

Two from Here Campaign For Employee Eye Pledges

Two Georgetown residents were among participants in a Douglas Aircraft Company campaign to encourage employees to pledge their eyes to the Eye Bank of Canada.

Murray Smith and Winifred Gibson were among those who volunteered their time to insert donor cards in the company's monthly newspaper, the Dacan Airview News.

The campaign was based upon an article appearing in the company newspaper. The ar-

icle, written by Douglas employee Trevor Evans, states that a high percentage of cornea blindness is the result of industrial accidents.

Evans made a double-barrelled appeal to fellow employees in his article "Preserve the sight of yourself and your family by taking sensible safety precautions and pledge that sight to the Eye Bank so that less fortunate people may see again."

At present there are ap-

proximately 75 people in Ontario awaiting cornea transplants, and although the Eye Bank is doing its utmost to cope with the rising number of requests, it is at best a waiting game.

**NO REJECTION**

Mrs. Ann Wolf, an executive member of this organization stated that many blind persons in the Canadian National Institute for the Blind have pledged their eyes. Although a person's eyes may not function properly the corneas may be clear and

suitable for transplant. As no blood circulates through the cornea there is no chance of the body rejecting the transplant. Theoretically, one cornea could be transplanted from person to person without any deterioration in its efficiency.

According to campaign coordinators, response to the appeal over the last week has been even better than expected, and in many cases employees have requested additional donor cards for family members.

The Smile Co. Gets Initiatives Grant to Entertain Elderly

One recent project that is proving to be quite successful in bringing entertainment and joy to senior citizens, shut ins, semi-invalids, etc. in Metro Toronto through the Local Initiatives grant from the Federal Government is an orchestra called "The Smile Co." The six performers play, sing and entertain their audiences with the performances being very well accepted.

They entertain free of charge at such places as Senior Citizens Housing, homes for the aged, and anywhere shut-ins are to be found. The Smile Co. puts on a show once a day and are booked solid for the month of March with dates in April and May well filled in. They have an office in St. Paul's Avenue Road Church Toronto, where two girls are kept busy with bookings for the group.

Besides the six performers there is a producer, a director and a stage director. They are paid by the Local Initiatives Grant.

Julian Reed of Norval is one of the performers and is very happy that the grant has made it possible to bring happiness to so many whose lives are in need of a little cheer.

There has been much news lately about some questionable grants through the Local Initiative Grant so it is good to hear about one that is proving to be well worth while.

Just heard about an accident that happened about two weeks ago when a car went out of control coming down the hill by Julian Reed's about 8 p.m. It is believed that the brakes failed and they couldn't get slowed down for the sharp turn at the bottom of the hill. The car went through the end of the bridge and plunged down the steep bank into the whirlpool part of the river.

The two young men in the car, one 21 years old and the other 15, had a nightmare experience of attempting to escape, however, they finally got the door kicked open and by grasping tree branches from small trees the

car had carried into the river with it they scrambled to safety and made their way, dripping wet, through the cold, to the home of Mrs. S. Fishburn who phoned the police and got the young men a hot drink.

Only the roof of the car was showing above the water and it took a tow truck and crew until about 11.30 p.m. to haul it out. The two young men had been working at Terra Cotta for a window cleaning firm from Toronto. They had made a wrong turn on the way home and were not familiar with the road.

—Mrs. Ed McLean

Lorusso Tops in Bridge Competition

A competition in which the best five scores were registered in a six week period, ended last week at Georgetown duplicate bridge club.

Mike Lorusso was winner, with Mrs. Kay Harmer a member who lives in Oakville, in second place.

Club members were required to play with a different partner each of the six nights. In the regular night's play, which attracted 16 tables, winners were:

North-South - Mrs. Bob Dickson, Sadie Young; 2nd, Mrs. Carol Koenig, Mike Ng; 3rd, Harry Arbie, Mrs. Sue Sullivan; 4th, Bill Wandel, John Coats; 5th, Hilda Black, Mary Drake.

East-West - 1st, Mrs. George Mundy, Frank Martin; 2nd, Peter Gardiner, Wayne Flannery; 3rd, Bart Fisher, Mrs. Ron Reynolds; 4th, Richard Raymond, Mrs. Leo Kistemaker; 5th, Mrs. Bob Barber, Mrs. Fred Peters.

