

# United Way task force pressured

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
Herald Staff

The establishment of a region-wide United Way can't be rushed, the chairman of the Halton United Way task

force warned last week. Speaking before regional council, Jarvis Sheridan acknowledged that some regional councillors are disenchanted with the task force's progress, but

**Doc Russell**

## Well respected in community

Funeral services were held Saturday in St. Thomas for Donald 'Doc' Russell.

The Delrex Blvd. man will be sorely missed by his wife June and sons Mike, Mark and Scott. Mr. Russell succumbed to a heart attack Thursday and was rushed to Scarborough General Hospital.

He was an extremely well liked and respected member of the community, taking part in golfing and curling events in



## Stewarttown news

By J. ROSS and P. STEWART  
Herald Correspondents

Stewarttown was in the Niagara Anglican news this past month, with the fact that our new minister, Rev. A Donald Lee, has been appointed as rector to St. John's and St. Stephen's in Hornby. Also, St. John's celebrating its 150th year and that the history of St. John's and area is available.

Rev. Lee has now been with us since March 7, the first day of Lent.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bonham of Milton, on the arrival of a son, Mrs. Bonham is

the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert English.

Get well wishes of the community are extended to Mrs. Mary Wilson and Mrs. Lillian Hicken, both ladies lived in this area for many years.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Rev. and Mrs. David Sinclair, in the passing of her mother.

St. John's Guild were guests of St. Stephen's, Hornby this past week for a pot luck supper with Rev. and Mrs. Lee. There was a very enjoyable program of music by Mrs. John New for a hymn sing-a-long, a skit by the ladies

said pressure to speed things up could actually impede the group's work.

"You can't force a United Way on the community," Mr. Jarvis said. "It has to grow out of the (social service) organizations that are already there."

The task force has been working for four years to build a region-wide United Way. Found in many communities across Canada, the United Way is an umbrella fund-raising organization for many social service groups.

Tired of processing the approximately 50 agencies which seek grants from the region each year, councillors have said they want to see the Halton United Way take shape, or grants to agencies in 1985 may be frozen to 1984 levels.

The United Way is established in Burlington, Oakville and, within the last two years, Milton.

Mr. Jarvis said the task force hopes to launch a feasibility study into the United Way moving into Halton Hills. In grants paid to the Halton Social Planning Council, \$2,000 was earmarked for the study and put aside in a reserve.

Unhappy that the process of forming a Halton United Way is now into its fourth year, Burlington Mayor Roly Bird said regional council could have done it faster.

"We've heard a lot of talking, but we haven't seen a lot of doing," Mayor Bird commented.

**False alarm**

There was an accidental alarm activation at the Georgetown District High School on Guelph Street Thursday at 5:55 p.m. Firefighters investigated the school property.

**No damage**

There was a chimney fire at a Regan Crescent, Georgetown residence Sunday at 9:30 p.m. The fire department reports no damage or injuries resulted.

# the HERALD Family

## Friend of God



### CLERGY COMMENT

By REV. JEFFREY C. DAVISON

A few weeks ago in church I needed the help of a friend. I stood at the front of the church and said, "Who wants to be my friend this morning?" A forest of children's hands went up. Where were the adults hands? Perhaps they guessed what was coming.

From a group of hands I picked one out that was straining forward eagerly, so full of energy and enthusiasm to be my friend. My friend's name was Amy. She came and stood at the front with me. It is good to stand with a friend. It gives you a great feeling.

Now friends should be treated well, so I had brought a present for my friend. It was in a lovely box that had once held a Christmas cake. I gave it to Amy. She opened the box and started to look so disappointed, for it contained some orange peel, and a banana skin.

"But Amy," I said, "It was a lovely orange and a delicious banana. I really enjoyed eating them. You could not have the skin from a better banana or the peel off a tastier orange. I am giving you the best peel and skin it is possible to give."

Needless to say, Amy was not persuaded. It was a poor gift from a friend. So I have Amy another gift.

And you? - Well give God your best, of course, not just the leftovers of your time and money and talent, that is, if you claim to be a friend of God.

## NHAMR's goal is \$16,000

# Searching out for canvassers

**Herald Special**  
Last year more than 360 volunteers made the 1983 Mental Retardation Week campaign the best ever for the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

One highlight of the '83 campaign was the canvass of the Pineview-Hornby rural area for the first time. This was "amazingly successful", and poses a real challenge to be beaten this year according to co-ordinator Valda May.

The overall target of this year's campaign is \$16,000. This compares to \$15,150 raised in 1983. All of this money stays in North Halton.

## Ashgrove news

By Mrs. John Belloddy  
Herald Correspondent

ASHGROVE - Some of our people have been travelling. We welcome back Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nurse from a month's trip to Australia. Mr. and Mrs. Ford Wickson

spent 12 days around sunny California and also a few days on an agricultural tour in Ottawa.

Mrs. Pat Stark visited her daughter in New Orleans and enjoyed the celebrations there in 83 farenheit.

More volunteers are always needed and individuals with a few hours to spare in early May are asked to call 877-5557.

## They've got to have HEART

By ANI PEDERIAN  
Herald Staff

They've got to have HEART. Halton regional police commissioners agreed to begin contract negotiations for the installation of the \$2 million HEART computer system.

Of the three companies which submitted proposals, commissioners chose Planning Research Corporation Public Management Services, Inc. (PRC-PMS).

The company was found to have the most experience, having installed over 40 police systems, including the Ottawa CADRE system which pioneered the use

of computers by Canadian police. Also, the PRC-PMS proposal was the lowest priced. For the next 60 days, the force will be negotiating with the computer firm for the \$2 million project.

The system is expected to be operational for the force's records department early next year. The second phase, computer aided dispatching is due five months later.

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## Letter to the editor

# True spirit of sports

Dear Sir,  
Hockey - who is playing this game, parents or kids? I ask this question in my own interest and hopefully that of other parents.

Just this week I attended a game in which my son was playing and throughout the game I was verbally criticizing our players for their poor efforts. It was not until later that evening when I received a dressing down from both of my children for my attitude that I came to realize what was happening.

My son reminded me that he loved to play hockey, but he was there for the fun too and he could handle the winning or losing - could I?

That challenge of how we parents handle ourselves in all aspects of the game of hockey is

vital to the values we instill in our children. It is my hope that we can allow our children to experience hockey at its best by our example of conduct, affirmation and enjoyment of the game irregardless of the outcome.

I am very thankful and proud of my children for teaching me the true spirit of competitive sports.

Sincerely,  
Doreen Dobbins

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