

# Credit (almost) conquers Champion's correspondent

One of the greatest armadas since Spain set out to conquer England in Elizabethan times, set sail down the Credit River on Saturday.

Called the Crazy Credit Boat Race, the contest started at Glen Williams and went downstream seven miles to Norval. Hundreds of entries, (and a cast of thousands) scorned the safety of land in an effort to display their fledgling sailing ability, in a variety of classes.

Among the sailors (sunkers?) participating in the event was a staff member of The Canadian Champion, reporter Dan O'Reilly, who set sail down the Credit in a small inflatable plastic (not rubber) raft.

So far, so good

Apparently the journalistic participant completed the first leg of the journey from Glen Williams to Georgetown without too much difficulty, although at one point he had to be pulled to shore by some young boys so he could empty deposits of the Credit which had landed in his Titanic.

After Georgetown, the swirling Credit could be aptly described as The River of No Return. From reliable news sources it is learned the Champion employee was about a

mile from the finish line at Norval when he went for a swim. For some reason he couldn't paddle correctly, going under a tree-lined bank and capsizing his Consumers Distributing pride and joy.

Could have been worse

Thanks to a life preserver and a good knowledge of swimming, plus help from a shore patrol officer, the correspondent didn't sail on into Lake Ontario. But, of course, if events had taken a different turn, it might have made for great copy with a black headline, "Credit Conquers Champion Correspondent".

O'Reilly, still wringing out his socks and trying to dislodge gallons of muddy-colored water from his ears, said afterwards he made it to the shoreline without too much difficulty, but couldn't climb out onto the terra firma. "I was so cold I couldn't move," he recalled.

In retrospect, says Drenched Dan, Saturday sailors probably learned a great respect for the awesome power of a river bloated with spring run-offs. Many of them were grateful they had learned how to swim.

Boating enthusiasts in other parts of the province weren't so lucky. About five people drowned over the weekend because of boating mishaps.



CHAMPION REPORTER Dan O'Reilly prepares for a graceful take-off prior to Saturday's Crazy Credit Boat Race held north of Georgetown Saturday. He was doing fine until he was about a mile from the finish line when his craft capsized and he went for a swim in the brown waters of the stream. "Oceans O'Reilly" says it was fun, if a bit cool.—(Photo by H. Coles)

## Esquering interested in senior citizens' plan

Esquering Reeve Tom Hill indicated Monday night, township council is willing to talk with Milton officials about co-operating on an O.H.C. senior citizen housing project.

If Esquering decides to enter an agreement with Milton, they will share 7½ percent of the operating deficit of the proposed new Milton senior citizens' housing project. Township residents in the Milton area would then be eligible to apply for accommodation.

Reeve Hill said the township would like to work costs out with Milton on a per capita basis.

## Solicitor to settle welding shop hassle

Esquering Council will ask their solicitor's advice about the alleged operation of a welding shop by Charles Speck on Lot 3, Con. 6, near Milton.

A neighbor, Dennis Smith complained to council last month he had seen a dump truck being repaired there.

Monday night, clerk-treasurer Delmar French read signed statements Brian McDuffee, Howie Speck and Tom McDonald, saying Mr. Speck had done welding work for them at his home during the year 1969. The township's agricultural holding by-law was passed in November 1969.

Increased activity

Representing Mr. Smith, lawyer Peter Heslin told council his client has noticed increased activity, including some hammering recently. He said work has sometimes been done as late as 8.30 in the evening and also on weekends.

Heslin pointed out there is no evidence of registration of a business by Mr. Speck. He said his client's main objection is that the area is predominantly agricultural.

Reeve speaks

Reeve Tom Hill expressed the opinion the land was industrial, when Mr. Speck bought it in 1969.

## Easter Seals raise \$2,392

Milton and the Milton postal area were blanketed "100 per cent" in an effort to raise donations for this year's Rotary Club-sponsored Easter Seal campaign, according to the Easter Seal committee chairman, Rayer Olan.

Almost 5,200 envelopes, as compared to 3,200 last year, were mailed to prospective donors, suggests Olan. The campaign began on March 6. Packaging of the envelopes was performed by students of the Sunshine School in Hornby. Olan organized a party at the School last Thursday in appreciation of the student's work.

