Paul Longergan decided eight years ago he was going to be more than just a resident of Milton. He was going to be a part of it.

This Friday that decision of eight years ago becomes a reality when he officially opens the new offices of Paul D. Longergan Insurance Agency Ltd. at 485 Main St. E.

Mr. Lonergan, the State Farm Insurance representative in Milton, not only is opening the office Friday, he is the owner of the land, the builder of the building, and is even leasing the other half of the 2,200 square foot building to a well-known real estate firm.

And that's not all. Mr. Lonergan is definitely thinking of future expansion and has made ample provision for that in the plans of the new building.

He said he decided eight years ago, when he went on his own, to have his office and business in place. With what he describes as the full support of his wife Pat, he has reached that goal but has done something more.

'I consider myself a part of the community," he said, "I consider this a business that was built on service. I also feel that this community has been good to me so I want to put something back in."

That something is new industrial asses-



Insurance man Paul Lonergan shows something of the old and new. The files in front of him were standard practise in his industry. Now Mr. Lonergan has fully computerized his new agency and thousands of the old-fashioned files are in the computer. Mr. Lonergan opens his new offices Friday.

sment for the town, new jobs for Milton, and a new business on Main Street when new businesses are sorely needed.

The insurance office is equipped with the absolute latest in computer technology. Gone are the days when bulky files were the rule; it's all on computer now.

Should a person be interested in, say, life

insurance and all the options, Mr. Lonergan or one of his agents can have it brought up on the screen and then put in a form of a print-out so the client can go home and study things in a relaxed atmosphere.

p.m. Clients and friends in Milton are more than welcome to come down and see what

The open house Friday will run from 2-4

his new business outlet has to offer, he said.

Since that change however, problems

Last week the Town went ahead and

New police recruits may pay own way

by GORD KOLLE

Halton Regional Police chief James Harding has been appointed chairman of a subcommittee investigating the possibility of police recruits paying for their training. Chief Harding was appointed to the position at a Jan. 18 meeting of the Ontario

Association of Chiefs of Police. The panel will consist of members of the Solicitor General's Office, the Ontario Police Commission, the Police Association of Ontario and municipal police authorities. He says the potential cost effectiveness of the plan is not the main issue.

We're talking about raising the police standards to a professional level," he said. "You don't find professions such as law, medicine or engineering recruiting untrained people to its ranks, then pay them to

be trained. "We believe that when we improve the professional standing in the police force then we as a police organization have improved."

The issue of making police recruits pay for their education has been a political football for years with the latest pressure coming from London mayor Al Gleeson.

Earlier in 1983, the London and Sarnia Police Commissions attempted to implement a new probationary recruit policy. It was proposed that new recruits would

no longer be paid while attending the nine week probationary Constable "A" training course at the Ontario Police College. Instead, they would pay for their expenses

as well. The recruits were to be guaranteed employment on successful completion of the

course at the existing salary. Currently, police recruits at the Aylmer Police College are trained and paid for their nine week OPC course at the basic constable's salary of \$22,000.

The plan ha brought harsh criticism from

the Police Association. Police Association of Ontario president Rod Gilmore said that the idea of selfpaying recruits would do nothing to enhance

the police.

# St. John wins big

By CATHY FRENCH

When it comes to first aid, the Milton chapter of St. John Ambulance is the best in Peel-Halton.

The Milton crew proved the point recently when the four-member team finished first in a seven-team competition held in Mississauga. Other teams were from Mississauga, Burlington and Brampton.

Each team was given a problem and was judged on speed, diagnosis and corrective technique. Among the problems was a car accident involving two patients.

The competition was divided into groups for men, women and mixed. The Milton team entered the mixed competition. Those participating from Milton were Mike Chorney, the team's captain, Terry Amyotte, Kathy Armstrong and Susan Scarborough.

The group was selected by Milton St John chief Don Miller who chose his group based on level of training. All needed to be 18 or older.

Miller said the team will now enter a divisional competition March 3 in Niagara Falls, Ont.

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### Changed signals causing confusion flow in accordance with Ministry of Tran-A recent signalization change at the inter-

section of Main and Martin Sts. is causing some problems for both pedestrians and motorists but the town is hoping new crosswalk markings and a steel gate are going to improve the situation.

