

Whiting says

Region catches deficits early, monitoring methods work

Halton region has piled up more budget deficits, but because of changes in staff and



Robert Kilby, of Acton, is a regular blood donor at local clinics. He was one of almost 150 people who turned out for the latest clinic last Thursday.

Blood clinic draws 166

There was a tremendous response to the Acton Red Cross appeal for blood as 166 people attended Thursday's clinic at the Legion.

Blood clinic chairman Alice Schreiber reported 147 pints were collected, 19 donors were rejected for various medical reasons.

Mrs. Schreiber thanked the Optimist Club for sponsoring the clinic, all the donors, the volunteers who helped with the clinic, Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Coca Cola Ltd. of Canada and Halton Hills Furniture for advertising the clinic on its sign.

Thursday's clinic produced a substantial increase over last June's clinic when 82 pints of blood were collected.

Following is the list of donors:

- C.M. Cole, H.T. Ritches, G.N. Shoen, B. Kulper, S.S. Adema, I.D. Kopyrowski, R.F. Cook, M.J. Walton, W.H. Thompson, D. Mason, S.A. Ioden, S. Looyenga, K. Conroy, E.W. Hozell, L.A. Ensign, M.C. Whelan, S.P. Caswell, H. Looyenga, E. Hoyer, C.J. Freuder, J.R. Coles, G.A. Silcock, R.B. Hepburn, R.R. McKee, A. Soella.
- M.E. Lott, C. Conroy, G.P. Vander Eyken, M.E. Hepburn, J.T. Billington, D. Billington, C.J. Foster, M.L. Mellor, J.M. Trass, K. Break, E.S. Thompson, D.N. Pye, J.M. Morris, M.W. Morris, H.G. Kroezen, J.A. Johnston Sr., M.E. Johnston,
- S.C. Kuechler, R.M. Bagnacki, M.F. Thomson, H.K. Holmes, M.B. Foster, D.M. Blahuk, H. Kroes, F.A. VanWyck, V.C. Bristol.
- D. Hollett, S.F. Schreiber, A. Arnold, P. Schreiber, J.C. Graham, G. Gilmour, N. Brada, E.J. Harvie, A.A. Doby, P.M. Garton, R.T. Lee, E.J. McIsaac, D.H. Skelton, Y.P. Mellon, P.W. Homer, N.S. Thornhill, M.A. Pataky, J.F. Hockak, M.A. Thomson, L.E. Marchant, B. Hulaman, J.C. Arnold, J.A. McCallum, P. Trotter, B.K. Shannon, C. Albano, A.H. Brown, J.F. Fleming, T. McGillivray, R.J. Kilby, B.A. Robinson.
- M.L. VanOpatal, A.G. Ellerby, C.I. McPhedran, M. Fryers, G.A. Hollett, G. Hollett, D.A. Blahuk, K.P. Smith, J.R. Schreiber, K.P. McKelvie, E. Rogge, P.E. Marks, C.J. Pickles, W.C. Wright, D.C. Fleet, W.D. McKenzie, R. Lee, S.F. Thompson, M.M. Hardie, L.A. Dennis.
- D.E. Hall, P. Van Dam, P.J. Graham, D. Mellon, H. Earle, C.D. Dennis, R.H. Lewis, R.G. Harris, S.P. Lewandowski, A.T. Connolly, M.G. Matlock, J.M. Singraven, J.M. Levy, C.H. Auger, B.C. Gibbs, D. Dick, R.S. Morley, C. Snook, D. McLean, R. McGregor, E.H. Stuckler, M.I. Shoen, W.E. Henstridge, J.E. Adema, B.W. Freuler, W.R. Fisher, K. Kiraly, J.E. Schreiber, J.A. Robson.
- M. House, M. Splinter, R. VanderWal, H.C. VanderWal, R.A. Hoyer, Y. Verboek, R.L. Silcock, B.D. Durrose, A.H. Ellerby, G. Hargrave, L. Bolter, J. Rinama, M.P. Thatcher, M.V. Graham, C.A. Somerville, B. Fryers, M.J. Britton, J.H. Markie, S.E. Kroes, A.J. Tribe, R.C. Sooley.
- D.M. Tobin, J.A. Prizzell, G.E. Jimmerakog, R.F. Andrews, T.L. Smith, R. Kilpatrick, L. Kilpatrick, P.M. Scott, R.W. Goodwin, F. Dehaan.

treasury department procedures these deficits won't be carried on to 1982, according to Acton's regional Councillor Dave Whiting.

Councillors learned last Wednesday from chief administrative officer Dennis Perlin that there are budget shortfalls in both the Halton Manor and sewer budgets. Projected to the end of the year the Manor deficit will total \$210,000, Whiting said, of which only \$70,000 at most will be the responsibility of the region. The projected shortfall in the sewer account is \$283,000.

