Centre, Burlington South and Oakville South.

For more information or for tickets call John Carrol at 336-3616 or Marie Kohli at 849-7025. Tickets are also available on site.



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Developers say tax hits new buyers

By KALI PEARSON
Special to The Champion

The Halton Board of Education is proceeding with the collection of the controversial Education Development Charge (EDC), upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada as legal earlier a few weeks ago.

The charge consists of a levy placed on new residential, commercial, industrial and institutional development. The money collected will be used to provide additional funds for schools without further tax increases to residents.

The board passed their EDC bylaw effective June 3, 1996, and may now require a charge of \$764 per new residential unit built in Halton and 4.70 per cent of the market value of the building

for non-residential units.

The Halton Roman Catholic School Board collects a separate charge of \$505, in addition to any EDC.

"When we decided to go ahead with the EDC, there was a recognition things were changing," said Burlington Trustee Diane Leblovic. "This is an additional tax, but it must be realized we do need schools for students. All school boards are scrambling in a crunch for dollars. We as a board are embarking on a massive renewal for this school system."

Gabriel DeSantis, president of the Hamilton-Halton Homebuilders Association, is disappointed with the supreme court's decision.

"As new housing prices will increase by

approximately \$1,300 per unit, two groups are affected," said Mr. DeSantis. "people who are on the edge of affordability and the children of Ontario."

"We do want to pay our fair share," continued Mr. DeSantis, "but constantly putting costs on the backs of new homebuyers creates less affordable housing in Ontario."

Mr. DeSantis, like many other homebuilders, believes the board may, in fact, be doing itself more harm than good in enforcing EDCs.

"When there is growth in the housing market, there is more money going into the schools via taxes. When it goes into recession, less money is

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