

Woman gives birth en route to hospital

By **KAREN SMITH**
The Champion

A Milton woman is the proud mother of a baby boy eager to get started in the world after giving birth in an ambulance.

Valerie Bahen, 28, of Hornby knew the baby was on its way after waking up at 7:15 a.m. June 5 with contractions. But what she didn't know was just how soon.

Unable to immediately contact her husband, who was on his way to work, she phoned her doctor, who said she probably "had all day," Ms Bahen said.

But soon after her water broke and her only choice was to call 9-1-1.

The ambulance, operated by Barbara King and Michelle Monteith of the Halton-Mississauga Ambulance Service, arrived within 10 minutes, but it still wasn't in time.

At Derry Road, just east of Ontario Street, the baby was ready to come into the world and the emergency vehicle pulled over onto the side of the road at 10:15 a.m.

"She (one of the attendants) saw the head showing and asked the other attendant to give her a hand delivering the baby," Ms Bahen said.

"He was just coming and he wouldn't wait."

Ms Bahen and her husband Patrick became parents to Owen, a healthy eight-pound, three-ounce baby boy.

She said Ms Monteith and Ms King did a great job delivering the baby.

Ms Bahen and her new son arrived safely at Milton District Hospital.

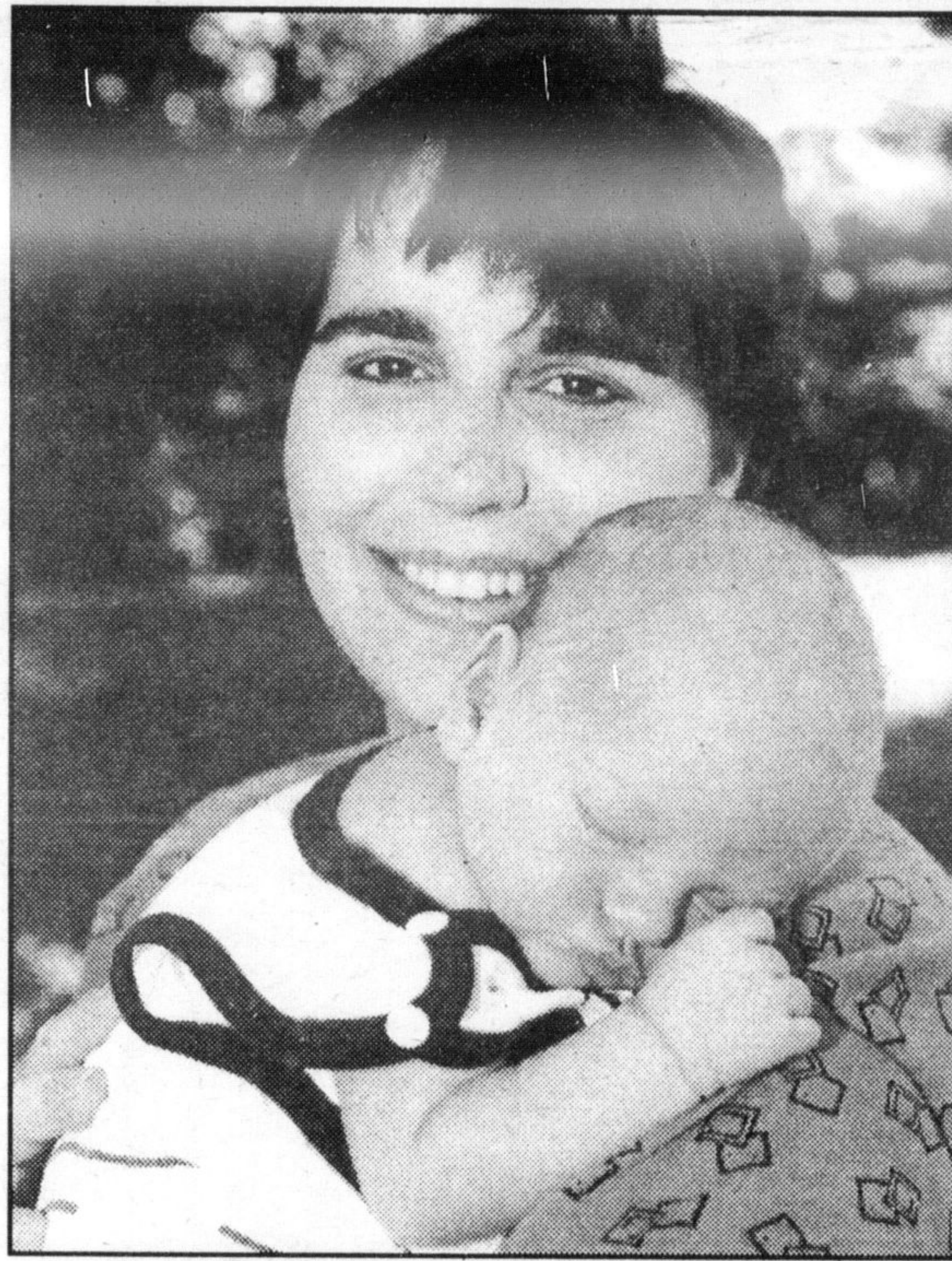


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Valerie Bahen, 28, recently gave birth to son Owen. The little guy was born in an ambulance en route to Milton District Hospital.

Krantz is still annoyed over talks rejection

By **BRAD REAUME**
The Champion

A few days after being rejected in his bid to be on the team negotiating for water with Peel Region, Milton Mayor Gord Krantz is still angry.

"Disappointed? Yeah, I'd even say miffed, not to get the support of my colleagues," said Mr. Krantz. "It was even suggested that someone on the committee step aside, but neither would do it." The committee is composed of Halton Chair Joyce Savoline, and two Oakville councillors, Liz Behrens and Stephen Sparling. Ms Behrens chairs Halton's administration and finance committee while Mr. Sparling is the chair of planning and public works.

Mr. Sparling said he did not want to give up his seat because he has ushered the process along for three years from his committee chair position.

"From my own point of view I've been driving this for quite a while," Mr. Sparling said. "I felt this was an issue I've been living and breathing for a number of years." Mr. Sparling said the major concern keeping Mr. Krantz off the committee was its potential size. Peel Region has two negotiators; increasing the size of the Halton contingent could lead to more Peel counterparts and eventual gridlock, he said.

Mr. Sparling said much of the ground work for negotiations will be done at the staff level.

Mr. Sparling also had reassurances for Mr. Krantz. "I've got nothing but time for the mayor of Milton. He's been leading the charge on this for years," said Mr. Sparling.

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Stephen Sparling

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