

Hospital issues "match us" challenge

Launch Pakistan relief fund

Employees of Milton District Hospital, shocked over the plight of an estimated 6,000,000 Pakistani refugees who are sick and dying like flies in relief camps in India, have launched a Pakistani Relief Fund campaign in the hospital.

A six-member relief fund committee has been formed to spearhead the campaign and a 12-member canvassing group has been set up to wage a month-long September campaign to raise money for the Pakistani refugees.

Challenge all

Their campaign has been gathering momentum during the past week and the committee has decided to throw out a challenge to any store, office, industry, firm or organization in Milton and district — "match us if you can."

Bill McGinnis, maintenance superintendent at the hospital, is general chairman of the hospital employees' Pakistani relief fund. "Every employee, the entire medical staff and the board of directors will be canvassed for personal donations," he explained. "We will accept cash, cheques or payroll deductions."

A couple of zany promotion gimmicks have been dreamed up to create interest in the campaign and to help publicize the fund. One is a baking competition for the male employees of the

hospital which will be judged by the Hospital Auxiliary members with prizes for the best entries. Prize-winning entries will be raffled off at the hospital and already the men of the staff have promised to do their culinary best and come up with some novel creations.

Even the hospital's administrator Ronald Woods is joining in the promotion. He promises to wash cars all day long, some Saturday late in September, for any hospital employee, doctor or director willing to shell out \$10 for the privilege.

The idea of the Pakistani relief fund has caught on like wild-fire

around the hospital, Mr. McGinnis reports. Pictures of starving, dying refugees have been posted on bulletin boards and press releases from the Combined Appeal for Pakistani Relief (CAPR) are also being posted at the hospital to show the employees how serious the Pakistani situation really is.

"I didn't know much about it and I didn't give a damn, until I saw some of those pictures and read articles on the refugees in the weekend magazines," said one staffer. "It made me so sick to see how terrible the living conditions are in India."

Cyclone, tidal wave

The CAPR is conducting a national combined appeal for

funds for the Pakistani refugees who have moved into an area already malnourished and totally unequipped to deal with them. Last November a cyclone and tidal wave devastated East Pakistan leaving millions homeless and without food, shelter and medical supplies. Civil unrest and monsoons followed and today six million refugees are clustered in about 600 refugee camps.

They are living in squalor and filth, disease is rampant, many are without clothing and shelter. Cash will do the most good as necessary supplies can be purchased there at fairly reasonable prices.

Canada's combined fund seeks

to raise \$2,000,000. The Indian government's estimate of requirements is between \$175,000,000 and \$350,000,000.

Seek competition

The Milton Hospital committee decided their campaign might gain more impetus if it became a town-wide campaign so they have thrown out the challenge to the entire community to get involved and give a donation. The Milton Branch of Canada Trust will accept donations from individuals or groups and the hospital employees are hoping that firms and clubs will join the campaign and compete against the hospital employees — not in dollars but in percentage donations based on the number of members or employees.

