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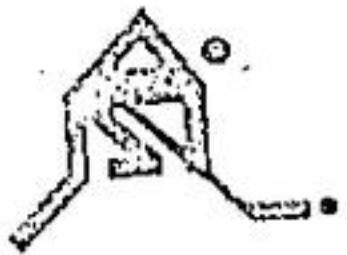
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This Week

Ambulance women

The Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service, like most community services, now has women members. The three ladies with full service status talk about their work and how well male members accept them and trust their abilities. Page 6

Pro prospects



Raiders

Two former Georgetown Raider players may be signed by the NHL this season. While team general manager Jack Handy bemoans their loss he also sees it as a credit to the league. Handy talks about prospects for this year's team. Sports Week

Squash tournament

The Georgetown Racquet Club is hosting the McLaughlin Professional Squash Tournament Sept. 13 to 16 with eight of the world's top 20 players set to participate. The players are in Canada for the world Professional Tournament in Toronto the following week but local enthusiasts can get a sneak preview right here at home. Sports Week

Liberals dubious

King family will receive funding

By MICHAEL HOLLETT
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In a move being termed by a spokesperson for the Ontario Liberal Party as a clear change of positions, the Ministry of Health told the Herald this week funding will be found to cover the expenses of supplying 13 month-old Christopher King of Georgetown with the oxygen he needs to live while recovering from a potentially fatal lung disorder at his family's Maple Avenue home.

Dianne Rinstead of the Ministry of Health told the Herald that from the start, the provincial government intended to find funding to pay for Christopher's oxygen supply at home so he could recover from respiratory distress syndrome outside of the hospital as his doctors had recommended.

WANTED HELP
Christopher suffers from inadequate lung development and must be supplied with oxygen through a hose into his nostril 24 hours a day. Christopher's family made headlines last week as they appealed for help after being told by officials of Toronto's Sick Children's Hospital that after the child's first two months at home, the family would be responsible for paying the more than \$10,000 annual costs of supplying their child with oxygen in the home. They were told that once Christopher left hospital, he was no longer covered by OHIP and the family would be responsible for his health costs after the two month period.

CALLS CONFIRM
Phone calls to government officials by the Herald, reporters with the Brampton Daily Times, the Toronto Star and a researcher for the Ontario Liberal Party all confirmed the King family's belief that they would only qualify for assistance under the Ministry of Health's Homecare Plan for two months.

"It was an unfortunate misunderstanding," said Ms. Rinstead of the Health Ministry. "There is no doubt his needs will be looked after."

Ms. Rinstead said Christopher will be taken care of under the province's Homecare program for as long as he requires its full services. These include regular visits by a registered nurse and free oxygen and the equipment necessary to supply the child with it. The King family's eligibility for Homecare will be reviewed each month. Ms. Rinstead said if the ministry determines the Kings no longer require full Homecare assistance but still require some aid, alternate funding will be obtained by someone from Homecare on behalf of the family. This would include investigating funding programs under the authority of Community and Social Services and other related ministries, she said.

NO COMMENT
Ms. Rinstead would not respond to a charge from Jane Schapiro of the Liberal Party that the Ministry had changed their policy on the King case this week. She said she had no comment to direct at Ms. Schapiro's statement but reiterated her earlier comment that the government always intended to take care of the King family.

Ms. Rinstead did not challenge statements that the King family had been told their funding eligibility would expire in two months but referred to this as a "fortunate misunderstanding."

The Ontario Liberal Party became involved in the King case after Party leader Stuart Smith was contacted by the Herald for a comment on behalf of Georgetown's vacationing Liberal MPP Julian Reed.

Ms. Schapiro, a researcher for the party told the Herald "People from Homecare told me earlier in the week, quite clearly that it would only be available to the King family for two months. The family told me the same thing."

Ms. Schapiro said "it is entirely possible" that the Ministry of Health changed their position on the King case after the issue was raised in the press.

"It's clear this was not their initial decision."

NOT CERTAIN
Ms. Schapiro feels it is still not certain the family will receive the funding they require and added even if the Kings are funded OHIP regulations remain unchanged so other families would have difficulty receiving funds

under similar circumstances. Despite Ministry of Health assurances the King family will receive funding to supply their child with oxygen, Liberal leader Stuart Smith issues his second official statement Friday afternoon, attacking the government's handling of the incident.

