



Receiving further recognition last week was Georgetown's Connie Nieuwhof, who received an honorary membership in the Red Cross for her dedication to the organization she joined in 1959. Mrs. Nieuwhof, Georgetown's "Citizen of the Year" in 1977, received the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal for her exemplary service to the community.

(Herald photo)



It's lonely at the top. Hugh Patterson was the sole 100-pint blood donor this year. Awards were handed out to 22 donors who gave from 33 to 100 pints this year. Other workers with the Red Cross were rewarded with service awards and pins, as the organization held its 41st annual meeting.

(Herald photo)

## Connie's Red Cross duties earn her a life membership

An honorary membership in the Red Cross was awarded to Georgetown resident Connie Nieuwhof Oct. 20 during the Georgetown Red Cross' 41st annual meeting in the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

The honorary membership recognizes Mrs. Nieuwhof's many years of contributions to the organization. At present, she is the local chapter's public relations chairman.

"The base of her activity is her love of people and her faith in them," said Joyce Clarke. "She's a source of inspiration for her co-workers."

Pat LeSaux from the Ontario division of the Red Cross said there are currently only about a dozen honorary members in Ontario. There is a limit of five

### Police budget chief chosen

A former employee with the Waterloo and Sudbury regional police forces has been appointed administrator of the Halton regional police force.

Robin Hale is responsible for co-ordinating the police department's budget of \$13,400,000.

A civilian himself, he will direct hiring, firing and transferring of all civilian staff, about 106 people, on the force. He will also maintain files on the civilian staff.

Directing the maintenance and operation of the police equipment stores, the police buildings and cars, Mr. Hale will also be responsible for operating the courier service among various police offices, and for directing the purchase of new police equipment.

Mr. Hale holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Wilfrid Laurier University, as well as a Master of Business Administration from York University. In addition, he completed specialized courses in planning, budgeting and command at the Ontario Police College and other centres.

Mr. Hale has previously held positions in the Research, Budgeting and Personnel field with Waterloo Regional Police Commission, Canada Post Office and Abitibi Paper Company and comes to the Halton force following five years as planning director of the Sudbury Regional Police Force.

In addition to serving as secretary-treasurer of the Ontario Police Forces Planning Association, Mr. Hale is a licensed pilot and qualified scuba diver and resides in the Milton area with his wife Susan and son David.

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such memberships given in Ontario in any one year.

A member of the Red Cross since 1959, Mrs. Nieuwhof received a service award in 1964 and a distinguished service award in 1971. In 1977, she was not only named Georgetown's "Citizen of the Year", but was also given a Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal in expression of appreciation for her exemplary service in various walks of life and as a reflection of the esteem in which she was held by the

community.

Also receiving recognition last week were local blood donors. Hugh Patterson was the sole 100 pint donor, followed by John O'Reilly, Mildred McElven and Victor Borisenko with 75 pints.

Fifty pint donors were: Margaret Badham, Glen Cooper, John Dawson, G. I. Cameron, Kevin Clarke, W. G. Anderson, A. J. Trueman, Anny Drischler, John Wepruk.

Thirty-five pint donors were: Joseph Wallace, G. Bos, Florence Corbett, R. J. Paulin, Robert Hooper, W. G. Stephens, Mrs. H. A. Hammer, W. F. Cunningham, Roy Frost, and Roxanne Cooper.

Receiving service awards were: Bettie Armstrong, Jean Girvan, Flo Street, Joyce Clarke, Ivy Simm, Noreen Michm, Alice Greenaway.

Receiving certificates of merit awards were: Edna Renwick, Alex Spitzer, Jessie Shortill, Mary Hornby, Bridgett Syne, Ina Reed, Lorna Thoms, Betty Pickup.



Red Cross official Flo Street (centre) last week presented awards to a husband and wife team of Glen Cooper, who has donated 50 pints of blood, and wife Roxanne, who's contributed 35. Organising blood donor drives is one of the main activities the Red Cross has been conducting for years. Mrs. Street is clinic chairman for the Red Cross.

(Herald photo)

### Residents complain about damaged laundry

# Region checks Acton water

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problem to last long and therefore it was Tuesday of last week before it was closed down again. Due to a communications foul-up, works department staff failed to tell the region's health department or local councillors what was going on. As a result no one knew what to tell angry residents who called up to complain of foul smelling, discolored water flowing through their taps.

A special test of the water done by the regional public health unit Wednesday at the insistence of Regional Coun. Whiting confirmed earlier findings that the water was not harmful to humans.

Mr. Guttman said they expected the new treatment to control the iron and he feels it worked, but he suspected it didn't work on the magnesium.

The effectiveness of the chemicals may well be the biggest offender in causing the rust-colored marks showing up in laundry. The chemicals are cleaning the mains so thoroughly the rust is coming off into the town's water supply, he said.

"All mains contain a certain amount of the stuff," he said. "We just didn't expect the growth to be that bad."

He said residents with upset digestions as a result of the water should remember the well is new water. It's like going to a different town on holidays and having an upset stomach because of the new water. But that doesn't mean the water is dangerous. It's just different and the digestive systems must adjust to it.

One resident who refused to believe the water could be fit for humans if it was killing fish

in aquariums was reminded flash can't tolerate chlorine very well to begin with while it doesn't affect humans.

Mr. Guttman said when they realized they were having problems the regional staff should have closed the well down again immediately but everyone expected it to be a very short term situation which would clear up in a few days. They were told by the MOE to flush their lines and they did so by opening fire hydrants to let the foul water run out, but it didn't clear up as expected.

Coun. Whiting said the issue of high water bills resulting from residents flushing their household system in an effort to get clear water will have to be addressed politically by the region's public works committee next week. While he agrees with residents who feel the high bills will be unfair, he said he had only little hope that the committee would agree to adjust the bills because of the situation.

Public works committee chairman Bill Johnson said a similar problem arose last year in Burlington and no adjustments were made on those water bills.

**WELL NEEDED?**

Rev. Leo Speigle suggested that since the region has tripled the cost of water in Acton since the formation of regional government, it might be a good idea to raise the costs again if that's what's necessary to bring in a new well and give the town good water.

Don Morrier of the regional public works staff said the town has four wells in operation now but with the growth in population that a fifth well, the one at Prospect Park,

really should be functioning too. If it can't be treated to make the water useable the question will have to be addressed as to what alternative the region must take.

A full water treatment plant could cost upwards of \$1 million, he said. Drilling new wells is very expensive too with price tags of \$200,000 and \$300,000 these days. Then there is the possibility that a new well could produce water but only in small quantities. There are several options available but none of them are cheap. As a result the region would try very hard to find a solution that makes water from the existing well acceptable to residents.

The well won't be put back into service again until after a public meeting to notify residents of when it will happen and what sort of treatment is being done on the water, Coun. Whiting said.

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