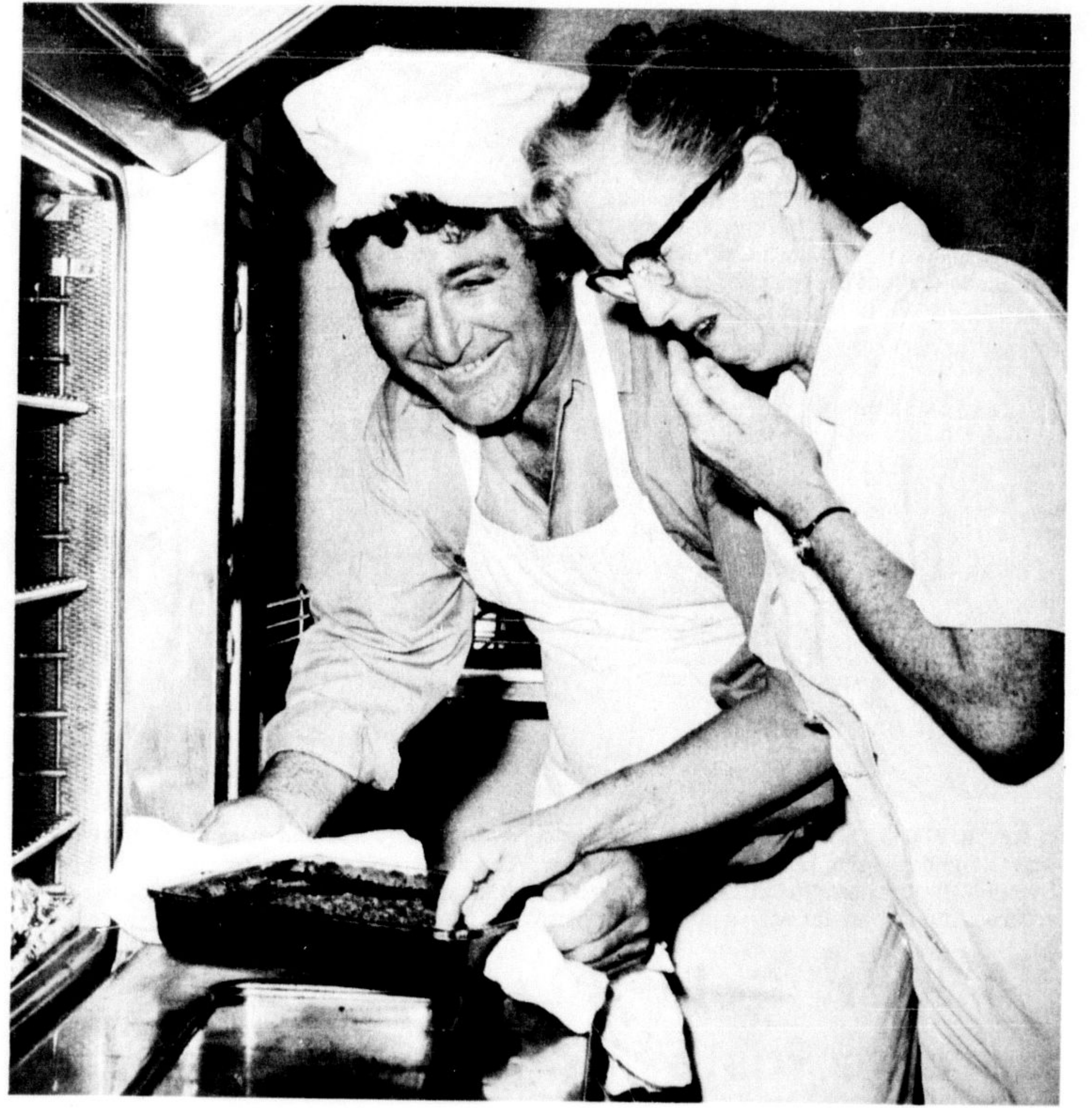
Campaigning at the hospital gets underway during the last week of August and will continue until the end of September. Theme is, "The Need is Now."

Sign up now

Anyone wishing to take up the challenge to compete against the hospital is urged to contact Mr. McGinnis or The Champion editor as soon as possible. Progress reports on the campaign will be found in this newspaper each week.

The hospital's campaign committee includes chairman McGinnis, secretary Paula Cryderman, poster chairman Gerie Wilson, prize chairman

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BILL'S BAKING TALENTS are being tested (and found not-too-satisfactory). Bill McGinnis, chairman of the Pakistani Relief Fund organized by employees of Milton District Hospital, gets some practice for the male employees' baking contest, one of the zanier features of the serious campaign to raise money to help refugees of the storm and civil strife in Pakistan. His "Hungarian Mocha Torte" was fresh from the oven when

fellow employee and canvasser Mrs. Marjory Hepburn tried it out. "Needs a little more practice," she summed up after a taste or two. Bill and several other hospital staffers will be baking their best in the fund-raising competition and the employees have challenged everyone in Milton to match or beat them in the fund-raising campaign.—(Staff Photo)

Service club co-operation needed in arena campaign

Assistance from all the service clubs will be required if efforts to build a new arena are to be successful, Lions Club past president Dave Brush told members of the Rotary Club of Milton in seeking their co-operation.

The Lions club member emphasized the Lions club is not building the arena but merely spearheading the efforts. He noted the need for a community

hall and possibly a covered swimming pool in conjunction with the project, but emphasized the need to begin fund-raising projects now in co-operation with other service clubs.

Possible events

The possibility of weekly bingos, walkathons, snowmobile races and canvassing for funds were mentioned.

