

Holiday deadline Friday

Due to the Victoria Day holiday on Monday, May 23, advertising and editorial deadlines will be moved up. The deadline for display advertising will be Friday at 5 p.m. The deadline for editorial submissions will be Friday at 5 p.m. Classified advertising will be taken Friday until 5 p.m. and on Tuesday, May 24 from 8.30 a.m. until noon. All offices of The Canadian Champion will be closed on Monday. Normal deadlines will be in force for the edition of June 1.



Accompanied by his wife Carole, Larry Grossman, Ontario Health Minister paid a visit to Milton Monday evening. The occasion was a special one for members of the Milton District Hospital Foundation who received the official approval to proceed with plans for a \$15 million expansion to the local hospital.

Hospital expansion officially approved

Extending best wishes and a hope that he would be back in Milton within a year to see construction begin, the Honorable Larry Grossman, provincial minister of health, gave the official nod of approval to a \$15 million expansion plan for Milton District Hospital, Monday evening. It was a moment long awaited by many, particularly those members of the Milton District Hospital Foundation who have worked hard for the past two years to get the project off the ground. "I am quite delighted to be here today. Most of my colleagues are in the position of telling hospitals that their budgets are frozen. Most of my colleagues are simply calling a freeze to all capital expansion," the minister told a gathering of Foundation members and the media. "I am fortunate to be the only health minister to go to projects such as this help

kick it off," he said. His ministry has pledged to cover two-thirds of the cost, or \$10 million. Three million dollars will come from Halton Region, one million from the hospital's capital expansion budget and the last million from public fundraising. The expansion will primarily improve the hospital's overcrowded outpatient facilities—emergency, physiotherapy, laboratory and radiology departments. It will also include a six-bed Intensive Care Unit, a thirty-bed Chronic Care Wing (ten of which are additional to the 20 existing chronic beds), a new pharmacy and upgrading of several areas of support services such as the incinerator, gas systems, emergency generator, communication and fire safety systems. The official campaign kick-off is scheduled for August.

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Crime ring ends with 19 arrests

By LINDA KIRBY
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Following an intensive three month investigation that included under cover drug purchasing by narcotic agents, Halton Regional Police have cracked what they describe as a major drug trafficking and crime ring operating out of Milton and Port Colborne.

A total of 19 people, eight of whom have local addresses, have been arrested and charged with 51 offenses.

Two Milton juveniles, aged 14 and 15 years have also been charged with break and enter related offenses under the Juvenile Act.

Fireworks at dusk

For the 36th year in a row, there will be a Victoria Day Fireworks display in Campbellville.

Sponsored by the Campbellville and District Lions Club, the site is the Campbellville ball park.

Parking opens at 7 p.m. with a \$4 per car entry fee. Start time for the fireworks display is set for dusk.

No display is planned at the mill pond.

Milton guide out Thursday

Milton homeowners can expect home delivery of the 1983 Milton Directory and Maps on Thursday.

The Canadian Champion carriers will be distributing the handy guide which is this area's most comprehensive listing of places, businesses and attractions.

Those copies can be obtained at the Chamber office, The Champion office, Town Hall, and most Milton businesses.

According to police who maintained surveillance on a number of the suspects, many of the drug customers included school age children 14 years and up.

Although police made their initial arrests April 14, there was no release of names or the exact nature of the charges, pending the arrests of additional suspects wanted in connection with related criminal activities, namely a series of break and enters in area homes and businesses.

This investigation has resulted in the recovery of approximately \$5,000 worth of stolen property, which included video tape recorders, electronic scales, a microwave oven, color television set and numerous pieces of jewellery.

