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By Ella Patterson

Timbers near top

The sacrament of Communion was observed at Omagh Presbyterian church on Sunday Oct. 2 with Rev. Cecil Cunningham basing his message on The Law of Love.

The Womens Association of Omagh Church is preparing for the fall bazaar to be held at Boyne Community Centre on Saturday Oct. 22 from 1 to 3 p.m.

This is Agriculture week in Ontario. There are three farmers holding tours on Saturday and Monday.

These are the farms of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Reed; Mr. and Mrs. J. McNabb & family and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Merry.

Congratulations to Barry Timbers on his success at the International plowing Match this past week held at Richmond, Ont.

Barry was named reserve champion and has brought honours to Halton county. He is an assistant at the farm of Robert Merry, 4th Line north of Milton.

Next weekend Oct. 8-10, is Thanksgiving time and the Erin Fall Fair.

Hope that everyone has a pleasant holiday and will give thanks for a wonderful summer just past.

Obituary

Doug Ford

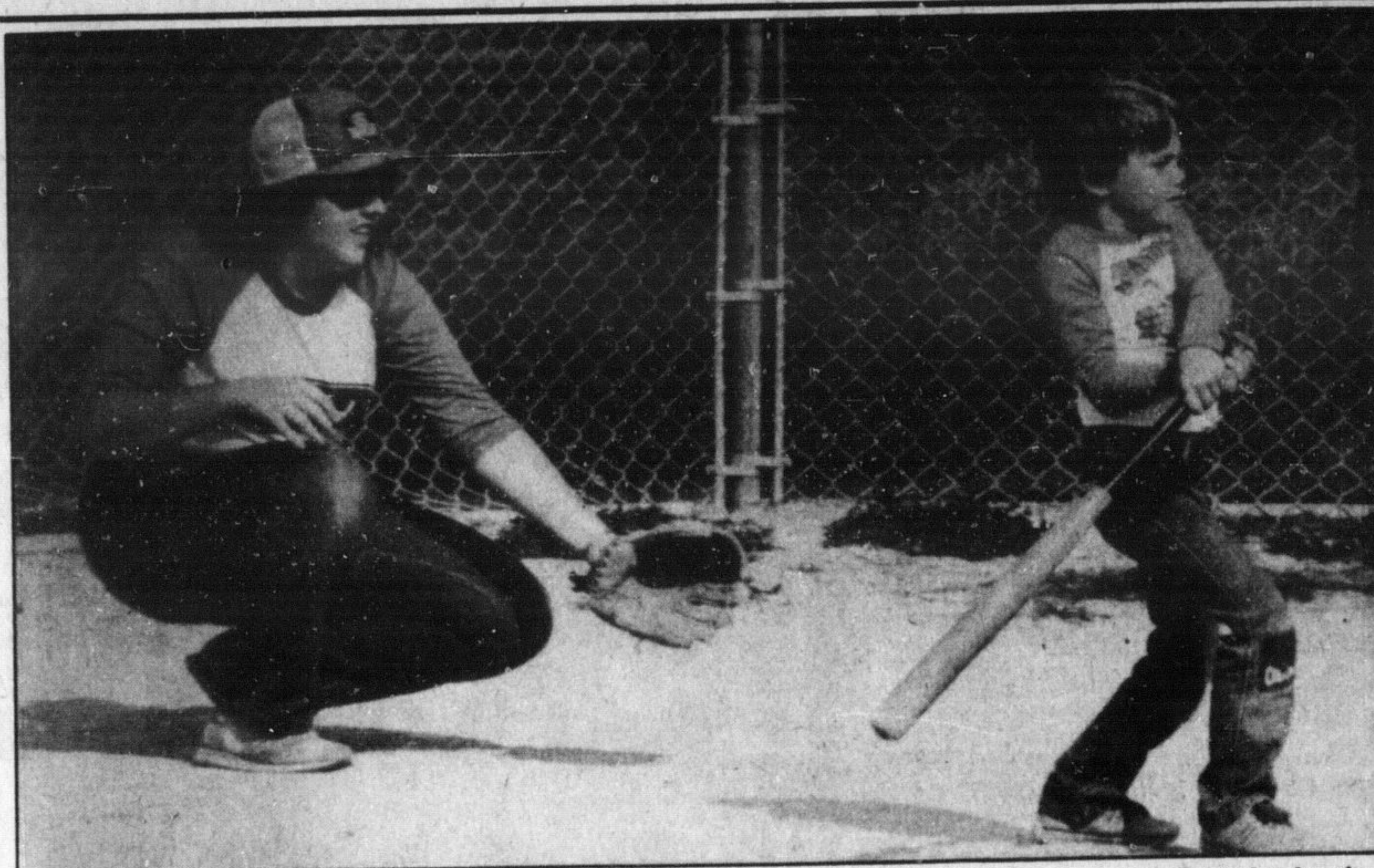
With sadness, the family and relatives of Dr. Thomas Douglas Ford, of Orangeville, announce his passing on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Dr. Ford, a veterinarian, attended Omagh Public School, Milton District High School, and graduated in 1955 from the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph.