"This is not the Lions Club doing alone. We went to council

and all we promised was to spearhead the campaign", Mr. Brush emphasized.

He asked the Rotary Club to indicate its support for the project and appoint three or four members to a co-ordinating committee.

Members agreed to consider the role the club might play in the project.

Use tablets for fluoride?

Milton Councillor Charles Johnson who has been in solid opposition to proposals of fluoride in the town's water supply, suggested fluoride tablets dispensed from town hall might be the solution.

Mr. Johnson said he saw the idea in a letter to the editor in The Canadian Champion and felt it should be investigated. Mayor Brian Best, Councillors Gord Krantz and Art Melanson all agreed the idea was worth further investigation.

A public meeting to discuss the pros and cons of putting fluoride into water will be held near the end of September.

Bruce McGregor

EMO co-ordinator resigns

Bruce McGregor, co-ordinator of Halton's Emergency Measures Organization for almost 13 years, has resigned his post.

McGregor said he resigned at the end of July. To date the county has not replaced him and new co-ordinator is slated for discussion at the next meeting of the county council, to be held Tuesday of next week.

"I am moving on to something else," McGregor told this newspaper, "but I don't know yet what it will be. I am looking into a few different things now."

He said he enjoyed the work as EMO co-ordinator and said he had no dispute with the county or the provincial EMO organization. "I have been thinking about this for some time," he said.

Mr. McGregor said he plans to continue living at his farm home on Guelph Line, Burlington, two miles south of Lowville. He came to Halton from Vancouver where he had served as a Navy officer. Oakville Reeve Allan Masson, who chairs the county finance committee that oversees the EMO department, was on holiday

and not available for comment.

Halton's personnel officer John Watson said Rolly Davies, district supervisor of EMO, will be keeping an eye on the Halton EMO office from his headquarters in Guelph. He felt a replacement would be named before the end of the year.

Halton EMO has conducted training programs and laid plans for natural disasters since it was formed. The organization was pressed into service during spring floods in Glen Williams, helped with the Marianne Schuett search and assisted with the Boy Scout jamboree but there have been no other major disasters in the 13-year period.

Hustle-bustle tempts voters' tummies

Tory steak, Grit corn, NDP chicken on menu

By Roy Downs

The menu is steaks for the Conservatives, corn on the cob for the Liberals and chicken snacks for the NDP in three separate political activities slated for the next two weekends in Halton.

Asstute political observers claim there must be a provincial election in the offing in the near future, but Ontario Premier Bill Davis hasn't yet announced one. From the hustle-bustle of political activities in Halton East and Halton West ridings, it would appear the local candidates are gearing up for a fall vote. They're at least attempting to tempt the

voters' tummies with a variety of foodstuffs.

Best offer

Best menu in the current round of politicking comes from the annual steak barbecue and dance which Halton East Conservatives will stage this weekend at the home of MPP and Minister without Portfolio Jim Snow at Hornby. Snow is well known for his steak barbecues and he throws one each year for Ontario government members and senior civil servants. His chef for the occasions is Peter Stemann of Hornby, who is president of Halton East PCs.

Halton West NDP executive

and candidate Walter Mulkewich are issuing invitations for a "Hi Neighbor" dance to be held at the Polish National Union Hall in Burlington a week from Saturday, Aug. 21. Mulkewich has been actively campaigning for several weeks. Menu for the evening is chicken, snacks and coffee.

For Halton East Liberals, corn on the cob will be the main fare for their "old fashioned political picnic" which will be held in Oakville this Saturday, Aug. 14. Provincial Liberal leader Robert Nixon will be the honored guest, along with mayors and Reeves of the riding municipalities.

The picnic takes place throughout the afternoon and evening at Coronation Park on the lakeshore in Oakville. Halton East Liberal candidate Bob Blake and the Liberal party are organizing the event which starts at 1 p.m. with races and games for the children, a magic show and a professional water saing show on the lakefront.

Nixon is slated to arrive at 5 p.m. in time to mingle with the picnickers and join in the 5.30 p.m. corn roast. That evening two rock bands will provide some "modern" music for the "old-fashioned" picnic.

88-year-old steam locomotive

Old No. 136 rolls into Milton

Milton, famed as the "home of the Steam-Era" became the home of an antique steam-powered locomotive on the weekend.

