



ACTON LEGION BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Monday's cold weather put a dint in the blood donor clinic held at the Acton Legion but 191 units of blood were collected and 12 units rejected. Donors didn't have to wait long.

Numerous accidents result from storm

Winter weather with a vengeance that caused "total whiteouts" on Halton Hills roads and forced drivers to abandon their vehicles in deep ditches or snow banks, has kept Halton police working to investigate numerous accidents, many of them multiple collisions and marked by high damages.

A Halton police officer indicated to The Herald that the high number of collisions had created a backlog in the police reports, Monday.

Trafalgar Road and Maple Avenue was the scene of a head-on collision that put both drivers into Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor injuries, Jan. 6 police said.

Police estimated damages at \$2,000 each to vehicles driven by Guelph motorist Rodney F. Ackroyd and Inlington motorist Max Clare Mitchell.

A Chippewar resident whose car was hit twice Jan. 29, escaped with only \$25 in damages, police said. An unknown driver struck a car driven by Alexandre Berzish, 14 Chippewar Court and while both those vehicles were

stopped a third driver struck the Berzish vehicle, police said. Police did not release the name of the third driver.

Acton motorist Anthony Verbit Jr., 31 Division St., was in a "total white-out" Jan. 28, police said, when his vehicle and one driven by Blanche Raymond, 27 Sideroad, Terra Cotta, collided in front of 49 Mountainview Rd. N. Police estimated damages at \$1,000 to each vehicle.

Not even police vehicles were safe from accidents.

According to police reports Const. Jeannette Sykes was driving a police cruiser which slid on a patch of ice at Campbell Gate and Prince Charles Drive, Jan. 28, and was in collision with a car driven by Robert McBean, 9 Mary St. Damage to both vehicles was estimated at \$75.

Visibility was nil, police said in an accident on Ninth Line, one-half mile north of 10 Sideroad, Jan. 29 when a car driven by George Bailey, L10 C8 Esqueping Township, was in collision with one driven by Norman E. Topping, 108 Sinclair Ave. Damages were \$400 to Bailey's vehicle and \$500 to Topping's.

Trafalgar Road and 15 Sideroad was the scene of a three-car pileup Jan. 28 when a car driven by Frank Richards, R.R.2 Georgetown, was in collision with cars driven by Burlington motorist Allan William Day and Keith A. McKenzie, R.R.2, Acton, police said. Estimated damages were \$2,000 to McKenzie's vehicle, \$800 to Richards' and \$300 to Day's.

A stake struck on Fourth Line approximately one and a half miles north of Highway 7 slipped off the roadway and hit a hydro pole, Jan. 25, police said. Estimated damage to the truck was \$2,000. The Acton Hydro Commission was notified of approximately \$50 damage to a support cable.

A private laneway on Eighth Line was the scene of a single car mishap following which a passenger in that vehicle was involved in a later accident.

Police said a station wagon driven by Charles Hildebrandt, L31 C8 Esqueping Township, failed to negotiate a turn on a private driveway at L29 C8, went out of control on the slippery surface and struck a tree. His passenger Ursula Hildebrandt suffered minor

injuries in the incident. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$200.

Moments later, a car driven by Ursula Hildebrandt was in collision with a farm tractor and trailer driven by Robert Foster, L28 C8. Estimated damage to the Hildebrandt vehicle was \$500.

Ninth Line and 27 Sideroad was the scene of an accident Jan. 28 when a car driven by Jacob Willem Brouwer, R.R.5, Georgetown, was in collision with one driven by Verna Armstrong, R.R.2, Georgetown, police said. Estimated damages were \$1,200 to Brouwer's vehicle and \$300 to Armstrong's.

Police said there was "a total whiteout" opposite 49 Mountainview Rd. N. Jan. 28 when a car driven by Herbert Harold Miller, R.R.2, Norval, was in collision with one driven by Carol Taylor, 205 Delrex Blvd. Estimated damages were \$300 to Miller's vehicle and \$500 to Taylor's.

A car driven by Erin motorist Alan Gales, sustained \$1,000 in damages Jan. 24 when it was in collision with one driven by Ronald Dixon, 107 Ontario St., police said. Dixon's car sustained \$200 in damages in the incident which occurred in front of 89 Guelph St.

Guelph Street and Maple Avenue was the scene of an accident Jan. 22 when a car driven by Ronald A. Osborne 7 Weber Dr., was in collision with one driven by Wilma L. Marshall, 18 Jocelyn Cres., police said. Estimated damages were nil to Osborne's vehicle and \$100 to Marshall's.

Tenth Line and Regional Road 23 was the scene of an accident Jan. 27 when a car driven by Garry Paul Williamson, 164 Guelph St., was in collision with one driven by Kelly Symons, 26 Glen Crescent Dr., Glen Williams, police said. Estimated damages were \$300 to Williamson's vehicle and \$350 to Symons'.

