



Y's Men President Dave Hunter, right, presents YMCA board chairman Keith Robbins with a cheque for \$1,000. The Y's Men make an annual donation to the YMCA. Robbins said the YMCA board appreciates the continued support of the Y's Men and Y's Menettes. "We're in the process of raising money for a new roof and this donation will be part of it," said Robbins. The Y's Men, in addition to supporting the YMCA, fund the annual Christmas parade. Inquiries concerning membership may be made with Hunter at 853-2624.

## Comment welcomed on board term plan

Halton ratepayers have an extra two-weeks to comment on Halton Board of Education's proposed \$1.6-million long term plan.

## 129 donate blood

The Red Cross Blood Clinic had 129 donors and 115 pints of blood were collected. The clinic was five pints short of the amount Toronto was expecting for immediate use. Many thanks to all volunteers, The Legion Hall and Ladies Auxiliary and The Optimist Club of Acton for sponsoring this clinic.

There were 12 new donors: A. Shone, Mrs. B.E. Marcotte, Mrs. R. Bond, W.B. McKenzie, A.J. Rodgers, D.N. Pye, Mrs. P.A. Pye, D.A. Wetlaufer, R.H. Wruck, R.R. Rennie, J. Marcotte, R.J. Leech. Regular donors were: W.M. Diamond, R. McGregor, Mrs. G.M. Smith, A. Gorjup, D.E. Hall, D. McDonald, T.J. Berry, Mrs. C. Vos, H.D. Patterson, Mrs. A. Schreiber, Mrs. M. Fryers, D.D. McLean, P. Kroes, A.F. Hurley, L. Looyinga, R.J. Kilby, Miss K.B. Bollert, J. Johnston, Mrs. M.E. Johnston, Mrs. N. Brown, A. Brown, Y. Verbeek, W.M. Mason, D. Wyga, B.B. Amphlette, R.S. Barber, Mrs. C. McPhedran, Mrs. S.P. Caswell, A.G. Jude, Mrs. A.T. Connolly, Miss J.E. Schreiber, R.J. Marsh, J.R. Schreiber, Mrs. G.S. Mason, J. Degraaf, E.S. Thompson, M.J. Walton, G. Kroezen, W. Patey, Miss P.A. Irving, G.W. Bannan, B.K. Titus, E.A. Elstone, Mrs. E.J. McIsaac, C. Allen, P. Schreiber, Miss M.L. Mellor, G.T. McKenzie, Mrs. H.E. Durand, F. Vanwyck, B.W. Freuler, H. Kroes, D.L. Lob-singer, G.D. Dennis, O. Wyga, Mrs. N.M. Marsh, N. Braida, Miss J.K. Traas, D. Scott, W.P. Homer, Mrs. G.O. Coats, G. Hargrave, W.D. Coats, Mrs. P.M. Garton, Miss C.A. Albano, L. Boltero, M.G. Matlocks, Mrs. J. Sinkgraven, Mrs. B.E. Drew, A.J. Silcock, Mrs. J. Rinsema, D.

## Correction

It wasn't Colin Williams but Cathy Williams of Elizabeth Drive who won an Actario ticket in the Rotary Club beef draw early bird draw. It was reported in last week's paper that Colin Williams was the winner. The error was the result of this newspaper being given the wrong information.

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# Controversy around booth shows cooling signs

The controversy surrounding the use of "time-out booths" flared briefly at Halton's Board of Education then showed signs of cooling out. The booth is used for students from Acton, Esquesing and Georgetown in a special behavioural class. Because the "time-out booth" is a successful part of the behavioural program, Georgetown trustee Barry Shepherd said he will assume it will continue as "an important part of the program."

Shepherd, like Acton-Esquesing trustee Betty Fisher, praised the behavioural program in Halton schools. Fisher also said the staff at George Kennedy School is dedicated, however, she disagreed with Shepherd concerning the dimensions of the booth.

"A four-foot by four-foot box is just too small," said Fisher who went on to urge the board to enlarge the booth and then let the issue die. Oakville trustee Jackie Gutmore echoed disapproval concerning the size of the unit. "Whether they are trainable mentally handicapped or behavioral students, I don't believe they should be in a four-by-four with a light."

"If we go one step forward; we'll take five steps back," said Cutmore. Milton trustee Bill Lawson said he recognized the need for putting children who lose control of themselves someplace, he came out against construction of a "time-out booth" in Milton.

According to Education Director Em Lavender a booth was moved from one room to another during the summer and it "was inadvertently reduced in size to 18 square feet of floor space from 25.9 square feet."

The board is taking steps to enlarge the booth at George Kennedy. "Prior to the article in the Sunday Sun none of the parents of behavioral children at George Kennedy School had objected to the booth," said Shepherd in whose ward the school is located.

Since the article all of the 15 parents have been contacted again by the school's staff with the following results," he said. "Twelve parents agreed with the use of the time-out booth for their child under special circumstances. Two parents asked that other methods of restraint be used on their child but still they support the program."

"One family chose to move their child to their home school against the advice of the school officials, but their decision was based on the desire to have the child in their home school and was not because of the time-out booth."

"Of the 14 families, five were very strong in their praise of the program, school and staff," said Shepherd. Three of the five are writing letters of support. "With all this positive feeling about the program, why have there been so many negative stories in the press?" asked Shepherd. "Wouldn't it have been gratifying to read headlines saying "Behavioral program at Georgetown school has overwhelming success. Why not? It's true."

## For disabled

# April 1 target for trial transit system

The possibility of a transit service for the physically disabled by April, 1981, as a pilot project, was endorsed by Halton Hills administration Committee, Monday night.

The committee agreed to the setting up of an advisory committee, of seven members from the public, an elected representative, and a town staff member, to pursue the possibility of implementing such a service by April.

A report on the financial, operating and management detail—will be ready for council by the middle of February. The year-long study, headed by Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson investigated such transit systems in various parts of Ontario.

The report says it is not the intention to seek municipal funding, but rather to have community groups match the 50 per cent provincial contribution.

The service is projected as a five day a week operation using a single van, and charging a minimum of 50 cents per trip.

The van would accommodate up to four wheelchairs and would cost approximately \$24,000 to buy, or would lease for around \$80 a month. Operating costs are estimated at \$16,000 a year. With the 50 cents per trip revenue deducted the net operating cost is estimated at \$15,350.

The working committee headed by Serjeantson emphasized the necessity of not raising false hopes among the disabled, in case the one year trial period proved impossible to continue. "It must be explained it is a trial project."

The study points out five community groups or service organizations have indicated some type of financial support for the transit system. Councillor Walter Blehn praised Mrs. Serjeantson and her committee for their excellent report and long effort.

Councillor Ed Wod said Friends-in-Deed are delighted with the report and feel the service is badly needed. He said it had been a pleasure to sit on the committee. He said he was not really happy with the statement that no funding would be sought from the Municipality. "I hope they would feel free to come forward and ask for help if it is needed. We give to many other agencies through grants, and here's a group of people who can't win come here and lobby for themselves."

## We're No. 38

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