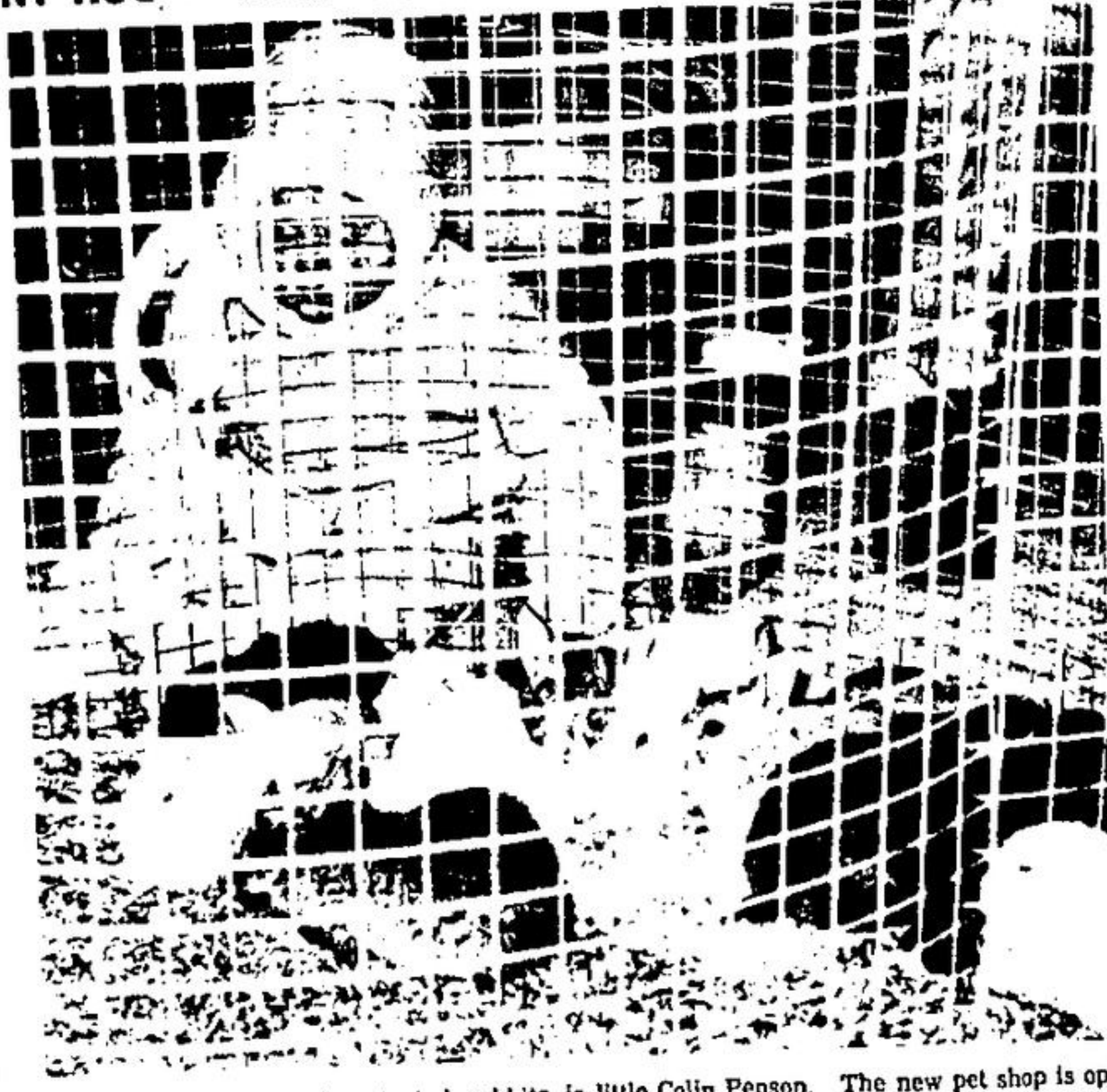


DOIN' THE BUNNY HUG - WITH REAL BUNNIES



Larry Melton holds one of the bunnies at the new Pet Pourri pet shop in the Moore Park Plaza with a gentle embrace. He was one of several eager children who visited the store during their recent opening.



Gazing at a cage full of contented rabbits is little Colin Penson. The new pet shop is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Talbot and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ivany.

Thanks to Easter Seals
Timmy is a Sportsman

Imagine what it would be like for an eight year old boy to lose both legs below the knee in a train accident. With all the youthful wonders of the world still ahead of him, it would seem impossible to expect anything approaching a normal boyhood.

