

MISSISSAUGA '71

September

SEPTEMBER 1
School trustee Rudy Bos started his futile fight to have high school students banned from classes if they drink during lunch hour. That move came on the heels of the lowering of the drinking age from 21 to 18.

Herb Breithaupt, South Peel Liberal candidate in the provincial election, challenged Premier William Davis to act on a proposed merger between British Petroleum and Supertest Petroleum Ltd., Canada's only oil company. He said BP sought voting control over the Canadian firm.

The board of education approved a motion to lower the full-day attendance age for trainable retarded children from 10 to six years. That means retarded children who would normally attend special half-day classes were enabled to go to school on a full-day basis.

Streetsville got carrier delivery of mail. In a ceremony at Streetsville's post office MP Bruce Beer (Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe) inaugurated the service on behalf of Postmaster General Jean-Pierre Cote.

SEPTEMBER 8
David Littlefield, 16, barely escaped drowning on Labor Day when two swimmers hauled him from an apartment pool and applied artificial respiration. Lifeguard Christine Murray, employed by an apartment at 2247 Hurontario St., saw Littlefield in the shallow end of the pool just as she was closing for the day.

The on-again off-again Clarkson liquid waste disposal plant was temporarily off again as the second grouping of Canadian and American companies interested in building the controversial facility fell through when talks broke down between the firms over financial arrangements.

A Port Credit committee of municipal council announced it was considering a "meals on wheels" project to provide subsidized hot dinners for invalid town residents.

Marc Belanger, publisher of the underground newspaper Fifth Columnist,

announced the paper would continue to publish and reeve Chic Murray said that is a "good thing." Murray had earlier been quoted as calling it a "ding-a-ling newspaper."

SEPTEMBER 15
Erindale College students were talking about a strike that would lock out 2,300 of their numbers according to their numbers according to Paul student union leader Paul Moran. He said student complaints were being ignored by the administration and stated a strike in October was possible.

Residents of Springbank Rd. and North Sheridan Way were considering legal action to fight pollution they said was being created by a 320-acre town dump in their neighborhood. Solicitor Allan Shulman said the residents were considering a suit against Berrill and Trustrum, the pit owners, and the Town of Mississauga.

Brian Williamson, 10, was saved by two playmates from suffocating after a tunnel he was digging at the Erin Mills construction site caved in on him. Linda Herridge, 10, and Scott Bowman, 11, dug through the dirt to give Brian air.

Mississauga Mayor Robert Speck opened the new civic centre and called for city status for the town.

SEPTEMBER 22
Town council delayed action on the Newman pit on Springbank Road until resident representatives could appear before council.

