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LIMEHOUSE PUBLIC School pupil Michelle Mumby topped contestants in the Esqueing Junior public speaking finals in Glen Williams school. For the second year in succession Michelle won the R. J. Cunningham trophy. The Glen school auditorium was filled for the semi-finals. Carolyn Bird of Pinewick placed second and Mark Cachie of the Glen third. There were 10 contestants.—(Staff Photo).

Marlene Hume top speaker at area finals in Stewarttown

An unusual speech on Death won top honors for Marlene Hume, R.R. 5 Milton, in the Superintendency public speaking finals for Georgetown and Esqueing held in Stewarttown Senior School last Wednesday night.

Marlene, who recently turned 13, is a grade seven student at Stewarttown school. Last year she placed third in the same competition. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hume.

Jane Williams of Park School in Georgetown placed second with a speech on Teenagers. There were 12 students in the competition.

Judging the event were Mrs. Donna Denison, high school teacher and Georgetown councillor, Terry Baines, lawyer, and Rev. Norman Young of Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown. Eric Balkind, supervising principal for Esqueing schools, acted as chairman for the evening.

Marlene will go on to speak at the county level in Brookville School, at Oakville on Feb. 14.

Two birds provide community surprises "rooster" lays eggs, other unidentified

"George", the pet "rooster" belonging to Ricky, Wayne and Darlene impressed everyone in the McNery family when "it" started to lay eggs. We imagine the children will change the name to - maybe "Georgina".

The huge "bird" is visiting our neighborhood these days. We can not get close enough to determine the markings. It has a greyish white breast as it sits in the tree but when flying looks darker. It is very big with a very wide wing spread.

The 4-H Club held their first meeting of the new course, "Sewing with Cottons", on Saturday Feb. 8 in the Community Centre.

The leaders are Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Plouffe and Mrs. Selevaritis. 21 girls attended all of them enthusiastic over the project ahead.

Officers were chosen as follows: president Heather Buchanan, secretary Nancy Snow, treasurer Beryl McNery, phone committee Debbie French, Arlene Shortill, Heather Kirkwood, press Julie Echart.

After the preliminaries the girls answered a 16 question quiz. Then, discussion on materials, patterns, etc. followed.

Mrs. Catharine Mathews of Bal Em farm drove to Hanover last week to visit with the Don Holst, and other friends in the area. She reports driving conditions were very poor, with many accidents being caused by heavy drifting.

Mr. E. Baines spent the past week in Minden on Anglican Church matters. He also reports driving conditions poor. People go shopping with snowmobiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hurt. Before returning home they saw their young "grandson hockey players" off by bus to play in their league game.

Miss Beatrice Hiltz is presently staying with Mrs. Fawcett Eaton in Acton.

We are sorry to hear Miss Lucia Campbell fell on ice and suffered a nasty fracture.

The girls of the former 4-H group, along with their mothers had a bowling party, Saturday night at Georgetown.

Mr. W. Shortill and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shortill and family visited in Toronto last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Nattress. Mrs. Nattress, the late Mrs. Shortill's sister, is very poorly and confined to a wheel chair.

Miss Bonnie Corbin R.N. of Fergus spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNery, Miss Cotton nurses in Fergus Hospital.

Mrs. Richard Shortill Jr., Mr. and Mrs. E. Anderson and several others went to Guelph Saturday night to John Ross School auditorium where the Bell Tone group of singers put on a program. Mrs. Bob Kerr and also Mr. Ralph Thompson were members of the group of singers.



TOP ORATOR from Esqueing Public Schools, Marlene Hume of R. R. 5, Milton was awarded this trophy following a contest Wednesday evening. She will represent Esqueing in the Halton County contest.—(Staff Photo)

CHURCHILL

Kathy Swackhamer Carnival Queen

By Mrs. F. MacArthur

Again honors were brought home by another one of our Churchill girls when Miss Kathy Swackhamer was chosen Carnival Queen for Erin High School Winter Carnival which was held last Friday and Saturday. We want to congratulate Kathy.

Dr. Frank and Dr. Doreen Macdonald and family of Mississauga spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie.

Mrs. Archie Kerr and her sister Mrs. Elizabeth Buck visited their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kitching at Corwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Griffin spent the weekend with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. M. Bogle of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swackhamer, June and Debbie attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Knicker of Virgil on Sunday, Feb. 9, that being the actual date. They also visited in St. Catharines with Mr. and Mrs. Anton Dyck.

Congratulations to Mr. Paul Hamilton and Miss Sheila Sinclair, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sinclair of Guelph, on their recent engagement.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall visited on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sprawl in Guelph.

Stephen Saunders spent the weekend with his cousins Karen and Kelly Rodgers of Hillsburg and Cindy Rodgers visited with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Saunders and Norma.

Open concept school viewed

As part of a program to review the responsibilities of the principals and vice-principals under the Halton County Board of Education, a session to discuss the principal's responsibility in supervision was held at Pauline Johnson Public School, Burlington, on Feb. 4.

The principals and vice-principals divided themselves into three groups to observe and assess three lessons one in Grade 10, one in Grade 7 and one in Grade 3 held in this strikingly different, open-concept school.

Later, in a lively discussion, they considered the effectiveness of the evaluations and ways in which they could use these methods in their own schools.

A second meeting to consider the effective utilization of teaching staff will be held in Georgetown on Feb. 19.

Heidi Merritt places third county contest

Judged top public speaker in Wellington county was Emily Chilingarian, a grade 8 pupil in King George school, Guelph. Finals were held in Guelph, Wednesday of last week.