Old No. 136, an 88-year-old engine which was the oldest operating Canadian Pacific Railway locomotive when CPR retired its last steam trains in 1960, was trucked into Milton, tender and all, and unloaded onto rails at the Main St. E. yard of Hume Equipment Co.

All the members of Toronto Train Trip Association were on hand and beaming proudly as old No. 136 rolled onto the tracks at its new home, but none was beaming more proudly than Sherwood Hume who floated the engine and tender here from Bolton on two of his trucking firm's big floats.

The locomotive has been leased by Toronto Train Trip Association from its owner, Toronto lawyer Neil McNish who has had it stored in a barn at Bolton since he bought it from CPR in 1962.

No. 136 was built by the Rogers company in 1883, two years before CPR was formed, and bought new by that railway company in 1958. It has worked east of the Manitoba border all its working life, mainly around Toronto, Ottawa and New Brunswick. CPR spent \$15,000 on repairs on it in 1958 with the intention of using it for the highly popular steam train excursions, but it only made one excursion. That was on May 1, 1960 when it formed part of a triple-header train trip from Toronto to Orangeville.

A second engine in use that day has since been scrapped. The third was bought and restored by another Toronto group and is still in the city.

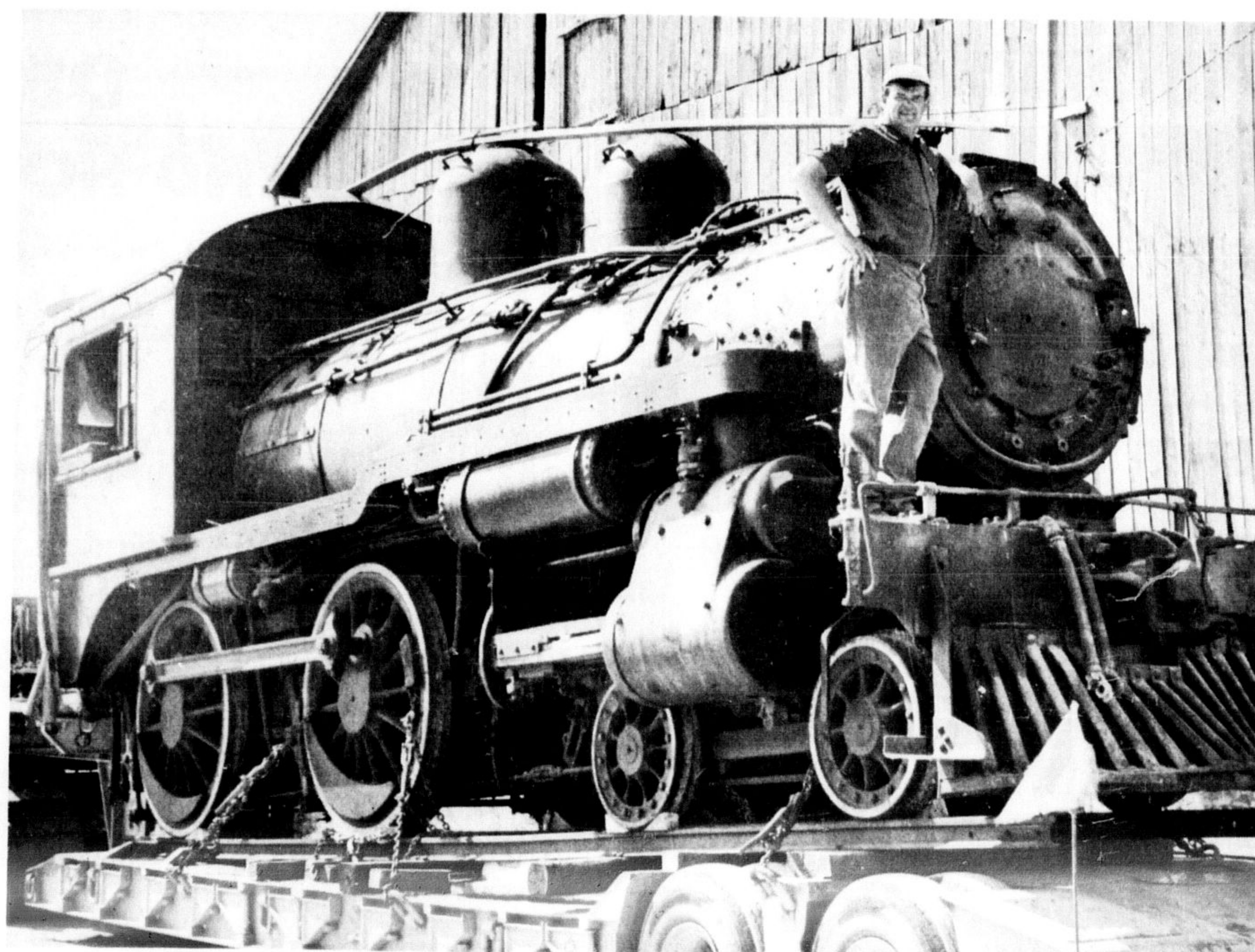
Association members, who hovered around their new possession on the weekend, report the locomotive appears to need only minimal work to get it operating again. Inspections show the boiler is in pretty good shape and they don't think it will take much work to get old 136 operating again. It came complete with all the necessary parts — a rarity for any antique buff restoring old engines — including lights, bell, gauges and even the oil can used to keep the wheels turning freely.