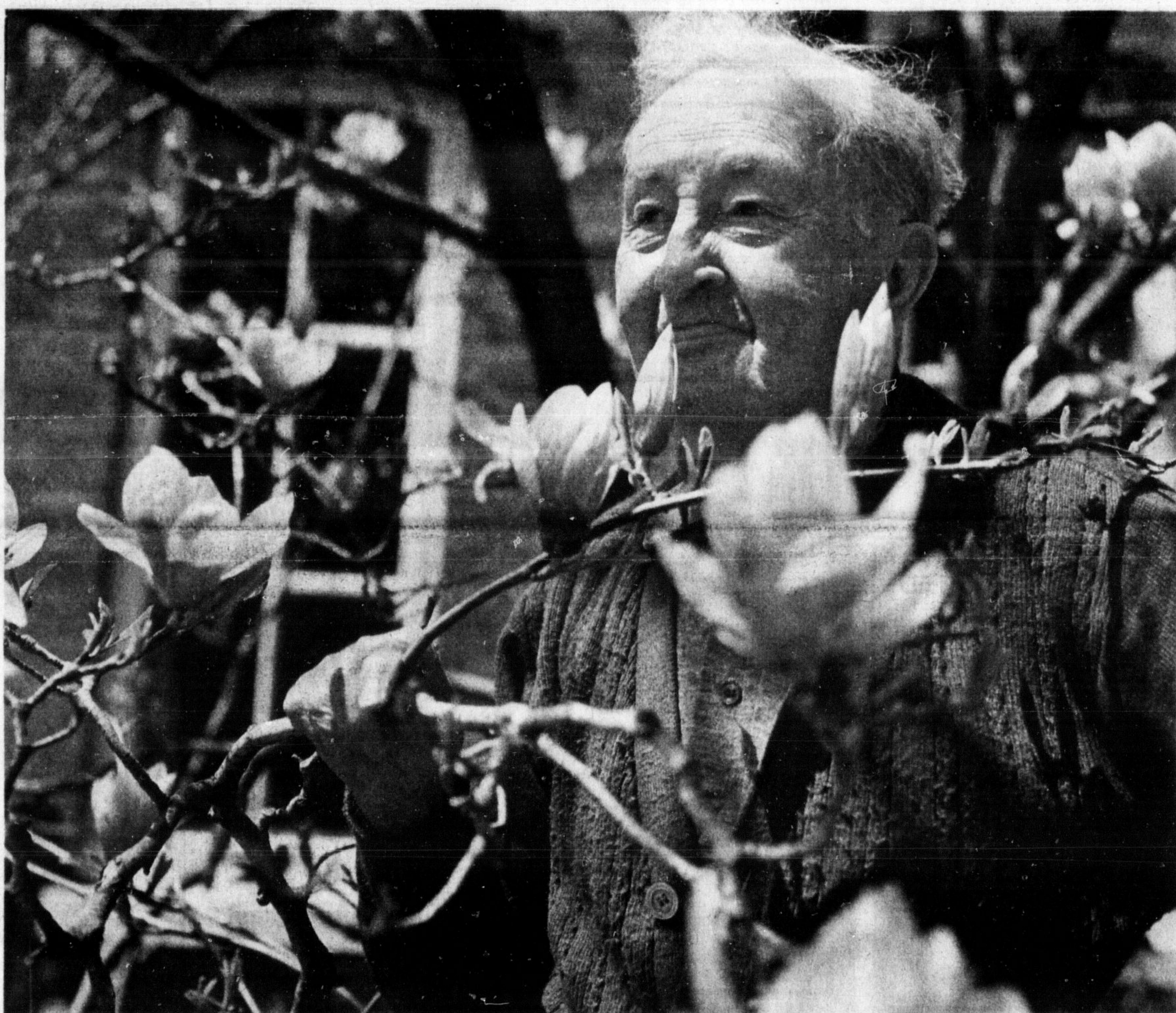
An estimated \$10,000 worth of narcotics and restricted drugs were seized, including approximately two pounds of hashish, marijuana, hash oil, cocaine, L.S.D. and Psilocybin (magic mushrooms).

Three sawed-off shotguns were also seized and charges laid.

Staff Sergeant Boris Yacyshyn of the Halton drug unit, said the arrests and subsequent charges represented one of the largest drug busts in this area.

In addition to those charged, warrants have been issued for two more people.

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There is no surer sign that spring has arrived than seeing the magnolia trees burst forth in huge, pink blossoms. One Milton resident who took the time last

week to enjoy what nature brought to his home was Fred Mills, 78, of 41 Hugh St. The tree was planted on the lot 35 years ago. (Staff photo by Murray Rosin)

It's taps for the Kelso Pool

By LINDA KIRBY
Staff Writer

The Kelso swimming pool will be dismantled and removed in the next few weeks, following a decision by the Halton Conservation Authority to close the pool.

The need for costly repairs and a declining use of the facility were listed as the main reasons for that decision. The small wading pool will remain and Authority staff are looking at the

possibility of installing a water slide and other water play activities.

As a result of the removal of the pool, Kelso will no longer offer swimming lessons.

"There has been no real demand for the lessons," explained Sandy Bell, manager of the Conservation Areas Division.

He added the Authority has experienced difficulty in filling classes over the last three years.

The beach, on the other hand, has proven to be increasingly popular, attracting droves of visitors from as far away as Toronto on a nice, warm weekend.

According to Authority staff, repairs necessary to the pool apron and seams, would cost about \$23,000.

