

The family that skates together



The skating Pettingill family from Norval will be featured guests at the 20th annual Georgetown Figure Skating Carnival February 22 and 23 in the Georgetown arena. The five sisters, two brothers and mom and dad have all been members off and on for 14 years and have appeared in the carnival every year. From left to right: Christa, 12; Rebecca, 17; Sonja, 14; riding the unicycle; Mary, 18, and Helen, 11. Back row: Mrs. Jutta Pettingill, John, 8; on Tim's shoulders and father of the brood, Tom.

The Greatest Show on Ice is the theme of the 20th annual Georgetown Figure Skating Club carnival coming up this month. Costumes, scenery and props reminiscent of an old-time circus will highlight the three performances on February 22 and 23 in the Georgetown arena.

One of the feature attractions of the show will be the skating Pettingill family from Norval. Tom and Jutta Pettingill and their seven children, ranging from age 8 to 18, will portray a family whose children dream they have run away to join the circus.

John, youngest of the Pettingills, will be a lion tamer, training tiny, costumed preschoolers, who will be skating lions for the show.

Fourteen year old Sonja will steal the show dressed as a panda bear riding a unicycle. Christa, 12, will be a clown. The other four, who are not active members of the skating club, have not yet been assigned their parts, but they, along with mom and dad, will take part in the carnival for the 14th year in a row.

Rebecca, 17, Mary, 18, Tim, 15 and Helen, 11 have all been members at one time or another in past years.

Their mother, Jutta, makes costumes and scenery every year and dad (Tom) has been doing the photography for the skating club for a number of years. They have their own darkroom in the large frame home they built themselves on top of a hill overlooking Norval.

"We designed and built this house right down to the last clapboard," said Tom, a professional engineer who teaches mechanical technology at Sheridan College in Brampton. "It's a big and busy house, but all the kids pitch in and help."

Saturday is family clean-up time when the family members aren't busy pursuing their many interests. Mary, the eldest, is working to reserve funds for university. Her interests are her yearling filly,

reading the cards and teaching Sunday School.

Rebecca, 17, plays the piano, likes sewing and macrame, and rides the unicycle. Fifteen-year-old Tim has a passion for airplanes, and makes model planes when he's not defending himself against his five sisters. He also likes road hockey, but is not too keen on organized hockey. He claims "figure skating takes up as much energy as hockey, and you get much more ice time than if you are on a hockey team. In fact figure skating even helps hockey, because you learn to start and stop quickly."

Sonja's hobbies are gymnastics, including riding the unicycle, art, acting, crafts and cooking. "Everybody takes turns doing the cooking, because mom works part-time. She's a nurse in the psychiatric wing at Peel Hospital, so we all have to help. Dad's specialty is making soup," she bragged.

Helen, 11 takes singing lessons and Christa, 12 likes ballet and is especially keen on figure skating. Little John skates, plays with his trains and cars, and clears the table after meals.

The younger children attend Alon Public School in Peel and the older ones go to Mayfield Secondary School.

In summer the whole family piles into the Volkswagen van and takes off with two tents and a canoe for an outdoor holiday. They all love boating and swimming, and enjoy being together.

But skating seems to be the one sport that promotes family unity.

In fact the first time Jutta met Tom in South Africa he was carrying a pair of skates. "I was nursing and he was on an engineering job in Johannesburg. It was the only place in South Africa with an artificial ice rink and he was going to take advantage of it."

His love of skating has rubbed off on all the family, and spilled over onto the travel to the institute located in Wichita, Kansas. That alone will cost \$8,100.

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Bigger not better

By Henry J. Stanley
The annual meeting of the Halton Milk Committee was held on Wednesday, February 5 in the North Oakville Community Centre, Hornby, with some 40 milk producers in attendance. Craig Reid, in his chairman's remarks, stated that the present attitude towards work and our way of life must change considerably. Labor, he said, is not only a problem for farmers, but in all fields.

present generation just do not seem to know where they are going. M. Reid suggested that dairy farmers should stay at a reasonable size and look after their cows rather than trying to run too large an operation. To combat the high fertilizer costs he suggested the rotation of crops with the plowing down of alfalfa and clover to build up nitrogen and the wise use of our manure.