Yet, three years later, eleven year old Denis Lapalme of Timmins, runs, plays hockey, football and baseball, and he has been chosen to be the 1971 national 'Timmy' for this year's Easter Seal campaign. In his new role as Timmy, Denis hopes that his efforts on behalf of thousands of handicapped youngsters will encourage everyone to support the Ontario Society for Crippled Children in its appeal for \$1,500,000 during the official month long campaign of March 11 to April 11.

HOPES TO BE A TEACHER

Denis is the son of Mr. and

Mrs. Orval Lapalme and has three brothers and two sisters. Completely bilingual, he is a grade 7 student at St. Gerard School and his favourite subject is mathematics. One day Denis hopes to be a teacher. Although his interests include skating, music, reading and baseball, his chief love is hockey. Incredible as it seems, he plays centre and right wing on the Atom League, Timmins Moose team. He roots for the Boston Bruins and his idol is Bobby Orr, whom he frankly hero worships.

How did all this come about in three short years? Through the Ontario Society for Crippled Children — the organization whose chief objective is the finding and caring for every needy, physically handicapped child in Ontario under 19 years of age; helping them to achieve their maximum potential.

Membership Drive to Seek Ambulancemen

With Tom Massena heading the executive as chief, members of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service elected their 1971 officers at their meeting a week ago Sunday.

The service, first to be established in Ontario, is seeking new recruits to bolster its membership. Although present enrolment is about 75, the service needs a large group of volunteers for this important work. Richard Foster was named membership chairman and GVAS is planning a recruiting drive this spring.

Ken Thomson is deputy chief and Dan Scarborough past chief. Frank Tyrrell and Doug Herrington are captains.

Doug Townsend is secretary; John Holden treasurer; and Lieutenants are Bill Moore, Shel Lawr, Pat Nolan, Jim Smyth, Bob Simpson, Dan Stone, Max Jack and Bill Campbell, with Clarence Stephens floater lieutenant.

Nursery Children View Puppet Show

Children of Maple Nursery School had an exciting afternoon February 24, when their teachers and a group of mothers took them to see Bobby Clark's life-size puppets at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto.

For most of the children it was their first visit to a theatre. They travelled by bus and joined the crowds of other small children all waiting eagerly for

Pinocchio to make his appearance. All the anticipation was worthwhile. There were jack-in-the-boxes, who pranced and leaped, a blue fairy, fearsome wollywogs, and many other characters.

A group of sleepy children nunched cookies and smiled to themselves all the way home, very satisfied with their day.

DID YOU KNOW?

The custom of wearing a black band on the sleeve as a token of mourning originated in England.

CLUBS COMBINE EFFORTS

Everyone has heard of the Society's Seal Campaign but a large segment of the people in this province know very little about the Society itself. It all started in 1922, when ten Rotary Clubs in south-western Ontario serving crippled children in their own area decided to unite their efforts and extend their services as far as possible. As a result, many other service clubs such as Lions, Kiwanis, Klansmen, etc. joined in the project — and, today, more than 250 clubs are combining their efforts to care for 14,500 crippled children in Ontario.

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ST. PATRICK

Ever since history began, cities and nations have taken pride in being the birthplace of great men. Strangely enough, the birthplace of some of the greats will be disputed forever.

So it is with St. Patrick. Some claim that his birthplace was Scotland or Wales. Father Colgan (Irish historian) says his mother was a Hungarian, sold as a slave to a Roman lord called Potitus. His son Calpurnius fell in love with her grace and beauty and married her. From this union was born Patrick. It is more than probable that he was French, as he was a nephew of St. Martin of Tours.

During the 4th century, there lived in Ireland a powerful king called 'Niall of the Nine Hostages. With his fierce warriors he raided Gaul bringing back plunder, including boys and girls to be sold as slaves. Patrick was one of the slaves. He was sold to a Co. Antrim Chief-tan called Milcho, and lived there six years, tending sheep and swine as they grazed on the mountain side. (Stemish Mts.) These people were kind to him. He led a simple and guileless life here, and became fluent in the Gaelic language, but he always seemed to hear a voice calling him to return to his native land.

One evening, as darkness fell

over the mountains, he gathered his few belongings and headed westwards. He had to sleep by day and travel by night to evade capture, and the certain death that threatened runaway slaves. Finally, cold, weary, and hungry he reached Ben Bulbin in Co. Sligo and sighted sails of ships in the harbour. He found out one was sailing for Gaul and asked for passage, but they went without him. Fortunately for Patrick, a severe gale blew up and the ship was forced back to land. The crew, who had heard the previous conversation between Patrick and the captain, made up their minds that they would not sail without him next time, and so Patrick returned to Gaul (France).



Once there, he got in touch with his uncle, St. Martin of Tours, and was sent to Rome to study. He was ordained there and in due time, was made a bishop.

