



Harry Vandervlist and Mary Lynn Wood have been conducting a survey of volunteer organizations in North Halton to determine the need for an organization which would match up volunteers and the groups who need them. Their report, which will form the basis for setting up such a service, should be completed by September.

(Herald photo)

Service to co-ordinate North Halton needs

Now get out there and volunteer!

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Available for volunteer work on community projects? In need of volunteer help on your own undertakings? A new program designed to match up volunteers with those in need of their help is almost ready to begin in Halton Hills.

Mary Lynn Wood and Harry Vandervlist, who are working on this project over the summer, have recently completed a series of interviews of service organizations in Halton Hills and Milton to determine the need for a volunteer service, and to seek recommendations on how the service should be organized.

Miss Wood and Mr. Vandervlist have talked to the Red

Cross, the Cancer Society, Meals on Wheels, Halton Women's Place, the Contact Centre, Helping Hands, the Association for the Mentally Retarded and many other organizations.

"We originally started out with a list of 84 people to talk to, but some of them were on holidays, some we couldn't get a hold of and some were too busy," Mr. Vandervlist said. "So in the end, we talked to 51 people from different organizations."

GET IDEAS

The purpose of the interviews was to get people's ideas on whether or not such a service is needed, how it should be organized, and how the service could be funded, Mr. Vandervlist said.

During the interviews, Mr. Vandervlist and Miss Wood also collected information on the ways volunteers are used in each group, so that a record of each volunteer job can be compiled.

The interviews have been completed, and the information will now be compiled into statistics and a report. This report will be turned over to a steering committee made up of volunteers who will be responsible for setting up the volunteer service.

A number of the volunteers who were interviewed for the report have already agreed to sit on the committee. So far, however, there is no representative from Acton,

Mr. Vandervlist said.

SET UP

"We hope to give them very specific suggestions as to how the service should be set up," Mr. Vandervlist said. The committee will be supported by the Social Planning Council.

The process of compiling the report has already begun, but Mr. Vandervlist and Miss Wood are still interested in hearing from people whom they haven't been able to reach.

Response to the idea of a volunteer service has been universally positive, Miss Wood said.

In setting up the service, most of the people interviewed seemed to favor having one set of records for North Halton

which would include a file of people interested in doing volunteer work and a list of the volunteer positions open, Mr. Vandervlist said.

They also preferred having someone hired to co-ordinate the service, in order to provide continuity. The co-ordinator could spend some time in each town, interviewing prospective volunteers and maintaining liaison with the community organizations, he said.

The emphasis so far has been on keeping the lists separated by communities, Miss Wood said, since people would prefer not to have to travel far for volunteer work.

VISIBLE PART

People would like to see the volunteer service as a highly visible part of the community

so that volunteers would have no problem knowing who to contact, Mr. Vandervlist said. He added that by having a highly visible volunteer service, most organizations felt they would be able to devote more time to their projects, and spend less time recruiting volunteers.

"On the whole, the people we talked to were very positive about the volunteer thing," Mr. Vandervlist said. "They are very co-operative and they took a lot of trouble for us. We really appreciate their help."

Mr. Vandervlist and Miss Wood can be contacted by calling 877-6966, for anyone interested in sitting on the steering committee or in adding their comments on the setting up of the service.

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Boost to local economy

Town's future brightening with industrial park plan

Nor-Shaw Developments Ltd. has again offered to brighten the town's industrial future with a second proposal for extensive industrial development, this time in north Acton.

Acton's sagging industrial assessment stands to get a hefty boost from a 196-acre industrial park proposed for Highway 25 north of the CNR line. Nor-Shaw developer Joe Shaw applied to town council for the necessary amendments last week.

The firm has also proposed a 575-acre industrial park for establishment near Hornby's Steeles Avenue and Trafalgar Road intersection. The park remains undeveloped, but Nor-Shaw is expected to make an announcement on the proposal within two weeks.

Mr. Shaw said last week that Acton's industrial park may employ as many as 1,000 workers in approximately 25 industries.

He added that industries using a great deal of water in their operations would not be allowed to locate in the proposed park.

Gino Civiero of North Halton Real Estate Ltd., which plans to build a 79-unit residential subdivision next to the park, says the industrial development will "help the town of Acton".

Mr. Shaw said that he and his associates intend to present "a complete study" to the town planning board and have hired Peter Walker of MacPherson, Walker and Wright Associates to do the research. Giffies Engineering of Etobicoke will

prepare engineering reports for the developer.

Mr. Shaw said that the accessibility of railway transportation to and from the park will be a major attraction for new business.

"The railway will be the whole nucleus of the development," he said, adding that CNR seems favorable to the

idea of building a railway siding into the park.

