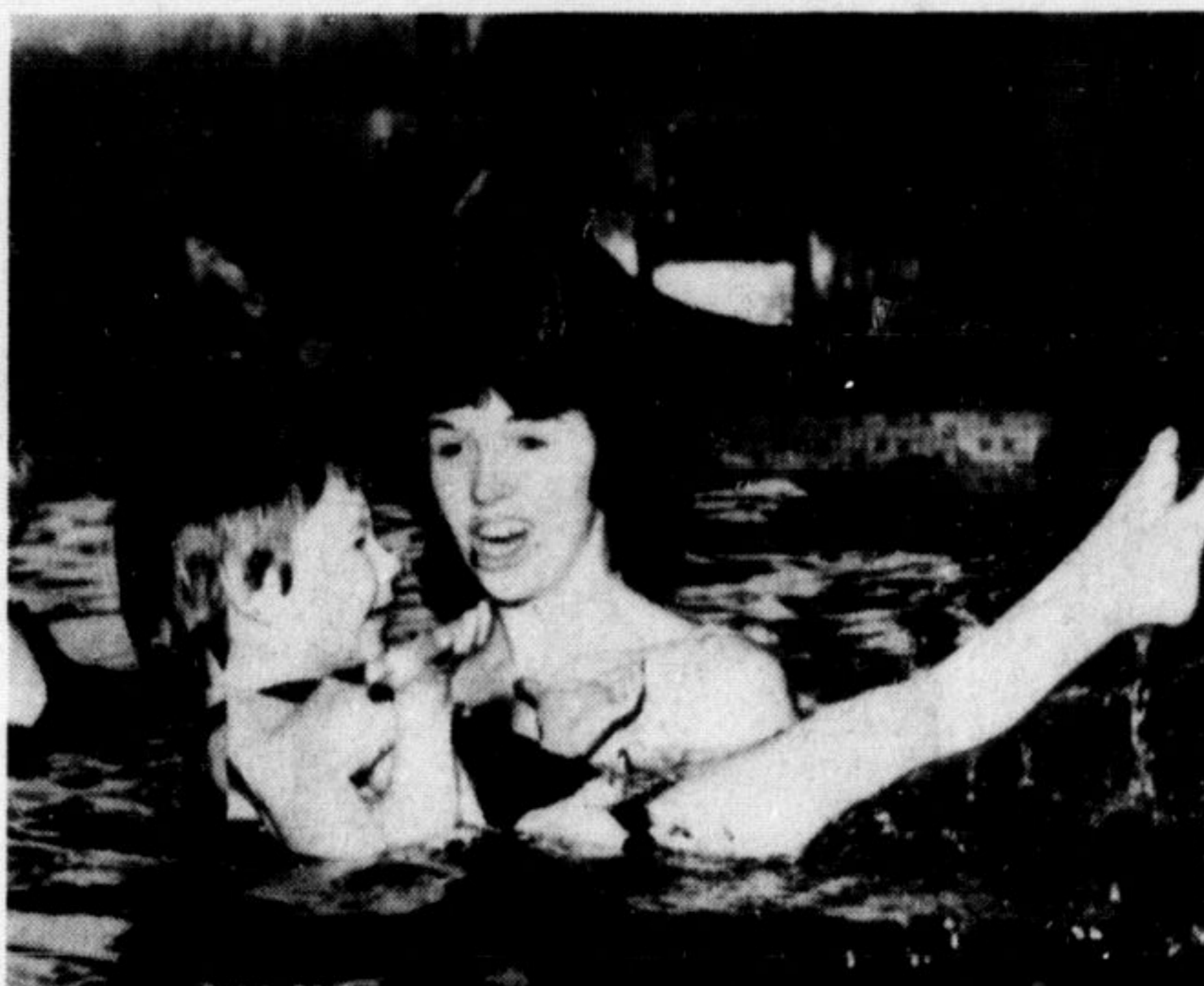




EVERYBODY gets in the swim at the Credit Valley Club when the Tinkerbell Nursery school holds swim sessions Friday mornings. Manager Cecil Martin allows the school the use of the pool lounge and sauna at no charge.



ALMOST OUT OF THE WATER is this Tinkerbell Nursery school swimmer who hasn't quite got the hang of it.

Retarded children swim in club pool

A little retarded boy spouts new words as he spouts water in the Tinkerbell Nursery swimming classes, illustrating how all experiences enrich the retarded. Tinkerbell Nursery School, sponsored by North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, tries to develop all the potential in youngsters with the mental age up to five and the chronological age up to eight. From there, the children would attend Sunshine School for the Retarded on the Seventh Line.

Four mornings a week the Tinkerbell school picks up 16

children by taxi and takes them to Park school in Georgetown where they use two rooms.

The swim program started in March, and already has shown marked results in the children's co-ordination. In Brian's case it has also stimulated his speech development as he adds new words each week in the fun and the pool, and the lounge to the school, free of charge.

On Fridays they are taken to the Credit Valley Club in Norval, where manager Cec Martin has given the use of

relaxation of the warm water.

Mr. Martin turns the heat up in the pool every Friday especially for the children. Georgetown Rotary Club helped the program along by donating \$100 worth of inflatable arm bands which help give the children confidence as they lose any fear of the water.

Edith Hillman, pre-school chairman of the Tinkerbell Nursery, emphasized each child has one volunteer worker. "One volunteer will have the same child for at least two months so they get to know each other well." An unpaid volunteer averages two mornings a week as her contribution to the retarded children.

Until a year ago all the cost was absorbed by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, who raised the money through dances, raffles, and bake sales, now the provincial government covers 80 percent of the cost.

The nursery school was started three and half years ago by Jennie Kuiken and June Beene, in the basement of the ARC Industries workshop at Hornby, then moved a room at Georgetown Christian School on the Seventh Line.

They now occupy two rooms at Park School, and have two paid assistants, Sue Evans and Jane Van Soelan.



A HELPING HAND gives the young swimmers confidence as they try out the pool at the Credit Valley club.



ONE VOLUNTEER to one child is the theme of the swim program for the Tinkerbell nursery school children who use the Credit Valley Club pool free of charge.

Affects 200 boys

Scouts form own district

Milton's Boy Scout organization is separating from the Oakville District and forming a new Milton District. Scout leaders in Milton decided the local groups are large enough now to stand on their own. There are approximately 200 boys enrolled in Scouts, Venturers and Cubs, with about 15 leaders at present.

Approval for the change was received from the Ontario headquarters and provincial field representative Bob Turner attended a recent meeting in Milton to assist the local executive in making plans for the change-over. Creation of the Milton District will take effect this fall—relationships with the Oakville District will be severed on June 30.

The new district is also making plans to send at least one boy to the World Jamboree in Norway next year—a project that will cost about \$1,000. Some boys from Milton will also be attending the regional conference in Brantford this July.

Jim Strain, acting president of the Milton District,

said groups are operating well now but more leaders are urgently needed. According to provincial guidelines, the 15 present leaders should really have the assistance of about 18 more leaders.

He said local leaders are quite enthusiastic about the change and all are working hard to make plans for the switch.

Save on costs For several years, Scouting in Milton has operated as a division of the Oakville District, Boy Scouts of Canada. Officials feel more Milton participants will be allowed a chance to go to jamborees and camps if Milton was on its own. There should also be a saving in administration costs.

The Scouts recently sent a letter to local business firms announcing the proposed change-over and seeking financial support. President Strain reports a few cheques have already been received but more are expected at Box 84, Milton. Monthly also raise funds with mounts paper and cardboard collections, delivering handbills and the fall apple day.

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