Three weeks ago the signals were changed to allow pedestrians to cross with the traffic

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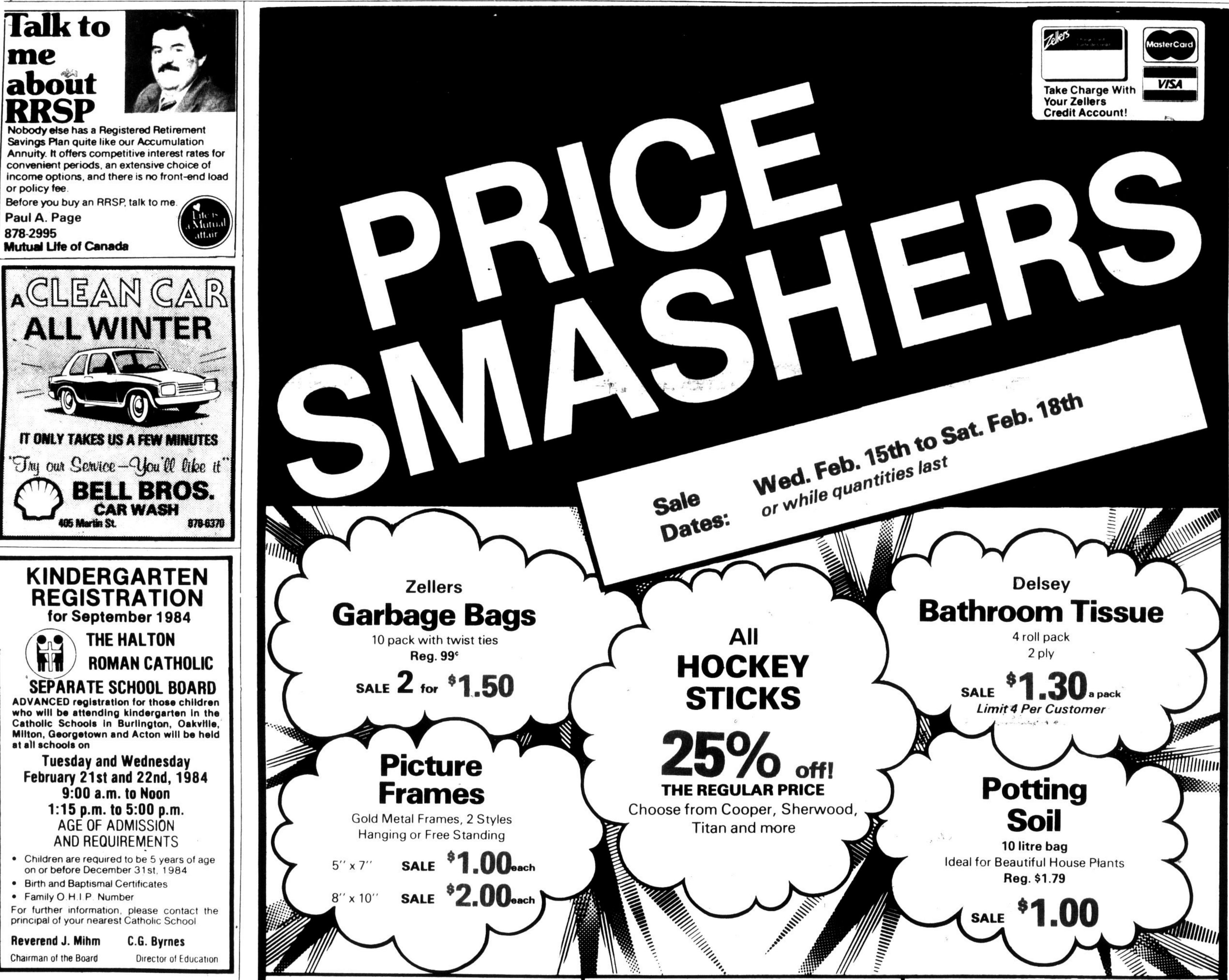
sportation and Communication guidelines.

have risen where motorists are failing to give pedestrians the right of way (when the walk signal is indicated) and pedestrians are stepping out in front of the traffic or "jaywalking" according to Milton Works

Department director John Mattews.

Councillors agreed Monday evening to order a \$450 iron gate to be placed in front of the former post office building, which will direct pedestrians across Martin St. and then Main St. on the west side.

applied crosswalk markings .



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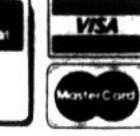
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