

# Inmates are in big demand

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"Could I have one of the boys from Mimico?" is a standard question from people phoning Joe's Job Service in Brampton.

Joe's Job Service has been using the aid of "the boys from Mimico," inmates of the Mimico Correctional Centre, since the concept of having inmates work in the community was intensified in February under Frank Drea, minister of Correctional Services.

The inmates were employed by the city of Mississauga Recreation and Parks in a pilot project this spring to work in the lake shore parks and after favorable reports, have been utilized in other areas, says Peter Jackson, deputy superintendent at Mimico.

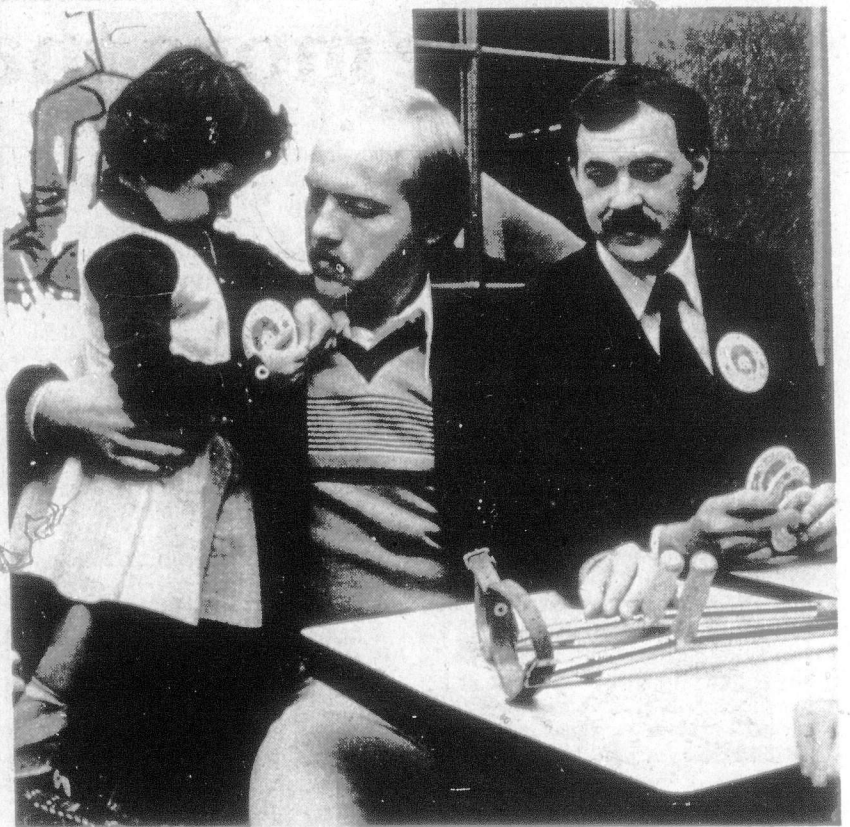
Over 100 Mimico inmates have worked on community projects, including wearing period costume and assisting at Black Creek Pioneer Village. In Mississauga, inmates were utilized in Streetsville to erect and take down the

stands for the Bread and Honey Festival and recently three inmates spent nine days painting the Streetsville bowling green club house.

Plans are underway to have inmates paint the old Meadowvale town hall on Second Line. Ian Scott, coordinator of community centres for the City of Mississauga, estimates the bowling green project saved the city over \$700 and a similar savings would be realized in the Meadowvale project, he says.

Projects are things that wouldn't otherwise be accomplished because the budget hasn't allowed for them, Scott says, so they're not taking any jobs away from anyone. So far, everyone has been pleased with the results, he says.

Mimico has received several letters from the elderly who have had their sidewalks shovelled or their grass cut by inmates. Inmates have also done work around the house and fixed things the elderly couldn't afford.

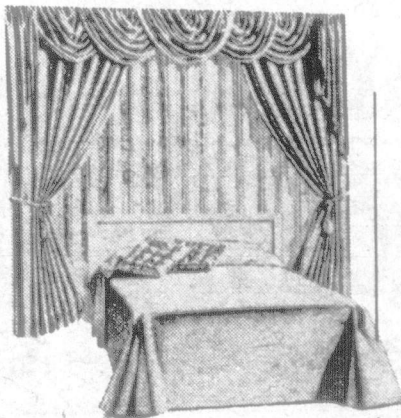


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## McHappy days here again

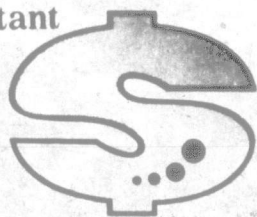
Four-year-old Mayerling Rivera pins a McHappy Day badge on a customer at McDonald's Restaurant to kick off McHappy Day. The second annual event is today. Proceeds from every Big Mac purchased at any McDonald's in Canada today will go towards crippled children. Last year, Mississauga's McDonald's outlet raised \$8,500 while over \$400,000 was raised across Canada.

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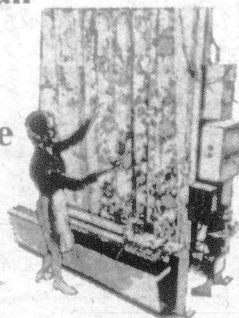


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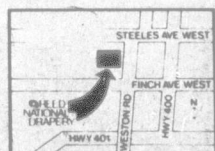
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## Parents go back to school

Parents of students attending T.L. Kennedy Secondary School are going back to school tomorrow night.

John H. Beaton, principal of the school, has made it possible for all parents to acquire their

children's timetables and attend their classes for a "day".

The "day" will actually last two hours and each class will be 10 minutes long. Spares and lunchtime will be spent in the cafeteria-auditorium,

where the parents will meet the administration and counselling staff.

School begins at 7:30 p.m. and students are requested to make sure their parents are on time.

## Kinsmen plan festival

The Kinsmen Club of Erin Mills assessed its last Strawberry Festival and even though it lost money, have scheduled a second festival for June 1979. "The community enjoyed it," says club president Frank Moore.

The Club will take an active part in a Monte Carlo Night in November, a Klondike Night and skate-athon in February and a blood donor clinic in March. Time and money is devoted to Cystic Fibrosis Research, Credit Valley Treatment Centre and the Mississauga Association for the Mentally Retarded.

The Club also sponsors the Erin Mills Boy Scouts and several minor sports teams.

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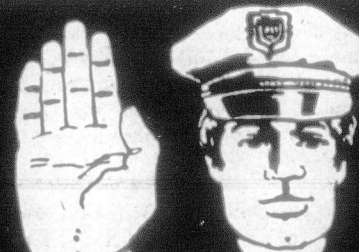
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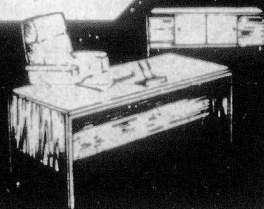


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