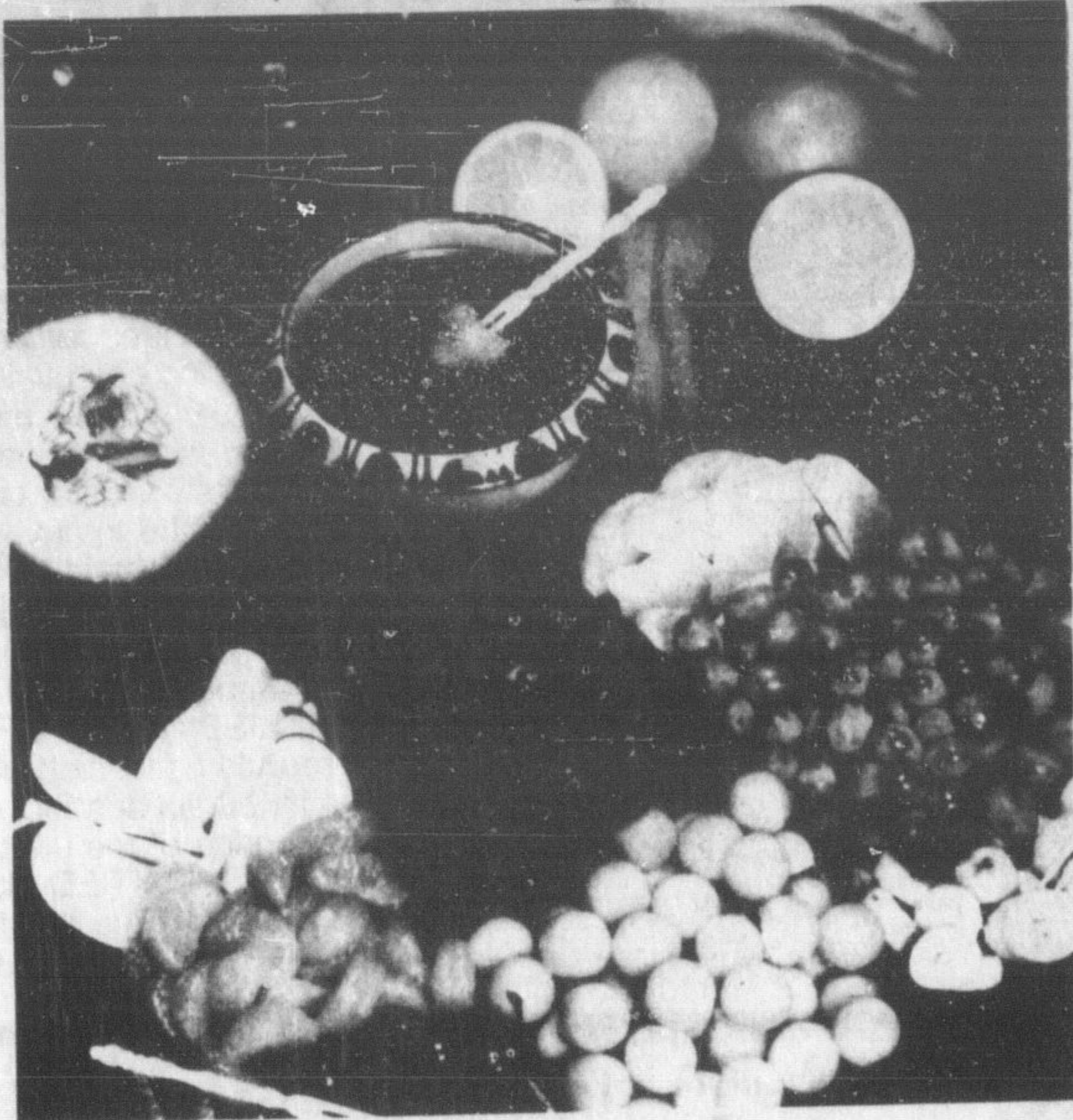


Recipes



Fondue for dessert

By Jane Muller
Don't let yourself be a kitchen-bound hostess. Make serving guests easy and allow more time for socializing. You can still prepare an impressive dessert without spending hours in the kitchen. Fondue for dessert lets guests do most of the preparation themselves and allows them to select just what they enjoy. Fruit of the season displayed on a platter makes a tempting sight. Add fondue forks and a bowl of chocolate sauce served hot or cold and relax while guests sample this tasty end to a special dinner.

