

Donors Swell Blood Bank Supply During Annual Clinic in Acton

The appeal was sent out and 243 people responded — as a result 224 pints of whole blood were transported from the blood clinic held in the Legion auditorium last Thursday to the blood bank in Hamilton.

Twelve nurses including assistants, equipped with 22 hospital beds, stacks of empty bottles for blood and three mobile units, were kept busy from 2 p.m. in the afternoon until after 9:30 in the evening.

Even while beds were being dismantled and packed away in the mobile unit, last minute donors were being taken on the remaining equipment. None were turned away as Mrs. Irene Coste, in charge of the clinic, related the blood is much needed and every pint helps out.

The "okay" slip, the prospective donors entered the room where nurses were ready to make them comfortable on one of the hospital beds where the one minute operation of extracting one pint of blood took place.

After giving blood, the donors rested for a few minutes before enjoying a cup of tea or coffee and a doughnut or cookie.

The whole operation was repeated time and time again until the last of the donors had donated their coats and started for home.

To those who donated blood Albert Batten, business administrator with the Hamilton depot, gave his heartfelt thanks and to those who volunteered but were turned down,

the administrator expressed his regret. He noted that it is impossible to accept everyone as some may be eliminated due to a recent illness or certain past sicknesses.

Shortly after the blood was taken from the donors, it was stored in a refrigerator truck standing by and after the clinic closed, it was transported to the important blood bank in Hamilton where the much needed blood is stored.

Mr. Batten, in expressing his thanks to the Legion for acting as co-sponsors for the clinic, commended the volunteer help which made it possible to stage a successful clinic.

"Without donors and without the assistance of organizations, it is impossible for us to carry out a

successful clinic." Mr. Batten explained. The administrator pointed out that not only was the work of the nurses, technicians, drivers and other assistants from the Red Cross important, but stressed the importance of volunteer help in registration, setting up equipment, providing and serving lunch and the many other important jobs entered in holding a clinic.

The following staff was present from the Red Cross Unit in Hamilton and worked throughout the day under the supervision of Mrs. Irene Coste with Mrs. Doreen Starr second in charge, nurses aides Mrs. Sharon McDonald, Miss Kay Farley, Mrs. J. Landers, Miss Dorothy Thompson, Miss Lois Buchhalt, Miss Rita Robitaille and Miss Corrie Vander Lee, head technician.

Drivers were Mrs. Eileen Furlana, Mrs. Winifred DeMauro and Mrs. Doris Billbrough.

Mrs. William Farley of Acton had charge of volunteer assistance for registration and volunteer nurses to assist the Red Cross. The following ladies worked under her supervision.

In charge of registration was Mrs. R. Smith, with Mrs. Robert Angell and Mrs. George Angell providing fruit juices to the donors. In the check room were Mrs. C. Matthews, Mrs. J. Whitlam, Mrs. J. Mann and Mrs. E. Fould.

Nurses assisting the Red Cross were Mrs. R. Hart, Mrs. D. Rogers, Mrs. R. West, Mrs. D. Bollaard, Miss S. Harty, Miss M. Gibbons and Mrs. G. Benton. Others assisting were Mrs. E. Sturkey, Mrs. G. Rose and Mrs. W. Buchanan.

Serving lunch to the donors in charge of Mrs. L. Masles, were Mrs. G. Lazardy, Mrs. E. Stuckey and Mrs. F. Wallace.

Because of the success of the blood clinic in Acton last Thursday, persons in need of blood transfusions will be able to obtain blood free of charge. In past years, because this service was adopted, anyone in need of a blood transfusion was required to pay a fee of five dollars to replace the amount of blood used.

Once again the citizens of Acton have answered the call for blood, thus giving someone a chance for survival they might not otherwise have had.



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NOT JUST THE EFFORT of one donor but the combined effort of many, made this stockpile of whole blood possible, during the Red Cross Blood Clinic in Acton last Thursday. During the day, 243 volunteered to give blood and the staff from the Hamilton Red Cross unit were kept busy along with many local

assistants. Inset shows Jim Ledger giving a pint of blood, and pictured at the top left to right are Miss Winifred DeMauro, Mrs. Doris Billbrough and Mrs. Eileen Furana, drivers with the Red Cross unit. Only a small portion of the blood received is shown above prior to being shipped to the Hamilton blood bank.

