

Skate Teachers Have 235 Pupils



Gayle Verhaegen



Sharon Dwyer

For the second straight year Georgetown Figure Skating Club has Gayle Verhaegen of Georgetown, Sharon Dwyer of Acton and Rick Dowling of Oakville as their teaching professionals.

The club's 1971-72 season started October 17 with 235 pupils enrolled. An annual highlight of the skating club's year is their ice carnival which always attracts a full house at the Memorial Arena. This season's spectacular will be held in February.

Fourteen hours of instruction are provided by the club weekly with sessions Monday afternoons and evenings, Wednesday afternoons and evening and Sunday afternoon.



Rick Dowling

In the Mail Bag

Says A Sunday Hallowe'en Inconsistent with Teaching

13 McIntyre Crescent, Georgetown, Ont.

The Editor,

Dear Sir,
An item in last Thursday's edition of The Georgetown Herald relative to Hallowe'en has caused a great deal of consternation.

It was with much surprise we read that Council had reversed Committee's decision to hold Hallowe'en on Saturday, October 30th and now it is to be on the Sabbath. This, of course, is not the first time this question has come up and it would appear indicative of the times that even Sunday is not to be exempt. Granted, Sundays are wide open with games and sports of all kinds, movies, etc., but this is a free choice as to whether the individual wishes to attend a game or a movie. The argument might be given that the individual does not have to "shell-out" unless he wishes to do so. Correct, but his house is not free from children coming for their treats. Certainly, the individual is not free to go out or even to entertain family or friends on that evening. It is a regular fact that the little ghosts and witches start coming by 6.00 p.m., and continue until at least 9.00 to 9.30 p.m., by which time more than a hundred have come to the door.

This year with the stores advertising Hallowe'en as October 30th and the Town saying October 31st, what do the children say? The older ones at least say they will go both nights.

We teach our children to attend Sunday School every Sunday and to respect this day. How is this consistent with the fact that the same day we shoo them out to take part in an ancient pagan custom dating back to the Druids.

Perhaps the time has come to abolish this form of Hallowe'en. Let the children have their parties to celebrate. A return to the simple games, such as dunking apples, is surely a good deal more fun than wandering up and down dark streets often in the rain, getting candy and apples, all of which have to be inspected for needles, razor blades and drugs. Any mother will tell you homemade candy is suspect because of drugs unless the child

knows exactly which friend or neighbour has donated it. Let us take a good long look at the whole idea of Hallowe'en as it is celebrated today but first of all, let us keep the Sabbath free. Yours very truly, (Mrs. G. J. Beer)

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