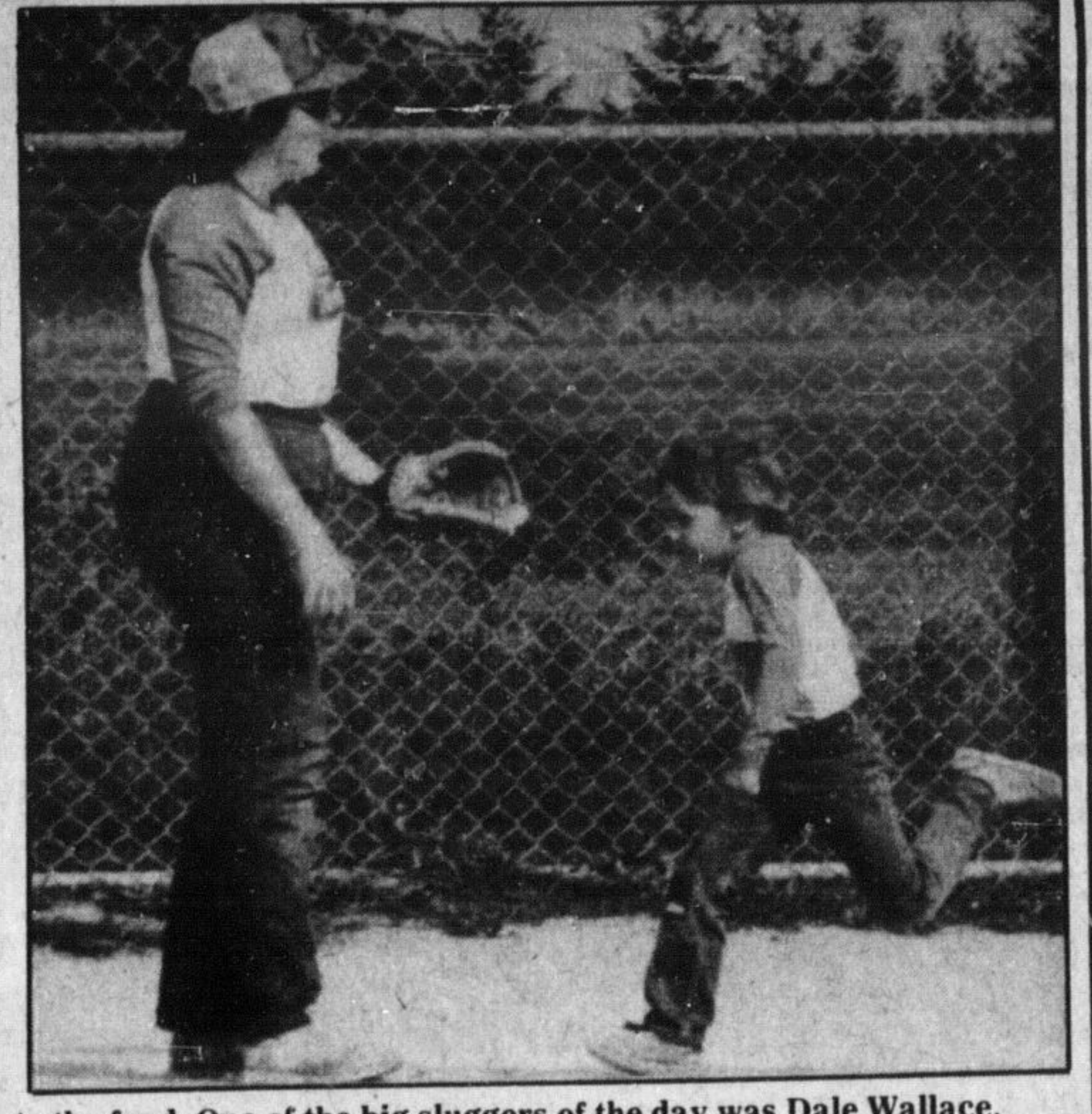
He worked for United Breeders for 18 years and, in 1974, began a private practise serving a large area of central and northern Ontario.

