

# Stand back Josephine, you've got competition



**WORK-A-DAY WARDROBE** for Arlene is jeans, old shirts and work boots. She doesn't even have to fuss with her hair to gain the respect of her male cohorts, who claim they don't lose their cool as often with a woman on the job.

Arlene Shortill installed an 85-gallon hot water tank yesterday. Last week she fixed a leak in the kitchen sink, and tomorrow she may repair the sewer line from your bathroom.

The 20-year-old Erin High School graduate is the second known woman in Canada to break into one of the few remaining male-dominated professions—plumbing.

Arlene, a resident of Ballinafad, was coaxed into trying out for her apprenticeship by her brother-in-law, Paul Metcalfe, also a plumber, when he got tired of her complaints about boredom in her factory job. She enthusiastically accepted the challenge and joined Paul with his firm, Dockery Plumbing and Heating in Georgetown.

"It sure beats working on an assembly line, or sitting in an office," said Arlene, who has been hopping around from job to job for the past two years since she finished school. "It's not really that hard, and not much heavy stuff. There are always two men on a big job, and three for a big boiler."

Her male colleagues enjoy having her as much as she enjoys being with them. Her boss, Mike Dochery, claims "You don't lose your cool as

often when there's a woman around. You tend to watch your language more, and have respect for a lady."

But that doesn't mean Arlene gets special privileges. She's working under the ministry of colleges and universities Apprenticeship Training Program. She is required to perform the same duties and acquire the same skills as her male cohorts, in this highly technical trade. On the job training enables her to earn while she learns.

And to top it all off (feminists across Canada rejoice), Arlene is on the same pay schedule as any male apprentice in the business. When she has completed her four and-a-half years of on the job training, combined with three, seven-week periods at college, she will collect a journeyman's wage. From there she can go on to get her Master Plumbers Certificate which entitles her to run her own plumbing and heating business.

After her first four weeks on the job, Arlene says she loves it. "It's a real challenge. Working with men is more pleasant than with women. They treat you kind of special." But best of all, she doesn't need a wardrobe. Just work boots, jeans and old shirts.



**FEMINISTS REJOICE** Canada's second known woman to break into the male-dominated sanctuary, plumbing, Arlene Shortill of Ballinafad receives the same pay schedule as any apprentice in the business and doesn't get special privileges, but does equal work. Her on-the-job training enables her to earn while she learns.

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## 1974 worst fire year ever

1974 was the worst year for fires in the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department's whole 103-year history, with an increase of 58 percent over the previous year. The three fire deaths in 1974, were the most in

any single year and the first in 12 years, according to fire Chief Ken Bulkema.

In his opinion the increase in fires was not largely due to a population increase. "The population didn't go up 58

percent," he pointed out, "people are just more careless."

During October, the month he said as Fire Prevention Month to alert the public to take fire preventative measures, there was an average of one fire

a day, more than any single month in the history of Georgetown.

All fire incidents occur around 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The chief claims "people are more relaxed at

this time of the day, more stoves are in use at mealtime, and more machines and appliances are turned on at that time of the day."

Two of the fire deaths were in buildings and one in an

automobile fire. Twenty percent of all fires were in motor vehicles and the balance of fire incidents involved faulty wiring, smoke investigation, grass fires and bush fires.

Once again the chief urges

"Fires are not caused by matches or faulty wiring. Fires are caused by people - careless people." He stressed "nothing is fireproof except a block of granite one mile beneath the surface of the ocean."

## 12 new programs added to "Y" list

The "Y" is people. People needing people, people meeting people, people helping people. Last year, 2,202 Georgetown and area people participated in 33 different programs offered by the Georgetown YM-YWCA.

Vice-president of the "Y" Marilyn Mitton outlined the various programs from Men's Fitness to Toddler's Drop-in programs, in her 1974 report at the "Y" annual meeting and dinner, Wednesday evening at the "Y" building on Mountainview Rd. She said there has been a tremendous response to programs for women made possible through a national extension grant. "Obviously there is a real need for women's activities in the community, which is why we applied for the grant."

She added, 12 new activity programs were introduced in 1974. "If we don't have something especially for you, perhaps you have one for us." Each local "Y" association plans programs and services appropriate to the size, cultural climate, facilities and specific needs of its own community.

Mrs. Mitton said one of the most exciting additions to their programming last year was recruiting the senior members from the Blue Triangle Club to share some of their intricate talents with younger members.

Some of the seniors are giving instructions in quilting and other arts. "At next year's dinner we hope to have quilts

all around the hall," she quipped.

In the president's report, Bob Clapham pointed out, since the recreation department was created there is less need for physical activities provided by the "Y", so they are moving in other directions.

