

Rita Rudolph honoured as Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year; Tara receives Silver Quill Award

By Jim Merriam

Two area residents, a senior newspaper and a junior citizen, received special honours in Toronto last week.

Ivy Dentinger of Tara was honoured for her many years of contribution to the community newspaper industry. Rita Rudolph of Hepworth was named a Junior Citizen of the Year for the way in which she has overcome physical limitations.

The two honours were presented at the annual convention of the Ontario Community Newspapers Association, held at the WestIn Hotel.

Ivy received the Silver Quill Award, which is presented to a recipient "actively engaged in the weekly newspaper business for 25 years or longer and who has been or is for a part of that period an owner, executive officer of the owner, editor or publisher."

Ivy has been associated with The Tara Leader since 1943. At that time, the paper was owned by her father and late husband, with Ivy taking part in the operation by sharing all kinds of duties, such as operating a linotype, writing stories, etc. Different members of the family operated the paper, with Ivy's involvement, until 1974 when it was sold.

According to the citation read at the presentation ceremony, "At 82 years of age, Ivy still works as a community reporter for The Leader, writing hundreds of words each week."

In addition to her newspaper work, Ivy has been a very active member of her community. Just some of her activities have included serving as president of the Tara Senior Citizens, as a member of the Rebekah Lodge, Anglican Church Guild, Horticultural Society, Fall Fair Board, Tara Curling Club, where she was an active curler until last year, Historical Society, and the Women's Institute.

In summation, her nomination said, "Although she always worked and supported every worthwhile organization in the community, she is probably best known as a mother of four and a second mother of dozens."

The award, which originates with the Canadian Community Newspapers Association, was presented to Ivy by Jean Baker-Pearce of that organization.

Also receiving a Silver Quill was Iris Kennedy of Durham, who, with her husband Bill, a former Tara resident, publishes The Durham Chronicle.

The OCNA, in conjunction with Canadian Pacific Airlines, each year honours a number of young Ontario residents by naming them Ontario Junior Citizens of the Year.

Among the recipients of this honour was Rita Rudolph, 13, of Hepworth, "who has risen above her own physical limitations to excel in schoolwork to the point where she also helps out others and whose achievements and attitude are cited as constant inspiration to others."

Rita is an active member of the community at Hepworth Central School where she attends, in spite of dwarfism and a disease that makes her bones break easily. She is confined to a wheelchair most of the time but takes part in the Easter Seal Snowarama on a special sleigh, to help raise funds for other disabled children. The Junior Citizen Awards were presented by the Honourable John Black Aird, past lieutenant governor of Ontario.

The awards were presented to 10 outstanding young people and a Frederickburgh teen group.

"The young people were honoured for actions ranging from life-saving heroics to life-affirming struggles against physical and mental limitations."

Mr. Aird, an honorary Junior Citizen himself, for his work as a patron during the first four years of the program, said "this program and these young people, continue to be very special to me."

The recipients of the award (which is open to young people between 6 and 18 years old) were chosen from among 86 nominees from across the province, submitted through local newspapers.

All the junior citizens spent two days with their families at the OCNA convention and got a chance to meet Lieuten

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