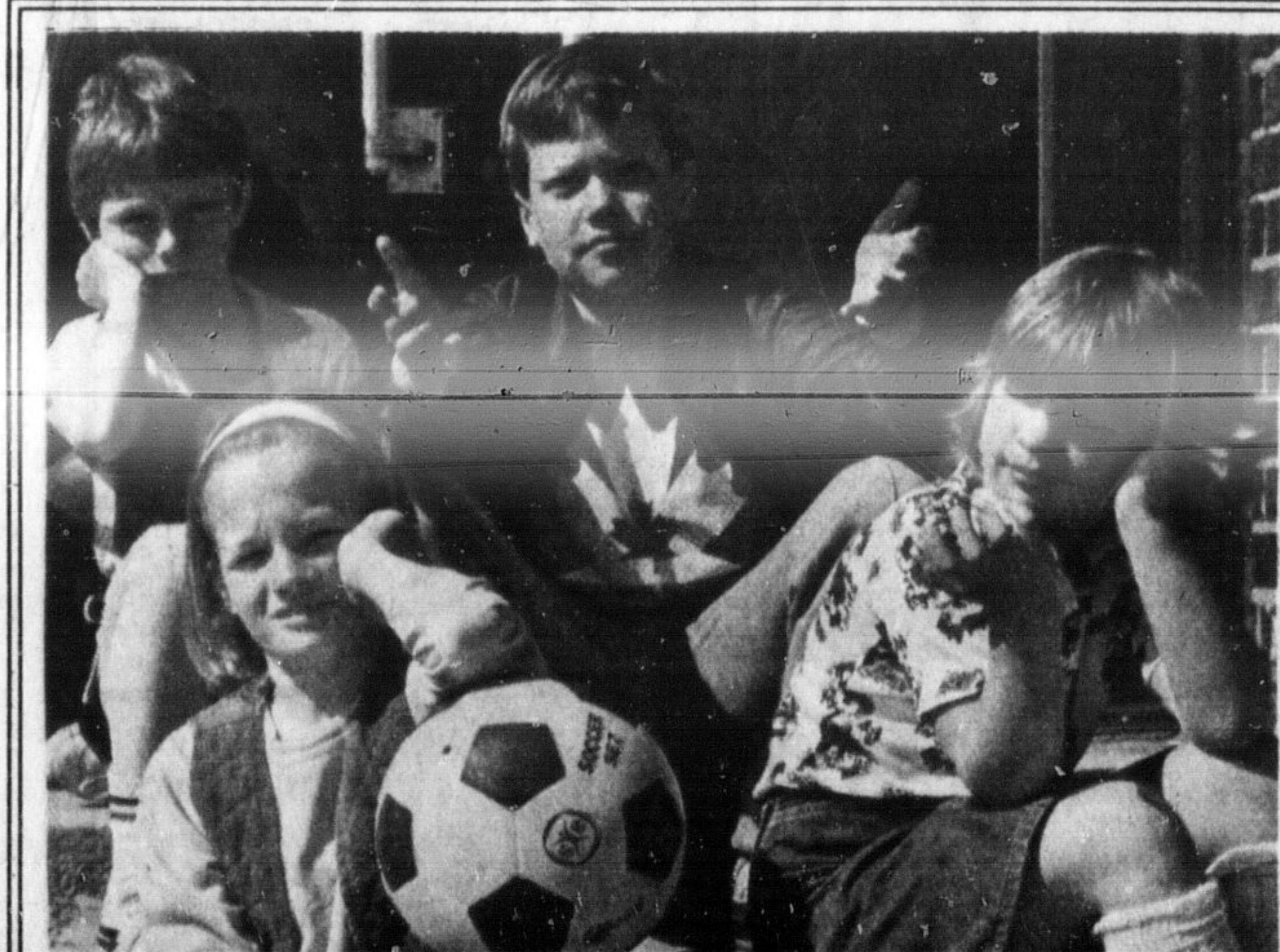
The cost of removing the concrete pool will be between \$13,000 and \$19,000.

"We are trying to bring down the

cost of removing the pool," said Mr. Bell.

"If we can get fill at a reasonable cost, we will be able to do it for \$12,000 or \$13,000."

Mr. Bell said staff members did consider other alternatives for the pool area such as a playground or sunken garden but they felt these activities would not generate sufficient revenue to make them viable.



There's plenty for Milton kids to do this summer with a complete listing on pages C1 and C3.

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Nothing To Do?

If your kids say there is nothing for them to do this summer, show them our About Town Section this week. We have two full pages of things to do, see, and attend just for Milton. Stories and pictures on page C1 and C3.

Police Week

This is Police Week and the Halton Force is marking something of an anniversary in terms of changes and personnel. Milton's top cop is interviewed on page A2 and the chief talks about changes in Halton policing on page A3.

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Old tickets reduce fee to Museum

Lottery tickets which don't become a passport to a bright new future could soon become 50 cent visas to the past.

Halton's administration and finance committee approved a plan last week to get the Halton Region Museum involved in the Wintario Half Back program.

Sponsored by the provincial Ministry of Citizenship and Culture the program allows you to use losing Wintario tickets to get a half dollar discount on admission to the Halton Region Museum, located at Kelso Conservation Area.

Starting June 1, the program will run for the balance of the year.

The 50 cent reduction in the admission price to the Museum will be redeemed by the province, but some councillors were concerned about cash flow problems this might cause.

An interim report on the operation of the program will be filed in August to ensure there is no trouble.