



SHARON HELDMANN, son Lyle, and the teddy bear will be bound for Germany this afternoon. While there, Lyle will receive treatment for his rare skin disease. (Staff photo by Philip Walker)

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## Lyle and his mother are Frankfurt bound

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The bags have been packed for weeks, the anticipation has been building to a crescendo, but the long waiting is almost over for eight-year-old Lyle Heldmann.

Lyle, along with his mother, Sharon Heldmann, will board a plane at 6:30 p.m. tonight in Toronto bound for Frankfurt, West Germany, a trip they hope will rid the Drumbo boy of a rare skin disease.

Lyle will spend at least two months at the clinic of Pavel Kozak, a Romanian biochemist who claims to have a cure for Lyle's disease, epidermolysis bullosa, a rare genetic skin disease that causes the skin to blister with the slightest amount of pressure.

The scene around the Heldmann household has been somewhat hectic the past few days since confirmation of the trip was received Friday.

"Me and the little guy are already to go," said Mrs. Heldmann. She will complete last minute details today before picking up her tickets in Woodstock this afternoon.

### FIRST FLIGHT

The trip will be the first airplane flight for Lyle and it's a nervous Mrs. Heldmann who said: "He's going to fly with a mother who's scared to death."

The constant barrage of questions asking when the trip would take place has not

bothered Lyle, his mother said.

"He's been a little bit anxious the last few days," she said, "but he now realizes the trip is official."

While mother and son prepare for the trip, the remainder of the Heldmann household have been giving moral support and helping out anyway they can.

Business will continue as usual around the family farm for Lloyd Heldmann, Lyle's father, but he will be praying for a safe journey and a cure for his son's disease.

"It was a miracle Lyle lived when he was born," he said. "I expect another miracle in Germany."

Lyle's two sisters, Sandra, 14 and Sherry, 11, have been helping their mother around the house.

"It's going to be a shock the day after when my wife and son are gone," said Heldmann.

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The community has shown its support in the Help Make Lyle Smile cause by donating \$26,000, excluding money raised at a Monte Carlo night in Woodstock Saturday, to cover Lyle's expenses at Kozak's clinic.

Mrs. Heldmann has also been given names by a friend who has relatives located in Germany.

Mother and son will step off a plane in Frankfurt 8 a.m. Thursday morning (3 a.m. DST) and treatment will begin soon after.

## Norwich talent featured on New Faces

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Some Norwich Township natives will become television celebrities when they appear on Sunday, October 25 on CHCH-TV Hamilton's New Faces program.

The Norwich and area community is highlighted on the program with performances by the Norwich Musical Society Band, the All Sorts barbershop quartet, musical numbers by Anne Buckrell, Burgessville; and opera singer John Avey. Norwich's own magician Al Munro will also demonstrate his bag of tricks on the program, which focuses on a different community each Sunday.

Many residents from Norwich and area also made up the audience which participated in the making of the program to be shown

October 25 at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 11. Tapings take place at the television studios on the weekends with four separate shows taped back to back through Saturday and Sunday.

Each show usually consists of one large group of performers such as a concert band or choir and about five smaller groups or individual acts. In addition to the musical entertainment there is usually a short interview with some local personality and a couple of minutes of film footage of the community.

Twenty-six shows are produced per season and each is aired twice.

Don't forget to tune in on Sunday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. to Channel 11 to see some new and old Norwich faces.



### Local talent

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A variety of local talent will be highlighted in CHCH-TV's New Faces program to be aired on October 25. Burgessville area resident and singer Anne Buckrell is one of those who travelled to Hamilton recently to tape the program. Other local talent on the program includes the Norwich Musical Society Band, singer John Avey, magician Al Munro and the All Sorts barbershop quartet.