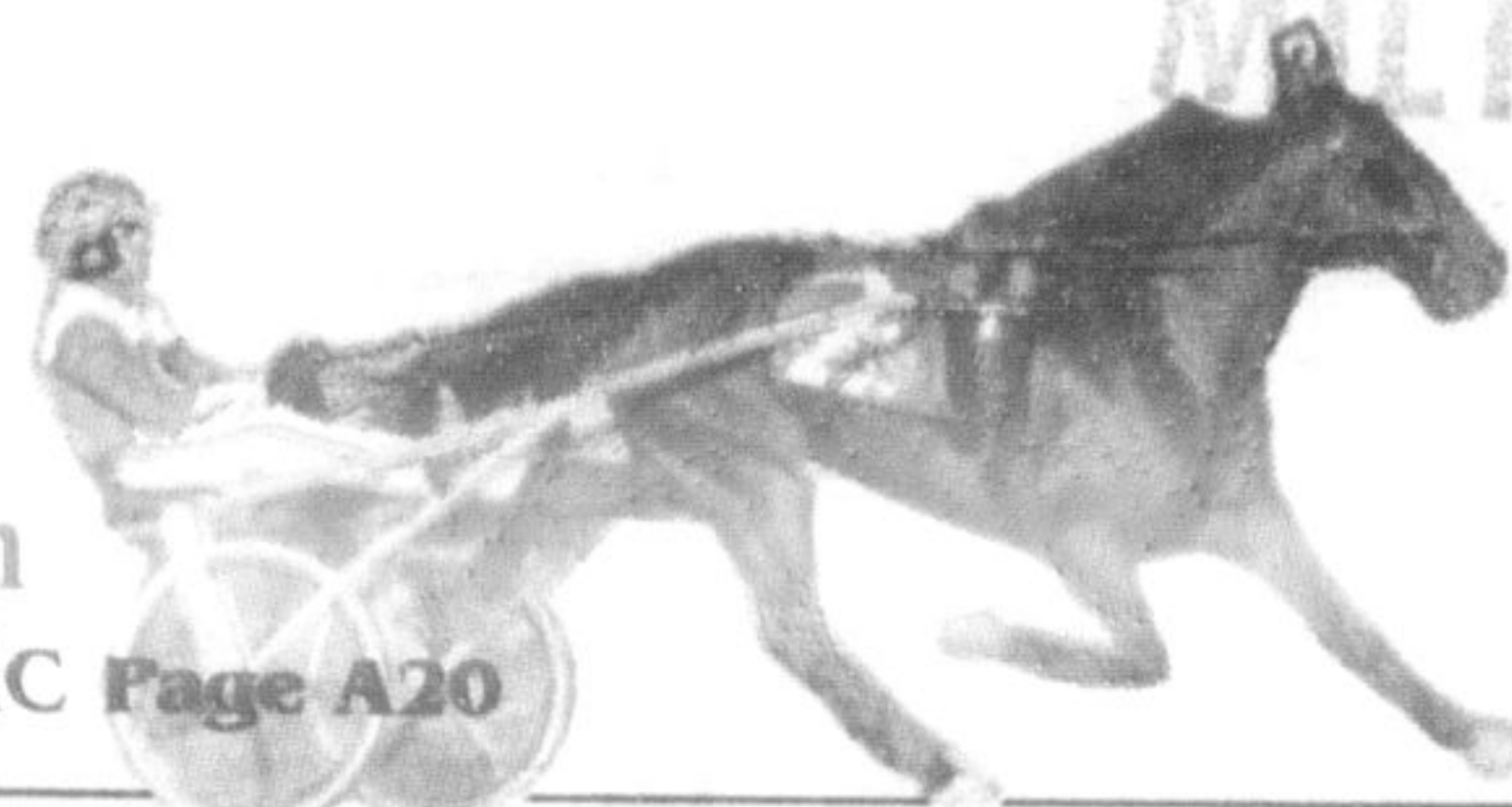


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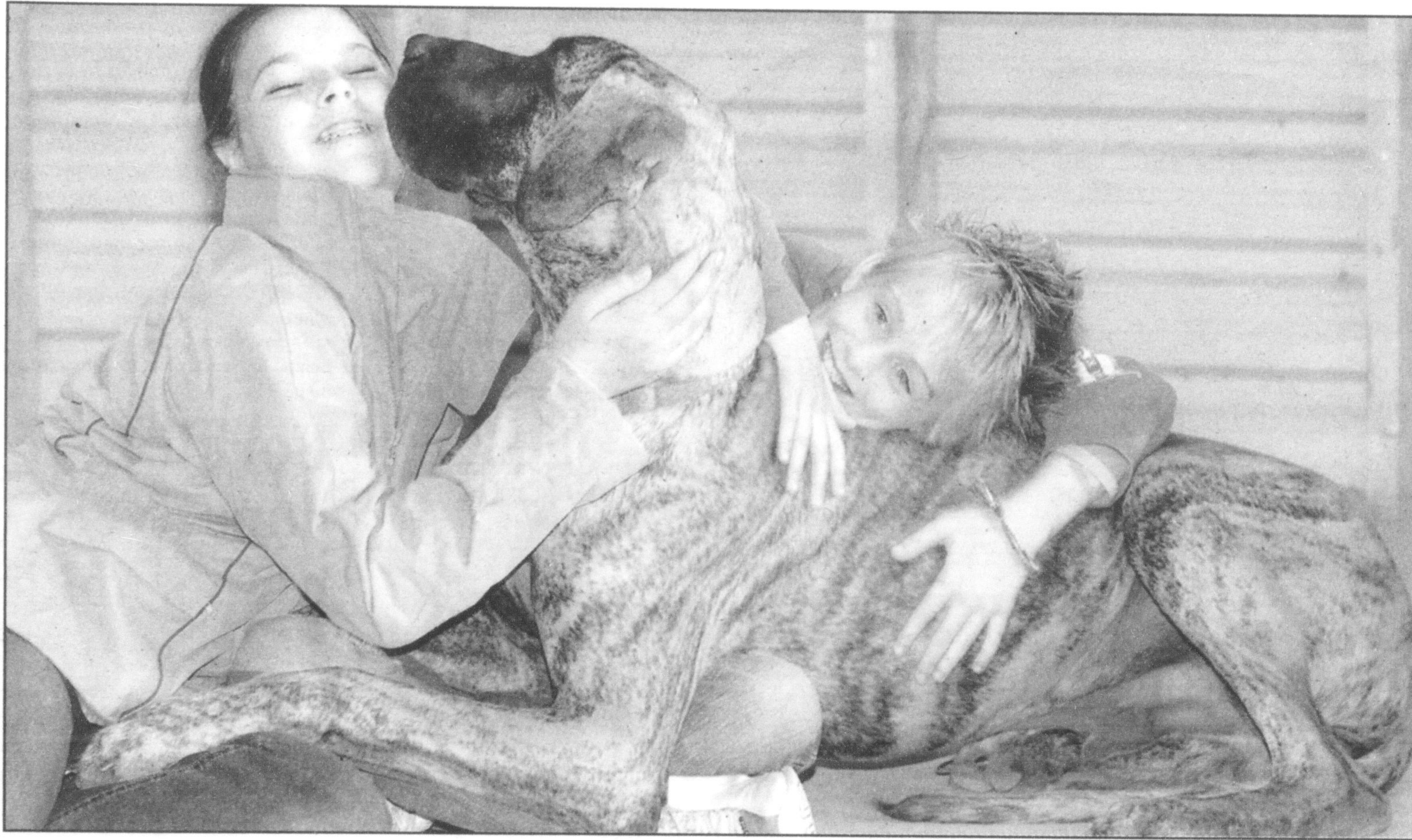


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Hugs and kisses

Sarah Barker (left), 10, and best friend Jacqui Nelson, 10, keep Diesel, a 10-month-old Great Dane, company while they wait to compete in the children's pet show Saturday at the Milton Fall Fair. Almost 25,000 people attended the fair over Friday, Saturday and Sunday. See story and more photos on page A16.

Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Town honours its mayor of 25 years

By MELANIE HENNESSEY
The Champion

Gord Krantz's 25 years of hard work and dedication to his position as Milton's mayor was recognized Saturday evening at a celebration hosted by the local Chamber of Commerce.

The event, held at Rattlesnake Point Golf Club, brought together about 400 of Mr. Krantz's family members, friends and colleagues, along with Milton business people and residents all looking to pay tribute to the mayor's many years of public service.

Mr. Krantz and his wife, Olive, entered the affair in grand style with a bagpiper and procession of local firefighters who the mayor used to serve with



Photo by DEREK WOOLLAM

Mayor Krantz gets a hug from Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion.

carrying flags while the audience clapped along to the music.

Throughout the evening, the mayor's family,

friends and fellow politicians shared their thoughts on Mr. Krantz and extended their congratulations, such as Prime Minister Paul Martin.

"Mayor Krantz, in Milton you are the heart of the community," he said in a video presentation.

He noted the mayor laid the foundation for Milton's development and guided it every step along the way.

Premier Dalton McGuinty also attended the event via video feed.

"Mayor Krantz, thanks for giving so much to your community," he said. "You grew up here, and along the way you helped Milton grow up too."

He went on to thank Mr. Krantz for being a committed public servant who always puts the community first, and for being a great partner who

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