



High school teacher Ian McGillivray was one of the first people to give blood Thursday evening at the Acton Legion. Over 135 showed up to give the gift of life, in spite of a drastic cut in hours.

## Hours cut but people give

A severe cutback in hours did not seem to affect the outcome of Thursday's blood donor clinic at the Legion.

The clinic, usually starting at 1 p.m., did not get underway till 5 p.m. and still 135 people showed up.

The Acton division of the Red Cross is most appreciative of Acton Motors and Robertson's Flower Shoppe for sponsoring the clinic. Also of help in one way or another were the Acton Legion Auxiliary, the Royal Canadian Legion, the Acton Ministerial Association, Glenlea Medical Centre, Glenlea Drug Store, Acton's Menettes, all volunteers and all those who gave blood.

Donors were: G. T. McKenzie, W. E. Henstridge, R. L. Looyenga, A. Simioni, Mrs. A. A. Doby, R. A. MacEachern, E. W. Roszell, Miss B. D. Smith, K. F. Porty, L. Smith, G. O. Coats, A.

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## UCW has Dec. meeting

by Mrs. E. Reed

The UCW of Trinity United Church held their regular meeting in the Fellowship Room, Dec. 11.

Mrs. Kae Lidkea opened the meeting with a Christmas poem to introduce the Christmas spirit throughout.

Mrs. Force led in the devotionals with candlelight and Christmas symbols she exemplified the four points of the purpose. Readings by Mrs. Annie Lambert, Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Ramsden brought out the story and meaning of Christmas—a deep and tender reminder of the birth of Jesus.

Miss Dorothy Simmons turned in quilting money which added up to a good sum for the year, besides the making of 20 quilts for the cancer babes and quilting for the "Boat People".

Mrs. Shoemaker gave a concise report of the sick and ailing. Baskets of cheer were to be packed at the church on Wed., Dec. 19 and delivered as well as some

gifts to some shut-ins.

Discussion on the delayed renovations revealed that hopefully the work would soon begin.

Mrs. Force spoke on leprosy and read extracts from a leprosy resume. Used postage stamps are sent to help with this as part of mission work. A missionary from Brazil will be at a meeting in the church, Jan. 22.

The annual pot luck lunch will be before the regular meeting on January 8 at 12:30 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs. Hart, seconded by Dorothy Simmons that all present officers remain in office for 1980.

The roll call revealed 17 house calls and six hospital calls made by the members present.

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## On the Leavell

With Helen

Speyside Brownies turn into real life television stars Friday night when they appear on a show called Journal 47, on Channel 47, between 7 and 8 p.m.

The girls visited the Valhalla Inn in Toronto last week and each put a gift underneath the decorated Christmas trees. The presents will be given to youngsters in the Hospital For Sick Children who will not be home for the holidays. Before the 35 girls got a chance to leave, television crews set up shop and got film of the girls putting the presents under the trees, talking to the owner, and singing carols.

Make sure you tune in your television sets and see the local faces. The TV crews put a perfect ending on an exciting outing.

A Christmas recital and party was given by Miss Jean McLean, 31 Brock St., for her piano pupils December 12. She was assisted by Mrs. Pun and Mr. De Vries.

Contacts have been made with school principals and the Block Parent program will be reactivated in January. Although families continue to show the Block Parents signs and remain available to help any children in need, there has not been any official organization lately.

It's not too often there is still space available in a positive quest such as the Meals on Wheels program. However, organizers say they can still handle more people in need of regular meals.

The meals are prepared at Halton Manor so special diets are readily catered to also. At a cost of \$1.50 per meal, folks can take advantage of the

program up to five days a week, or once a week, depending on their preference.

Anyone wishing the meals delivered to their home or knows of anyone who could make use of this project is invited to drop in to the community services centre in the Y, or phone 853-3310.

Right now, Brownies and some councillors are lined up to deliver the Meals on Wheels at Christmas time.

Anyone recognize the buildings and scenery in The American Christmas Carol Sunday evening, starring Henry Winkler of Happy Days? A great deal of the filming was done in Elora and area.

A special thanks to Mrs. Emily Price who has been writing the Friends-in-Deed column for about three years now, telling Free Press readers about events in her organization for the handicapped. Mrs. Price will no longer be writing the articles, giving the duties over to Trina Noel. Mrs. Price's column is read as far away as Orangeville and has helped many handicapped people realize they are not alone in the world. If she helped even one person in the three years she wrote for the paper, she should be given just recognition.

It's that time of year again when families get together to celebrate Christmas. Husband Gord and I will be heading to my parents' home in Collingwood for a three day holiday, while others will be streaming into Acton to be reunited with their families.

I cannot possibly get a chance to wish all my friends and business contacts in Acton a Merry Christmas personally, so I'll take advantage of my column to do so. Please have as good a holiday as I'm sure I will have.

## Funding decision heavy blow

A regional move to rationalize social service funding could have the indirect effect of bankrupting the Town of Milton.

It came at the end of a long debate which saw motions, with amended amendments to amend amendments and no less than two challenges on rulings made by regional chairman Jack Rafits.

The issue for councillors to decide on was a five-part recommendation by the Regional Health and Social Services Committee on apportioning the 1980 regional fund support to charitable agencies and organizations.

Before they could be reviewed, Councillor Walker Mulkewich, chairman of the committee, introduced a number of changes to his own committee's recommendations.

The last part, which was a new recommendation and was further altered by amendments from Burlington Mayor Roy Bird, called for all

agencies to apply directly to the region for funding.

There was a portion of this recommendation which said all agencies "except housing" apply directly.

Milton Mayor Don Gordon said he expected the operating deficit at 7.5 per cent, of the senior citizens' homes "in Burlington and Oakville alone would be about \$800,000."

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**CORRECTION**

Due to an error on the part of Beaver Lumber, our insert which appeared in the December 5th newspaper was incorrect.

Page 3 — Boston Rocker is not exactly as illustrated, also, some assembly required.

Beaver regrets any inconvenience this error may have caused.

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## Friends-in-deed Chinese food at special party

by Mrs. Emily Price

What an exciting and busy time we are in now. It seems as though the snow and cold weather has stirred everyone into the spirit of the Christmas season.

Let's face it, it's here and now we have an election coming up in February. This time around, means a lot of concentration on everyone's part as to who will be the best person to be the head of our government. Since we have less than two months we will all have to do a lot of serious thinking.

Our Christmas party was very enjoyable with Chinese food on the menu supplied by Royal Cafe. Following dinner, gifts were distributed to everyone. Fortunately all our members were able to be present. The Country "D's" supplied the entertainment which was enjoyed by everyone. We are always happy when they can come.

On behalf of the organization and myself a very Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous and healthful new year to all.

Trina Noel will be the reporter for Friends-in-

Deed starting in the new year. I hope you will extend to her the courtesies and encouragement that was shown to me by everyone for which I thank you all, especially the organization.

Following the dinner and entertainment a wine and cheese party was held at the home of our president Ruth Courtney, Crewsons Corners. We thank her for a very beautiful climax to a lovely evening.

Don't forget swimming Sundays will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the new year. All our meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at M. Z. Bennett school. We are always happy to welcome new members at any time.

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