Commenting on the retirement of V.J. Lawrence as the secretary of the Halton Milk Committee, Craig stated that Vic was one of the most dedicated men in agriculture in Ontario. For the last 40 years he has been secretary-treasurer of a milk organization in Halton; first the Oakville Milk Producers and, more recently, the Halton Milk Committee.

Joyce Wilson, our 1975 Dairy Princess, stated that information programs are very necessary to preserve the proper image of the farmer. Last year, Joyce stated that 19.4 percent of the graduates of the Ontario Agricultural College went farming, with this percentage to increase in 1975.

Special guest speaker was Gordon Bennett, assistant deputy minister of agriculture.

Francis Redelmeier, vice-chairman of the Ontario Milk Marketing Board, answered questions and discussed the Ontario Milk Marketing Board's policies. Joe Brent, area fieldman for the Milk Commission of Ontario, announced the milk producers in Halton with the best quality records in 1974. The winner was Bryan Marshall, RR4, Milton. Bryan was closely followed by J. Bradley, J. C. Reid and S. Waters. Other runners-up were A. Buchanan, Burnview Farms; G. & J. Duenk, C. Marshall, W. A. McClure, G. McDonald and Rapner Bros.

Directors elected to a three-year term on the Halton Milk Committee were: Brock Harris, Russell Hurren, Bruce McClure and John Bird. Directors remaining on the board for two more years are: Harold Middlebrook, John Kitching, Colin Marshall and George Bird. One year directors are: Fred Nurse, H. C. Reid, George Pelletier and James C. Reid.

Officers elected were: president, H. C. Reid; vice-president, Colin Marshall; secretary-treasurer, Horace Byth; executive committee, Fred Nurse, George Bird; director to the Halton Farm Safety Council, John Bird.



HOW MANY CANDY hearts in the jar? Jody Gordon, 6, a Grade One pupil at Park School tries to estimate the exact figure for a prize to be given to the closest on Valentine's Day. Each child gets two guesses and so far the answers range anywhere from 25 to 8,000.

They sing so that others can speak

Interested in preserving some of the good old songs? The sentimental ones? The ones with feeling? Well if you are the Townsman Chorus wants you.

The Townsman Chorus is well known to many a Georgetown music buff for its efforts in keeping alive the art of barbershop singing. Starting in Georgetown it has evolved to the point where it now draws its membership heavily from the Brampton area.

However 13 members from this area are still deeply involved in the group and they're interested in seeing more local men take part.

To give anyone and everyone interested in barbershop singing an opportunity to see what it's all about the Townsman have organized a special "Guest Night" for this evening (Wednesday) in Centennial Secondary School, McMurphy Street, Brampton, beginning at 8 o'clock.

According to a spokesman for the group the night is open to any male singers who are "interested in singing for a hobby and having a good time."

Barbershop quartets have grown into something much more than just a past-time, however. Thanks to the efforts of some 35,000 barbershoppers in Canada and the U.S. over \$1.3 million has been raised and donated to students with speech defects.

An International Institute of Logopedics has been built through an all-out effort by the barbershoppers under the banner "We Sing That They Shall Speak."

This year, for instance, a French Canadian student from Montreal has been sponsored to travel to the institute located in Wichita, Kansas. That alone will cost \$8,100.

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Tree for all

The town's tree planting policy came up for discussion at Monday's works committee meeting as attempts were made to make the policy applicable for the new town of Halton Hills.

Trees will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis with requests to be received by the town engineer in writing at no charge. Trees must be planted on town-owned property in front of private residences with only one tree per residence.

The town will make known the dates trees will be available.

Ontario

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