

# LEAD THEM OUT OF DARKNESS . . .

## Restore Light and Sight . . . Through the

### CNIB Eye Bank in Conjunction with the

# ACTON LIONS CLUB



**HIS WORSHIP MAYOR LES DUBY** is shown here signing the first donor card at this clinic with Murray Harrison, chairman of the Eye Bank Campaign in Acton, looking on.

### your legacy in SIGHT

Many hundreds of Canadians cannot now enjoy the miracle of complete sight because of a cloudy condition of the exterior surface of the eye, which markedly reduces vision. Medical science has perfected a way by which light and thus perfect sight can be brought to these visually handicapped people. The clouded surface which really is part of the eye called the "cornea" can be removed and replaced with clear material from one eye to another. This is called corneal graft, or transplant, and has been successfully done scores of times. The new cornea grows into the once blind eye and in fact becomes part of it. It is just like having a pane of frosted glass replaced with a clear one. The supply of corneae must come from healthy human eyes that very recently have been removed, often as a result of an accident to another part of the eye. A few years ago it was discovered that eyes from a recently deceased person could also be used to provide material for corneal transplants. In order to use the eyes of a recently deceased person, they must be removed as soon after death as possible — not longer than six hours.

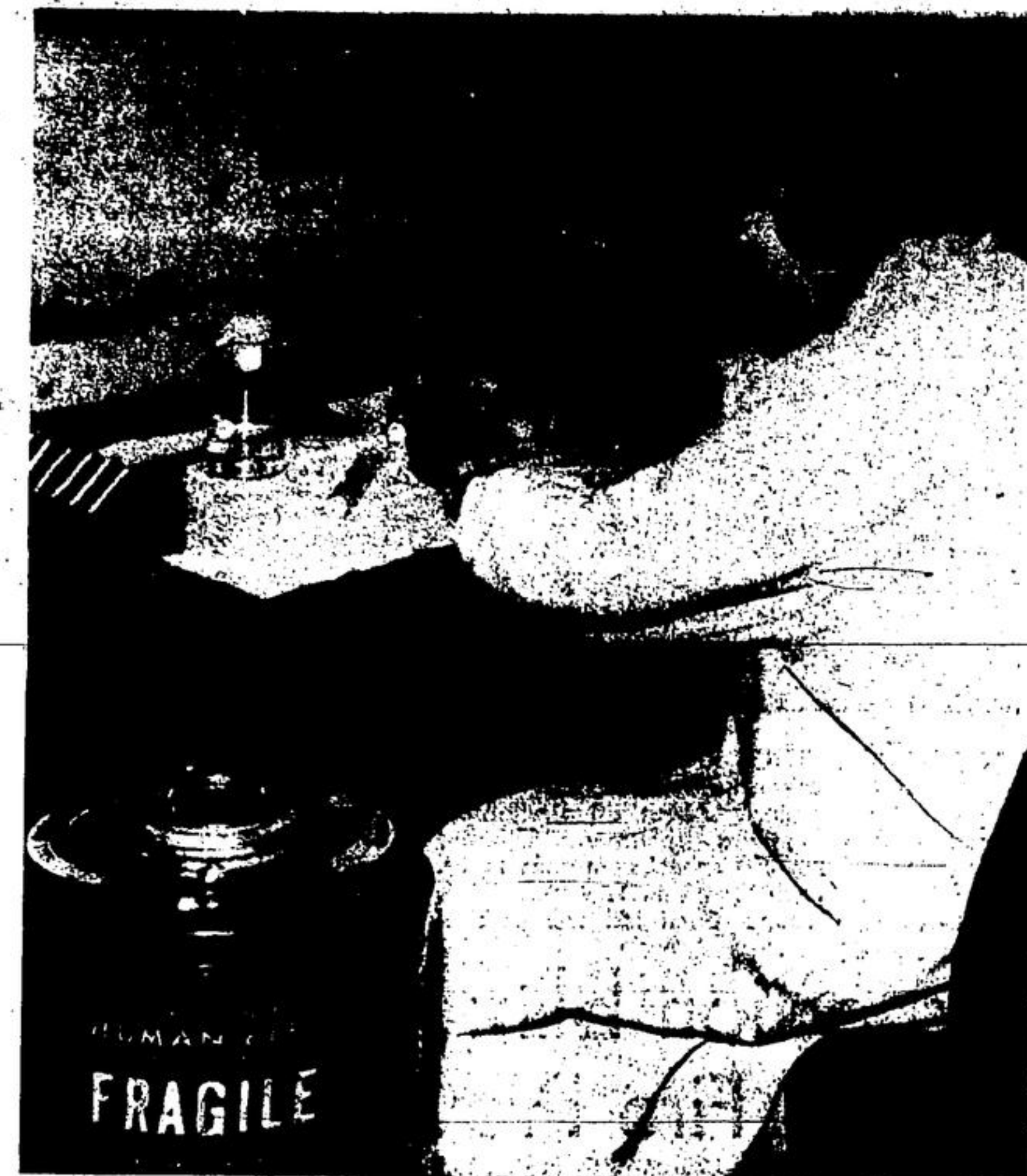
To help in the fight to restore sight, The Canadian National Institute for the Blind has set up an organization called The Eye Bank of Canada, with divisions now operating from coast to coast. Working with some of the most skilled medical eye specialists in the country, the CNIB makes arrangements for eyes no longer useful to one person to be used to help restore sight in another. Hospitals have been given special containers in which to carefully pack the eyes for their speedy trip to The Eye Bank for examination. If the eye is satisfactory for sight saving, it is again rushed to an eye specialist, perhaps in another area, who has been alerted by telephone to prepare his patient for surgery that may result in new sight. The clear cornea is removed from the donor eye and transplanted into the eye of the waiting patient who now stands a better than ever chance of seeing again, perhaps even better than he has ever seen before.

**Donor Clinics Will be Held Saturday Afternoon, October 22 and 29 from 1 to 6 p.m., in the Customs Office at the New Post Office Building.**

The purpose of these Donor Clinics is to provide the citizens of Acton and district with the opportunity of signing a donor card that will upon death, make the eyes available to the Eye Bank of Canada, for corneal transplants and lab work.



**A PATIENT** with one eye already restored to seeing through the Eye Bank service enjoys the pleasures of reading while his second eye is recovering. The Eye Bank is one of the prevention services of The Canadian National Institute for the Blind.



**CHECKING THE EYES** before sending on to surgeons is an important part of the Eye Bank service. Using the healthy cornea from eyes pledged by thoughtful donors, surgeons replace diseased cells in the patient's cornea and thus enable him to see once more. The Eye Bank, established by The Canadian National Institute for the Blind ten years ago, has enabled 1,000 Canadians to regain their sight.

**DONOR CARDS AND INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DONOR CLINICS**

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS

NAME

STREET

CITY

DATE

Please complete this card, detach and mail to the address on the reverse side. It shows that you have expressed the wish to leave your eyes for restoration of sight and will be kept on permanent file.

**EYE BANK OF CANADA**  
(Ontario Division)

Sponsored by

The Department of Ophthalmology, University of Toronto and The Canadian National Institute for the Blind

1929 Bayview Ave. Toronto 17, Ont. 485-8644

At the time of death please notify above immediately.

Please sign this card and show it to your next-of-kin, and doctor and keep it where it may be found quickly. Instructions to next-of-kin, nearest relative, guardian or person lawfully in charge of the body of the deceased: Immediately on my death, please sign the consent form on the reverse side and give it to my doctor or hospital authority.

Date

Signature of donor

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