# Doctors' ignorance frustrating to mother

STOUFFVILLE — "It's a long lonely road when you're all by yourself," said Barb Beckett, referring to the lack of support by the medical profession in Ontario when she decided to try patterning as a treatment for her brain injured four year old son.

Patterning involves stimulating the body to re-educate, or pattern the hurt brain through exercise, massage and various other therapies.

"The doctors turn around and say, 'this won't work', and then, if you ask a few questions, it turns out they don't even know a thing about it. If they're not familiar with it, why can't they just encourage you to try!"

Mrs. Beckett is thoroughly incensed at the attitude of the majority of the medical profession in Ontario, and is determined to give patterning a try despite it.

"I'd never forgive myself if I didn't try it," she said, "If the treatment becomes accepted later and it's too late for Jason . . . I want to do everything possible."

Now Jason exercises every morning on an overhead ladder, crawls, twirls upside down, walks on a balance beam and goes through patterning.

Mrs. Beckett first heard of the program through another mother whose child had been greatly helped by it, and on the recommendation of Dr. George, decided to give it a try for six months.

After the first three weeks she could already see results. "Jason's doing things he's never been able to do before," exults Mrs. Beckett, "the whole thing makes sense."

She feels that support from the medical profession will follow if more people in Ontario get well through the treatment and publicize the results.

"That's the problem though," she said, "people have worked darned hard for their children and they don't want to publicize what their child was like before." Mrs. Becket says that often, after their child gets well, parents even move out of the neighbourhood, because they don't want their child to be stigmatized.

"There's an awful lot of mixed feelings about it, that's for sure", Mrs. Beckett summed up.

She says that a lot of people working with handicapped children in special programs are afraid to stick their neck out. "They're afraid of losing their job if they talk about the program," explained Mrs. Beckett, "but if you know a child like this, you have to take a look at things like this."

She says all her volunteers are very positive about the patterning. "They enjoy what they are doing because they know the reason why," she says.

"At times you get a few glimpses of a normal child, and you feel if you could just get the missing pieces together, . . ."

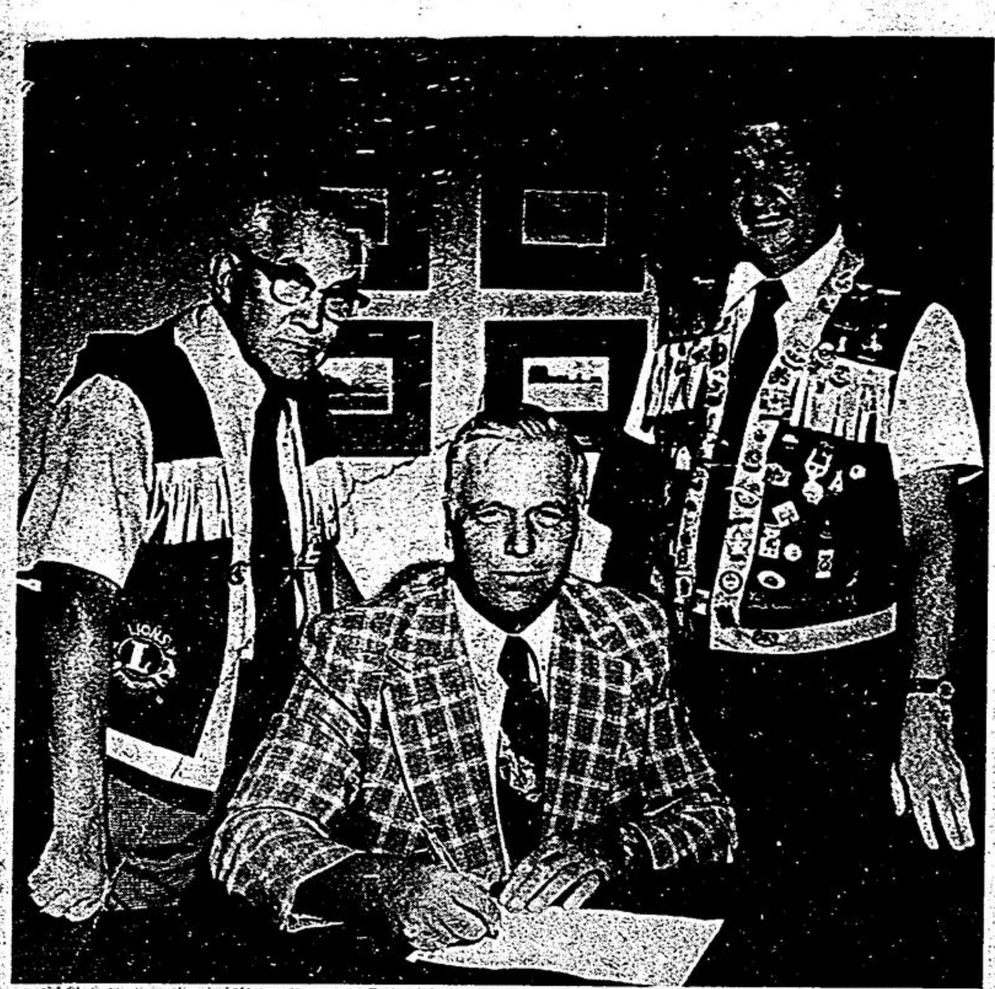
## *Ross Kennedy, local lawyer, dies Sept. 28*

