

Report on 'two masters'...

... accepted by councillors

# Pomeroy will remain in the chair

Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy says his candidacy for the Halton-Burlington riding in the next provincial election would not stop him from supporting a dump site in North Halton.

Mr. Pomeroy was responding to Burlington councillor Joan Little's concern that his impartiality in selecting Halton's next garbage dump may be in question now that he's a candidate for the Progressive Conservatives in the next provincial election.

"Councillor Little is apparently concerned that as a nominated candidate in a riding which is only part of this region, I would, therefore, favor the interests in that part of the region over the rest of the region," Mr. Pomeroy said during last Wednesday's regional council meeting.

"Councillor Little appears to assume that on this very controversial matter that I, too, would be participating in a somewhat different version of ward by ward politics."

But Ms. Little said that at no time did she suggest the chairman would favor his proposed riding in this matter, but rather, that if a garbage site outside of the riding is selected, it will be difficult to convince the public that the decision was fair.

Mr. Pomeroy won the Progressive Conservative nomination for the Halton-Burlington riding last month, prompting Little to ask Mr. Pomeroy for a report addressing her concerns.

The riding takes in Milton, Halton Hills and north Burlington.

Two of the region's six candidate dump sites under consideration are in Milton, in the Halton-Burlington riding. The other four are outside the riding, with three in the Oakville riding, and one in south Burlington.

Ms. Little, in a report to the region's finance and administration committee two weeks ago, said she would prefer that Pomeroy step down as chairman, "if not now, then at the very least when the election is called."

But she acknowledged then, as Mr. Pomeroy reminded councillors on Wednesday, that there is nothing in law requiring him to resign as regional chairman.

"To avoid jeopardizing Halton's position before any (provincial) hearing, the chairman should agree now to step down from any discussions on this issue, including relinquishing the chair at meetings dealing with landfill," Little suggested.

But Mr. Pomeroy said he will support the site selected under the Environmental Assessment Process currently taking place.

"Provided that the process, after full public scrutiny, has been fair and equitable to all, and that I am satisfied that all considerations have been given," he added.

Mr. Pomeroy said he will stay on as

regional chairman and that he is committed to carry on the full duties of chairman.

But he added, "If at any time I feel for any reason, including any other constraints on my time, that I could not discharge my duties, of course I would consider stepping down."

As for having made a commitment when he was chosen regional chairman, last December, that he would not seek another office during this council's term, Pomeroy said, "As it stands now, no election has been called, and indeed there may not be an election within the term of this council."

## New roof for the Manor

Scheiber Brothers Ltd. has won a contract to replace the roof at Martin House in the Halton Centennial Manor complex.

The amount of the contract is \$95,895.

A recent survey of the roof showed it to be leaking in many places and the 18-year-old insulation has a 40-per cent moisture content.

It was thought better to replace the entire roof now than to do it in stages.

### Human Agreement

Halton has entered into an agreement by which the social services department will lease office space from the Milton Human Service Centre.

The rent will be \$70 per month and covers 2.5 days per week.

### Elderly Study

After 1.5 hours of debate, regional council has accepted a series of recommendations which will start work on the long-discussed elderly study. The approval means the formation of a large committee to oversee the study plus staffers to work specifically on the subject.

Milton mayor Gord Krantz and Burlington mayor Roly Bird will be the regional representatives.

### It Was A Lark

Councillors spent almost 15 minutes deciding whether or not to accept and act on a request from another municipality about

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what to do with the seagull problem.

In this case the Township of Downie was looking for support to halt the spread of the Ring-Billed Gull.

Planning and public works committee has sent a recommendation calling for the planning director to make a report about this gull and "obtain more detailed information from the Ecological Advisory Committee."

As the debate about the gulls continued, councillor Pat McLaughlin wondered aloud "if there's a full moon out there," and was assured by the media there most definitely was.

The debate ended when council voted to "receive and file" the request.

### Getting Colder

If regional employees go home early because of winter storms, they will have to make up for the time they take off.

Councillors voted to put in a new policy when it was pointed out the bad weather of last winter resulted in employees sent home early when bad weather warnings were issued.

The make-up-time rule is now a part of the Halton Policy Manual.



