



TODAY'S CHILD

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Tommy is just learning to skate so he doesn't get around on ice very fast — but he is the star goalie for his class hockey team.

At nine, Tommy is a healthy youngster. However, he has developed slowly, and physically and emotionally he is more like a six-year-old. He is in junior opportunity class and will continue to need special education.

Slightly built, Tommy has blue eyes with long thick lashes, light brown hair and fair skin.

This friendly, obedient lad likes to be given small responsibilities and loves to be praised. He is kind-hearted and sensitive to other people's feelings. Having been frequently rejected when he was younger, he has a great need for warmth and acceptance.

A talkative youngster, Tommy is sometimes so eager to tell about school or a game or whatever interests him that all the words seem to come out together. He enjoys the trampoline and climbing equipment at school and loves the water though he hasn't yet learned to swim. He gets on well with both children and adults.

Tommy needs patient, affectionate parents who will give him praise and encouragement without pressuring him to achieve at the level of other children his age. He can fit into a family with brothers and sisters but preferably there should be none close to him in age.

To inquire about adopting Tommy, please write to Today's Child, Box 888, Station K, Toronto M4P 2H2. For general adoption information, please contact your local Children's Aid Society.



HE NEEDS A FAMILY

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MacNaughton said today.

Instead, tenants and homeowners will be applying for tax credits when they file their 1972 income tax returns early in 1973. Ontario's residential property tax reduction program of the past four years is being replaced by a new property tax credit plan.

Mr. MacNaughton said the new provincial plan, designed to more equitably distribute the property tax burden among homeowners and tenants, will work through the personal income tax system and be administered for Ontario by the Department of National Revenue.

"The property tax credit will come as an income tax refund cheque or as a reduction in income tax. However, I should advise Ontario homeowners that to qualify for the new property tax credit, 1972 municipal taxes must be paid during 1972," he said.

Mr. MacNaughton said the new system will reduce the total property tax burden by at least \$160 million. Low income groups will benefit most. The plan is also being extended to roomers and boarders.

The property tax credit plan is restricted to Ontario residents and applies to principal residences only. Residents in homes for the aged or tax-exempt institutions do not qualify.

The Treasurer said the benefit to individual taxpayers will vary "because we have linked property taxes to income taxes and, therefore, to the individual's ability to pay. The majority of Ontario residents will receive more money back under the new plan. Some will receive about the same as last year, while high income earners will receive less.

Homeowners, tenants and others who may be eligible -- such as roomers and students living on-campus -- will receive instructions on how to apply for and calculate the property tax credit when they receive 1972 income tax return forms early this year.

ROSSPORT CHILDREN PRESENT CONCERT

A full house of parents and neighbours turned out Thursday evening for the annual Christmas Concert presented by the village children and trained by Mrs. Anne Wilde, Mrs. Kay Bouchard and Mrs. Prina Gerow. Miss Maxine Hubelit was pianist for the entertainment and Santa Claus arrived during the

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