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Second Section.

Door-to-Door Blitz for Donors To Start Annual Blood Clinic Here

The battle to save a life is not just a struggle involving the medical profession alone. It is not just a battle using modern devices in up-to-date hospitals. It is also a one-minute operation involving the public when they give one pint of their blood and one minute of their time in order to stave off the death of some child or injured person.

The Hamilton Division of the Red Cross Society, in co-operation with Acton Branch 197 of the Canadian Legion, will give residents of Acton and the surrounding area

an opportunity to take their part in this struggle by holding the annual Blood Clinic in the Legion Auditorium on Thursday, October 22nd.

Competent Staff
A competent staff of volunteer workers, fully equipped and trained in this work, will set up their equipment in the Legion auditorium next Thursday and everyone from laboratory technicians down to volunteer nurses will devote their time to this worthwhile cause.

Only one thing is missing from the picture to fight the battle against unnecessary death — volunteer donors.

Tonight (Thursday) approximately 75 canvassers will start a one-hour blitz of the town, seeking volunteer donors for this worthwhile cause.

The first post-war clinic held in Acton was in 1956 and that year, over 800 volunteers signed up to donate a pint of blood. An annual project since, the number of donors has gradually decreased each year.

Provide Free Service
The main purpose behind the clinics is to provide a Free Blood Transfusion Service to residents of Ontario. In former years before the clinics were inaugurated, persons requiring transfusions were re-

quested to pay \$25.00; but blood is now given free of charge.

The only way to continue this free service is by everyone pitching in and donating a pint of blood each year in order to keep the blood bank full.

E. E. Barr headed the first campaign in 1956 and signed up the biggest list of volunteers to date. This year, Vic Patrick will act as chairman and anticipates results equal to the 1956 campaign.

The chairman this year will be assisted by members from the following organizations: Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E., Acton Fire Department, Acton Women's Institute, Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E., Scout and Guide Mothers' Auxiliary, Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion and the Y Ladies' Auxiliary.

Afternoon and Evening
During the Blood Clinic next Thursday, doors will have an opportunity to donate blood between the hours of 2:00 and 4:15 in the afternoon and 8:30 and 8:45 in the evening.

Acton and district residents have always been leaders in assisting a worthwhile cause and chairman Vic Patrick is looking forward to a large response from the canvass this evening.

He pointed out, however, that

anyone missed during the blitz can still donate blood by attending the clinic on Thursday, October 22nd.

The chairman urges everyone between the ages of 18 and 65, in good health, to pledge a pint of blood and a minute of their time to help in this worthy cause.