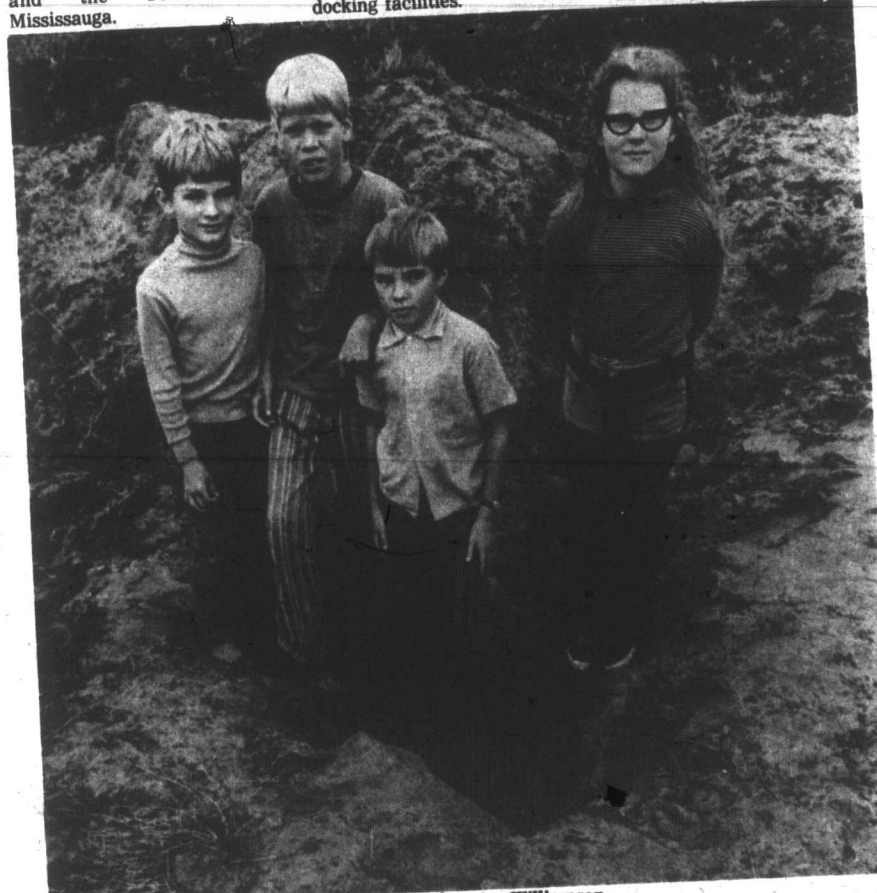
Port Credit Parks Committee gave tentative approval to the internal design of the 16-acre waterfront park on the west side of the mouth of the Credit River. The design included a lagoon, swimming pool, tennis and shuffle board courts, a band shell, waterside restaurant and docking facilities.

The school board voted down trustee Rudy Bos' bid to banish high school lunch hour drinkers from classes.

SEPTEMBER 29
An angry Malton resident told separate school board trustees, "You are not doing your job." John Carroll was backed up by 17 parents who attended the meeting. He complained about improper planning for population and about the board discussing "frill" courses while pupils at St. Raphael Separate School lacked suitable accommodation.

The Lakeshore Community Association demanded a one-year freeze on multiple family and commercial development in the Lakeshore Community Study area and charged town zoning was accommodating developers.

Liberal leader Robert Nixon spoke at the Dixie Plaza headquarters of Peel South candidate Herb Breithaupt.



Standing over the dirt tunnel where nine-year-old Brian Williamson (second from right) was almost buried alive are three playmates who rescued him.

October

OCTOBER 6
Mississauga council discussed the possibility of being sued by Domex Co. and Sedade Developments if the town chose to freeze apartment and townhouse construction in a 76-acre segment of the Lakeshore Community Study area bounded by Southdown Rd., Lakeshore Rd. and the Gulf Oil spur railway line.

The town's committee of adjustment was asked by council to answer for the treatment of two Donnelly Drive residents who appeared before it seeking severance on two lots. One of the residents, Norman Ursel, accused the committee of upholding the "emotional" pleas of nearby residents and called it "an interesting study in mob rule versus the rights of private ownership under the law." He had

sought to rezone residential property to permit 60-foot instead of 75-foot lots.

The Department of Transport altered a flight path from over the Bramalea area to the Malton area.

The school board's superintendent of business, Jack Brown, said during a general board meeting that the Lakeshore Community Study development will "not proceed for four or five years and after that it will take another five to seven years to justify a new secondary school."

OCTOBER 13
The school board's new lands and building committee held its first meeting and approved a 1972 school construction budget of \$9,585,000—down \$4 million from this year's figure.

Mississauga police charged five persons in a

series of three break, enter and theft incidents which plagued the Cooksville Medical Centre in late August and early September.

An attorney for residents on Springbank Road and North Sheridan Way charged the town garbage dump had expropriated the rights and property of the residents without compensation. The residents had been objecting to pollution from the dump.

A school board committee okayed for the experimental Woodlands School, a complex that will eventually accommodate Grades 7 through 13, a campus partner for the youngsters in Kindergarten to Grade 6.

OCTOBER 20
Councillors and town officials who went on a 10-day fact-finding tour of Europe in the spring gave their findings at a civic centre meeting and pronounced the

trip worthwhile, despite its \$9,000 cost.