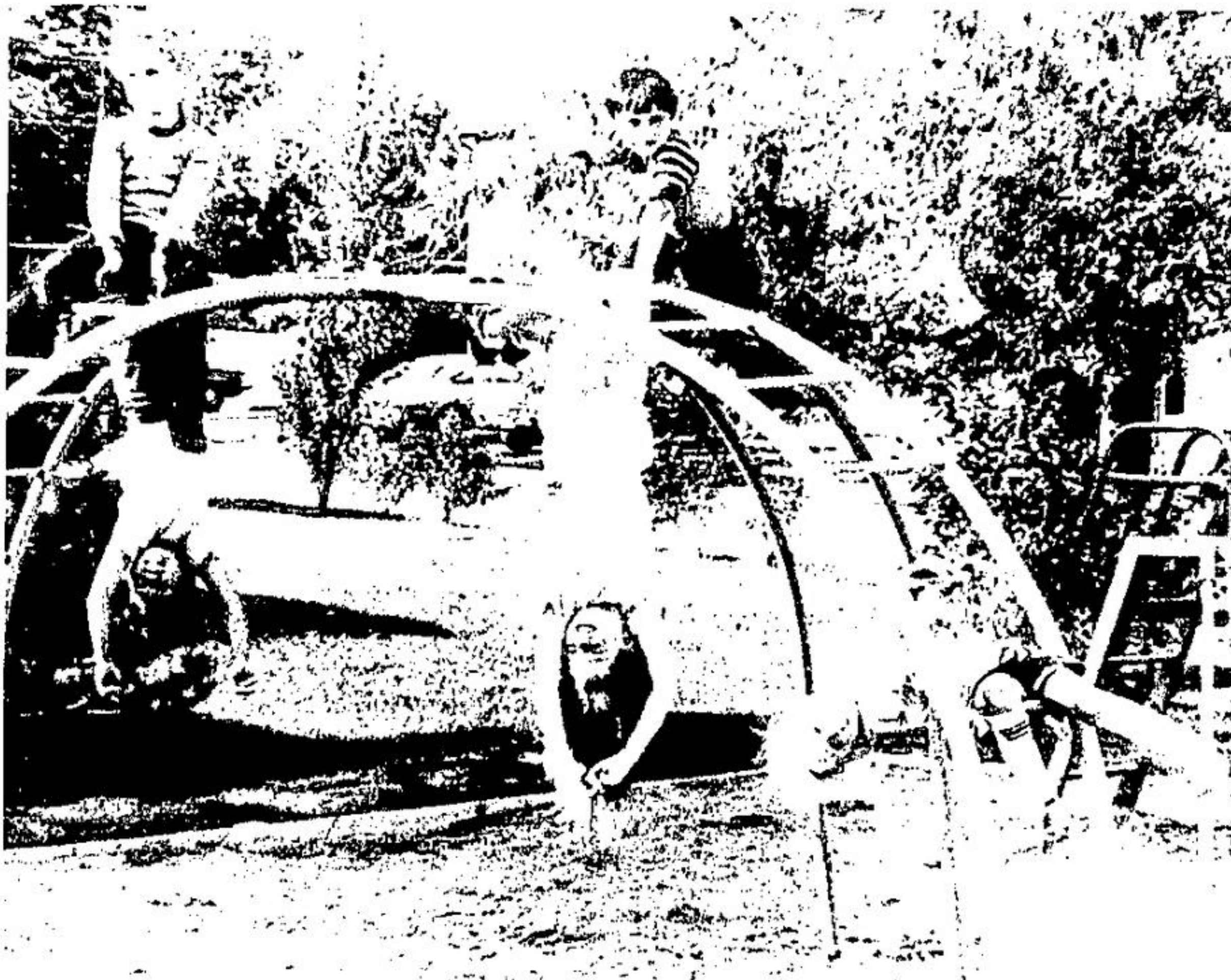
In his statement Dr. Smith said, "I am flabbergasted by the attitude of the health ministry. The Kings do not need to be burdened with paperwork, uncertainty and the risk of financial collapse, they have enough problems at the moment."

Dr. Smith said the government funds dialysis and hyperalimentation treatments in the home and he wants cases such as Christopher's to be handled under the same regulations.

BEYOND ME
"It is beyond me why they (the Ministry of Health) will not fund the treatment for this child on the same basis."

Bill King, Christopher's father told the Herald he has been contacted by a representative of the Halton Homecare Program who has assured him the government will supply the family with the oxygen and equipment necessary for their child.

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WHO CARES ABOUT SCHOOL?

(Herald photo)

These Georgetown youngsters got one last fling (and swing) on the weekend as they readied to return to school Wednesday after their summer layoff. (Left to right) John-John

Ortilla joins his friends Vince Curcio, Patty Curcio, Tanya Kennedy and Blaine Kennedy for one last round on the monkey bars.

Local 'merchant' goes berserk as car chase scene filmed here

Local police had their hands full Tuesday morning when hardware merchant John Townsend went berserk and drove his Volkswagen beetle through a barricade of debris, hurtling around the corner at Mill and Market Streets in Georgetown and narrowly missing two passing vehicles.

