

For crippled children

# Treatment centre is underway soon

Contractors' tenders are due this week and construction for the Credit Valley Association for Handicapped Children's new treatment centre in Mississauga should be underway in July and occupied by next April.

The good news was announced Thursday at the annual meeting of CVAHC, held in Mississauga by chairman Ian Dowie. The centre has been planned for the past

five years but government funding cutbacks have delayed it.

Construction and equipment are expected to cost \$1,250,000 and the annual operating cost, when fully occupied, will be around \$450,000, Mr. Dowie said. The Ontario Government has granted \$730,000 toward the construction and will pay \$340,000 toward operating costs.

The local community, Halton and Peel Regions, is funding \$300,000 toward the construction and will handle about \$40,000 of the annual operating cost, it was explained.

Service clubs in the two regions are heavily backing the Centre and to date, 20 organizations have pledged or given \$187,890 toward construction costs.

Included are the Rotary

Clubs of Milton, Oakville and Georgetown, and Lions Club of Milton. Milton Rotary gave \$11,065; Milton Lions \$5,000; Georgetown Rotary \$1,000 and Oakville Rotary \$2,195.

Donald E. Kennedy of Milton, a Rotarian and retired superintendent of the Ernest C. Drury School is active with CVAHC and serves as Secretary to the board of directors. The other Halton representatives on the Board are Edgar Foster of Milton, a retired school principal; Hedley Henderson, an Oakville Rotary delegate; Stewart Large of Oakville, a parent representing the Oakville Association for Retarded Children and Peter Oprica of R.R. 5 Milton, a school principal and Georgetown Rotary's representative.

Mr. Large is chairman of the administration committee. Mr. Foster and Mr. Henderson are members of that committee, and Mr. Oprica is on the educational program committee.

Other service clubs' pledges include Chinguacousy Lions, \$3,000; Clarkson Lions, \$700; Credit Valley Lions, \$25,000; Erindale Mississauga Lions, \$60,000; Dixie Lions, \$10,000; Mississauga Central Lions, \$7,500; Streetsville Lions, \$30,000; Brampton Rotary, \$4,000;

At Thursday's meeting, the Erindale Mississauga Lions Club presented a cheque for \$10,000, bringing the club's total donation to date to \$60,000.

And the Mississauga Kinsmen Club offered to underwrite the cost of the day nursery program - estimated at \$8,000 this year. An operating committee has been formed and will attempt to get area service clubs to help underwrite annual operating costs.

Oakville MPP Jim Snow and Peel South MPP Doug Kennedy attended Thursday's meeting and both spoke briefly. Chairman Dowie praised the two members, also Mississauga MPP Terry Jones for the help they have given CVAHC since its formation.

Dr. Keith Meloff, medical director of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, also spoke on the value of such a treatment centre in this area.

The treatment centre will provide parent guidance, physiotherapy, speech and occupational therapy, special education, some diagnosis and recreation for crippled children and for those children who may have other related or multiple problems.

In addition to the nursery program, the centre will offer programs to children and young people to adulthood. The emphasis will be on training the children or rehabilitating them sufficiently so they can enter (or re-enter) regular school programs.

Dave Beattie, a Peel teacher, has been appointed principal and will be in charge of the education program.

A site for the new Centre has been purchased, three acres on South Millway Rd. in Mississauga. It will be in the school, church, park and shopping centre district of the Erin Mills development.

A staff of 30 will be needed when the new Centre is fully operational. Peel Board of Education will operate and supervise it as part of the Board's special education program, and will bill Halton Board of Education for Halton students' fees.

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TREATMENT CENTRE of the Credit Valley Association for Handicapped Children, to be built soon in Mississauga, will serve Halton and Peel Regions.



## Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

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all about

Personally, I can't stay mad at anybody long enough to be a voice of the people, or a public watchdog, or any of those obnoxious creatures who try to tell other people how they should feel.