Guelph Street and Maple Avenue was the scene of an accident Jan. 27 when a car driven by Paul S. Sanderson, 60 Baylawn Cres. was in collision with one driven by Peter Robertson of Erin, police said. Estimated damages were \$10 to Sanderson's vehicle and \$150 to Robertson's.

The Mountainview Road South exit of Georgetown Market Place was the scene of an accident Jan. 29 when a car driven by Scott Webber, R.R.5, Georgetown, was in collision with one driven by Judy Dianne Clarke, 5 Joseph St., police said. Estimated damages were \$500 to Webber's vehicle and \$200 to Clarke's.

Police said a car driven by Patricia Anne Bell, 6 Sims Gate, slid on ice in the vicinity of Sixth Line, about 1,000 feet south of Highway 7 and struck a tree, Jan. 28. No estimate of damages was made.

Mountainview Road South and the entrance to Georgetown Market Place was the scene of an accident Jan. 29 when a car driven by James MacPherson, 51 Ewing St., was in collision with one owned by Charles and Patty Bens, 99 Moore Park Cres., police said. Estimated damages were nil to MacPherson's vehicle and \$100 to Ben's.

Ninth Line and Steeles Avenue was the scene of an

accident Jan. 28 when a car driven by Eleanor M. Tyndall, 303 Delrex Blvd. was in collision with one driven by Milton motorist Ian D. Rich during a period of "zero visibility", police said. Estimated damages were \$800 for Tyndall's vehicle.

Differences in learning noted in 'gifted' pupils

Suppose you've got these incredibly "gifted" identical twins in Grade five in Halton. One goes to a segregated classroom where there are others as gifted as he or she is, and the other goes to an integrated classroom, where there are "ordinary" pupils.

What will be the difference in their report cards?

According to a report on 171 "gifted" Grade five students in Halton and presented to the board of education, Thursday by John Cholvat, your integrated twin will get good marks for "verbal creativity, attitude" and have a higher self concept than that his twin brother holds. Your segre-

ated twin, however will do better in the basic skills of vocabulary, reading comprehension and mathematics.

But suppose that instead of incredibly gifted twins, your Grade five scholars were recognized only as "high performing classroom peers." The differences then between the gifted and almost as-good-as to coin a phrase, according to Cholvat's report are those other than "academic basic skills of reading, vocabulary, and mathematics where there were no significant differences."

What's more, according to Cholvat's findings, your integrated twin won't be taking as

many field trips as his brother or sister in the segregated class does, nor work at as many projects. Instead he'll spend more time reading at school.

Cholvat found that "teachers who had a gifted child in their classrooms rated the child significantly higher on their abilities than teachers who had classes comprised solely of gifted children."

The testing of the pupils was carried out between July, 1974, and June, 1976, and the results put through computers at Ontario Institute of Educational Studies (OISE) Cholvat said. It was supported by a grant-in-aid for educational research and development from the ministry of education.

Cholvat warned that no predictions could be based on the short-term results contained in his report of 13 months study.

In reply to trustee Don Long, Cholvat said no comparisons had been made with the performance of students at University of Toronto Schools where students need to be recognized as "gifted" to attend.

Trustee H.H. (Bert) Hinton's remarks on the report were ruled out of order by board chairman, Rev. Garry Morton. Rev. Morton said any remarks would need to be limited to the clarification of questions about the report. Further questions or a statement on the trustee's position must wait until the report comes up for action, Rev. Morton said.

The study recommended a gifted children's program have specific objectives, adequate resources, its own administration and "initiate regular evaluation procedures to assess the outcomes."

Earlier in the meeting, the board passed an amendment by Don Long that on its aims and objectives, it evaluate the proficiency of all students in the area of core curriculum and summarize the performance by school.

Seek reduced speed

Citing a safety hazard to children and the frequency of traffic accidents in their area, the residents of 5 Sideroad near Ashgrove have appealed to the town works committee to decrease the speed limit along the road from 50 to 35 miles per hour.

The committee heard Monday from Coun. Russ Miller and John Farris, spokesmen for 32 residents who signed a petition seeking a reduction in the posted speed

limit between the Fifth and Sixth Lines.

According to Coun. Miller, 5 Sideroad known locally as the Pineview School Road, has been the scene of "a number of accidents and one fatality last year" because of its slopes and sharp turns.

The committee recommended council forward the residents petition to regional council and the Halton Regional Police for further consideration.

THANK YOU

The Staff of Joseph Gibbons School would like to thank the parents who participated in the emergency telephone system for their speed and efficiency of action last Friday, January 28, when we closed the school because of snow conditions.

Also, we would like to thank parents, high school students and students from Stewardtown School who so willingly volunteered to take students home in the blizzard conditions. This kind of cooperation is very much appreciated. Once again, thank you.

Yours sincerely,
T.C. Gibson
Principal

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