Over the past few years the region piled up a series of deficits in both the operating and sewer budgets which weren't discovered until audits were done long after the next year's budget was struck. Last year proved to be a Whiting said, and nightmare for region staff, councillors and taxpayers as story after story broke about uncovered budget shortfalls. In the end it was established early this year that the accumulated deficit for the past few years was \$1.1 million.

The region brought in new budget monitoring methods and they have passed the test, Whiting says. Unlike in past years the treasurer reports to council on the budget position at least every four months and whenever major budget variances crop up.

Much of the Manor deficit must be covered by the province. Whiting said this isn't the first time there has been a Manor deficit and in the past the province has simply put in a new budget. At most Halton's share of the Manor deficit would be \$70,000, Whiting said, and possibly the province

will pick up the total projected \$210,000 Manor shortfall. The deficit is partially the province's fault anyway, he said, pointing out that the region staff projected the number of beds which would be in use this year and the figure was bumped upwards by Queen's Park. But, one of the buildings is only 50 per cent filled, a problem cropping up at old age homes right across the province since programs like Meals on Wheels and Helping Hands allow seniors to stay in their own homes much longer. The only kind of old age facility in demand these days, Whiting said, is nursing homes.

Also the region is looking for a new Manor administrator to help solve some of the recurring budget problems.

This isn't the first deficit in the sewer account either. The wet summer has resulted in people using less water so revenues are down, thus the projected \$283,000 shortfall. Perlin has recommended a series of budget cuts in the sewer works program which will wipe out the deficit despite the fact the public works department says the cuts "will result in a reduced level of service with some deterioration in the collection system and plant facilities."

Whiting feels last week's council actions show the new budget monitoring system works. The shortfalls have been caught early and adjustments made so the deficits won't be carried from 1981 to 1982 forcing the ratepayers to make up the deficits in even steeper tax hikes.

Legion happenings

Members of the executive are reminded of the monthly meeting on Monday, October 5.

The Ladies' Auxiliary meeting is tomorrow (Thursday) night when finishing touches will be made for the bazaar on Saturday.

Tickets are still available for Nashville Night on Saturday. A bus load of members of Branch 143 in Windsor will be visiting us for this event.

There will be entertainment in the lounge this Friday night.

On the sick list are F. Wright, L. Cutting, H. Solowoniuk, D. Jordan, A. Perry, C. Vanooosten, Lois Gordon, Eva Cutting, Mary Cooney and Doris Fitzner.

Rockwood bowling

- Rockwood Bowling league results for September 22.
- Four Corners Six 4 pts. vs Verb Insulation 3 pts. Ann Parkinson 518, Verna Verbrakel 561.
- Erk's Jerks 5 pts. vs Corner Pins 2 pts. Joy Halliburton 631, Jan Looft 511.
- The Rovers 5 pts. vs The Nile Hawks 2 pts., Katy Winters 477, Ivy Rutchie 502.
- The Royal Six 4 pts. vs The Countrymen 3 pts. Elmer Allen 557, John Van Milligan 540.
- The Strikers 5 pts. vs The Alleycats 2 pts. Bob Lilley 656, Al Bard 527.
- The Bowler Bears 5 pts. vs The Guelphites 2 pts. Terry Coulson 696, Ted Jestin 623.
- No. 14 5 pts. vs the Unpredictables 3 pts. Doug Chandler 535, Kevin McGarry 528.
- Bird Pkg. 7 pts. vs Lost Causes. Rick Siem 700, Jim Dale 612.
- Men over 600: Rick Siem 706, Terry Coulson 696, Bob Lilley 656, Ted Jestin 623, Ken Stephenson 620, Jim Dale 612, Howard



Derek Martin was welcomed into the First Acton B pack cubs last week by Bill Ingles.

Golden Agers

See slides of B.C. trip

by Edna Besley

Jean McLean was at the piano for the singing of O Canada and Theme Song which opened the well attended meeting on September 16 of the Golden Age Club at Luxton Hall. The President presided. Isabel McDonald spoke of the display for the fair.

Our transportation convener, Laura Dennis along with her three assistants, were busy with their tickets for the bus trips on September 22 and the Rovers at Guelph University on Oct. 5.

It was decided to go to Burlington Senior Citizen Complex for Pioneer Travel Talk and Pictures on October 22, this is free. Connie Grainger announced the teams for bowling were filled.

Harry Besley and Wilfred McEachern represented our club at a Zone 13 executive meeting at Milton Legion on September 24.

Birthday greetings

Reach tentative pact

A tentative agreement has been reached between the Halton Board of Education and the 1,200 elementary teachers.

Contract negotiation chairman Cam Jackson interrupted normal board business for the announcement.

Liquor stolen

A Lake Avenue resident was surprised to wake up Sunday morning and find the kitchen light on and a sliding door open.

She soon discovered her home had been burglarized. A thief had escaped with 10 partly filled bottles of liquor and over \$300 in cash.

Halton Regional Police have charged a 47-year-old Acton resident with the theft.

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