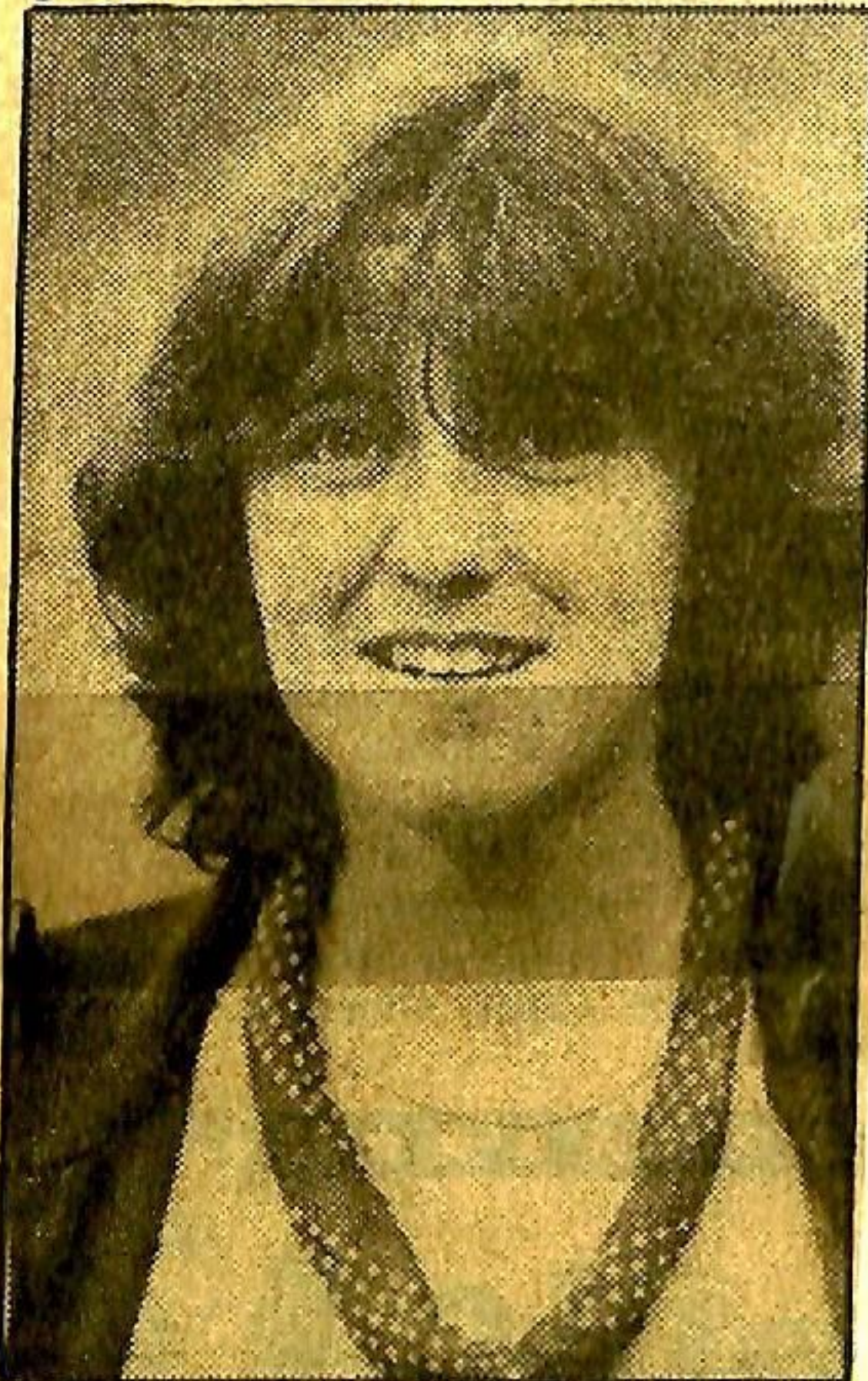


Lack of funding keeps disabled athletes home

CALVIN TWP. (Staff) — Sheril Barrer, the Calvin Twp. girl who holds four world records in track and field achievements for the disabled, was unable to participate in the Australian Nationals held Jan. 23.

She was to be one of the 17-member Canadian team of disabled athletes which was invited to compete in the Australian event.



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Although the Canadian Amputee Association was prepared to help fund the Canadian team, each athlete was expected to raise the bulk of their individual monetary needs for the Australian trip.

Miss Barrer said that through the generosity of the people of Calvin Twp., Papineau Twp. and Mattawa, she managed to raise some \$1,800. But the team as a unit was unable to find sufficient funds and the endeavor was cancelled.

The young Calvin woman was born with a deformed leg and after two surgical operations as a child, was fitted with an artificial leg. She became interested in athletics and through her own efforts and determination she has won four world records which she has repeatedly topped.

She has been competing in games for the disabled since 1979 when she was 12 and her world re-

ords include: the 100-metre dash, the 200-metre and 400-metre events along with long jump. Her collection of awards and trophies representing her many wins and achievements is impressive: 142 gold medals, two silver medals, two bronze, 19 plaques and six trophies.

She is hoping to compete in an indoor meet for the physically disabled to be held at Windsor Feb. 21.

In the meantime, she expressed her gratitude for the response and support from the people of Calvin, Papineau and Mattawa and said she wished to apologize for the turn of events which resulted in cancellation of the trip.

She said she is in the process of contacting all her sponsors and will ask them if they wish her to return the funds donated for the Australian trip or wish her to keep the money to cover costs for future events.

Barrer adds laurels to a growing crown

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PAPINEAU TWP. — Sheril Barrer, the township resident who has already achieved a remarkable record of athletic achievements, has added a few more laurels to her crown.

At the Regional Games for the Physically Disabled held in Parry Sound recently, she placed first in the javelin throw, the discus, the shot put and the long jump, in the amputee class.

Four other contestants from the North Bay area ended the competitions in the winners' circle.

Mike Johnson, also in the amputee class, was first in the javelin throw, the shot put and power lifting.

Wayne Males, competing in the wheelchair category, took first place in the javelin throw and discus, and placed second in the club throw and shot put.

Robbie Cretien, a cerebral palsy victim, came home with five gold medals. He was first in the 100-metre dash, the 200-metre dash, the discus, the shot put and the club throw.

Scott Van Fleet, also in the cerebral palsy division, placed first in the 1,500-metre run and the 800-metre event.

Barrer and Johnson will compete in the Nationals to be held June 20 at Brampton.

Sheril Barrer was born with a deformed leg and after two surgical operations as a child, was fitted with an artificial limb. She became interested in athletics and, through effort and determination, has won four world records which she has since topped.

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