

Beats leukemia: *Young husband and father is a story of human courage*

By Linda Kirby
Christmas 1979 will never be forgotten by Glen Hassall, of Birch Ave., Milton.

Twenty-seven years old and the brand new father of a three-month-old baby boy, he was told he had leukemia and nothing could be done to save him.

There were no warning symptoms of the deadly disease.

Suddenly just two weeks before Christmas, he became violently ill one evening while visiting his parents in Mississauga with wife Linda and son Trevor.

He blacked out and was taken to Mississauga General Hospital.

Doctors told him they would keep him overnight for tests and the following morning transferred him to Toronto General Hospital.

He didn't have to wait long for the results.

"You have leukemia. Do you want to see a minister," asked the doctor who broke the news to him.

"There is nothing we can do about it."

Adult leukemia, a killer blood cancer wastes little time with its victims, but 15 months later Glen is alive and well and telling the tale of how an experimental bone marrow transplant made possible by his only brother, has saved his life and makes the future worth looking forward to.

Although a remarkable story with a happy ending, Glen and his family did not escape the anguish for the first short while of living with the fact he would likely die.

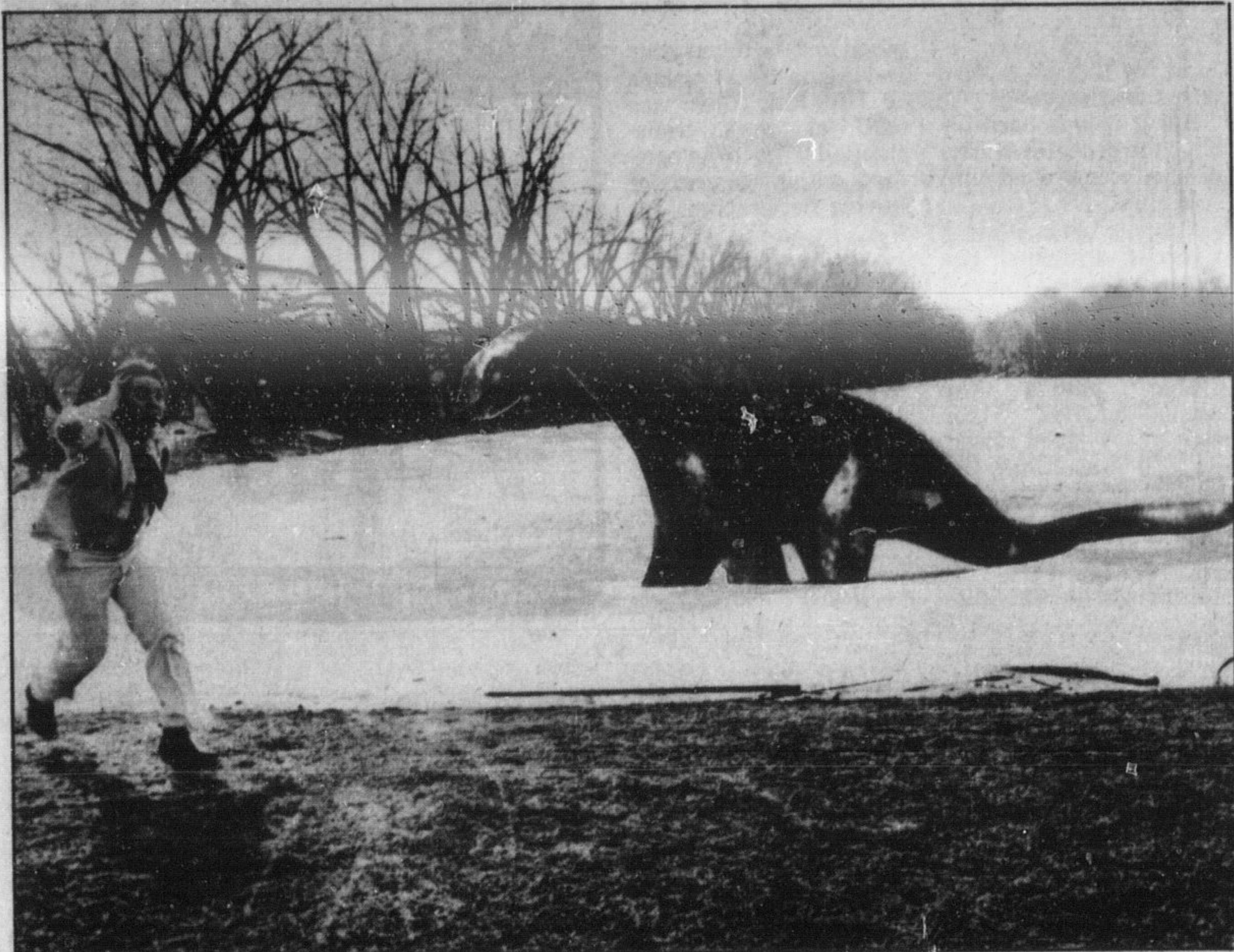
"I didn't feel like listening to anybody or working," he recalled of his reaction to the verdict.