Halton W.I. President Speaker at Bannockburn

The regular monthly meeting of the Bannockburn W.I. was held on Tuesday of last week.

The roll call "Bring a Grandmother and introduce her" was answered by 13 members and 10 guests.

A donation of \$10.00 will be forwarded to Milton Sunshine School for use in expansion purposes.

Mrs. W. Lingham gave a report on the Area Convention held in Guelph. Six members attended.

Mrs. C. Sinclair, president, welcomed the visitors and was chairman for the program. Mrs. W. McDonald led a song, Mrs. W. Ballentine gave a humorous reading, "A farmer's life is such a simple one by an ex-farmer."

Mrs. Velma Norris, president of Halton County W.I., was the guest speaker. She gave a reading "When father laid the carpet on the stairs." She followed with an address on "How do we rate as workers in our Institute?" How do we rate as a neighbor? Do we think deep enough or do we take things for granted?" and concluded with a poem, "The Faithful Few."

Mrs. W. Ballentine then gave a humorous reading, "Before the meeting."

Mrs. C. Sinclair and Mrs. W. McDonald sang a duet, "The Church in the Wildwood."

The canvass for donors in Acton this year was under the supervision of Vic Patrick, past president of Acton Legion. His team of canvassers blitzed the town the week previous in an attempt to procure sufficient donors to make the clinic worthwhile.

Needed More Equipment
Mr. Patrick stated the response to the canvass was so gratifying the Red Cross Unit in Hamilton was notified to bring additional equipment and help.

Shortly after arriving in Acton, the team of Red Cross workers was busy engaged in unloading the vehicles, setting up hospital beds, stacking empty bottles for blood, preparing solutions for blood tests and then donning uniforms in preparation for the start of the clinic.

The first donors began to arrive within minutes of their designated appointment and the nurses and volunteers went into action as one donor a minute was put through the process of donating blood.

No one was rushed — everyone took their time. From the time donors entered the auditorium someone was at their side telling them what to do next.

Get Information
After registering, the prospective donor received a drink of juice and a blood test to determine the type. Then further information for record purposes was typed on a master sheet for future reference.

After being typed and receiving



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A SMALL DROP of blood from the donor's finger is all that is needed for the Red Cross technician to determine the type of blood being received. Pictured above is Mrs. J. Frank receiving the test from laboratory technician Corrie Vander Lee of Hamilton. The technician handled the chore by herself during the day and pricked 243 fingers taking tests.

243 Volunteer

List Donors at Blood Clinic in Acton

Albert Batten, business administrator for the Hamilton depot of the Blood Transfusion Service of the Red Cross Society, expressed his pleasure at the response of Acton and district citizens in giving blood during the annual clinic held at the Legion auditorium last Thursday afternoon and evening.

The following is the list of volunteers for the blood clinic last Thursday.

List Donors
Mrs. Hope Weir, Miss Dorothy Simmons, Fred Gordon, Richard Lee, Ernest McKenzie, Keith Livermore, Ray Mason, Miss Effie Bowman, Mrs. Eleanor Gay, Mrs.

Katherine Jensen, Mrs. Margaret Byler, Beat Hinton, Mrs. Alice Newton, Mrs. Margaret Sinclair, Mrs. Lorna Chisholm, Mrs. Laura Lovell, J. H. Krupke, Gordon McCutcheon, David Manes, Wm. Middleton, Mrs. Margaret Toth.