Barbara Marshall of James McQueen school in Fergus placed second and Heidi Merritt of Eramosa public school was third. There were two other Guelph contestants.

Judges were Lloyd Swackhamer, D. Wylie and Rev. H. Herlihey.

Chairman was Cliff Whitfield, and entertainment was provided by Bruce Graham's band.

Minor injuries two car crash

Cars driven by Rudolph Kessler, R.R. 4, Rockwood, and Gary Kenneth Foster, 53 Roseford Terrace, Acton, collided on the Erin-Esqueing town line Friday about 6 p.m.

Damage in the collision totalled \$1,000 and four people suffered minor injuries.

Peter Cuk and Vinko Blagacic, passengers in the Kessler car received minor cuts along with the driver. A passenger in the Foster car, Elizabeth McConnell, also received minor injuries.

Guelph O.P.P. investigated.

Stuart Hall heads fair

Stuart Hall was elected president of the Georgetown Agricultural Society, sponsors of Georgetown Fair, at the fair board's annual meeting recently. He succeeds Keith Webb in the President's chair.

Vice-president is Don Wingrove, second vice-president Spencer Wilson, secretary Garfield McGilvray and treasurer W. R. Lawson. Expenditures of \$8,564 included \$4,348 in prize money and a surplus on the year of approximately \$600 was reported.



General occurrences requiring action by members of the Ontario Provincial Police, Milton Detachment, numbered 25 during the week ending Feb. 8. Many of these were of a minor nature, requiring little investigative time. In addition, there was one assault which, through investigation, proved to be unfounded; two stolen cars were recovered for other Police Departments; one break and enter; one fraud; two investigations under the Liquor Control Act led to two persons being charged; one complaint of threatening was investigated; and one impaired driver was apprehended.

The number of accidents rose sharply this week, with 28 being investigated; 22 of this number resulted in property damage only, and the remaining six resulted in injury to nine persons. Once again, adverse driving conditions were blamed for the majority of the accidents. Others were attributed to failing to share half the road; dog running onto the road; careless driving; and inattentive driving. One of these accidents was a hit and run. Investigation of these mishaps resulted in five persons being charged for violating various sections of the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario. Total property damage was estimated at \$11,555.

The 8,734 miles of roads under the jurisdiction of Milton Detachment were patrolled by officers who worked a total of 86 7/8 hours. Thirty-four drivers were summoned for a variety of driving offences, and an additional 30 were warned for minor infractions of the Highway Traffic Act.

Judge: "I can't think of anything worse than a man beating up his wife. Whatever made you do it?"

"Well, said the defendant, "She kept saying, 'Hit me! Go on, hit me! and I'll have you hauled into court and that bald-headed old baboon will give you a jail term.'"

Judge: "Case dismissed."

Highway Traffic Act or for faulty equipment on their vehicles. Twenty-one convictions were registered at proceedings in Provincial Judge's Court.

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OSPRINGE

W.I. euchre held in hall two at training school

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson

Mr. and Mrs. George Lang and Bonnie visited on Sunday with the former's mother Mrs. Lang Sr. at the Nursing Home in Hillsburgh.

Little Kenny McKittrick who had surgery on his legs earlier in the winter at Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, was able to come home on Thursday.

His mother, who had been a patient at the Guelph hospital for a week, returned home on Wednesday.

Friends of Mr. J. Curran were sorry to learn he had to return to Guelph hospital on Thursday night with a heart condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg Carter, Stratford, Miss M. McIver, Guelph visited on Sunday with D. G. and Mrs. Robertson.

Twelve tables of cards were played at the euchre on Friday night at the school sponsored by the Women's Institute. Prizes for high scores were awarded to Mrs. C. Storey, Mrs. H. Nodwell, H. Saigen and F. Reilly.

Mrs. R. Vlietstra and Mrs. R. Ellis attended the training school at Guelph for the 4-H Club girls' project, "Sewing summer separates."

Road reports are available from Toronto

Winter road reports on all provincial highways and main secondary roads are available 24 hours a day and seven days a week from the Department of Highways office in Toronto, and area residents can obtain up-to-the-minute reports on driving conditions by calling Toronto 248-3329.

Officials of Milton O.P.P. said this week they have received hundreds of telephone requests for road conditions elsewhere in the province this winter, and one constable said "we just haven't got the time to provide this service." Usually such requests come flooding in on days when driving conditions locally are hazardous and at times like that every available officer is usually too busy investigating area traffic accidents to be providing an information service for travellers.

The Toronto D.H.O. office is geared up to handle thousands of requests for road conditions, and O.P.P. suggest you call them.

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"I'm looking for adventure, excitement, beautiful women," cried the young man to his father as he prepared to leave home. "Don't try to stop me, I'm on my way."

"Who's trying to stop you?" shouted his father. "I'll go with you."

SILVERWOOD

Smart cottons new 4-H project

By Mrs. H. Scott

"Cottons may be Smart" is the new 4-H project with Mrs. Bomholte and Margo Ruddell as leaders.

Mr. George Henderson is away at the Workmen's Compensation Hospital at Downsview, taking therapy for his back after recent surgery.

Seven members of Silverwood Women's Institute attended open house at Vanier Centre for women at Brampton, Feb. 8.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. F. Campbell on the passing of her mother Mrs. John Skelton of Guelph, on Saturday, Feb. 1.

Mrs. K. Van Lere is still a patient in hospital in Toronto.

The police helped the battered man up from the gutter in front of the local tavern and asked: "Can you describe the man who hit you?"

"That's exactly what I was doing when he hit me," replied the battered one.

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