An increasing number of social and educational programs are being carried out in the new facility in St. Andrew's Church where they moved in June. "We now have use of a good auditorium, storage space, nursery facilities and adequate parking space. We now have three part-time staff members, Jo Lister, executive director; Diane Featherstone, assistant program director and a secretary, Mary Livingstone. These things all help to make programming easier and more friendly."

With the use of color slides, the guest speaker, Diane Goodwillie, gave an informative talk about her experiences working with the YM - YWCA in Ethiopia, where she spent four months recently. She said the "Y" plays an extremely important part in the community. Children must attend special "Y" schools from Grades One to Four, before being accepted into government-sponsored schools. Garbed in traditional Ethiopian dress, Ms. Goodwillie told of the political strife and how the "Y" is helping victims of civil strife in that country.

It was announced at the meeting that vice-president, Marilyn Mitton would be attending the World "Y" Conference in Vancouver this year.

Special guest from National "Y" headquarters, Rix Rogers congratulated the members on the new building and noted how he was impressed with co-operation between the church, the "Y" and the community.

The meeting concluded with the election and installation of the new executive for 1975. Doug Brock will take over as president. Marilyn Mitton resumes her post as vice-president. Second and third vice-presidents are Wesley Penner and Mary Siddall. Beth Steele is the new secretary and Doreen Burt will continue as treasurer.



**RETIRING "Y" PRESIDENT** receives a "Y" pin from the members of the new executive at the annual dinner and meeting Wednesday evening in the "Y" building. From left are: vice-president, Marilyn Mitton; president, Douglas Brock; retiring president, Bob Clapham; and treasurer, Doreen Burt; and vice-president, Mary Siddall.

## They help in many ways and many help them

The Red Cross is a very old friend in the community, hospital administrator, Fred Morris told members at the annual meeting of the Georgetown and District branch of the "Y" last week. He said the community must define its own health care needs and voluntary organizations help fill those needs.

Georgetown and District Red Cross has been serving the needs of the people for 35 years, and has a present membership

of approximately 625 volunteers.

Last year 1,802 pints of blood were collected during five Blood Donor Clinics in Georgetown, by donors who turn out dependably and faithfully to support public clinics.

During the same year, 124 pieces of sickroom equipment were loaned out by the Red Cross Loan cupboard to both hospital discharges and home care patients in Georgetown and Acton.

In 1974, 62 children's outfits and six knitted sweaters were made by volunteers in their homes. Seven burned-out families were assisted with food, clothing, bedding and medication at a total of nearly \$1,000. Individual emergency aid included 143 trips to hospitals, doctors or agencies, 61 out of town services. Nine people completed the Adult

Home Nursing Course last year at St. John's United Church, and 32 others completed First Aid courses.

The Red Cross has served the community in many other ways this past year, with Services for Seniors, Homemaking Service, Water Safety programs and arts and crafts. The Junior Red Cross has 43 continually active members and 11 who attend periodically. The Red Cross youth participate in many local activities as well as foreign projects.

Retiring president, Richard Perrott, welcomed the new executive: president John Wickens; first vice, Mrs. Margaret Pope; second vice, Mrs. Gail Williamson, assistant corresponding secretary, Chris Galbraith; and assistant recording secretary, Mrs. Evaline Snow.

Service awards were presented to Mrs. Blanche Goudeketting, and Mr. Douglas Tucker. Certificates of merit were awarded to Mrs. Joyce Clarke, Mrs. Peggy Balkind, and Mrs. Crystal Thorogood. Father Pierre Wood received a special citation.

Special Blood donor awards for 50 blood donations went to Mr. V. Borisenko, Mr. N. Long, Mrs. M. McEwen, and Mrs. H. Sherk. Donors who have given blood 35 times are Mr. M. LaMothe, G. Goutlee, A. Enman, W. Geiler, D. F. Harley, Mrs. J. Roahler, M. Peardon, F. Allard, D. Sweeney, V. Borschevski, W. Burt, J. Schwaas, and H. Kroes.

Volunteer pins were received by Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, Mrs. Jean Barton, Mrs. Darlene Barrager, Mrs. Sylvia Borg, Mrs. Doreen Bew, Mrs. Beth Carter, Mrs. Shirley Chaplin, Mr. Larry Ciglen, Mrs. V. Cloke, Mrs. Jean Chapman,

## Bumps and grinds

An accident last Wednesday did \$50 damages to a car owned by Wendell Murray of 12 Norton Crescent. The vehicle was parked at Mac's Milk. The driver of the other car involved has been charged with failure to remain at the scene.

The road sign on Main Street North was damaged by Allison Gallant of Toronto. Damage to the sign has been estimated at \$50.

