



Gloris Coats and Susan Kuechler raise the cancer flag at the cenotaph. April is

## Honor Acton boy who pulled chum from icy waters

boy will be honored this by the Halton Safety Council for pulling a school chum out of the icy waters of Fairy Lake last February.

Kevin Fabian, Cameron St., pulled his best friend, Robert Jennings, out of the water after he through the frozen lake behind the Acton Com-

munity Centre. They were taking a shortcut across the lake to Mill St. on their way home from Robert Little School when Jennings stopped to try and pat some swans. The ice around the edge of the hole where the fowl were swimming gave way, plunging Jennings up to

his chest in water. He kept his elbows on the ice to prop himself up while Kevin began to tug. Kevin's mother, Wendy

Fabian, said this week she has always wondered how her son avoided falling in too, since he was standing on the ice. He's taken swimming lessons, but not life saving. However, her children have been made aware through television commercials that a person should lie flat on the ice and reach out as far as possible or use something to reach the person in the water. Kevin, however, just ran to the edge and dragged his chum out. She thinks either her son was lighter on the ice or the part weakened completely broken off.

While the drama was played out some other children stood on shore and laughed at Jennings' predicament. wasn't the case with Kevin's brother and sister though, Adam and who Melissa. "scared" and ran home

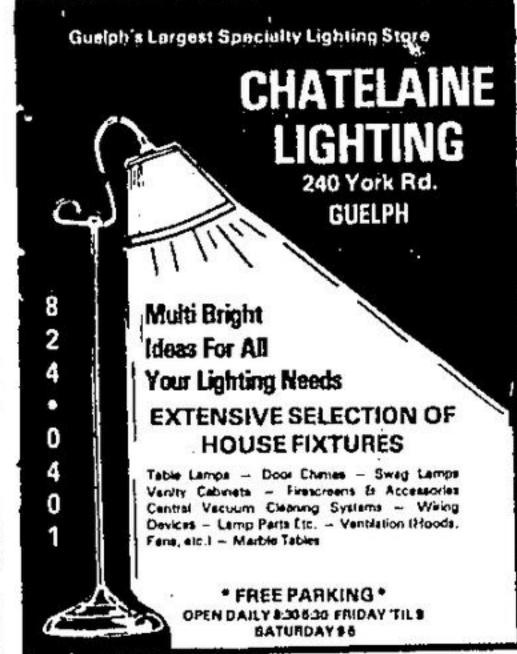
to tell Mrs. Fabian. Mrs. Fabian said her son is "kind of excited and yet not" about the

A ten-year-old Acton honor he will receive Friday night. "He's not Friday night in Oakville bragging about it. I guess he's shocked and excited at the same time." Kevin isn't as excited

are." parents, grandparents and brother and sister are all going to Oakville to see him receive the



Kevin Fabian, left, with his friend Robert Jennings who he pulled out of the ice waters of Fairy Lake last winter, will be honored Friday by the Hatton Safety Council for his heroics.



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## Torstar chairman defends purchase of Inland papers

Torstar Corp. chair-man Beland Honderich suggestions that the recent purchase by Metrothe community newspaper division of Torstar, of the rival string of 13 community papers in the Inland Publishing Co. Limited chain, has created "concentration of power" in the Metro Toronto

Appearing before the Royal Commission on Newspapers in Ottawa, Mr. Honderich said the Metro Toronto area still has a wide choice of newspapers and other

Torstar, the company which also publishes the daily Toronto Star, now controls a group of 22 weekly newspapers in and around the Metro area with a combined circulation of more than But in the area covered

Oshawa in the east to Burlington in the westthere are 66 other weekly publications with combined circulation of over 1.5 million and that doesn't even include a wide range of ethnic newspapers, Mr. Honderich told the Com-

mission.

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He also pointed out that the area is also served by seven daily newspapers, 35 radio stations, seven television stations, and nine magazines.

"I don't know of any market in North America that has the number of competing voices that we

have in the Toronto area," said Mr. Hon-He pointed out that by

his criteria of the wide choice of alternative volces in the various Metro area communities, the takeover did not provide ground for

"If I felt that in the Toronto market our action (the acquisition of the Inland chain) was seriously going to dim-inish the diversity of opinion, concerned," stated the Torstar chairman. The purchase of Inland

by the Metrospan Printing and Publishing Co. took place on Feb. 27. Purchase price was \$13.5 million. Metrospan also assumed some \$12.5 mlllion of Inland debt. Mr. Honderich sald the

acquisition was necessary to fill in the market gaps in the Melrospan coverage area. Metrospan was not making a profit and some Metrospan newspapers might have been forced to fold up and jobs would have been lost, explained Mr. Honderich. were facing a situation

where some of our Metrospan papers were losing money, losses were increasing." Mr. Honderich said.