Well-known Locust Hill lawyer Ross Kennedy died Sept. 28 in Scarborough Centenary Hospital. He had suffered from a heart ailment in recent months.

He was born 76 years ago on Edward St., Stouffville to Albert and Mabel Brodie Kennedy. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, the former Frances Livingston; two sons, Arthur Albert and Ross Livingston; and six granchildren. Two sisters, Helen Hill and Frances Fraser and a brother, Donald, also survive.

Mr. Kennedy was educated at Jarvis Collegiate, McMaster University and Osgoode Hall, having been called to the bar in 1925.

The funeral on Oct. 1 was conducted by Rev. Robert Hamilton, with interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.



Mayor Gordon Ratcliff signs the proclamation announcing Lions International Day, Friday, Oct. 8, while Lion president Paul Roney (right) and Walter Pipher, past district deputy governor, look on. The day is to recognize that the Lions club is a worldwide organization.

# Lions Day to emphasize world-wide scope

STOUFFVILLE — Tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 8, is Lions International Day.

The purpose of the day, according to Lion Cliff Aiken, is "to draw to the public's attention that the Lions Clubs are international in scope." Mr. Aiken said there are approximately 150 clubs worldwide.

The local club, chartered in 1938, has a long history of benevolent fundraising and service to the community. The club, sponsored by the Bradford chapter, started with 20 members and has now grown to 46.

Through the years they have raised money for: Easter Seals; to help build Lake Joseph Centre, a camp for the blind at Parry Sound; for the hard of hearing; they have furnished a room at Parkview Home; supported minor hockey and baseball; donated Christmas baskets; given $1,000 to York County Hospital; built the intermediate pool in the park; contributed swings and tennis courts to town parks; and purchased a bus which was for many years used for community groups.

The Lions have displayed some ingenuity in their many fundraising schemes. They have sponsored street dances, car and boat draws, Christmas tree sales, draws for a suit of clothing, they once ran the park booth, they sponsored a draw for a doll dressed in $50 bills, turkey shoots; sponsored a high school barber shop quartet, Bike-a-thon and sold Christmas cakes.

Many of these activities continue today. The street dance has now evolved into a roast beef barbecue in the park, the Bike-a-thon is still held and they continue to handle Christmas trees.

The club's most recent cash contribution is a pledge of $5,000 toward the new town library, to be built as a centennial project.

Current president is Bank of Nova Scotia manager Paul Roney.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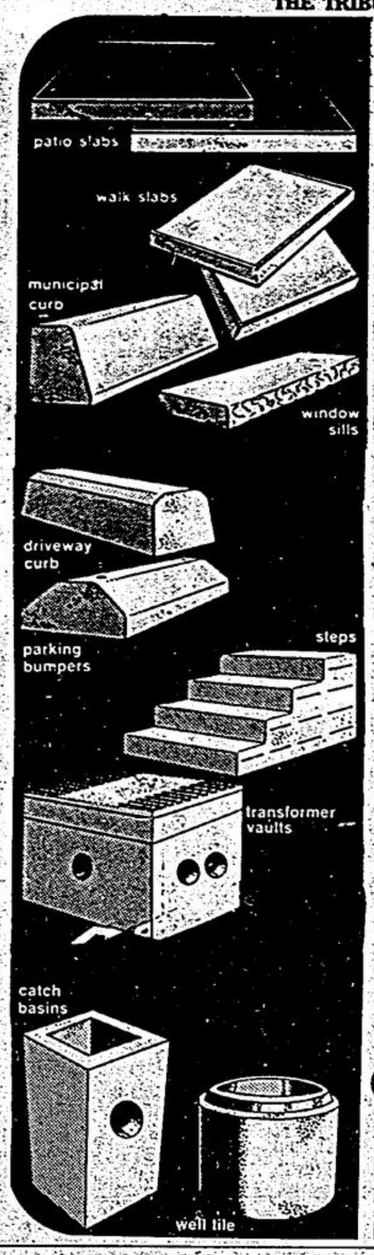