This recipe suggests certain fruits to use but substitute favorites or those in season.

½ cup (125 mL) evaporated milk
1 teaspoon (5 mL) vanilla
(Makes about 1¼ cups-425 mL)
banana chunks, mandarin orange sections, strawberries, maraschino cherries, apple slices etc.

Melt butter in a saucepan over low heat. Sift together sugar and cocoa; blend into butter. Gradually stir in evaporated milk. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until sugar is dissolved and sauce is hot. Add vanilla. To serve hot, transfer sauce to a small dessert fondue pot and place over a candle warmer to keep warm. To serve cold, cool sauce then stir in 2 to 3 tablespoons (30-45 mL) additional evaporated milk to thin to a dipping consistency.

Chill several hours or overnight. Spear fruit with forks and dunk into fondue.

Chocolate Fondue
Ingredients
6 tablespoons (100 mL) butter
1 cup (250 mL) sugar
2 / 3 cup (150 mL) Fry's Cocoa

Severe gaps in service to children need filling Regional report urges

By Jack diWardo
Severe gaps exist in Halton's ability to provide services to children needing access to mental health centres, a report given to the health and social services committee concludes.

The children's services project assessing the supply, need for and use of special services by Halton's children, found that while there is no duplication of services and that those services operate at capacity, not all of the children's needs are being addressed.

The study, which surveyed the years 1978 to 1980, reveals that in each year 70 children using residential mental health centres, 400 children using non-residential mental health centres, 115 children using children's boarding homes and 25 children using children's institutions had to go outside of the region for these services.

During the same period, there were eight residential services, 24 non-residential services and 11 services that act as a liaison between service systems to coordinate services to children available in Halton.

The study also shows that with the exception of the Syl Apps Training School, the Ontario Mission for the Deaf and Oaklands Regional Centre, the services were supplied only to Halton children.

But many of these services are inaccessible

to children from Milton and Halton Hills due to their limited capacities and a lack of inter-municipal transportation.

Oakville's children are the region's best-served in comparison to its total child population with 2.8 special needs programs for every 1,000 children.

Halton Hills has the lowest ratio with 1.8 special needs programs for every 1,000 children and the regional average is 2.3.

The special needs programs include services to overcome mental and emotional problems, learning disabilities, problems with social adjustment, the development of intellectual skills, speech impairment and problems with physical functioning and motor abilities.

The report also notes that Halton only spends about \$4 on a per capita basis, which is the fourth lowest sum spent for children's special services in the province, for these services. The Niagara Region is the highest with about \$10 spent per person on these services.

Ironically, a similar report completed for the region in 1976 found the same service gaps and placed a high priority on the need to expand mental health diagnosis and treatment facilities to cover the entire region.

Responding to the report before the committee, Halton Medical Officer of Health, Peter

Cole, felt the high number of children going outside the region for aid was attributable to the geographic lay-out of the region and the pattern of use of certain services just outside of the region.

"There is a natural flow outside of the region that is probably desirable. The region must be aware of the details of this flow and take it into account in any of its planning he says.

"If the service being provided by the outside services is adequate, then there is no need to worry about the gaps," he adds. These services are found in places like Guelph and Toronto.