The narrow section of the roadway at John Street near the CNR overpass was the scene of an accident that did over \$900 damage to the two cars involved. Robert Crawford of 15 Main Street and Peter Leeves of 33 Victoria were the operators of the vehicles.

A pole, a parked car and a car driven by Albert Tuck were

heavily damaged when the Tuck vehicle slid off King Street into the hydro pole, which then fell near the car of Bruce Kay. The wires fell touching the car. Total damages were \$1,700.

Slight damage to the car of Primo Masini of Baylor Crescent was done by a car operated by Christine Flynn of John Street. The Primo car was parked unattended at Mac's Milk.

Carol and John Szymanski of Brampton received cuts and bruises resulting from a collision on Highway 7 in front of the Georgetown Market Centre. The Szymanski vehicle sustained \$1,500 in damages while the car owned by David Sandelands, 68 Stevens Drive, received \$500.

## BALLINAFAD NEWS

By Winifred Smith

Mrs. Lillie Given arrived back home on Friday after spending a pleasant holiday in Florida.

Frank Smith is home from hospital after a successful operation for the removal of a cataract.

Several couples from the community attended the Liberal Party dance in Erin on Saturday night.

Visitors at the Marshall home on Saturday were their families Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller and

Debbie from Toronto and Ruth Polo with Robbie, Vicki-Lyn and Ricky. Sympathy goes out to the Polo family on the recent death of Mrs. Polo Sr. John is presently in Italy where he attended his mother's funeral.

We are pleased that Mrs. Briggs was able to leave hospital on Sunday after treatment of injuries received recently in an automobile accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Swann and Kevin spent Sunday with her parents and other relatives at Tattingstone Farm.



**GEORGETOWN LITTLE THEATRE'S** latest production opens this Friday at Howard Wrigglesworth Public School. Sue Dunning as Reverend Mother and Helene Artuso as one of the nuns with Ron Hill as Captain Lee, rehearse for Friday's premiere.

## New leader for Glen Pack

On Sunday, March 2, the first Glen Williams Brownie Pack visited St. Alban's Church during the regular evening 6 o'clock service. The Brownies took up the collection and said their Brownie Prayer. They listened to an interesting sermon by Rev. Ruggie.

Tawny Owl, Mrs. Jean Roe, was enrolled February 19, by First Glen Williams Brown Owl, Mrs. Gwyn Ramsay.

The same day, three-year Service Stars were given out to Denise Rice, Cynthia Brown, Julie Collier, Nadine Cachia, Sandra Marchinuk, and Donna Service.

Two-year Service Stars went to Elizabeth Ramsay and Renee Veuhoff. Stars also went to Anne Ramsay, Janet Ramsay, Linda Mayhew, Jennifer Milne, Kirsten O'Reilly, Paula Harner and Diane Lawson for one year's service.

The Glen Williams Brownies have worked hard on their badges and these were given out at the same time. Denise Rice received Pet Keeper, Knitter, Singer, Jester, Artist and Observer badges; Julie Collier, Jester and Good Neighbor; Linda Mayhew, Knitter, Thrift, Singer; Renee Veuhoff, Knitter, Skier and Cooker; Sandra Marchinuk, Pet Keeper; Anne Ramsay, Cooker; and Diane Lawson, Pet Keeper.

Cynthia Brown earned her Puppeter, Knitter, Beadwork, Skater and Singer; Kirsten O'Reilly, Cooker and Beadwork; Janet Ramsay, Writer; Leanne Murray, Collector; Stephanie Sahapoglu, Knitter; Carol Steinfatt, Housekeeper; and Claire Shepherd, Knitter.

In January four Tweenies were enrolled. The new Brownies are Sandy Gimpel, Leanne Murray, Tina Moore

and Carol Steinfatt.

The First Glen Williams Brownies had a successful sale of cookies, doubling the number of boxes ordered last year.

First Aid was taught to the girls last Wednesday, February 26 by Mrs. Mary Lawson, an RN and a Brownie mother.

An outing is planned for the pack on March 10 (a school professional activity day) if the weather is favorable.

Casting is now complete for the last Georgetown Little Theatre production of the season, "The Miracle Worker."

Fred Thury, a professional director, selected his cast at a casting workshop held last week.

The cast will include: John Roe, Mary Goebel, Ron Hill, Amanda Roxborough, Margaret McGrath, Paul

McGrath, Vera Macdonald, Gary Grant, Bob Lee and Sue Dunning.

Also in the play are: Joanne Grant, Stephanie Gorin, Kathy Webb, Nicola Joyce, Elizabeth Willoughby and off-stage voices of Stephen Biggs, John Lupton, Derek Joyce, Greta Lee and Pat Joyce.

The production will be performed during the last week of April and the first week of May.

## Casting complete, on with the show