The action, of course, was all part of the excitement created by Never Trust An Honest Thief, the \$4.1 million comedy-

suspense movie entering its final days of production here.

Already three weeks into the filming, Westfront Productions intermittently closed portions of several downtown streets yesterday for the exciting car chase sequence which promises to provide just one in a series of hair-raising scenes in the movie, scheduled for release next spring.

Stunt drivers manned three cars for the initial scenes

yesterday morning, when "Townsend", whose Main Street hardware store is actually Goodlet's, panicked upon discovering that the U.S. Internal Revenue Service was looking for him in connection with the disappearance of a million dollars in unclaimed revenue.

Townsend jumped into the Volkswagen bearing his store's name on the door and sped out of the Legion parking lot, just missing a first oncoming car, then careened around the corner onto Mill Street, forcing a second motorist to come to an abrupt halt.

MERRY CHASE

Scenes still to be shot after the Herald went to press yesterday would see the Volkswagen lead police cruisers on a merry chase along Main Street and through several locations in town before Townsend meets his demise in a spectacular crash.

The film's associate producer, Sandra Johnson, told the Herald this week that the crew expects to be in Georgetown until September 19, at which time they will move to Toronto for the filming of interior scenes in a studio. A final week of production is planned for Las Vegas, where the central characters remaining in the plot will gather for a sensational denouement.

The movie's stars, Orson Welles, Michael Murphy and

Michele Finney, are expected to be in Georgetown until the crew completes its task Monday, Ms. Johnson added.

Production is now only half a day to a day behind schedule, Ms. Johnson reported, with weather conditions being the biggest factor. The crew is not particularly concerned, however, over delays resulting from having to wait for the right conditions enabling cameramen to match up shots from one take to another, she said.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Ms. Johnson echoed the sentiments of producer Zale Magder and publicist Judith Kangas in expressing appreciation to the community for its co-operation and support.

"Things have been going extremely well," she said, clearly delighted. "We've had the full co-operation of the town and the people here have been just fantastic, and that's not just a line I'm giving you either."

The past week has seen several sequences filmed inside the McGibbon Hotel and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (now known as the State Bank of Madison) which features Michael Murphy in his role as Madison's deputy sheriff, Michele Finney as a bank teller and Mavor Moore, another Canadian actor, as the bank manager.

TRACTOR ROLL INJURES DRIVER

A Stewarttown man is in serious condition in the intensive care unit of Sunnybrook hospital in Toronto following an accident Thursday afternoon.

John Kitley was spraying weeds at the back of a Young Street residence when he got too close to the embankment and the small farm tractor he was using rolled over the edge landing 20 feet below.

Mr. Kitley was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital with undetermined injuries and transferred to Sunnybrook later that evening.



'THIEF' STAR

Michelle Finney (right) takes a carrot break in the shooting of Never Trust an Honest Thief during a scene being shot in Georgetown's Imperial Bank of Commerce known in the film as the State Bank of Madison.

(Herald photo)



CASH FOR KINGS

Linda King (right) mother of 13 month old Christopher is resting a little easier following assurances from the provincial government they will find funding to pay for the child's oxygen treatments.

(Herald photo by Michael Hollett)

Local residents rally to King family's aid

It took Georgetown residents only a matter of hours to rally to the aid of 13 month old Christopher King after learning of his family's plight in last Wednesday's Herald.

Two funds to raise money for the King family to help pay for their young child's oxygen costs were established shortly after last week's edition hit the streets.

Bob Malcolmson of the Georgetown Kinsmen Club began working immediately to establish a 'Christopher Fund' when he learned of the King family's plight. Before dinner time Wednesday he had telephoned enough club

members to ensure his idea for a Christopher fund would pass at a club meeting that night.

LOCAL WOMEN

At the same time, two Georgetown women, Marg Boyers and Doris Muir acted on their own to establish another 'Christopher Fund'. The two women began telephoning likely donors and before the day was out had opened a special account at the Georgetown Royal Bank.

"We had received commitments for a substantial amount of money", Mrs. Boyer told the Herald.

The two women and the Kinsmen club had decided to combine their funds when they

learned the King family was likely to receive funding from the government.

Both groups are freezing their funds until government funding for the King family is confirmed "100 per cent".

BEING ASSURED

If funding for the King family is assured, the two groups will decide upon appropriate ways of using the funds already gathered on behalf of the family.

Mr. Malcolmson said the money donated by the Kinsmen would likely go to that club's main charity, the cystic fibrosis fund or to Sick Children's Hospital, where Christopher had been hospitalized.