A maintenance mechanic with Canada Valve in Milton, he remained on the job however, having started with the company seven months earlier.

It was Dr. Michael King of Mississauga, renowned for his work with cancer patients, who approached Glen with the possibility of a bone marrow transplant.

Leukemia is characterized by...

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Horror at the mill pond

Who says nothing of world importance happens in Milton? When this monster closely resembling the Loch Ness Monster emerged from the mill pond recently more than a few chunks of ice broke loose; the whole town did and got its name on the map. You mean you don't know there is a new kid in town, living in the mill pond and looking a lot like a monster? See the story on Pg. D1 and come out of the dark.



Happiness is being alive. Glen Hassall, 28, shares a joyful moment with his wife Linda, and son Trevor. The young Milton man was told 18 months ago he had leukemia and there was nothing doctors could do to save him.

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Sewer deficit said... ..greater than planned

Public Works layoffs expected at Region

Staff in Halton's Public Works Department are now facing the prospect of layoffs because of further deficit problems at the region.

Members of the Public Works Committee were told last week that the region's auditors have warned that the expected deficit in the sewer portion of the works

department budget could be higher than expected. In a telephone interview after the committee meeting Chief Administrative Officer Dennis Perlin said it now appeared that Halton's sewer system would be deeper in debt than the \$442,000 predicted at the end of last year.

"The auditors are telling us that the sewer account deficit is going to be higher than expected, chiefly because of people who aren't connected to the system claiming refunds for last year," he said.

According to Mr. Perlin, council's decision to refund sewer rate payments by people not connected to the sewer system turned out to be more expensive than expected.

As Halton's deficit currently stands, the expected surplus of \$345,000 that should have existed at the end of 1979 and was budgeted for in 1980, along with the actual deficit of about \$250,000 has all to be covered by the taxpayers.

The sewer account deficit, as first calculated, was to be recovered by rate increases in the 1981 budget.

The higher deficit now expected can only be covered by cutting the 1981 budget, Mr. Perlin said.

"We have cut our expenses for next year further than we thought we would have to," Mr. Perlin said.

He told committee members that in approving their budget they would have to take care to ensure not to exceed the amounts expected as

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Truly a delicacy. John Laiter, left, and Walter Palasz show the colorful feathers of Djia-Djia, a ring-necked pheasant, which was literally the start of Pine Hill

Pheasants. The firm now produces about 800 birds per year for gourmet restaurants and is the only pheasant farm within 50 miles of Milton.

The finest pheasant comes from Milton farm

By Jennifer Barr
Pheasant under glass is a luxurious and expensive delicacy few people have a chance to experience.

John and Sophie Laiter and father Walter Palasz raise 1,500 pheasants a year, the only pheasant producers in a radius of

50 miles. Farming ten acres on the 25 Sideroad Milton in North Nassagaweya, the Laiters like to think of pheasants as an everyday dish. (It must be easy when you have a freezer full of them.) John passes out recipes for roast pheasant or

pheasant creole as an everyday occurrence. At \$4.50 a pound retail pheasant is cheaper than some steak and not much more expensive than most meat. Pine Hill Pheasants came into being last year when John hit on what he considered the perfect

way to put his land to work. Living on the property for five years, the Laiters had experimented with cattle (they still have a few) and planting spruce trees (they still have lots). But a small flock of 25 ring-neck pheasants two years ago proved so successful, John couldn't resist going into commercial pheasant raising. He and Sophie laugh at the problems they encountered during their first year of major operation.

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In Spring, a young man's...

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Laking enjoy a breath of spring by the mill pond Thursday afternoon as warm temperatures greet the season. For the well known Milton couple, there is always room for a spring fling. They celebrated their six month wedding anniversary last week.

Manor auction held on Friday

Take this opportunity to help better the lifestyle of Halton Centennial Manor residents and donate items to an auction sale to be held Friday at the Manor.

Funds raised will help provide residents with bright new quarters for an arts and crafts workshop.

Current government constraints do not allow for the development of such a workshop in addition to general care and food and health services.

The auction is organized by Halton Manor Women's Auxiliary and the Milton Kiwanis Club but public input is necessary for its success. All items donated will be picked up, just call the Kiwanis hot line at 878-8474 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and evenings to 9 p.m. call 878-9771 or 878-6397.

New merchandise, collectibles, handicrafts, services and works of art will be auctioned at 7 p.m. in the Manor auditorium. Cash donations are also welcomed and may be mailed to Box 262, Milton.



Stone face

This visage cut in rock represents some of the work of Stevan Alimpic. Story and picture Pg. C8.

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