### A Real-ty Boost For United Way

The Oakville, Milton and District Real Estate Board has presented a cheque for \$325 to the Milton United Ways campaign. Board president, Amy Griffith, right, said the cheque is a way of putting something back into the community which has been good to the realty business. Accepting the cheque is Joyce Scott, left, a Milton-area realtor and a member of the United Way campaign. Milton area brokers also contributed \$1000 to the United Way fund.

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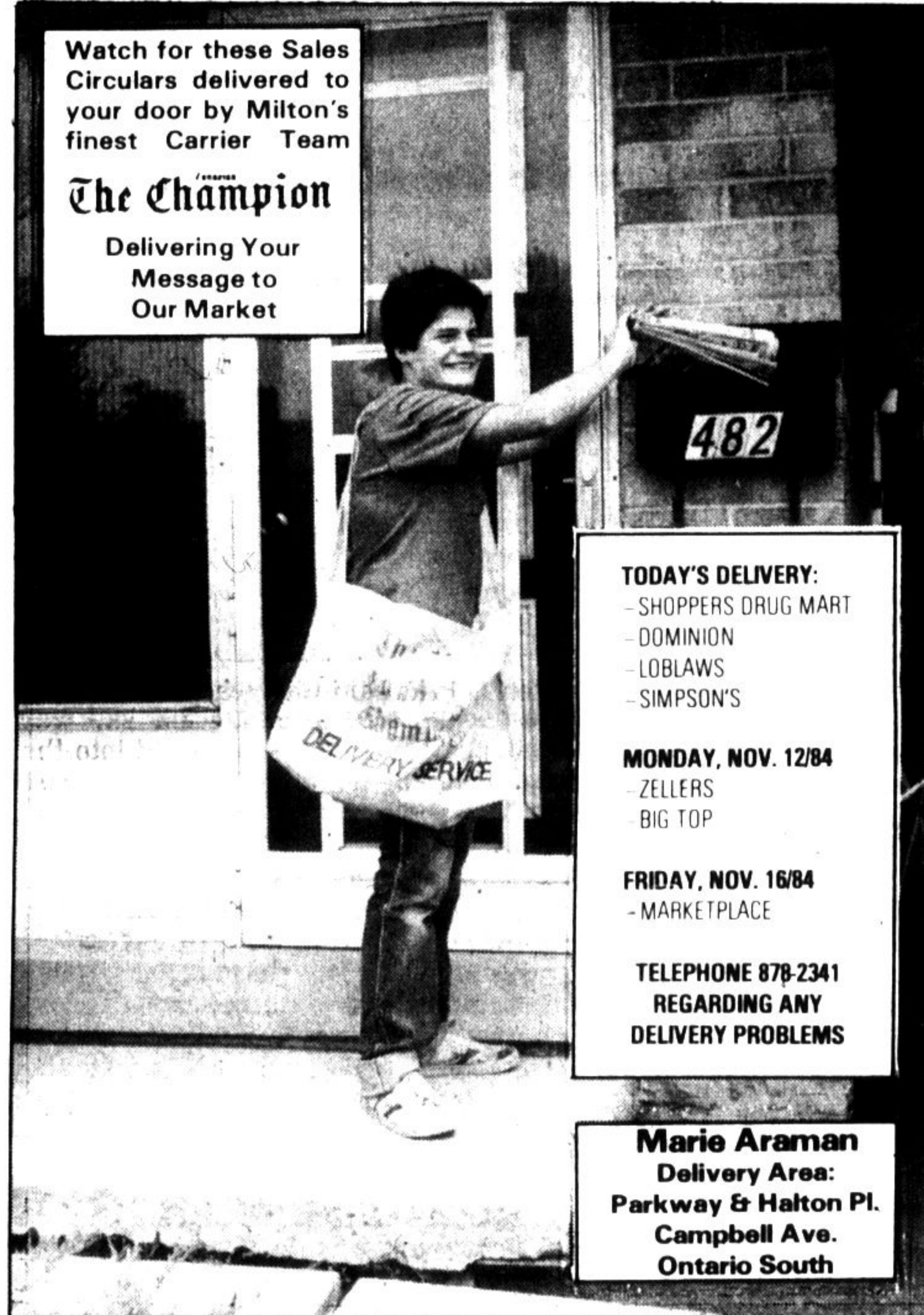
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