"We couldn't provide coverage throughout the Metro area, there were too many blank spots," Mr. Honderich added, explaining some of the reasons why Metrospan was not making a profit. hopes to Torstar

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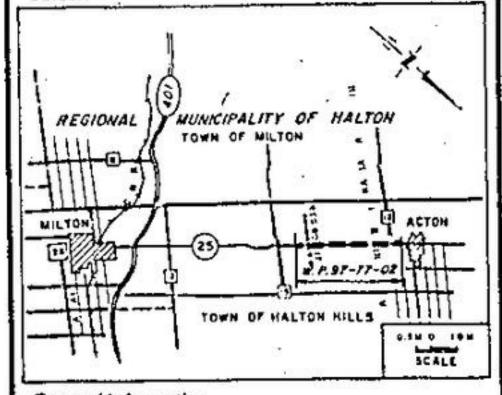
To all the voters of Halton-Burlington who supported me in the March 19 Ontario election:



#### **FRAN BAINES**

#### ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE **NOTICE OF** INFORMATION CENTRE

Construction Details - Highway 25 The Ministry of Transportation and Communications is presently preparing contract drawings for Improvements to Highway 25 in the Regional Municipality of Halton. The project extends from just south of Regional Road 17 northerly to the south limit of Acton. A plan of the area is shown



General Information The Ministry is proposing the following improve-

1) Reconstruction and widening of driving lanes from 6.1 metres to 7.5 metres.

2) Construction of partial paved shoulders (0.5 motres).

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Interested residents or other members of the public are welcome to discuss these proposals with the representatives of the Ministry who will be in attendance at the information Centre at the time and date indicated in the schedule below. The proposed highway improvements scheme will be on display at the Information Centre.

For those residents who were unable to attend the presentation regarding improvements to Highway 25 from Regional Road 9 to Spayelde due to inclement weather on February 19th, a repeat presentation will be held at the information Centre. Questions related to this particular phase of recostruction only should be directed to, Mr. Allan Sulavella, Senior Project Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Planning and Design Section, Cantral Region, 5000 Yonge Street. Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 6E9. Telephone No: (418) 224-7569.

Schedula Tuesday, April 14, 1981 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Place: Spoyside Public School

(Hwy. 26 and Esquesing Road 17) If you are unable to attend and have any enquiries you may direct these to the undersigned by telephone or in

Mr. Gedas J. Smolskis, Project Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Planning and Design Section, Central Region, 5000 Yonge Street, Willowdole, Ontario M2N 6E9 Telephone No: (416) 224-7567



"vast majority" people at both the Metrospan and Inland chains, Mr. Honderich said, adding that consideration is now being given to some of the papers publishing twice or three times a week.

However, he didn't give assurances to the Royal Commission that none of the papers will fold up. "I have nover learned how to operate a business that didn't produce more revenue than expenses. We can't continue to operate a newspaper at a loss," Mr. Honderich said.

Wednesday's hearing marked the second time that Mr. Honderich appeared before the Commission. During his first appearance last February, just 18 days before the purchase of Inland, Mr. Honderich urged tougher laws to corporate mergers over a certain size unless they provide significant benefits for Canada.

Mr. Honderich insisted



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consistencies between his earlier statement and the Metrospan takeover of Inland, because it may result in providing more employment in the community newspaper field. Commission counsel

Donald Affleck questioned Mr. Honderich on the way The Star played the story of the takeover. The Star carried a two-paragraph story on the purchase in its financial section, while the Globe and Mail provided a much wider coverage, Mr. Affleck

Mr. Honderich said that, in retrospect, The Star may have made an error in underplaying the story and suggested he must accept responsibility" for it.

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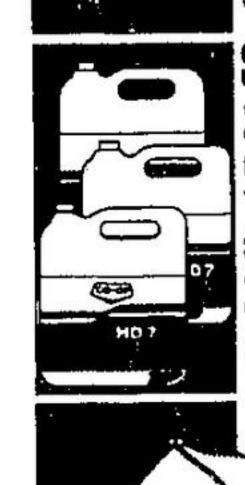
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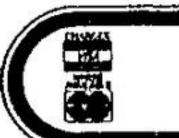
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