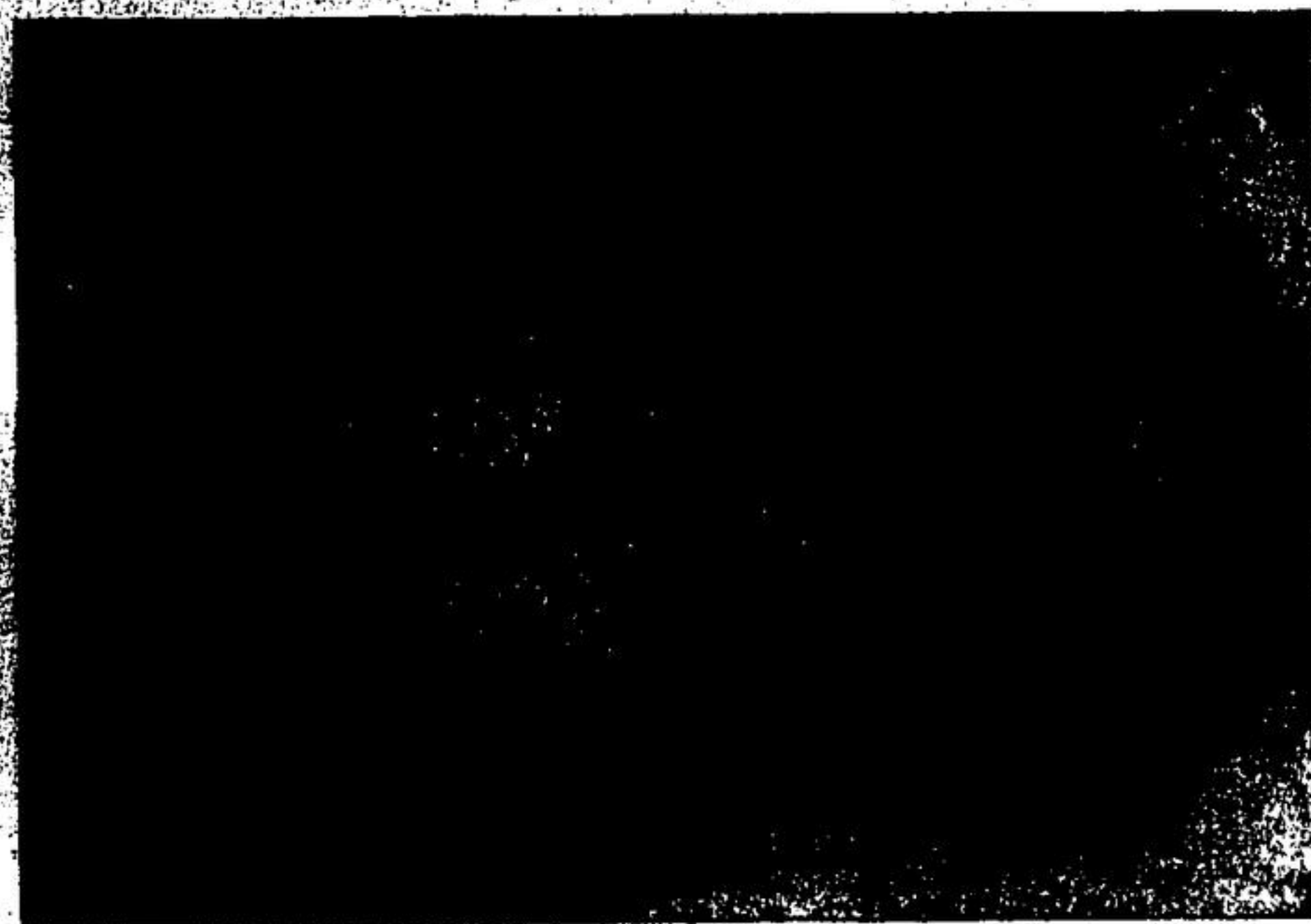
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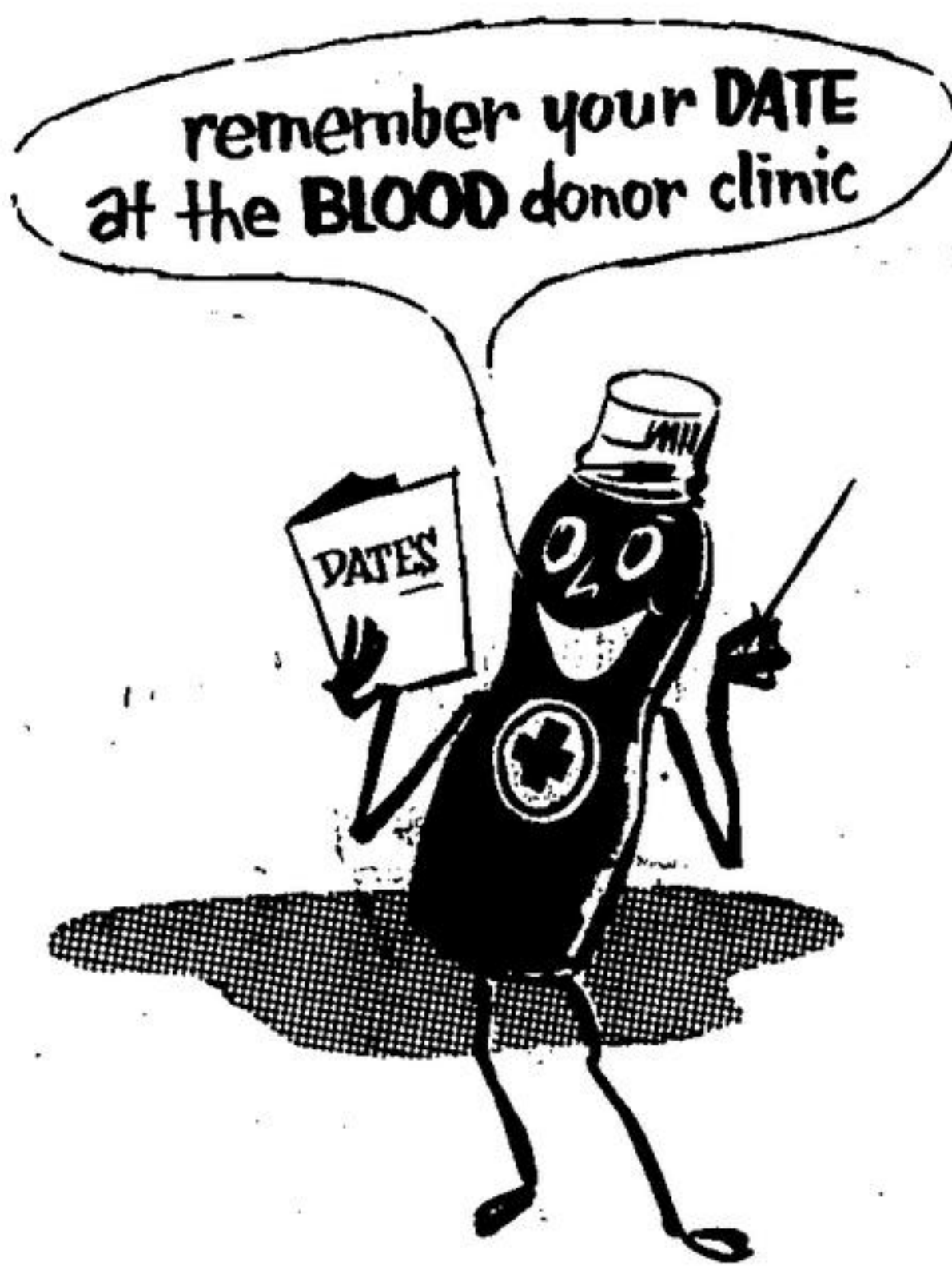
CALL YOUR CANADIAN RED CROSS