Businesses building in the industrial park will get their water supplies from wells and use septic tanks for sanitary disposal. Because the land will not be serviced from the town, property prices within the industrial park will be considerably lower than

normal.

Mr. Shaw said that the developers plan an intensive reforestation program throughout the park, which, after a couple of years of growth, is expected to provide a substantial noise buffer.

Forty-six acres of the industrial park will likely remain undevelopable as conservation land.

Development features new concept in living

After years of negotiation, a 79-home subdivision - "different than anything else in town" - is ready for construction on Acton's northern urban boundary.

Town council appears ready to approve a restricted area bylaw for the North Halton Real Estate Ltd. project following its authorization of amendments to the subdivision agreement July 22.

The proposed 12.4-acre de-

velopment, to be situated on Highway 25 between Wallace Avenue and the CNR tracks, involves the immediate construction of 50 semi-detached units, followed by 29 townhouse units to be built as demand increases.

North Halton Real Estate officials had failed to reach an agreement with town planning staff over the proposed reconstruction of Wallace Avenue and fencing along Highway 25. The matter has been resolved, however, leaving the developer to reconstruct the intersection of Wallace and Danville Avenues and provide fencing along the railway line, enclosing specific areas of the subdivision.

The town would reduce development expenses by decreasing the number of trees

required for planting from 88 to 50. Fencing and tree planting for the townhouse phase of the project will be negotiated later.

North Halton Real Estate partner Gino Civiero said last Thursday that while both parties have approved of the agreement, the developer will not sign it until start and finish times have been worked out for the project. But, Mr. Civiero said, major negotiations with council have finished.

"The development is different than anything we have in town," Mr. Civiero said. "We're building a modern, energy-efficient subdivision."

Mr. Civiero said that North Halton might consider supplying natural gas to the development.

Unexpected budget deficit rattles region

Hungled budgeting last year has been blamed for a \$400,000 shortfall in Halton region's 1980 operating budget.

The deficit was revealed at a closed-door meeting of the region's administration and finance committee two weeks ago, prompting rumors that a major shakeup of key management positions may occur within the region's administration.

Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid has denied that he will resign over the matter.

A press release from Mr. Reid's office reported that the \$69,651 deficit in the 1980 operating budget was incurred when the money was used to pay for 1979 budgetary debts.

A further \$365,000 which the region had expected as surplus to the 1979 budget has also been consumed, ringing up a total shortage from the 1980 operating budget of \$435,472.

Blaming a lack of complete budgetary references from previous years, the press release says it may not have allowed enough money to cov-

er rising interest rates last year.

Errors were also made in calculating government subsidies for daycare programs in the region and for old age care at Centennial Manor in Milton.

Regional chairman Jack Rafits denied that a four-hour closed-door management committee meeting held last Wednesday examined the fate of a number of top members in the region's staff.

"We talked about the terms of reference for a management study," Mr. Rafits told reporters following the marathon session, adding that the proposed study was not the result of the deficit debacle.

"We had in fact already planned the study in the 1980 budget," he said. The region wants study proposals by August 9.

The study's terms of reference were expected to be released to the public yesterday (Tuesday) and will be discussed during this afternoon's regional council meeting.



HAVING A BALL

(Herald photo by Mark Clairmont)

Seven-month-old Damon Jenkins got more than a kick out of this soccer ball Monday night at the GDHS field, where his mother was playing an exhibition match in the ladies' soccer league.

Acton parents angry at board's attitude

Herald Special

Parents at Acton's St. Joseph's school are convinced the Halton Separate School Board has never had a top priority for the school following the board's refusal Tuesday to deal with their concerns.

Following a number of procedural manoeuvres, the board called for the formation of a committee to have the ministry of education redirect grants made for the construction of a new school in Oakville to Acton.

"What they've done clearly demonstrates to us our position on the board's real priority list is anything but number one," Mike McMahon, a spokesman for Acton parents

said afterwards. Some parents left the meeting stating they felt they had been "shuffled" by the board. Parents at St. Joseph's were

told earlier that the school, now housed in a century-old stone building leased from the

public school board, was the board's number one priority for ministry grants. When the

ministry announced its grants last month, an Oakville school received funding instead of Acton.

Trustees opposed Mr. Sherk's motion because motions already passed in previous meetings call for the hiring of an architect and to start planning for Oakville's new Falgarwood school.

Trustee Mike Boyle claimed that under the rules of parliamentary procedure Mr. Sherk's motion couldn't be heard until a decision was made as to what to do with the conflicting material in the minutes.

Trustee John Visser then moved the tabling of Mr. Sherk's motion claiming it is too important for the board to consider on such short notice and without further information.

After his motion was tabled

Blood clinic Monday

With blood supplies again being described as "critically low" throughout the Metro Toronto area, Canadian Red Cross officials have scheduled a summer blood donor clinic this Monday at Holy Cross Church auditorium in Georgetown.

