



Christy Michalak, 4, and her sister Marlie, 2, decided to keep mother Leslie and nurse Cathy McParkland company for a while as Mrs. Michalak joined 434 other blood donors who gave the "gift of life" during the Optimists Club blood donor clinic Monday afternoon in the Holy Cross Church auditorium. Although 37 pints had to be rejected, the clinic was deemed a success by Georgetown Red Cross officials. If you missed giving this time, you'll have a second chance when the clinic returns May 11.

(Herald photo)

## Halton police favor bullet-proof vests

Halton Regional Police officers strongly favor the use of bullet-proof vests, according to a survey conducted by Chief James Harding.

Of 271 officers surveyed, 189 favored making bullet-proof vests part of their regular equipment, and 82 opposed the idea. Chief

Harding said that included in the 82 opponents were a number of members of the Criminal Investigation Bureau of the region, who said if they returned to uniform patrol they would want to have the vests.

In his report to the commission Thursday, Chief Harding recommended postponing a final decision on the

vests until the results of a study by the Ontario Police Commission and the OPP on the need for officers to wear vests, and the best models to be used has been completed. His recommendation was approved.

"If it's determined that it's best to wear the vests, my board has already decided to foot the bill," the chief told The Herald Monday. He estimated the cost to the commission to outfit the officers on the street at about \$180,000.

He added that Premier Bill Davis's announcement Monday that the province would match any municipal money paid towards bullet-proof vests would mean a substantial saving to the region.

## Activan awaits approval

While "Activan", the town's transit system for the physically handicapped awaits ministry of community and social services approval before funds are released to get it on the road, the \$13,000 Levi-Strauss donation is sitting in a bank collecting 14.5 per cent interest on a short-term loan.

## It's story time

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# Region limits tax increase to 15 per cent

While acknowledging that it could moderately reduce some services in the region, Halton's finance and administration committee will try and hold the regional tax increase in

Milton, Burlington and Oakville to 15 per cent this year.

Committee members last Wednesday tentatively agreed with a report prepared by acting chief administrative officer Dennis Perlin and acting treasurer Jim Stewart that trimming the increase to only 11 per cent — roughly in line with Canada's inflation rate — could seriously impair "effective government in Halton".

According to the proposed 1981 operating budget, Halton Hills residents would see the largest levy increase in the region. Initially set for a 68 per cent rise, the town's share of

the levy could be substantially reduced by government grants and subsidies and, therefore, it was not included in Wednesday's proposed reductions.

Although some councillors felt the levy should rise only enough to match Canada's 11 to 12 per cent inflation rate, Mr. Perlin explained that the 15 per cent figure would allow the region to "catch up" on badly needed services.

If the regional departments find they can work with the cut, residents in the three southernmost municipalities will save around \$2,720,000 from the levy increase which, as proposed in the 1981 budget, would rise as much as 30 per

cent over last year. In what has been called the biggest budget since the region's inception in 1974, Halton plans to spend \$41 million this year. Consultants carrying out an extensive

management study at the region have recommended that \$200,000 of the new budget should be spent establishing contingency accounts and another \$200,000 on changes in the treasury department.

## ABOUT THE HILLS

### Constable faces assault trial

Halton Regional Police Constable Brian Farrell will appear in court May 14 for trial on a charge of assault. The charge was laid in connection with an incident Dec. 27 when Constable Farrell arrested a woman he suspected of driving while impaired. The woman says the officer used unnecessary force in taking her out of her car.

## CVCA seeks \$6,000

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority has announced its 1981 financial requirements needed to fund Credit River projects which benefit certain municipalities. Halton Hills has been asked to pay \$6,000 as its estimated share for work on the Glen Williams cemetery, Regan Crescent (Georgetown) erosion control and construction along Metcalfe Court ravine. The Authority's full budget will be presented at a CVCA meeting in Meadowdale this Friday.

## Kennel regulations

Town council has beefed up Halton Hills' kennel regulations, passing a new bylaw concerning such businesses Monday night. According to the new legislation, no kennels will be allowed within 100 feet of the nearest property line, nor will kennels be attached to houses. Instead they must be enclosed in a separate building. The bylaw sets down some basic health regulations for the animal compound, including drainage, ventilation and space. Four-foot high fences are required for kennels located within 200 feet of property lines.

## Gas vapors cause snowmobile fire

An electrical spark which ignited gasoline vapors is believed to have been the cause of a snowmobile fire Feb. 10. The fire, on Park Street in Glen Williams, caused \$1,200 damage.

Firefighters also answered a smoke call at the Deltacraft plant on River Road, where a laminating machine had been left on. There was no fire and no damage.

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS The Association of Kinmen Clubs has been a vibrant, responsible, Canadian Association of Service Clubs, devoted to the concept of voluntary service by hundreds of thousands of members dedicated to serving their communities throughout Canada since its founding in Hamilton Ontario in 1920; and

WHEREAS The Association of Kinmen Clubs has been cognizant of the needs of our town and has diligently sought the development and conduct of timely, relevant programs to meet the needs and challenges of our constantly changing society; and

WHEREAS The Association of Kinmen Clubs are celebrating their 61st Anniversary on February 20, 1981; and

WHEREAS The Association of Kinmen Clubs have officially declared the fight against Cystic Fibrosis a National Project.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter Pomeroy, Mayor of the Town of Halton Hills, feel that each citizen would welcome the opportunity to pause and reflect with pride the rich heritage of accomplishment throughout the sixty-one years Kinmen Clubs have been in existence in Canada as a result of their dedication and determination in serving their community's greatest need; do hereby declare February 20, 1981 KINSMEN DAY and declare the week of February 17th to the 23rd KINSMEN WEEK; and urge all citizens to salute their local Kinmen Club of Georgetown.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto Set my hand and caused the seal of The Town of Halton Hills to be affixed this 9th day of February 1981  
Mayor Peter Pomeroy

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