Heavy jet aircraft passing over the Meadowvale section of town was measured at only three decibels less than what the Department of Transport considered "excessive." That news came in a letter from the department. The study was asked for by Mississauga council.

PC candidate Douglas Kennedy called unemployment the biggest worry; Liberal Herb Breithaupt concentrated campaigning on planning, consumer protection and the economy and NDP Ted Humphreys campaigned to ease the heavy burden of taxes.

Two Toronto Maple Leaf team members, Denis Dupere and goalie Bernie Parent, were involved in a major car wreck on Dixie Rd. Both suffered injuries to the face.

OCTOBER 27
Metro police raided a Port Credit apartment and seized a 50 calibre Browning machine gun, an anti-tank rocket, a mortar shell, ammunition, an anti-personnel mine, blasting caps and other weapons in an alleged plot to assassinate Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin during his visit to Toronto the following day.

Councillor Glen Grice said council needs its head examined to allow a plaza to be built on the site of the former Roxy Theatre in the Cooksville section of Mississauga.

Don Blenkarn announced he would seek the Peel Progressive Conservative nomination to run in the next federal election.

Councillor Lou Parsons said: "It's more advantageous to be a bum than to be a worker." He introduced a general committee motion to cut young employables off welfare. The motion was passed by council.

Douglas Kennedy expressed surprise at the extent of his victory in the provincial election. The Peel South Tory took 244 of the riding's 271 polls.



Peel South MPP Doug Kennedy gets a victory kiss from his wife Kay following his surprisingly high winning vote margin in the October provincial elections.

November

NOVEMBER 3
More than 600 Port Credit residents who were eligible to vote in the provincial election would not be able to get to the polls in the municipal elections, candidate Terry Butt charged. He sought extended franchise which would permit all those of legal age who live with their parents or board in one room to vote as full tenants and property owners have been able to do.

A coroner's jury blamed the death of a 60-year-old laborer, Italo Leonardi, at the Domtar brick plant on faulty equipment, improper training and a complete lack of electrical maintenance records. He died July 31 while he was cleaning a rock crushing machine.

The school board approved a plan for complete reorganization of the administration at Cawthra Park Secondary School which included a recommendation that teachers be paid on a merit basis.

United Appeal campaign workers were worrying over lagging returns.

Mississauga police charged two men with knifing to death 19-year-old Hubert Smith of Brampton on Steeles Rd. and the attempted murder of his brother Edward.

NOVEMBER 10
Acting mayor Chic Murray and Councillor Lou Parsons announced that a traffic planning review of the area between Base Line and Dundas St. indicated that Mississauga Road could be preserved in its present state.

Christopher MacLennan, 7, who had been struck by a car, was reported improving at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Council buckled down for an anticipated heated debate over cable TV in Mississauga at its general committee meeting.

Ratepayers began moving toward a combined council of Mississauga ratepayers



An army truck carrying 17 Toronto cadets from Streetsville Remembrance Day services overturned on Queen Elizabeth Way ramp, injuring five of the youths.

associations that would endorse candidates and possibly run their own representatives. Lawyer Paul Moore said the combined groups was "inevitable," adding that it was a trend in other urban areas.

Charterways Ltd. proposed a teletransit system to council. It would be a similar system to that used in Pickering where riders dial-a-bus.

Council learned that the Berrill and Trustrum landfill site is not owned by the company, but by several local landowners who lease the Springbank and South Service roads property to Berrill and Trustrum.

NOVEMBER 17
Preliminary results from the June federal census showed south Peel's population 19,210 ahead of the 1970 municipal population

figures. Acting Mayor Chic Murray charged the town of Brampton was "irresponsibly going ahead" with high rise development around the Shopper's World shopping centre.

Representatives of the Brampton Flying Club proposed that their present 200-acre site be purchased and developed by that town as a municipal airport.

Clara McLaughlin announced she would run for the deputy reeve post on Port Credit council and former reeve David Hunter was still wavering on his decision to run. Jim Hoshko said he would definitely run for one of the four regular council seats and former councillor and defeated candidate for reeve, Dick Slemin, was still considering another try.

