Bobby Orr's visit puts icing on most successful skate-a-thon yet

Inmates at Maplehurst Correction- joined by other inmates from sural Centre skated for kids who can't rounding institutions. In total, about Saturday and raised more than \$29,000 for Easter Seals.

A- Thon for Timmy and Tammy.

200 skaters took part.

Sponsored by the Ministry of Cor-Memorial Arena was the home of rectional Services, the event earned the fifth annual John D'Amico Skate- money from pledges collected by inmates and ministry staff and their

The organizer of the skate-a-thon recreation Maplehurst, Tony Ross, called the event's success "tremendous" and added that he is happy the final dollar count surpassed the \$25,000 raised last year.

"I'm very pleased," he said. "Our goal is always to raise more money than we do the year before."

Retired hockey great Bobby Orr, lieutenant governor of Ontario Lincoln Alexander and the Milton Rotary Club's Timmy for 1990 Matthew Willoughby were popular guests at the event. A luncheon followed the skate.

The first John D'Amico Skate-A-Thon took place at Maplehurst in 1986. The event began under the direction of Mr. D'Amico, an NHL supervisor of officials, who approached the Ministry of Correctional Services about involving inmates in an act of goodwill.

There are now five skate-a-thons across the province - in North Bay, London, Ottawa, Thunder Bay, and of course, Milton.

Mr. Ross said there is no doubt the events will be held again next year.

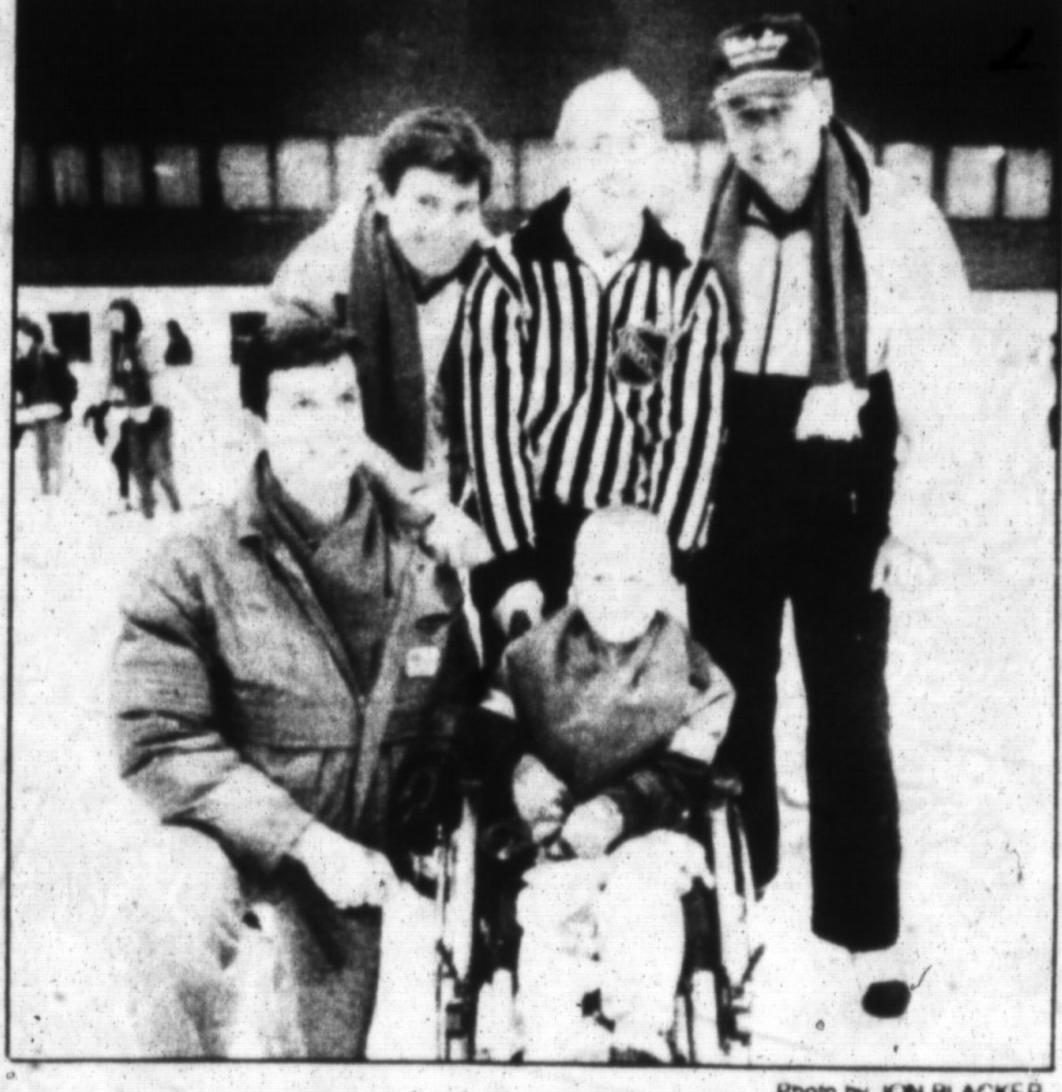


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Hundreds of skaters took to the ice Saturday for the fifth annual John D'Amico Skate-A-Thon for Timmy and Tammy at Memorial Arena. The Milton Rotary Club's Timmy for 1990 Matthew Willoughby enjoyed the event with (from left) Village Constable Larry Masson, retired NHL referee Bruce Hood, NHL supervisor of officials John D'Amico and NHL linesman Leon Stickle.

