

'Bandage 1' is new name for helicopter

That Ministry of Health helicopter ambulance that has

paid a number of visits to Huronia District Hospital and Penetang

General has a new name - "Bandage 1." It was officially

named at a recent helicopter party staged at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Winner of the Name the Chopper contest was 10-year-old Susan Davis from Kitchener.

Health Minister Dennis Timbrell presented Susan with her prizes which included a ride in a helicopter at the end of the day, a passport to Ontario Place for a day, a model of the helicopter donated by Bell Helicopters and a first prize framed certificate.

Also in attendance were nine of the 10 runners up who were presented with inscribed wooden helicopter trophies and certificates by the Minister.

Highlight of the day was the flypast of four aircraft, the Radio Station CHFI Cessna

172, the OPP Bell Jet Ranger, a Toronto Helicopter Ltd. helicopter and the Ontario Ministry of Health helicopter ambulance newly painted with the "Bandage 1" name.

The hospital declared a helicopter party day and individual parties were held throughout with cookies and juice.

The ceremony marked the wind-up of a month-long contest which was open to all in and out-patients of Sick Children's Hospital who were 12 years of age and under. Approximately 2,000 entries were received.

Names

Winning names were chosen by the Ministry of Health and the hospital's Recreation and Volunteer Department.

The contract for the

helicopter ambulance service is held by Toronto Helicopter Ltd. Air Ambulance Division for the period May 1, 1980 to April 30, 1982. The service will cost the Ontario Health Ministry \$2 million for the two years.

"Since its inception in October 1977, the helicopter ambulance has provided a vital service to communities which cannot support the medical specialties or the sophisticated equipment required for the treatment of critically-ill patients," Mr. Timbrell said.

"Local doctors can now, without leaving their communities, quickly transfer their patients to major health centres confident that specially trained critical care personnel and sophisticated life support systems aboard the craft will ensure a

safe journey.

"The helicopter has also been effective in providing specialized care for critically-ill newborn infants. Teams of specialists can be flown to remote communities when local doctors have judged that all factors such as time, distance and travel are critical to maintaining the life of the infant."

In total the helicopter has carried 520 patients, including 262 children and 258 adults. Flights have ranged from Earleton in the North, Chatham in the West, Port Colborne in the South and Ottawa to the East.

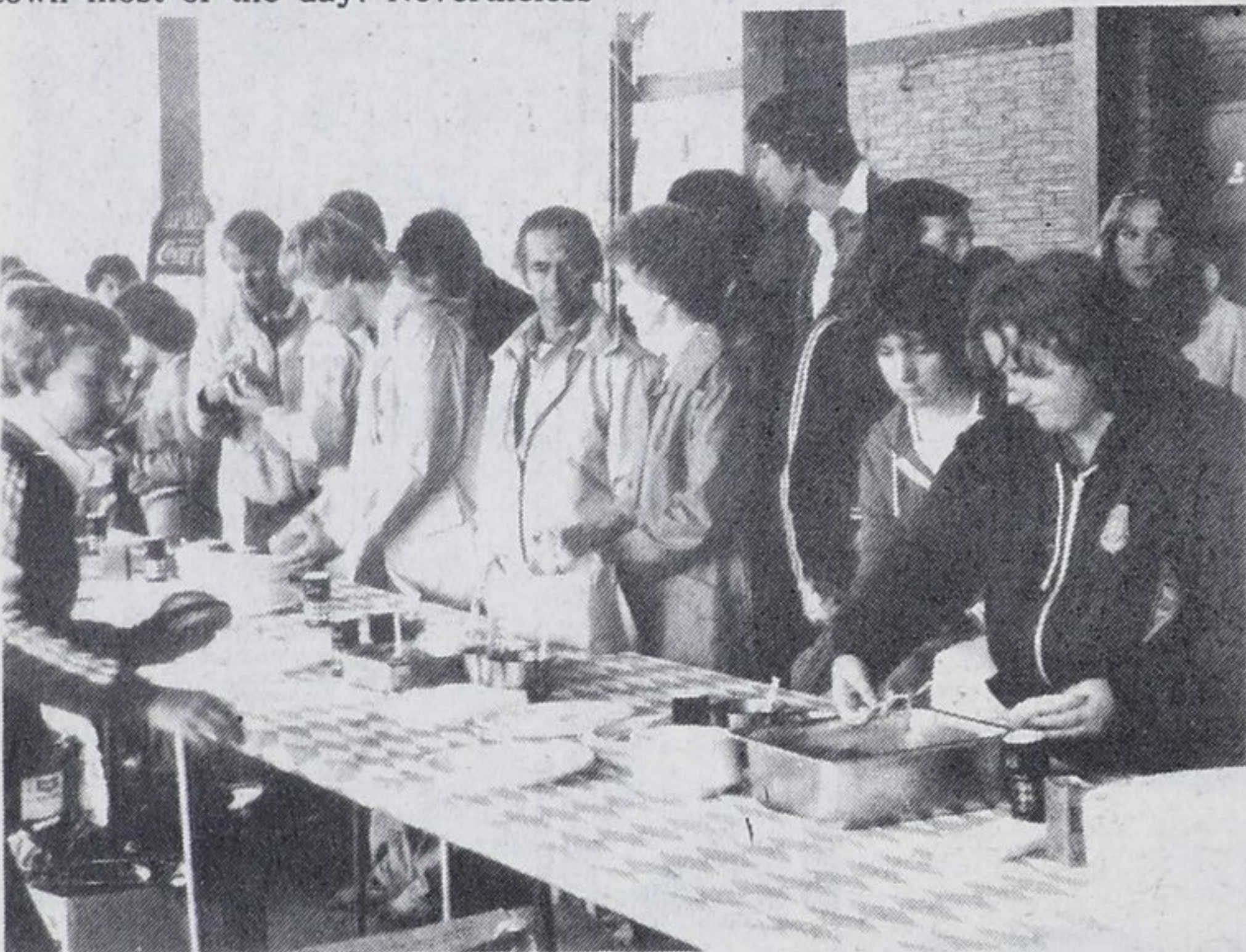
The Bell 212 helicopter is based at Buttonville and has received Transport Canada approval to use 31 licensed heliports within 100 miles of Toronto.



Having a good time

Midland Rotary Club's giant barbeque on Saturday was a bit of a wet affair with all the rain that fell on the town most of the day. Nevertheless

those who attended the annual "do" had a swell time as these pictures illustrate.



21 accidents but only two people injured

Although Midland OPP responded to 21 collisions in the week ended June 30, only two resulted in injuries and these all were of a minor nature, the OPP reported this week.

The OPP also investigated 139 general occurrences over the weekend between 4 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Monday.

Among the oc-

currences were 20 reports of theft, nine reports of break and enter, five reports of wilful damage, three reports of assault and four occurrences falling under other sections of the criminal code.

The OPP laid 29 charges of violation of the Liquor Licence Act. Two persons were charged with driving

while impaired and three persons were charged with possession of narcotics. One driver was found to be driving with a suspended licence.

Several reports of overdue boaters and complaints about noisy parties were received over the weekend. All the boaters turned up, police said.



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