Edward Smith, still recovering from knife

wounds he received at the same time his brother Hubert was fatally stabbed, identified two men in a police line-up.

NOVEMBER 24
Peel County's 1,800 elementary school teachers were working for the first time without a salary contract. Negotiations with the school board, frozen for several months, were predicted by some officials to continue into the spring.

Port Credit reeve Frank Leavers denied charges by council candidate Terry Butt that proceeds from the sale of a municipal parking lot on Lakeshore Rd. to the Liquor Control Board will be earmarked to eliminate any deficit on the town's account books. Butt also claimed the land could have been sold for \$120,000 and that the \$85,000 sale price constituted a town subsidy for the LCBO.



Mississauga Police Chief Garnet McGill announced he would retire after 27 years with the department. Deputy-Chief Bruce Kivell will take over as chief in January.

December

DECEMBER 1
Peel County's 1971 United Appeal campaign did not reach its target figure, but chairman Terry Williams said the campaign was successful nonetheless.

Three candidates were acclaimed following a nominations mix-up in Port Credit. Town clerk Alex Thomson failed to make it clear that candidates who had been nominated for more than one position had to choose which one they would contest within a certain time period.

Some candidates also failed to note the rule. Clara McLaughlin was acclaimed deputy reeve, reeve Frank Leavers won by acclamation and mayor Cy Saddington also kept his seat by ac-

clamation. Mississauga mayor Robert Speck was non-committal on rumors that he was awaiting a donor for a heart transplant operation at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto.

Streetsville braced for its elections as mayoral candidate George Wilson made charges that the council had voted for a three-year term of office without informing town voters of the proposed bylaw.

DECEMBER 8
Eleven of the 12 television cable companies applying for licenses at a CRTC meeting were notified of opposition by their applicants by the Town of Mississauga.

Port Credit council vetoed attempts by former reeve David Hunter and ex-councillor Dick Slemin to re-

open the question of the nomination night mix-up.

Mississauga's police chief Garnet McGill announced his retirement after 25 years as police chief of the town and the former Toronto Township. McGill retires on his birthday, Jan. 6. He blamed ill health and age for the retirement.

The Ontario Police Commission lent its support to the concept of a county-wide police force operated in the county and the five towns of Mississauga, Port Credit, Streetsville, Brampton and Chingacousy.

Hazel McCallion was swept into office for a second term as mayor of Streetsville after winning by 1,100 votes.

Erin Mills New Town opened with an extravaganza that paled the founding of some nations.

DECEMBER 15
Four town Miracle Food Mart stores were found guilty of selling underweight packaged fresh produce and fined a total of \$4,600.

Co-ordinator Rex Faithful said a lack of commitment for use of the Mississauga Sports Centre Olympic pool had stalled progress on plans for the \$3.5 million complex.

Provincial court judge Gerry Young wrapped up trial of 43-year-old Valentine Aimola of King Township in an extortion trial involving a 23-year-old Mississauga girl and her former boyfriend. Aimola was accused of attempting to extort \$1,000 from the pair after he arranged for the girl to have an abortion. A verdict will be delivered Jan. 21.

Mississauga council ordered town staff to study the effects of a proposed 10-cent student bus fare.

Gulf Oil Co. released a report blaming failure of an automatic device for the Nov. 2 explosion at its Clarkson refinery.

DECEMBER 22
Mississauga mayor Robert Speck was reported recovering following the successful transplant of the heart of a fatally injured 15-year-old boy.

Six town police officers were involved in raids that led to the arrest of five persons believed to have been connected with a major bank robbery in Windsor. Leo Lajoy, a Port Credit council candidate in the last elections, said he would not press for a recount of the votes despite his narrow six-vote defeat.

The school board said its central administration offices next to the old municipal offices in Cooksville have become so overcrowded that educational staff have had to be curtailed. A report to the regular board meeting said the need for additional facilities for central administration of the county-wide board has been growing increasingly apparent for the last three years.