

Town challenged to donate blood

The Canadian Red Cross Society's Central Ontario North division is asking for Whitchurch-Stouffville's help in ensuring its next blood donor clinic is a special one.

Although previous clinics have been held in the Stouffville area every three months for some time, July 7 will set the stage for the first "Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic Challenge '89."

"As a leader in your community, we are asking for your (Mayor Fran Samsbury's) support to assist us in promoting and encouraging everyone in the community who is 17 or older, and who is in good health, to participate in this worthwhile cause," wrote clinic coordinator Josie de Leon in a letter submitted at a recent Council meeting.

"And it's apparent all members agree."

"I make the motion we support this endeavour and I want to see all of you out there July 7," said Councillor Margot Marshall.

Councillor Wayne Emmer-

son, however, felt the date for the clinic might prove detrimental.

"I think this could be a big day, it's just too bad it's going to be in the summer when a lot of people are away," he said. "I think they would get bigger support if it was later in the year. But we have been challenged so I hope everyone gets out there and supports our day."

Pioneer struggles depicted in movie

A near-capacity crowd of 150 people turned out to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Historical Society's recent showing of *The Trail of the Conestoga* in Parkview Village.

The movie, which depicts the struggles and characteristics of the Pennsylvania German Mennonites who pioneered the settling of Waterloo Township on the frontier of Upper Canada in the early 1800s, is based on the historical novel of the same name, written by Dr. Mabel Dunham in 1924.

She took the facts and added color to them to make an enjoyable story.

Christian Eby of Hammer Creek, Pa., an 80-year-old deacon of the church there, dreamed of being able to go to Canada.

Sam Bricker, one of those nephews, convinced his brother John to come to Canada with him in 1802. They purchased land in the Beasley tract at \$2 an acre.

On a business trip to York (Toronto) Sam learned that the land was mortgaged and their

deeds were not worth the paper they were written on.

After visiting Richard Beasley, he convinced the others that the only way to deal with this problem was to go back to Pennsylvania and raise the \$20,000 needed to pay off the mortgage and Beasley would give them clear title to the whole 60,000 acres.

Sam and Joseph Shirk returned to Hammer Creek after trying to raise money in Franklin and Cumberland counties without success.

The German Company was formed, shares sold for \$2,500 and the whole amount was raised. Sam and his new wife Becky carried the silver dollars back to Waterloo in sacks in her hope chest on the back of the wagon.

The chairperson announced that the WSHS will hold a bake sale in conjunction with the Strawberry Festival at 10 a.m. July 1 to raise money for the purchase of a sign for Sangster's Grove.



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