



Careful snipping. Members of the Milton Boy Scouts Ladies Auxiliary are looking for new members to help them with their planned projects for the year. Hard at work preparing felt beaver "stories" are from left, Linda Edwards, Jenny Strain, Cathy Goulding, Anne Newell, Donna Mae Fleet, and Eleanor Cooper.

Auxiliary craft session produces tales of beaver

By Linda Kirby
One woman spent the entire morning cutting out curly yellow hair and gluing it onto tiny felt heads. Looking around the table, there were scraps of green felt grass, brown felt animals and orange felt suns. This was the scene Thursday as the Milton District Boy Scouts Ladies Auxiliary

prepared felt boards and stories to tell the tale of the beaver. Eight complete boards were made and one will be given to each beaver colony to help the youngsters understand the beaver story. In past years the Ladies Auxiliary has prepared crafts for the 39th pack which operates out of The Hospital for

Sick Children. This year they plan however, to make items for the local district packs. There are 13 members of the Auxiliary, serving approximately 600 boys. They dispatch trucks, drivers and boys for the monthly paper drive and feed the crew when they return. They are also on hand for such occasions as the

district and regional Kub Kar Rallies and at Trees For Canada to serve refreshments, as well as serve lunch at training sessions for leaders and the father and son banquets. Interested individuals wishing to join are invited to call Donna Mae Fleet at 878-7691.

Helping in community best restitution answer says Corrections Minister

Ninety-six per cent of criminal offenders paying their debts under the Community Service Order program, complete their orders, Ontario Minister of Correctional Services Nick Leluk said at the official opening of the Community Resource Services of Halton. "In fact," said Mr. Leluk, "20 per cent actually do more hours of work than they were sentenced to, and only 12 per cent commit another crime."

Under the CSO program, which is being introduced in Halton under the direction of coordinator Susa Long, offenders are ordered by the court to perform a certain number of hours of work on community projects.

The projects can range from sprucing up buildings and conservation areas to working with the old or the disabled. "I can think of no better way of impressing upon a person who has committed an offence that he has an obligation to the community," said Mr. Leluk. "By working off the debt, the offender often feels he has wiped the

slate clean. "The results of his work are usually there for all to see, and he can take pride in them." Leluk said there are now 5,000 offenders serving their sentences under CSO across the province. Last year, their community work of 450,000 hours represented a value to Ontario communities of more than \$1.3 million. The option of community work is also being used as an alternative to fines, Mr. Leluk said. "If an offender is not able to pay a fine, it obviously makes more sense to require him to do some community work than to put him in jail at your expense," Mr. Leluk said.

