

Church, charity work win youth recognition



The Georgetown Optimists Club presented the Youth of the Year award, and plaques to the other nominees, at a banquet last Tuesday night at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. The young people whose efforts were recognized are, front row, left to right, Carolyn King, Karen Fokkens, Lynne Cunningham, who

was named Youth of the Year, Corinne Vander Wetering and James Beecker. Also nominated was Doug Gerrits, in the back row. Posing with the award winners are Optimists Gary Banks, standing beside James, and John Shaw, standing in the back row. (Herald photo)

The Georgetown Optimists Club has named Lynne Cunningham a 16 year old bundle of energy who works for church and charity. Youth of the Year for 1979.

The award is given as part of Youth Appreciation Week, which is held by Optimists Clubs of Canada, the United States and Mexico.

Six finalists were chosen from over 20 nominations received from principals of the High School and Senior Public Schools. Each of the finalists were interviewed at home with his or her parents present, and the committee of John Shaw, Gary Banks, Jim Ferguson, Gary Southworth and Bob Christie made the final choice.

Each of the finalists received a plaque commemorating the occasion. Lynn received a plaque and a \$100. bond. Assisting with the presentation of the awards were Halton Region Chairman Jack Rafkis, Deputy-Chief James Harding, acting chief of the Halton Regional Police force, Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy and Halton Hills Fire Chief Mick Holmes.

The other finalists were Karen Fokkens, Doug Gerrits, Corinne Vander Wetering, Carolyn King and James Beecker.

Lynn is 16 years old and now attends grade 11 at Georgetown District High School, having completed grades 9 and 10 at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Brampton. She graduated with honors from Holy Cross School where she was also named Female Athlete of the Year, having participated on all school teams.

Lynn is her Class representative on the Senior Students' Council, and is on the Executive of the Council. She was president of the Intramural Sports in Grade 10, and was responsible for organizing, publicizing and scheduling all girls intramural sports.

Christian Reformed Church for the past nine years. She has played soccer for seven years, and is an accomplished swimmer, having earned an Intermediate Swimming badge as part of the Canadian Red Cross Safety Service program.

Lynne has volunteered with her mother to work on the New Year's Day Telethon sponsored by CFTO Television station. She has participated in the Oxfam walk-a-thon four times.

Lynne's hobbies include travel, macrame, claywork, and watercolours. At home, she is responsible for doing the family laundry and she helps with other household chores. Lynne intends to complete grade 13 and either teach

accounting or become a police woman.

Mr. Rafkis, Mayor Pomeroy and Deputy-Chief Harding were asked to make some comments following the awards presentation. Each commended the youths for their accomplishments and wished them success in the future. Deputy-Chief Harding reminded them that his father, and many other fathers, had made the supreme sacrifice during the Second World War to win freedom for these youths and millions of others, to grow up in peace and security. He pledged the Halton Police force to work to continue to provide an atmosphere of peace, security and freedom from crime.

Municipalities want involvement with new bill on pits, quarries

The town planning board has followed the lead of Halton regional council by endorsing resolutions from Mono and Waterloo Townships seeking more municipal involvement in a proposed new bill on pits and quarries.

The resolution questioning the loss of municipal powers and the time limit for licence application investigations.

Section 64 of Bill 127, a revision of the Pits and Quarries Act of 1971, permits the provincial government to issue

a pit or quarry licence without official plan or zoning bylaw compliance.

Committee members expressed concern over the possible loss of municipal site plan and development control.

"I don't think we're being strong enough with our comments", said an irate Coun.

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Russ Miller. "It would be just a form of dictatorship if this bill is passed".

The 45-day limit to file comments and objections to pit and quarry licence applications is considered insufficient time by

the committee to carry out a thorough investigation. The committee agreed with the resolutions, which had been

previously endorsed by the region, calling for a 60-day limit.

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