The only constant in my rage is the blatant manipulation of self-seeking politicians who will twist and warp and wriggle and squirm and bribe for self-perpetuation in office.

Otherwise, I get a great deal more joy from touching the individual than inflaming the masses. When I get a letter from an old lady in hospital, crippled with arthritis, who has managed to get a chuckle out of my column, it makes me feel good.

Recently, I got a letter from a young Scot who has immigrated to Canada. He says: "I have learned more about Canada and Canadians through reading your column than all the accumulated wisdom from the Canadian newsmagazines, novels and TV programs I have absorbed."

Now there is a man with his head screwed on right. If I, as a newcomer, tried to get my impressions of this country from newsmagazines and TV programs, I'd catch the first boat or plane home.

So, I guess I'll just try to go on talking to people, getting sore, having some fun, bragging about my grandboys, looking for sympathy in the war between the sexes. That's what life is all about, not plumbers and politicians and other horrors of that ilk.

### OUR READERS WRITE:

## Thanks

Dear Mr. Downs,  
I am writing to thank you for the excellent coverage you have once again given to the Milton Music Teacher's Association during the past year. We very much appreciate the space given to the various activities, and in particular to the feature on the Hamilton Children's Choir prior to their concert here on May 28.

I would like to take this opportunity also to thank everyone who supported us in this presentation of this most successful event. We look forward to your continued interest in our future endeavors.

Jillian Comfort,  
President, Milton Music Teachers' Association

## Questions new arena

Dear Editor:  
It seems as if the issue of the arena is far from dead, despite the fact that tenders are about to be called, again.

A couple of weeks ago a group of Laurier Ave. residents petitioned council to stop building a new arena next to the high school and repair Brown Street instead.

They gave a number of good reasons why they felt Laurier Ave. was a poor choice of location, and asked council, point blank, to explain why they had chosen what is undoubtedly the most expensive way to provide a second arena for Milton.

Council did not even try to answer the question. Instead they tried to convince the petitioners that all they were doing was "carrying out the wishes of the people by locating a recreational facility in the south-west quadrant of town." BALONEY! This is simply not true! In last fall's petition council was asked to reconsider repairing Brown St. instead of twinning. There was NEVER any suggestion of locating an arena anywhere else in town. The 1,075 people who signed that petition felt as I did; that not only was repairing the least costly way to proceed but also the arena belonged in the centre of town. The Laurier Ave. deputation said exactly the same things, but again council was not listening.

The deputation also asked council what the arrangements were for financing the arena. The answer they got was evasive. "Council is sure the money will be raised." From where? I asked the same question at last week's meeting and got the same answer.

The fact of the matter is that this town is going to have to raise close to \$200,000 by public subscription for that new arena. Wintario will then contribute accordingly. If we can't raise the full amount the Wintario grant will be proportionately less. Money from the sale of Brown St. can't be included either, according to Wintario rules. What happens if we start building and then can't pay for it? The deputation asked that question too, but it didn't get an answer.

The decision to build an arena on Laurier Ave. was council's idea - no one else's, and was reached when they conceded that twinning was maybe not such a good idea, but they adamantly refused to look seriously at repairing Brown St.

I apologize for this letter to those who are sick and tired of reading about "the arena question" but I feel strongly that this town is being sold a bill of goods, and I can't help but wonder how others feel.

Respectfully,  
Blanche Hinton

## Police look for students

Halton Regional Police are looking for seven Halton students to work on a special anti-theft program this summer.

Police Chief Ken Skerrett reported to Halton Police Commission Thursday that a student has been hired to supervise Operation Identification and that person will hire seven more young people to work on the project. Hiring will be done through Canada Manpower.

Ottawa is funding the program and it will involve the students going into homes in an area of Burlington plagued by burglaries and marking items which are easily sold after they have been stolen.

The students will mark the items with a felt-type pen and the mark will only be visible under a special light. Insurance companies are co-operating in the program by supplying things such as the felt-type pens.

Any student in Halton is eligible to work on the project.