"Just look at those rusty gauges, they'll shine like new when we get through with them," said one enthusiastic member.

TTTA is a non-profit group with a board of 12 directors and several more working members. All are steam buffs and some are men actively employed in railway yards. The club was formed in 1952 and ran a few steam excursions on CNR lines but has been dormant for a few years. Interest was sparked by the acquisition of No. 136.

Plan excursions Their main aim is to get the locomotive running again and put it to work on excursion trips. They have a line on some old railway coaches that are privately owned and are negotiating for the use of some unused trackage — probably some old Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo (TH&B) lines, Mr. Hume said.

Insured for \$25,000, the locomotive is described as "priceless" by one TTTA member. It weighs between 50 and 60 tons and the coal tender is another 15 tons. It stands 13 feet four inches high, not counting the smoke stack which juts another four feet into the air above that.



Mr. Hume said the old steamer may also be available for static displays at steam reunions, although it won't be ready in time to show at the 1971 edition of Steam-Era in Milton on labor day weekend. "We trucked her here from Bolton, we can truck her anywhere in the country."

AN 1883 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE that was retired from service by CPR in 1960 will soon be riding the rails once more. The Toronto Train Trip Association has leased old No. 136 engine and tender from its owner, a Toronto lawyer, and plans to run steam train excursions with it after what appears to be minor restoration work. It was moved to member Sherwood Hume's Milton yard on the weekend and Mr. Hume is pictured on the cow-catcher of the 50 to 60 ton engine.—(Staff Photo)

Rob Nierop, 18, killed in motorbike accident

Robert Nierop, an 18-year-old grade 13 student at Milton District High School was killed Wednesday when his motor bike crashed into the rear of a truck near Barrie.

Rob had been visiting his girl friend near Parry Sound. He left there at 7 p.m. and was involved in the accident shortly after 10 p.m.

Rob's father, said he had been on his way back to Milton to go to work at Milton Department Store where he was employed for the summer. He had worked there part time for the past year and a half.

Rob's ambition during his early high school years and until his death was to become a pilot. R. C. Hunter principal at Milton District High School said "Rob had planned on attending grade 13 this year and then university."

"He was a fine young fellow and very active. He liked all sports and was active in them," Mr. Hunter said.

Rob had played high school football and liked hockey as well. The boy's closest friend Bob Martin, also an employee of Milton Department Store, described him as a very outgoing person and very expressive.

His bike was a 305 Honda. "He planned to sell it when he came back. He was going to buy a bigger one. He really liked his bike," Martin recalled. Rob had owned and driven a bike since he turned 16.

Service here

Funeral service was held in Milton Saturday and the body

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ROB NIEROP

Lisa Harkley "improving"

Young Lisa Harkley, 21-month old daughter of Sharon and Jeffrey Harkley who were killed in a tragic accident three weeks ago, is reported "laughing and improving slowly" in Hamilton General Hospital.

Her condition was reported "brighter than ever" by family members who have made regular daily trips to visit the child.

Family reports indicate she is now on the road uphill and well on her way to a speedy recovery. Both parents died after a head-on collision on 10 Sideroad in North Burlington July 25. Lisa was hospitalized with head and arm injuries.