RED CROSS WORKERS from the Hamilton Division who assisted with the Blood Clinic in Acton last year are shown preparing the whole blood for transportation to the Blood Bank in Hamilton. Persons requiring transfusions in hospitals can, through these clinics, obtain blood free. More donors are urgently needed to keep the bank stocked for emergencies. Acton residents between the ages of 18-65 will be asked to donate one pint of blood next Thursday during the clinic.



THE BLOOD CLINIC in Acton has always been well attended and this year should be no exception. The above photo shows T. R. Davison being presented with his fifth donation pin by Mrs. G. Angell, one of the assistants at last year's clinic. The lower photo shows two donors giving blood during the 1956 clinic. The Red Cross Division from Hamilton expect to put through 60 people in an hour during the clinic in Acton next Thursday.



See Watershed

Three Parks Highlight Of Conservation Tour

A "well acquainted" tour October 3rd took representatives of the town within the Credit Valley watershed on an unusual and highly informative trip. During the pleasant fall morning, the group visited a variety of projects undertaken by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, including the attractive parks at Terra Cotta, Erindale and Bellfontain.

From Acton, Authority member Robert Parker had as his guests Johnny Guy, Jack Greer, Jack Hargrave, Hugh Lowe, Ham Peal, Ted Page and Ben Rachlin from council, clerk J. McGeachie and Dave Dells.

They joined men from throughout the district on the trip. At the Authority headquarters at Terra Cotta, hot dinner was served to the men.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority is one of the fastest growing conservation authorities in the Province of Ontario, with the introduction of additional parks recreational centres, wildlife preservation, reforestation and water conservation, the group was told.

More Land
Since the Credit Valley Authority was established in 1954, a total of 1,177 acres of land have been acquired for various conservation purposes. However, this acquisition will continue for a number of years before the Credit Valley Authority's initial job is completed.

With the rapid growth of mun-

icipalities and the influx of people to small towns from large cities, it is essential and imperative that these lands be acquired in the immediate future if they are to be secured at all. The post-war price boom of land in the Credit Valley Conservation Authority has been climbing steadily, and if this land is not purchased by the Authority, land prices will become prohibitive.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority's budget for 1959 was \$130,000. The municipalities' share of this amount was \$60,000. In financing, the Credit Valley Authority has the benefit of 50 per cent grants from the province of Ontario.

Three Parks
At the present time, the Credit Valley Conservation Authority has three major areas of parkland and recreational centres. The largest of the three is the Terra Cotta Conservation Area, with 310 acres available for parkland recreation use. The cost of acquisition of Terra Cotta was \$110,000. In the past year, additional swimming facilities have been added, also picnic tables, more picnic areas, land cleared for additional building construction and plans have been set up for wildlife preservation.

The Erindale Conservation Area is the next largest with a total of 135 acres which were purchased for \$75,000. The plans for improvement by the Credit Authority are now underway. Land fill will be used to correct some of nature's work. Picnic areas will be set up and general improvements will be brought into reality next year.

Bellfontain Park is now under the jurisdiction of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and it has 22 acres located in the beautiful Caledon Hills. This park was recently acquired for \$40,000. It is the intention of the Credit Authority to repair the large dam located in the park, improve swimming facilities, set up new picnic areas, alleviate overcrowding, ac-

quire more land, and design a park in the Caledon Hills which will be spacious and conveniently located.

Other areas under consideration by the Credit Authority are Churchville, Meadowvale, Limehouse, Erin, Hillsburgh, Cataract, Georgetown and the Credit Forks. The Credit Forks, with its convenient location, aquatic resources and suitable forest cover have combined to characterize this scenic landscape as one of the finest potential parklands adjacent to the densely populated parts of South Central Ontario. No other area in the entire region is so ideally suited for a park and recreation centre.

Flood Control
The aim of the Authority is to regulate the flow of the Credit River for the following reasons:
1. To control floods
2. To maintain adequate summer flow
3. To control pollution

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Four-Year-Old Struck by Truck

Four year old Glenn McKenzie, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. H. McKenzie of Acton, escaped with several bruises and a shaking up when he ran into the path of a grocery delivery truck owned by Ledger's IGA last Thursday, October 8th.

Crossing the road on Main Street near the IGA store, the youngster failed to see the approaching truck. Driver Don Brown was unable to stop the vehicle before it struck the lad a glancing blow, tossing him to the side of the road.

The boy was sent to Guelph General Hospital for X-rays and observation but was allowed to return to his home on Saturday.

Young Glenn suffered bruises to his head, face and left hip. He also had a tooth knocked out and several loosened.

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