Mrs. Donna Kaneck, George Hargrave, Wm. Mason, C. L. Roggenbaldson, Henry Earle, Mrs. Alice Ditty, Leslie Dany, Roy Campbell, Dawson Frizzell, Mrs. Patricia Frizzell, Vera Wheeler, Mrs. Irma Coles, Owen Masles, Mrs. Anne Hookamp, Alvin Langille, John Calder, Mrs. Lila Sinclair, Mrs. Kathleen Hansen, John Trem-

blay, Mr. Giller, George Gudman, Herbert Doyes, John Creasey, Kenneth Reid, Bennet Killam, Jas. Lamb, Duncan Macrae, Donald Bexton, Mrs. Helen Otterburn, Herbert Schubert, Lyal McCutcheon, Mrs. Kathleen James, Louis Oick, Mrs. Mary Dick, William Coon, R. G. Myka, Ernie Gray, Wilfred Robertson, Harry McFadden, Mrs. Edith Watkins, Cyril Leighton, Robert Moreau, Bob Filibetua, Mrs. Christina Findlay, Garry Dawkins, Henry Harmsma, Wilmer Fryer, Emerson Baxter, John Creasey Sr., Kurt Haefner, Joseph Chisnall, Harry Kamstra, Mrs. Agnes Jean Coyle, Mrs. May Wilds, Ronald Pajillon, Mrs. Joan Barr, James Ledger, Sam Brunelle, Mrs. Mary Ballentine, Mrs. Betty Reed, Mrs. Grete Heller, John Huffnagel, Kenneth Reid, John McGeehan, Wm. H. Ferguson, Miss Esther Taylor.

Hanousek, Charles Hubbard, John J. Tyres, Mrs. Eileen Taylor, Robert R. Packer, Mrs. Jessie Kentner, Mrs. Joyce Masles, D. A. Rogers, Joseph Vosty, William Oost, Ted Allen, Sid Sater, Mrs. Dorothy Calder, Sigmund Zenzig, Mrs. Anne Hebbington, Robert W. Linton, Allan Edward Holmes, Elmer Russell, Norman Price, Miss Mildred Watson, John Turkosa.

Gordon Thompson, Arthur Albert, Field, Fred Nightingale, Ronald Bourque, Walter Kuznar, Joseph White, Stanley H. J. Earl, Beerman, Douglas Price, Leonard Lovell, William Jeffrey, William Rochester, John Kammergan, Robert Drinkwater, Anthony Bueckland, Raymond Arthur, Mrs. Rada, Miss Nancy Dudes, Mrs. Laurie Ritchie, Mrs. Grace Rogers, Alan Nurse, Ronald Edge, Smith, Gordon Grese, Arthur Fred, Adam Frank, Elgie Vasey, Victor Patrick, William Gils, Mrs. Susannah Park, Tjaleng Wilboard, Henry Kross, George Hall, John Krul, Harry Gies, Cyril Shone, William Scanlan, J. M. Aherne, George Warr, Andrea Nolan, Mrs. Kathleen Hutchen.

Mrs. Isabel Maddox, Robert Bruce, Mrs. Flora Watson, Mrs. Lorena Little, Mrs. Doreen Malcolm, Mrs. Edith Frank, John Boardman, William Toth, Henry Wissenz, Rev. Andrew MacKenzie, Colin Williams, Hermann Kuhn, Donald S. Bothwell, Mrs. Joyce C. Blandell, John Robson, Ian Johnson, Edward MacDonald, Rudy

James Gibson, William Buchanan, Jack H. Ferguson, Victor Elliott, Alan Hedges, Edward McGillicuddy, Jack Walker, Thomas Downing, John Ridley.

Sylvester Dayer, James Stevenson, George Bowman, Mrs. Helen Grant, Arthur Lawrence, William Chase, Ronald Lewis, Mrs. Essie Quee, Mrs. Lyle Scott, Peter Camp, Michael Bennett, Clifford Abbott, Derek Milnes, Donald Kennedy, Clarence O'Neil, Ray Thompson, Thea Ancker, Mrs. Marion Pope, Jan Vanderbrink, Heinz Haefner, Stanley Magee, Mrs. Lorna Parzeter, William Nickel, Mrs. June Crocker, Mr. De Bross, Mrs. Bridget White, Mrs. Roy Newton, Jack Campbell, Mrs. Ivy Hall, James Milne, Mrs. Marion Surter, Harry Otterburn, Wesley Wolfe, Ross Morton, Mrs. Hope, Mrs. Ethel Stuckey, Mrs. Laura Dennis, Mrs. Mary Ancker, Mrs. Margaret Gidmon, Hugh O'Rourke.

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