He was the husband of Marie Ford (nee Howard), and the father of Rhonda and Christopher. He was the son of Clarence Sr. and the late Charlene Ford of Hornby; and the brother of John F., of Scarborough; J. Clarence Jr., of Milton; and Paul D., of Oakville.

In accordance with his wishes, a private service was held.



When the car dealerships of Milton met about two weeks ago to play a charity baseball game to raise money for the Milton hospital expansion fund, they forgot about the rain. Last Sunday the dealerships got together again and this time the weather co-operated and the games were played to completion. At the end of the day, money was



collected to be given to the fund. One of the big sluggers of the day was Dale Wallace, 5, son of Murray Wallace a mechanic with Murray Wilson Pontiac-Buick-Cadillac. Little Dale not only got a legitimate hit, (photo left), he was also belted home (photo right), and you should have seen him run.

Industrial campaign starts

By ROY DOWNS
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Milton District Hospital
Expansion Campaign

October means more than Oktoberfest celebrations in Milton, it's also industrial-commercial campaign month for Milton District Hospital's fund-raising committee.

Heading up the industrial campaign is Ken Newell, backed up by a core of 15 volunteer canvassers who expect to reach every large industrial firm in Milton during the month-long campaign.

Mr. Newell, a well known local real estate broker, reports his committee's goal is \$130,000 of the \$1,000,000 needed for the community's share of the hospital expansion cost. He said he is confident the objective will be reached, despite the challenging economic times local manufacturers have been facing for the past two years.

The canvassers are asking for outright donations or pledges spaced over a two-year period.

Representatives of the industrial community were invited to a fund-raising

committee luncheon in June, where the campaign chairman Bruce Dolson set the tone for the drive by announcing his firm Rockwell International plans to donate \$20,000 to the fund. At the same time, he said the 100 Rockwell plant and office employees were being challenged to raise a further \$10,000 through personal donations and fund-raising events.

The luncheon also heard how industrial firms can give donations "in kind" when Dave DelPapa, General Manager of Jas. H. Matthews Bronze Co., Nipissing Rd., announced his firm will donate all the bronze plaques for major donors of hospital equipment and funds. Industrial representatives were also reminded their employees can volunteer their time to help with the campaign and were being encouraged to hold their own fund-raising projects to help swell the fund.

Kick-off Dance

The campaign received another large donation this week when Milton District Hospital Auxiliary turned over the \$3,400 proceeds from the Aug. 27 fundraising kick-off dance to Ways and Means Chairman Matt Jaecklein.

hospital update

Hospital Auxiliary President and dance convener Rose Shannon and dance treasurer Vera Delacourt made the presentation on behalf of the Auxiliary.

The cheque was over and above the Auxiliary's 1983 commitment to raise \$25,000 for the hospital expansion fund. The fund-raising committee had invited the Auxiliary workers to sponsor the campaign kick-off and an Auxiliary committee including Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. Delacourt, Freda Strain and Arlene McMahon had spearheaded the August dance. About 650 people attended and enjoyed the 50s and 60s style music of local band Gerry Arpa and The Flashbacks.



