

Barrer planning to take break

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CALVIN TWP. — One more big event and Sheril Barrer, the Calvin woman with the remarkable athletic record in games for the disabled, will hang up her track shoes, "for a couple of years."

Miss Barrer will leave at the end of this week for Gottenbeg, Sweden, where she will compete in the World Games for the Disabled. She will be one of 25 from Canada, but the only representative from this district to compete.



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A total of 950 contestants will take part in the games and 34 countries will be represented. The games will open Aug. 2 and continue until Aug. 18.

Miss Barrer was chosen as a member of the Canadian team at the Canadian National competitions for the disabled held at Brampton.

In the world event she will compete in the 100-metre and 200-metre dashes, the javelin throw and the long jump.

Born with a deformed leg, the young woman, as a child, under-

went two surgical operations and was fitted with an artificial leg. She became interested in athletics and through her own efforts and determination has set four world records which she has repeatedly topped.

She has been competing in games for the disabled since 1979 and holds the world record for the 100-metre, 200-metre events and the long jump. Her collection of awards and trophies include 142 gold medals, two silver, two bronze, 19 plaques and six trophies.

Earlier this year she was chosen to be one of the 17-member Canadian team invited to compete in the Australia Nationals. The Canadian Amputee Association indicated it was prepared to help fund the trip but each athlete was expected to raise the bulk of their personal financial needs.

Through the generosity of the people of Calvin, Papineau and the Mattawa district, she managed to raise some \$1,800 but the team as a whole was unable to obtain sufficient funds and the trip was cancelled.

She expressed her gratitude for the support from the district people and said the funds raised for the Australian event will be used for the trip to Sweden.

She also said this will be her final participation in competition for a couple of years for personal reasons, she said.