But the committee chairman, Carol Gooding, questioned this position, pointing out the Ministry of Community and Social Services is moving towards regionalizing all health care and as such is urging the regions to provide for all its own needs. The possibility exists that other regions may change their en-

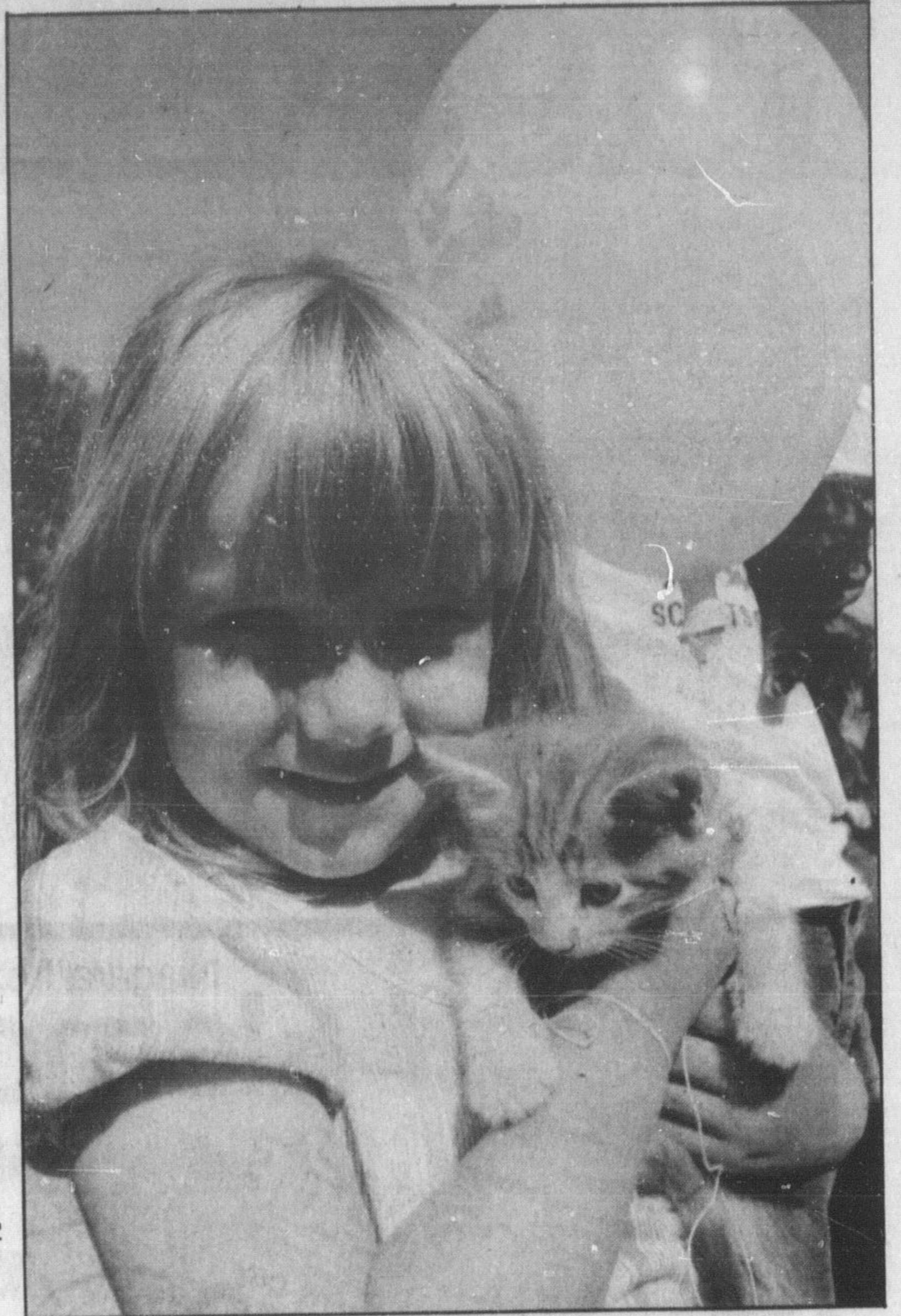
trance requirements to the detriment of children from Halton.

The region should bear this in mind when considering any future funding for expanded mental health services, she adds.