The House of Green Ginger supplied the fashions for a very special show held Sunday at the Halton Hills Place.

Mending bridges major concern of new OSSTF president

By ALEX MATHESON

Building bridges and mending fences is a major role new Ontario Secondary Schools Teacher Federation president for Halton Joyce Bradley sees for herself.

Mrs. Bradley took office this fall, replacing retiring OSSTF (Halton) president Joe Harwood who went back to teaching English and drama at Nelson High School.

She won the election for the post over one other candidate last April.

Ms. Bradley is coming to the office from head of student services at Blakelock High School in Oakville. Prior to that, she was at Lord Elgin High School.

This is her 11th year with the Halton board, although her teaching career has involved work in both Ontario and Quebec. She is a product of the New Brunswick school system.

The job is basically one of service to the members and of working with the board, she

said. Currently, an issue affecting some members is the impact of wage restraint. About 15 per cent of members, those earning more than \$35,000, or moving into that bracket, are getting less of an increase than most others because of the province's arbitrary guideline figure of \$35,000, she said. Some of

these people didn't get a category or an increment change.

She conceded that the public may not be overly sympathetic with wage restraints on people earning more than \$35,000.

"But people," she said, "don't like things to apply discriminatingly against one segment of a group more than others."

Two contract negotiations will be taking place during Ms. Bradley's one-year term. Secondary school teachers, although they are currently receiving their five per cent legislated increase, do not have a contract for September 1983.

Ms. Bradley said because the raise is in effect, it is more difficult to get teachers

fired up. However, there are improvements wanted in workload and staffing, she added.

Talks for the 1984 contract, due to begin next February, will likely occur under the restoration of collective bargaining rights (including the right to strike), Ms. Bradley said, although she is expecting more restraint legislation from the province.

Book focuses on today's farm

A newly formed activist group called Concerned Farm Women, has published a book documenting the unique financial and psychological stresses facing today's farm family.

The group hopes to make both rural and urban people more aware of their struggles and challenges since this dwindling minority of 4 per cent is responsible for the country's entire food production.

Entitled "The Farmer Takes a Wife", the book is the result of a study on farm women, recently undertaken by Concerned Farm Women. A 31-page questionnaire was sent to 600 farm women in Bruce and Grey Counties, the data of which was prepared for computer analysis during the fall of 1982. In December, five farm women were hired to analyse and disseminate the survey findings and prepare a manuscript for a book.

Although the research focussed on one area of Ontario, author Gisele Ireland suspects

the findings will strike a response in farm women across the country. The financial crisis, and the farm women's response to it, has exemplified the challenges facing farm women today and "The Farmer Takes a Wife" documents these struggles and challenges.

Chapters 1 and 2, "Life on the Farm" and "Farm Operations", outline the activities of a typical day for the farm women, whether it be housework, child-rearing or working at her husband's side in the barn or on the fields. Chapter 3, "Finances", outlines with statistical charts, the difficult financial situation in which farm families find themselves, especially in the last few years when interest rates soared. Chapters 4 and 5, "Husbands" and "Children", emphasize the strong bond between farmer and wife, not just as a married couple but as working and business partners. The farmer's children learn the value of hard work and close family ties at an early age.