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These Douglas employees donated their time in a campaign to encourage fellow employees to pledge their eyes to the Eye Bank of

Canada. From L. to R. are Barbara Oram, Jenny Bannon, Kerry Noble, and Win Gibson. Rear L. to R. are Murray Smith, Jim Hewson,

Ray Lomas and Trevor Evans. All four of the ladies were among the first to pledge their corneas.

10th Annual Meeting

Town Needs More "Open Space" Recreation Director Tells "Y"

by JANE COLE  
The 10th annual general meeting of the Georgetown and District YM-YWCA was held on Thursday, February 24 in the Y office on Wesleyan St.

Mrs. Barbara Elwood had arranged an interesting meeting to which we were happy to welcome special guests from National and International YM-YWCA. Miss Lena Farrell brought greeting and encouragement from National YWCA, where she is assistant consultant, and Mr. Bob Smith, also assistant consultant brought greeting from National YMCA. Also present were Mrs. Dorothy Whan, vice president of National YWCA and Miss Loyse Grellitt, a visitor to National Y from Switzerland.

Mrs. Elwood introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Mr. Doug Collison, Georgetown's

Recreational Director. Mr. Collison outlined the recreational situation in Georgetown, past and present, and gave his ideas with regard to the direction recreation should take in the future. He stressed the need for more open space recreational area in town and explained what costs would be involved in building a new arena, swimming pool or recreational complex in town in the future.

After an interesting question period, Mrs. Elwood thanked Mr. Collison and presented him with a small gift of appreciation.

Mr. Dix Simpson led the business section of the meeting, and reports on the past year were given by the 1971 Board of Directors. Mrs. Sandra Morrow, chairman of the nominating committee led the election of 1972 Board members, who are as follows:



Don Anderson, Mary Lou Brock, Gary Brown, Lynda Cliphsham, Jane Cole, Tom Creaghan, Pat Doucette, Barbara Elwood, Diane Featherstone, Mildred Ford, Greg Ghany, Dr. Boyd Hoddinott, Margaret Jacques, Helele Johnston, Kathleen Kaulback, Pat Lawrie, Gordon McCulloch, George Miesm, Sandra Morrow, Beverly Niece, Margaret Ridley, Marilyn Serjeantson, Dix Simpson and Don Strathead.

Mrs. Walter Ridley closed the meeting with a prayer.



Georgetown YMCA-YWCA has named its 1972 officers. From left are treasurer Greg Ghany, third vice-president

Mary Lou Brock, president Dix Simpson, secretary Mildred Ford, and second vice-president Gord Mc-

Culloch. Missing from the picture is first vice-president Helen Johnson.

Ashgrove

Saw Many Sights on Southern Trip

Our travellers who left the end of January to tour different places in the south have arrived back.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruddell and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wilson had a three week trip through the central southern States. They spent three pleasant days visiting the Williamsens in Fort Worth, Texas, then on to Brownsville for a week with friends there. They have good pictures of the parade, as they were there for three days of the Charro Fiesta celebrations. In Mobile, Alabama, they visited cousins if the Ruddells. A tour through Bellingrath Gardens near Mobile was really delightful.

They saw through the astrodome at Houston and the buildings where the space ships are assembled and tested. En route home, they toured the Henry Ford museum in Dearborne, Michigan.

Welfare Money For Abortions Unwed Moms

The Women's Institute had a very successful euchre party Tuesday evening, February 29 in Stewarttown hall, with 25 tables in play.

Winners were — Ladies, Mrs. Wellington Stringer, Mrs. Evelyn Near, Men, Francis Thompson, Brian Hillop. Travelling prizes, Mrs. James Fisher, Mr. C. Thompson. — Mrs. J. Bellbody.

Jonathan, the son of Saul, was a close friend of David.

When an unmarried woman receives an abortion and welfare funds pay for it, the father cannot be held financially responsible. County welfare officials want that loophole in provincial law closed.

Hennie Vivian, deputy welfare director, told the community services committee Wednesday the department can get money from the father when a child is born. However the province has not yet caught up to legal abortions.

**INCREASE**

Vivian told the committee abortions on welfare funds could only increase as unwed mothers

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