

## Region worried about future of Halton Manor

The glow from receiving \$6.5 million to renovate Halton Centennial Manor, a Regional seniors home, seems to be wearing off for some Regional councillors.

Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkewich said Wednesday that the funding, which is split between the Region and the Ministry of Community and Social Services is just a beginning and doesn't mean Oakville and Burlington will be properly served by the Milton site.

"I have some concerns about where we're at," said Coun. Mulkewich. He said Regional council has not approved a final plan for renovating the site and for placing beds in different communities.

"I think it's premature for us to say that we're going to have a new (seniors) facility before we see how it fits with the total use of the property."

The new plan calls for seniors services to each of the Region's four municipalities.

But "the real decisions (on where the seniors beds will go) are going to come down the road," said Coun. Mulkewich.

He said there should be "caution" and "concern" for the seniors of Oakville and Burlington. He suggested the Region prepare an "integrated report" to reflect seniors needs in Halton.

There is "a very real potential that basically Burlington and Oakville will be underserved in five to 10 years," added Coun. Mulkewich.

Milton Coun. Brad Clements said that a letter to the ministry should express the Region's concern for the distribution of beds.

The Region received \$6.5 million from the provincial government which was half of a \$13 million project.

Halton Manor is located on 20 acres of property on Ontario Street in Milton. Regional plans suggest tearing down one of the buildings that is in poor shape.

Halton Hills Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson expressed concerns about what she called the "maneuvering" of beds to the north and the south. The location of the Centennial Manor has been a contentious issue with councillors recently.

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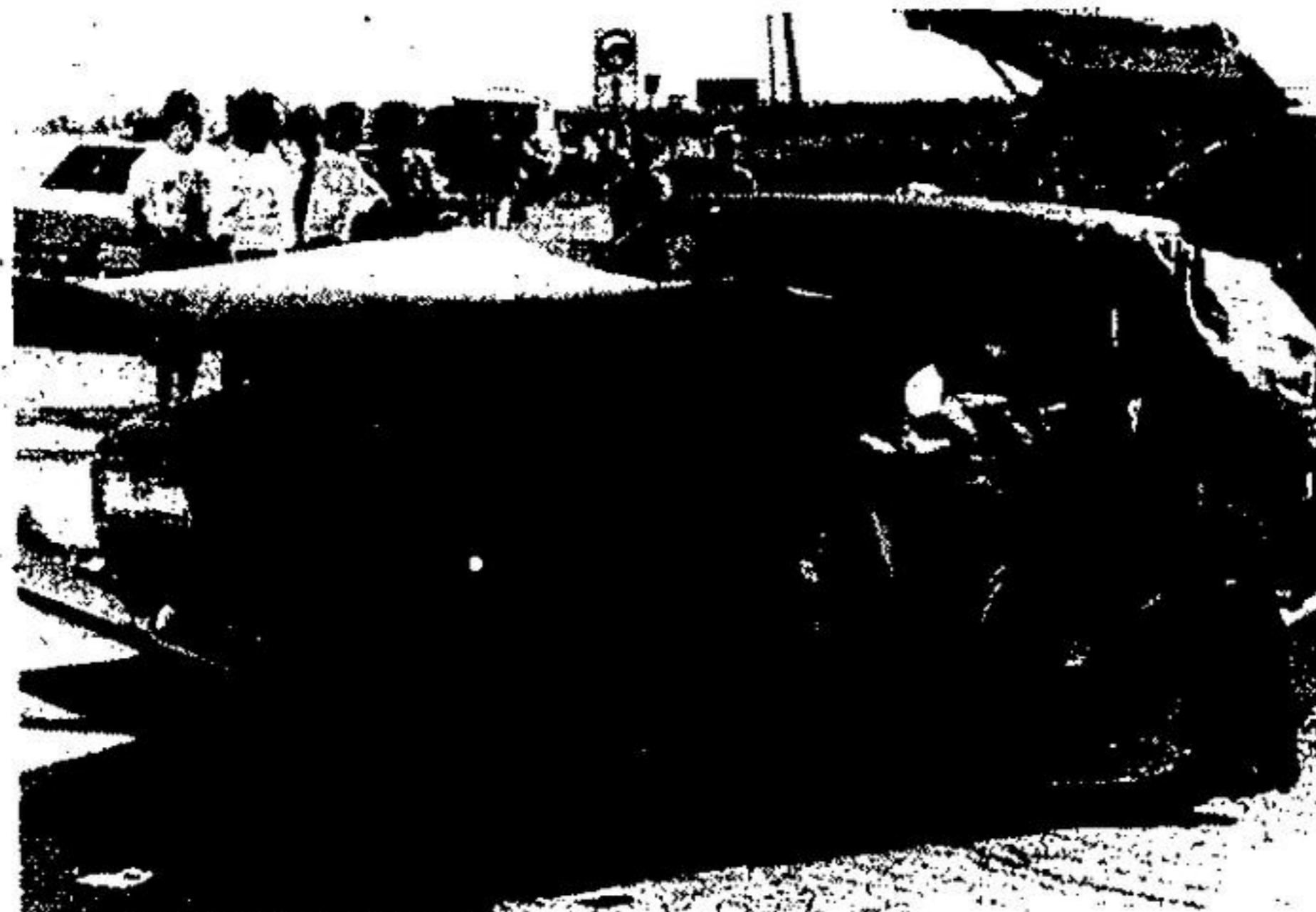
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Nine people were sent to hospital following a car-van collision at Mayfield Road and Winston Churchill Boulevard Friday afternoon, Caledon Ontario Provincial Police say. Air ambulance was on the scene to fly six-year-old Casey Huang of Etobicoke to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. His condition was unavailable. Others taken to hospital were 38-year-old Isabel Huang, who was treated at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, 16-year-old Nancy Huang who was treated at Georgetown hospital, 18-year-old Claire Lyn, who was treated at Peel Memorial Hospital, 20-year-old Grace Chang, who is in good condition at Toronto General Hospital, 19-year-old Annico Chang, who was treated at Peel Memorial, 19-year-old Jessie Huang, who was treated at Peel Memorial, 16-year-old Yvonne Chen, who was treated at Peel Memorial and a Bramalea man, David Murray, who was treated at Peel Memorial.



Caledon OPP say a 1987 Dodge van driven by Isabel Huang northbound on Winston Churchill Boulevard collided with a 1989 Caprice driven by Mr. Murray. The Caprice was travelling westbound on Mayfield at the time of

the accident. Police say Ms. Huang was pulling out of the intersection when the accident occurred. Charges of failing to yield to a traffic light were laid in connection with the incident.

## New name for hospice

The North Halton Hospice, a service for the families of the terminally ill, will get a new name but will keep the same face as it moves under the protective wing of the Victorian Order of Nurses.

The need for hospice service in North Halton has doubled over the past year, said VON hospice program organizer Anne King. Mrs. King said there is a list of 30 families and only 15 volunteers.

The North Halton Hospice staff joined the VON because they "were really looking for the expertise afforded by a professional nursing service," said Mrs. King.

The hospice will keep Donna McClure as a co-ordinator on part-

time basis. That is an increase from the 12 hours weekly she presently works.

Funding for what will be the North Halton branch of the VON hospice will come from the United Way and private donations. The Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Community and Social Services do not fund the VON's hospice program, said Mrs. King.

The United Way has "pledged additional funds" for Mrs. McClure to work increased hours and will continue its regular funding. "They will continue with the funding they've allotted in the past and hopefully (will give) more in the future," said Mrs. King.

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