But between 1975 and 1980 Halton's child population declined three per cent and is expected to decline another 3.4 per cent by 1985. At the same time, the number of children using these services rose 3.4 per cent between 1978 and 1980, up from 5,129 to 5,308, covering children from 0 to 18 years of age.

The total amount of money spent from all sources in the region, including voluntary and charitable groups was \$97,877. This is 31 per cent more than the figures recorded by the ministry.

Regional council will forward the report to the ministry and the new manager of children's services, when one is appointed, for consideration.



Kitty for free

It didn't take long for four kittens to find homes at the Milton Chamber of Commerce Farmers' Market recently. Catherine Death, 5 was helping to give the kittens away and away they went. The kittens were hard to resist as is the fresh garden produce, craft work and breakfast goodies available each week at the market located on Mary St. behind the old court house and jail.

Ask UN intercede for Iranian Baha'is

The Baha'i spiritual assembly of Milton has sent a cable to Dr. Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General of the United Nations, pleading for intercession on behalf of the Iranian Baha'i community which is being brutally treated.

killings of Iranian Baha'is, the Milton group claims the fanatical elements in Iran are trying to eradicate the Baha'i faith in the land of its birth.

Citing religious persecution, torture and

Expanding deer herds not Halton's only problem

By Terry Ruggles
As much as we may love the beaver, the Canadian totem does not belong in Southern Ontario say conservation officials.

A local high school teacher recently spotted two trees felled by beavers on the banks of Six-

teen Mile Creek. George Webster of 263 Trafalgar Rd. asked whether or not it was rare to find beavers in this densely populated area.

According to the experts, beavers are not indigenous to this area, but with the near extinction of their natural

predator, the timber wolf, in Northern Ontario, their numbers have swelled to the point that many beavers are indeed moving south.

The Cambridge District office of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, (MNR), which encompasses the Halton

Region area, does an aerial count each year on the number of beaver lodges and feedbeds. Two years ago in north Halton, there were an estimated 168 beavers and last year 264 were spotted.

"We don't fly over

Oakville or Burlington because it's an urban area, and because the streams are a little swifter which keeps the beaver away," said Bruce Buckland, the Cambridge MNR wildlife management officer.

To counter overpopulation in the Cambridge district, approximately 50 per cent of the colony are caught by professional trappers each year.

Bill Richardson is a part-time trapper who lives in Georgetown. He comes to the aid of many property owners complaining of a beaver damming a creek or stream when asked to do so by the Halton Regional Conservation Authority.

"I do a bit of trapping on a part-time basis when I'm on holiday in the fall or winter," said Mr. Richardson, who also holds down a full-time job. But outside of this, he refused to comment on trapping saying,

"It's a very controversial topic, there's no way I want to touch it."

Asked whether he's ever received any flack from conservationists he answered, "No, that's why I don't want to say anything now."

No action on library plea

Council has decided to "receive and file" a request by the Milton Library Board to increase the town's subsidy to the library.

The library board is upset because the town

based its 1981 grant on the 1980 budget of the board, not on the actual expenditure of the board during that period.

To that end the library board recently met and recommended "the net

levy increase payable by the Town of Milton be an increase of 15 per cent over 1980 to \$312,922. The committee agreed that the Library should have an opportunity to

comment on the proposed town levy."

But when the item came up for discussion on the council agenda, no one from the library board was at council to speak, and the town's council representative on the board, Blanche Hinton, was away on holidays.

"Here we are once again with nobody from the library board here," said Mrs. Rose Harrison.

After some discussion about the library board and its strained dealings with council in the past, the motion to receive and file was approved.

Hornby Garden Party Saturday

Congratulations and good wishes to Mr. & Mrs. James Sidney Tollyn who were united in marriage at Buhel United Church on Saturday July 17, by Rev. John Griffin.

A reception was held at Legion Hall, Milton for the many guests. The young couple will reside at Hornby.

A reminder that the

Hornby Garden Party in Hornby Park will be held on Saturday evening July 18, with a ball game at 7 p.m. and stage show at 8:30 p.m. Adults admission \$2 - children free.

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