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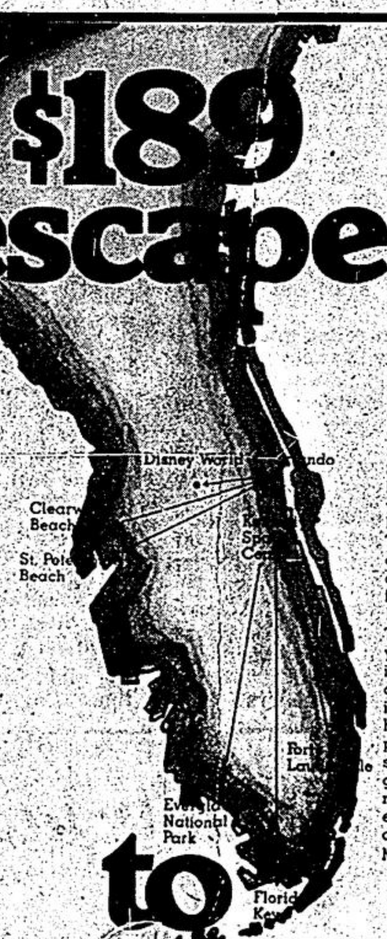


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Where we are and where we're going.

1.

After one year, the anti-inflation program is doing what it set out to do.

The most important achievement has been the drop in the inflation rate. A year ago, consumer prices were rising at a rate of 10.6%. By August 1976, that rate of increase had dropped to 6.2%. This fall some unavoidable increases in energy costs and municipal taxes will affect the rate of inflation. In spite of this, the first year target of an inflation rate of no more than 8% will be met.

Increases in all forms of income–wages, salaries, fees, profits, dividends–are also being successfully restrained. On the average, prices have gone up less than wages this year. This means that most Canadians can cope a bit better, we have more buying power than we had before the program began.

2.

The goal of the second year of the anti-inflation program is to bring inflation down even further, to no more than 6%. This can be achieved only if increases in everything slow down together.

In our kind of market economy, prices have to be able to move up and down to some extent. But the anti-inflation program does put an effective restraint on prices by controlling profit margins. In the second year, the price and profit controls are being changed to make the rules simpler and to apply restraint more fairly among different companies. They also include important incentives to encourage the investments the country needs to make the economy grow and create new jobs for Canadians. New investment credits will make allowances for company profits re-invested to boost production and productivity.

In the area of wages and salaries, the second year Guidelines limit increases to 6% as a protection against price increases, with 2% more added as a share of national productivity. This Guideline is designed to protect and improve the real income of working Canadians, while bringing down the rate of inflation.

All governments are restraining their expenditures. The federal government is limiting growth in its own spending to keep it in line with the overall growth of the Canadian economy. This means that every day hard choices must be made to limit new programs and trim old ones. These choices are painful. But they have to be made if the government is to restrain its costs and avoid contributing to inflation.

3.

Nobody likes controls. Not the people whose private decisions are affected by them. And not the governments that have to enforce them. But controls were and are needed, to bring inflation down and to assure a growing economy. The program will be terminated by the end of 1978. Until it is ended, the government is committed to making sure the controls work hard to bring about a continuing reduction in the rate of inflation.

Inflation has to be cut down to protect our personal buying power, our savings and pensions, and jobs for Canadians. If last year's spiral of rising prices and incomes had continued, Canadian-made products would soon be unable to compete in world markets. Imports could easily undercut goods produced and sold here at home. It's especially important for us to keep our prices and costs competitive with the United States, and on both counts the U.S. is still doing better than we are. Finally, inflation also hurts investment. And when investment goes down, unemployment goes up.

After a year of controls, inflation has come down. Progress has been made, in protecting Canadian jobs and improving Canada's well-being. The success of the anti-inflation program so far has depended a great deal on the co-operation of many Canadians. With continued co-operation, we can all look forward to sharing a more prosperous and growing economy.

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