

Less than a dozen have lungs tested



BLOWING INTO tube to test his lung capacity is active 84-year-old J. B. McKerracher, Church St. He was one of few attending the clinic last Thursday.

Only about a dozen people attended the special Pulmonary Function Testing program at St. Alban's hall Thursday evening of last week.

The testing program has already been given at several industries in Acton over the past two years. However, the technicians report that often the men in the factories would ask them how their wives could be tested, too. The wives stayed home all day and smoked a lot, the men told the women doing the tests. As a result the evening program was arranged especially for these wives, as well as any others who cared to come.

Two workers
Conducting the simple tests was Sheila Brown, Milgrove, an administrative technician for pulmonary function screening program. Her job is part-time and paid.

Here with her was Joyce Armour, Burlington, program co-ordinator of the Halton Tuberculosis and Health Association. Joyce also runs the smoking withdrawal clinics.

(Both these women used to smoke but not anymore!) Mrs. Brown said she wasn't the least disappointed at the low turnout in Acton. After all, most of the men here have been done already.

The testing program began here first of all, in a pilot project at Beardmore two years ago. Since then other indus-

tries here visited include Building Products, Disston and Hellers. The post office and police have also been tested.

"We're not concerned with the numbers game," says Mrs. Brown.

Capacity
Everyone should have a certain lung capacity and the simple way of measuring one's blowing ability gives the answer. Cases below the normal range are referred to their own doctors.

J. B. McKerracher came over to the parish hall from his apartment on Church St. to be tested. He told the women he had given up smoking at the age of 83 and a half; he's 84 now. He has smoked since he started with corn silk as a youngster. He's in pretty good health. He was a farmer and smoked a pipe, mostly outdoors. He said he decided to quit about a year ago, and recommends eating an apple to combat the urge for a smoke.

Others chatted about smoking and breathing problems with the helpful representatives of the TB and RD Association. The project is supported by donations for Christmas seals.



PULMONARY FUNCTION technician Sheila Brown of the Halton TB and RD Association explains results of a test to some of those who attended the clinic at St. Alban's last Thursday. Daphne King, Mrs. F. Lemon, Mrs. J. Jocque, Catherine McPhedran and Mrs. D. Frizzell. Program co-ordinator Joyce Armour watches (right).

Police profile

Const. Bill Piper returns to Halton

There's no place like home, and Constable Bill Piper will certainly attest to the fact. The Halton Regional Police officer has made the trip to a foreign town, and, like the prodigal son, has returned. At 22 years old, Const. Piper has almost two years' police experience. Forest, near Grand Bend, was his home for one and a half years when he was an Ontario Provincial Police Officer. He left his hometown of Burlington after his police education at Aymer police college.

After his stint in Forest, he switched from the O.P.P. to the Halton Regional Police and moved back home to Burlington. Milton was his station during July and August until the Acton precinct opened September 1.

Challenge
Const. Piper finds police work to be a challenge and enjoys the variety of work involved. He is used to policing a small town so his Acton job is nothing strange to him. He knows what to expect.

Before deciding to settle his career in the police field, Const. Piper spent four months at Sheridan College taking the Law and Security program. From there he went into real estate in Hamilton for nine months.

While not on the job, the young officer likes to ski, both on land and in the water, and swim.

After various careers and a strange town, Const. Piper is settled in his work, and at home.



CONSTABLE BILL PIPER was with the Forest Ontario Provincial Police for a year and a half before joining the Halton Regional Police in July.

Levy makes bid for public transit

Councillor Harry Levy finally got his way, Monday night, when Halton Hills went along with his motion to ask the Ministry of Transportation and Communication to carry out a transit needs study of the town.

Levy has been pushing for a public transit system for years, but was held up by the fact the Region was understood to be the body to request it.

A letter from the region stated they had no objection to any area municipality developing its own transit system.

Levy suggested the study be included in the '76 budget, and pointed out would be subsidized 75 per cent by the

Ministry. He emphasized it did not commit the town to a transit system.

"How much are we talking? 75 per cent of what?" asked Councillor Dick Howitt.

"Levy said a similar study cost Georgetown \$2,000, four years ago.

"What did that study say," asked Howitt.

Levy said it covered only Georgetown, while this one would cover the whole of Halton Hills.

Councillor Ernie Sykes said the Georgetown study suggested a trial period of six months, and excluded the Moore Park area completely, "so Georgetown council turned it down."

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The trainer was let down by a helicopter on a paved cul-de-sac, a future street in the subdivision there.

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