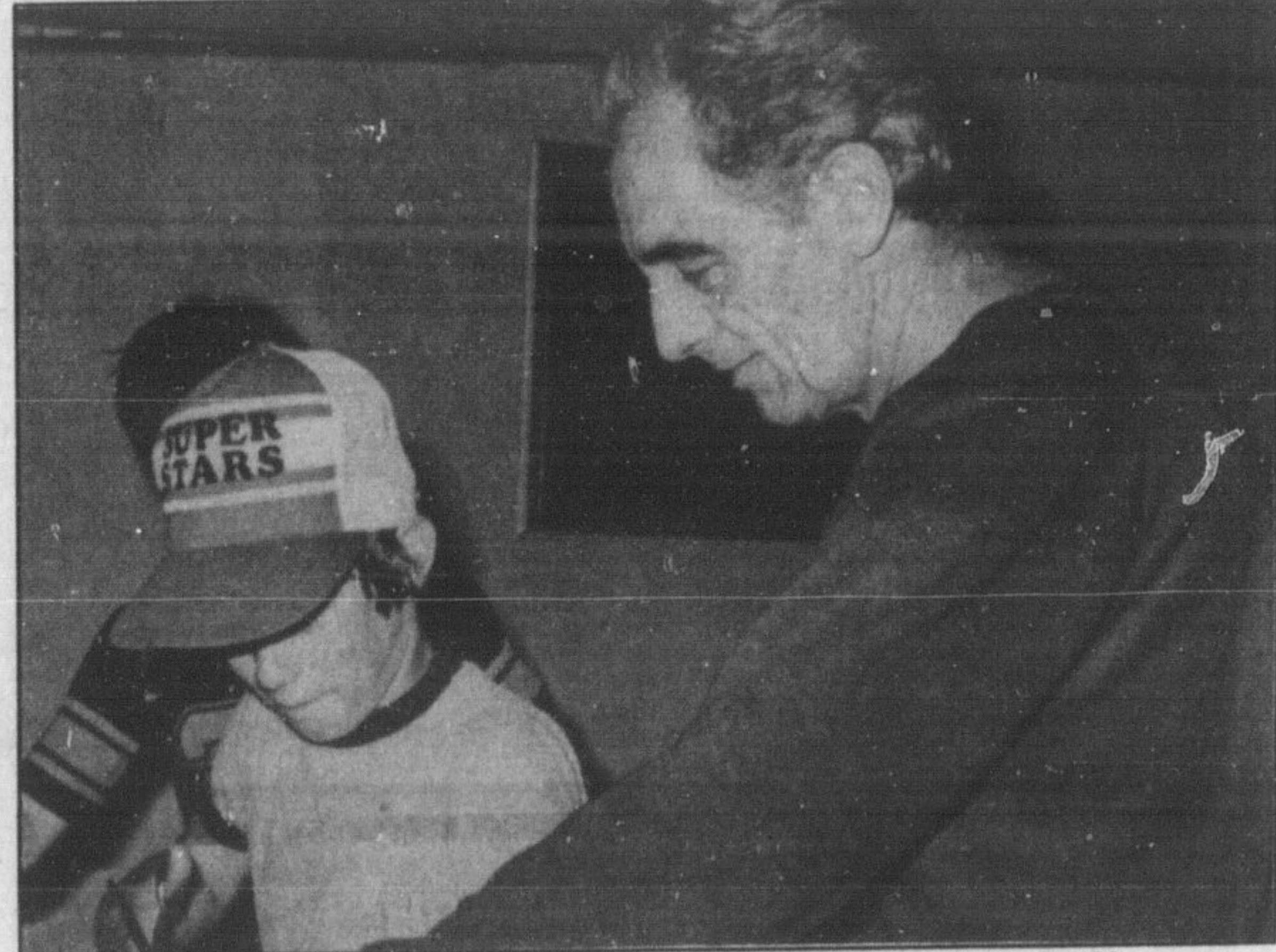
The minister also stressed the importance of the Employment Program, which is also being implemented by CRSOH. "Many offenders have had a history of not being able to find or hold a job," said Mr. Leluk. "As I mentioned earlier, someone with a job is less likely to return to crime."

Agencies and their volunteers are one of the best channels for helping offenders.



Centre discussion. Ontario Minister of Correctional Services, Nick Leluk, left, and Halton criminal lawyer Fred Forsyth discussed ideas for the new Community Resources Services of Halton, recently. Mr. Forsyth is Vice-President of the Board of Directors.

Photo by Al Williams.



Flying high. Harold Kalbfleisch, a model airplane buff, runs a club for unmatched Little Brothers at his Oakville home, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings—to make their wait for a Big Brother a little bit easier. Here he shows a technique to 12-year-old Tim Horechka.

Little Brothers are flying higher

Harold Kalbfleisch of Oakville is making the wait for a number of unmatched Little Brothers a little bit easier. He is sharing his hobby with six of them—"plus my grandson," he laughs. "Instead of having just one boy—I've got seven." Mr. Kalbfleisch, who dabbles with building model airplanes, was approached by the Oak-

ville and Milton Big Brothers Association about starting a club. That was three months ago, and he has big plans for the fledgling organization. "For many of the kids it was their first chance at building model airplanes," Mr. Kalbfleisch said, "but now they are turning out pretty fair workmanship." The boys are producing

model airplanes which fly with wind-up motors, and "our next step in the enjoyment of flying, is building airplanes with a 36-to-40-inch wingspan, powered by small gasoline engines for free flight. The club meets every Wednesday and Thursday evening, from 7 to 9 p.m., at his home. Mr. Kalbfleisch is a newcomer to the Big Brothers.

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