Pro-Life rally

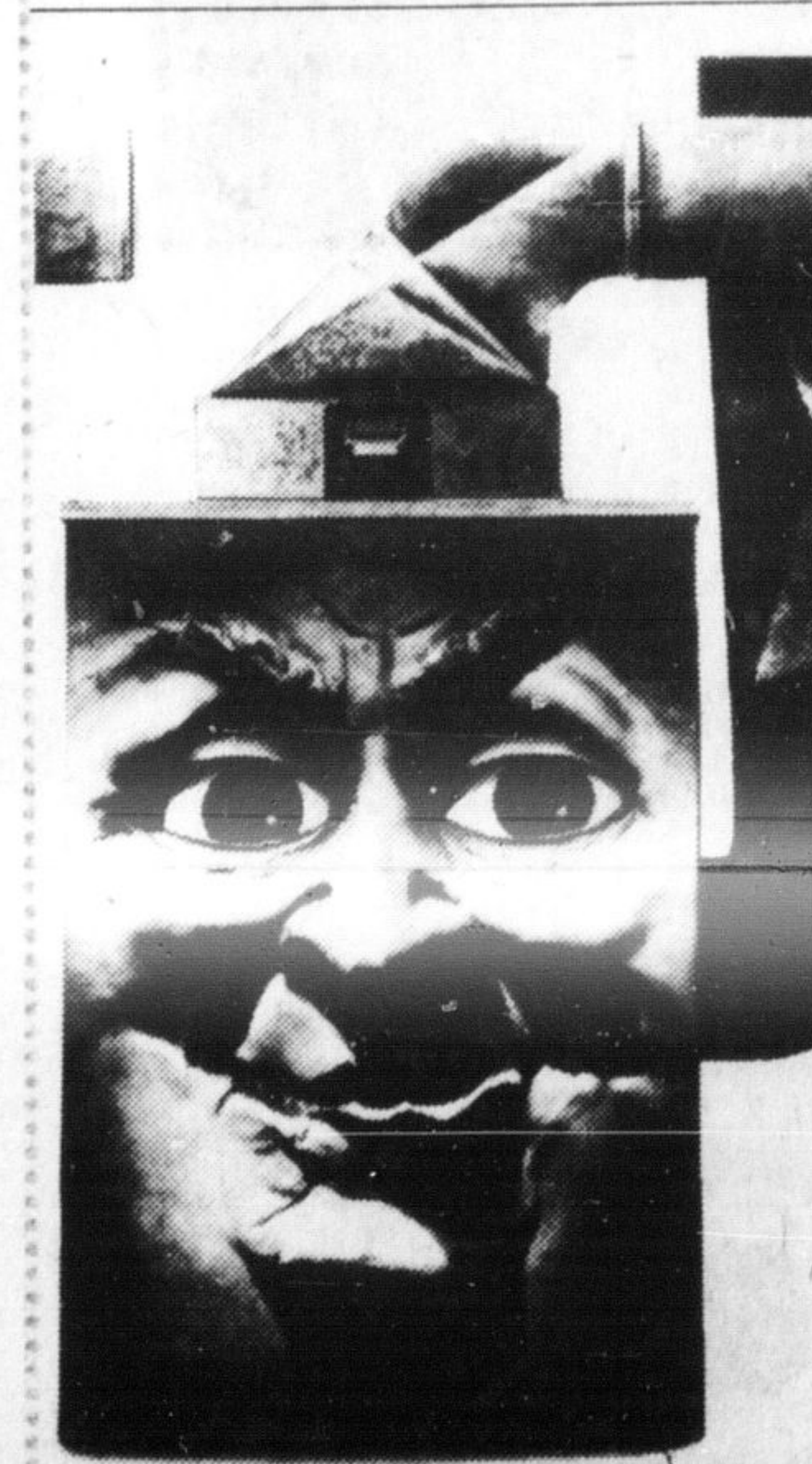
More than 100 cars and 18 buses carried "friends of the unborn" from the Halton centres of Acton, Burlington, Georgetown, Milton and Oakville to the "Rally against Abortion Clinics held at Queen's Park, on Saturday.

According to Toronto Police, the large crowd of protesters was estimated to be in the area of 35,000, as the crowd extended from the Legislative steps down University Ave. to College St.

Men, women and children of every age, some as old as 90 years of age, gathered from as far west as Windsor, north to Kapuskasing, south to Niagara Falls and east to Ottawa and Cornwall.

The majority made the two-mile walk past the clinic on Harbord Street.

The guest speaker was Charles Roche, a high school teacher, one of the original group who formed the Toronto and Area Right to Life Association in 1969.



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