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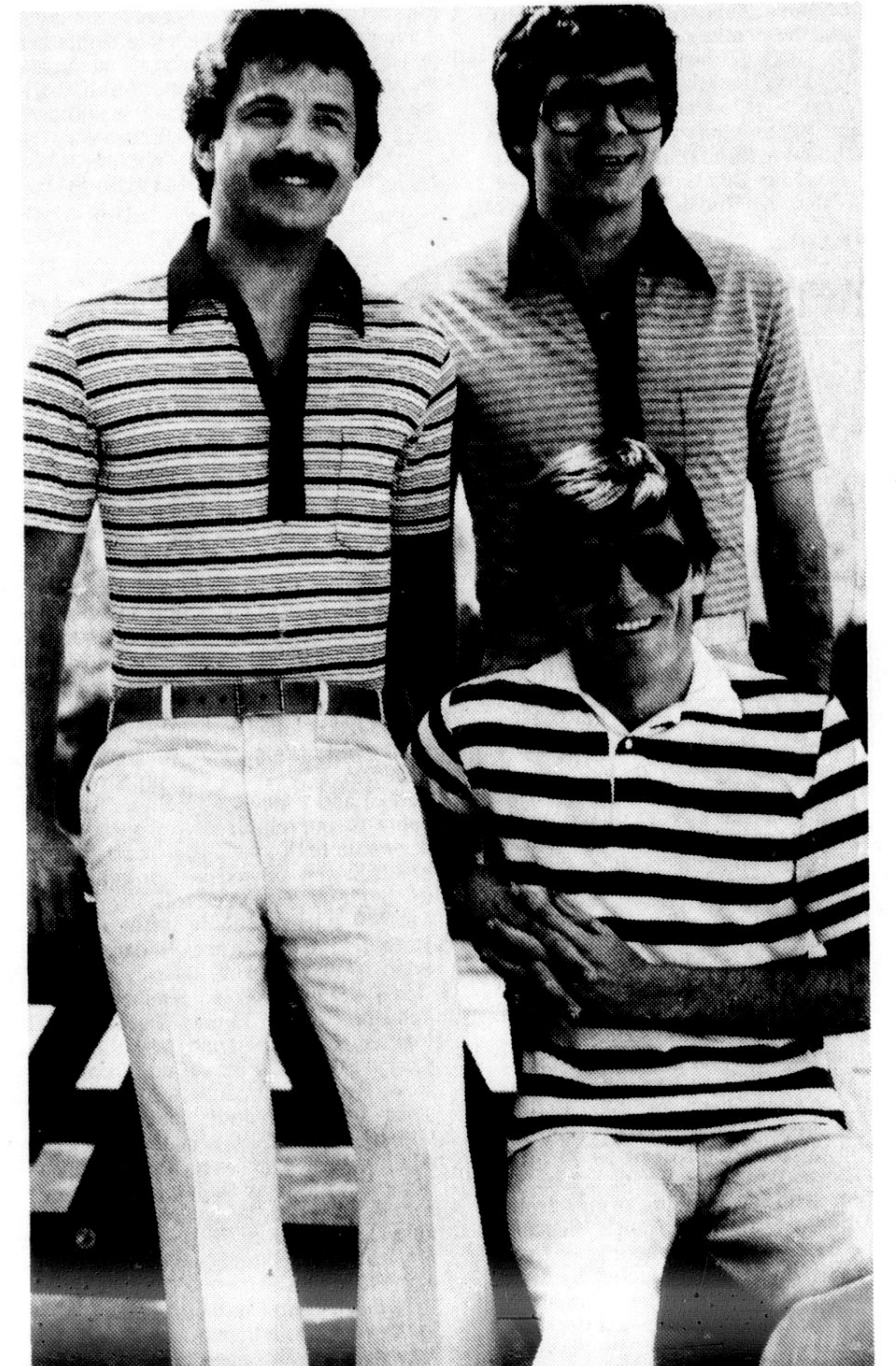
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