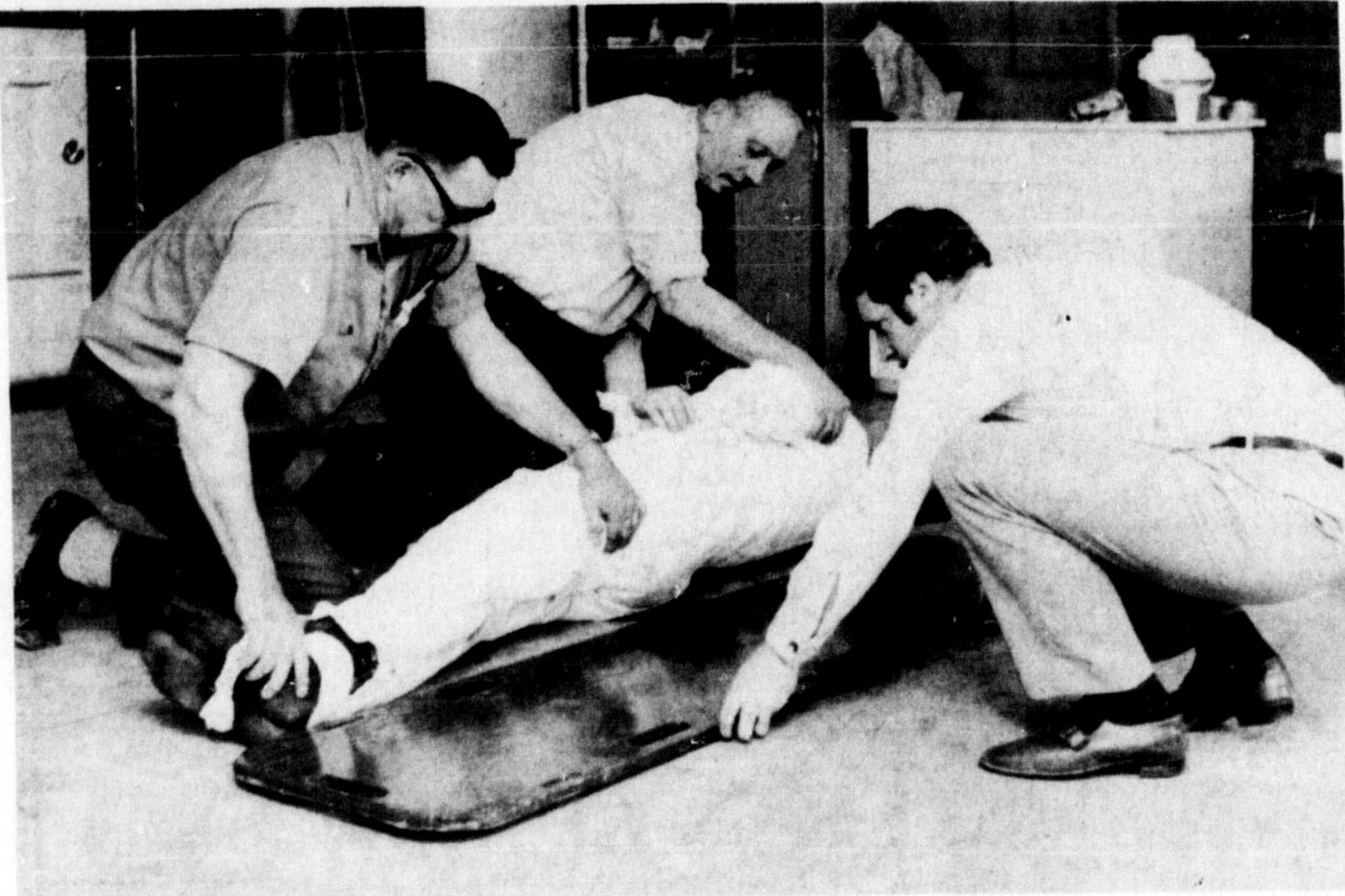
Donations have reached a total of \$2,392, states campaign treasurer John Semple. Donations can be mailed to the fund at the Bank of Montreal.

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THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT! A man is hurt! What do I do? This is not a question in the minds of Cecil Hall, Harvey Laverty or Kevin Glass as they attend to accident "victim" Auke Praamsma. All four men were training at the St. John Ambulance building

here in Milton last week, for the first aid aspects of their new jobs as security guards at the Polymer Corporation plant. The two day, 16-hour course was taught by Supt. Don Miller of the Milton brigade.—(Photo by J. Jennings)

## County, nurses still talking

A shroud of secrecy surrounds negotiations between the Halton County Nurses Association and Halton County. Personnel manager for the county John Watson told this paper both sides had agreed not to discuss the matter with the press or public.

However a reliable source claims the nurses are asking for a starting salary of \$8,400 a year. The current schedule runs from \$7,200 to \$8,400 in Halton. In Wentworth, \$7,300 to \$9,400 are the rates.

Want settlement

During a recent meeting of the Halton County Board of Health Medical Officer of Health

intimated an urgency in reaching a settlement. He said his staff was interviewing applicants for public health nursing jobs but most applicants wanted to know how much money they would be earning if they accepted employment here.

The Health Unit has been

**Ebenezer**

By Mrs. Ron McLean

Mr. Fred Huffman is making good progress at Milton Hospital. Stephen Warren had the misfortune to fall while getting off the school bus, and break his arm.

operating short of their complement for some time now. The county has made an offer and an answer is expected in the near future.

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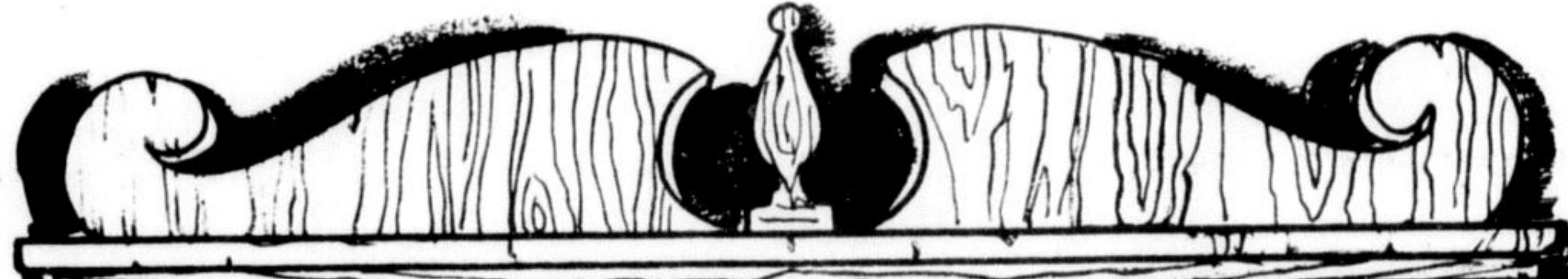
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