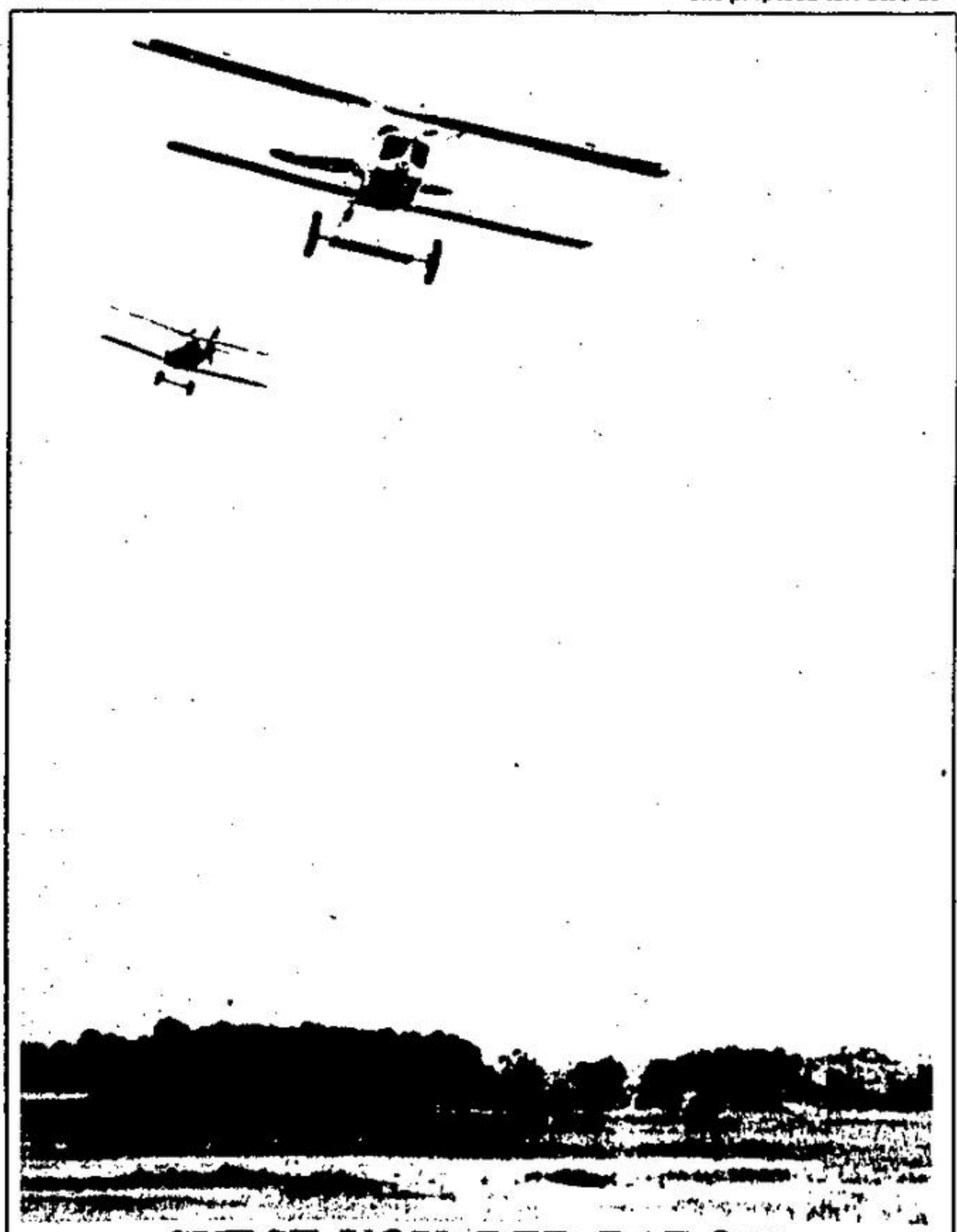
An unusually high number of heart surgery operations will take place at several Toronto hospitals next week as a result of the recent

intern's strike, a high rate of holiday-related accidents and the cancellation of many industrial donor clinics because of lay-offs.

All blood types are needed, but there is a special request for types O Positive and A Positive.

Local Red Cross workers urge all Halton Hills residents to make a special effort to attend the Holy Cross clinic this Monday.

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CURSE YOU, RED BARON!

Aerial combat - minus the bullets and animosity - captivated hundreds of spectators Sunday at the Great World War I Flying Museum adjacent to the Brampton Flying Club. Impressive mock dogfights like this one - pitting a Fokker D-VII against a British SE 5 - highlighted the display. The Museum is open every Sunday through the Labor Day weekend, 2 to 4 p.m. See page B12 for more photos.