In a dream, he saw the Irish come to the shore, and call to him to return once more. To pursue this dream he applied to Pope Celestine for permission to go back. His request was granted. In the year 432 A.D., he landed on the east coast of

Ireland with a few companions. Ireland at that time was divided into four provinces: Ulster, Munster, Leinster and Connaught. A high king reigned at Tara. (now Co. Meath). The four provinces were controlled by a few powerful families. Ulster by the O'Neills, Munster by the O'Briens, and the McCarty's, Connaught by the O'Connors, Leinster by the McMurrighs.

Patrick followed the principle of going straight to the heads of these provinces, explaining Christianity. At Cashel he illustrated the Holy Trinity (one God and three divine persons) by holding up a shamrock, showing how it had one stem and three leaves. Since then the shamrock has been an Irish emblem. On this occasion, it is said that as he stooped to pick up the shamrock, his crozier stuck hard into the ground, when he looked later he saw that the sharp point had pierced the foot of a chieftain. Patrick asked him why he did not complain, he replied that he thought it was all part of the ceremony. Patrick miraculously healed the wound.

He travelled by foot to all parts of Ireland. The two best known places he visited were, Lough Derg (Donegal,) and

Croagh Patrick (Co. Mayo). While at Croagh Patrick, it is reputed he chased the snakes into Clew Bay. Many people are rather dubious about this tale, but the fact remains there are no snakes in Ireland, except in zoos.

He also founded many monasteries (the ruins of which can still be seen, many have been restored lately. These were famous seats of learning, and students from continental Europe came here to be educated, and in turn, missionaries went forth from Ireland to Europe, bringing Christianity. Many are venerated as saints there yet. That is how Ireland got the name "Island of Saints and Scholars."

St. Patrick died at Saul (Co. Down) A. D. 467, and is buried at Downpatrick (hence the name). A large stone covers the grave, with the name Patrick inscribed in Gaelic. It is fitting that he should be laid to rest in his beloved Ulster, where as a boy, he first lived, and worked and learned the language of the Gael. His name is enshrined in churches in many parts of the world, and in the hearts of Irish everywhere. The anniversary of his death, March 17 is celebrated by his children both home and abroad.

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Joins Funeral Home Staff



EDWARD R. HABERMEHLE

A graduate of the Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology, Edward R. Habermehle is a recent addition to the staff of the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home, 34 Edith Street. He is a licensed embalmer. Born and raised in Preston he moved to Guelph in 1968 where he served his apprenticeship in funeral service. In February he married Miss Sheila Smellie of Hespeler and they are making their home here.

DID YOU KNOW?

Athens and Sparta were the Greek cities which fought the Peloponnesian Wars.

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The Lesson Was 'Friendship' For Stranded Grade Eighters

A bus load of 32 grade eight pupils from Allaa Public School accompanied by five adults were on their way for an exchange visit with pupils near Sherbrooke, Quebec, on Thursday, March 4 when they got caught in the very bad snow storm that closed all roads leading to Montreal.

The adults who chaperoned the children were the principal and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Webber, the supervisor of French, Mrs. Santa Grosso, a teacher, Mr. Zeleneck, and Mrs. Paul Johnson. Pupils from Norval on the trip were Janet Johnson, Linda Beld, Brent News, and Don Mark. The bus was driven by Lorne Wilson of Cheltenham.

The bus got stranded on highway 401 about 4:30 Thursday afternoon near Morrisburg, Ontario. The principal and Mrs. Grosso walked through waist deep snow to a farm house to phone Mrs. Grosso, who speaks French, phoned to let the school in Quebec know that they would not be arriving, and Mr. Webber phoned for assistance in rescuing the children.

At about 9:30 at night snowmobiles arrived to take them to homes in Morrisburg about 3 or 4 miles away.

It was still snowing heavily with a wet snow and the snowmobiles upset several times on the way so by the time they reached shelter they were soaked through.

The children and their chaperones were very high in their praise of the people of the

small town of about 1,200 who opened their homes to over 400 stranded travellers.

They returned home about 9:30 Friday night very disappointed that their visit with the French Canadian pupils didn't materialize but having gained an experience in friendship that they will long remember.

The adults were very proud of the way the children acted during the emergency. They were well behaved and not one of them panicked at any time.

— Mrs. Ed. McLean

Sleigh Ride Intrigues Nursery Tots

Some of the mothers and staff joined Maple Nursery School children when they took a country road sleigh ride with real horse power recently.

Jim Lyons hitched up his horses, Floss and Queen, to a sleigh piled with straw and the eager passengers climbed aboard for the ride which deposited them back at the Cedarvale school with rosy cheeks, tingling toes and some new happy memories.

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