

Gramps Tramps through town for Champs

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Margaret Gilbert's older brother walked more than 100 kilometres before he reached her home in Ballantrae Monday night.

Gordon Scott, who bills himself as exactly 84.5 years old, is on the first leg of a 1,500 km journey from Warsaw, near Peterborough, to Sarnia and back to raise funds for The War Amps Child Amputee program, CHAMPS.

He arrived a lot later than planned after the handle of his hand-crafted cart came loose near Goodwood. He had to make

a detour to a welding shop before he could continue his journey.

Canadian flags, the Red Ensign and the War Amps banner flutter from his cart, which holds a tent and about two weeks of supplies. The Second World War veteran travelled along the same route on his bicycle when he was 17—67 years ago.

He began walking for exercise a few years ago for a heart condition.

He started his journey May 15. "He's older than I am. I don't know how he has the nerve to do it," Mrs. Gilbert said. "He is an independent type."

The War Amps were always

important to Mr. Scott, who nearly lost both legs during the war. He calls his three-month journey across Ontario "Gramps Tramps for Champs".

The CHAMPS program encourages child amputees to develop a positive approach to their challenges and offers services for their families. It is for Canadian children from newborn to age 18.

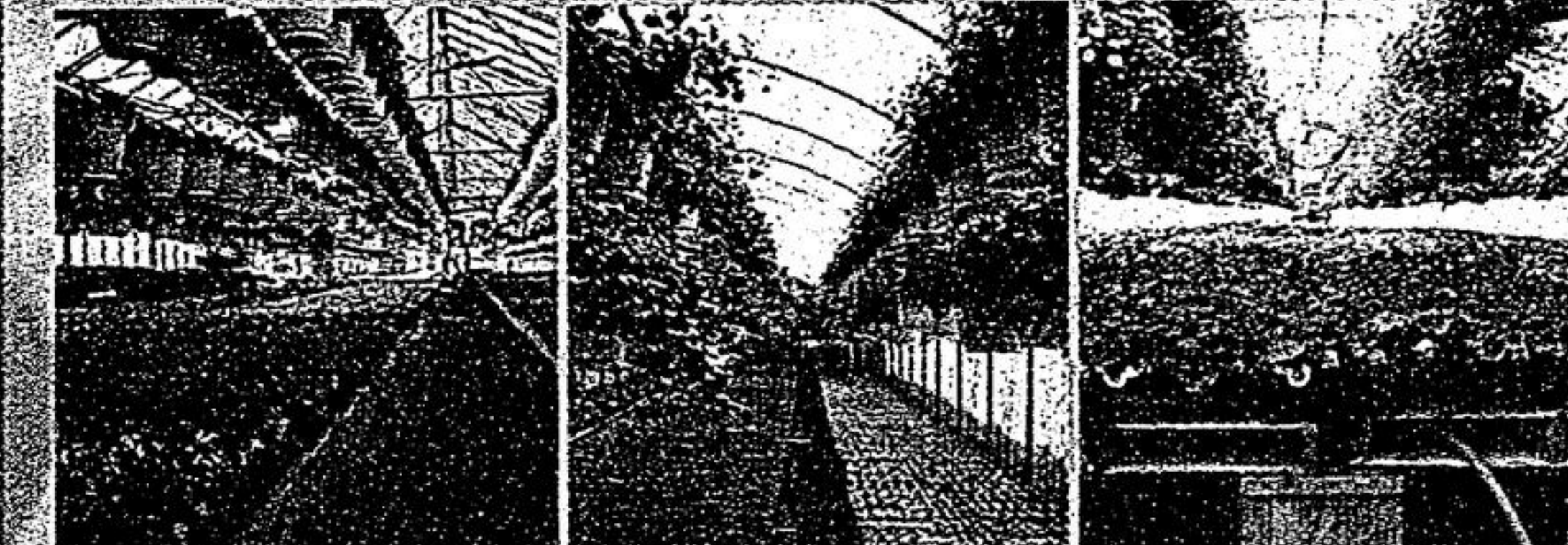
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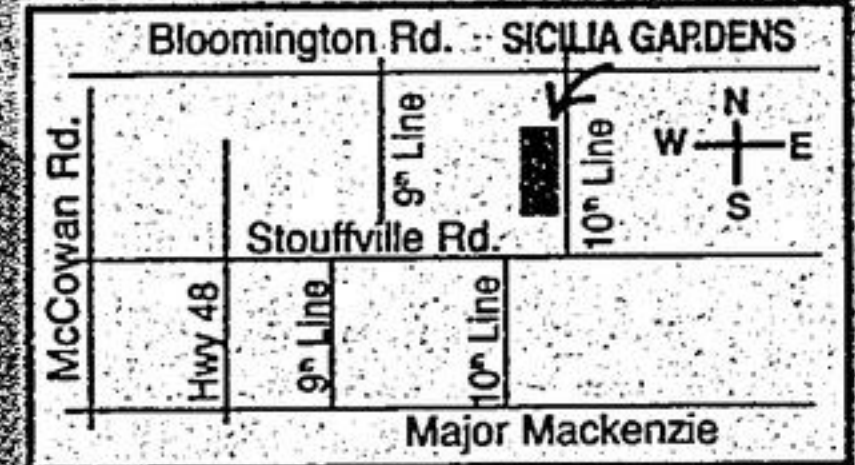
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