



The Optimist Club of Georgetown had a tough time sifting through an impressive list of achievements and contributions by 21 local young people before selecting a Junior and Senior Youth of the Year last week. Honored at a Youth Appreciation Night banquet were two young women involved in various athletic and cultural activities, and their runners-up. Seen here are (left to right) junior finalist Martha Armstrong, Junior Youth of the Year Michele Sybersma, Georgetown Optimist president Bruce Toffen, Youth Appreciation Week Committee chairman Jim Ferguson, senior Youth of the Year Heather Gibbs and senior finalist Jill McKelvey. (Optimist Club photo)

Michele Sybersma, Heather Gibbs are Optimists' Youths of the Year

Again living up to its motto "Friend of Youth", the Optimist Club of Georgetown last week singled out four area young people for their outstanding community efforts as part of the club's annual Youth Appreciation Week activities.

A love of music, a penchant for public speaking and her participation in various community projects won 15-year-old Michelle Sybersma "Junior Youth of the Year" honors at the Tuesday night Optimists meeting, with Martha Armstrong a close runner-up.

Heather Gibbs, a Grade 13 student at Georgetown District High School, was named "Senior Youth of the Year" on the basis of her recognized athletic talents and her volunteer work around town. Runner-up in the senior category was Jill McKelvey.

The Optimists' Youth Appreciation Night banquet last Tuesday saw Mayor Pete Pomeroy who is also an Optimist, Fire Chief Mick Holmes and Halton regional police district commander Matt McPherson join club members to applaud all 21 candidates for the twin Youth of the Year titles.

Youth Appreciation Week, held this year Nov. 8 to 14, is annually designated by the Optimist Clubs of Canada and the U.S. as a period of recognition for outstanding youth involved in various community activities. As Junior and Senior Youth of the Year for Georgetown, Michelle and Heather each accepted a \$100

Canada Savings Bond from Optimist Lieutenant-Governor Stan Nolan and Mayor Pomeroy. Along with finalists Martha and Jill, they also received engraved plaques.

Michelle Sybersma attends Grade 11 at Toronto District Christian School, where she maintains above average marks and has served as class representative on the student council for the past two years. She competes on the school's track team and plays trumpet in the student band.

Michelle won top honors for public speaking in the Ontario Christian Schools competition and was selected by Georgetown Optimists to represent the community in the Optimists to represent the community in the Optimists regional finals, where she finished second. She's currently taking Grade 8 piano at the Royal Conservatory of Music and was awarded as the highest achiever in piano in 1979.

Other achievements? Michelle won a Christian Leadership award while completing Grade 8, has taught Vocation Bible School for three years and Sunday School for two years and has been a member of the Calvinesettes for four years.

Along with serving as a YMCA day camp counsellor, she's participated in several fund-raising walk-a-thons for Oxfam and other causes.

Michelle enjoys writing poetry, sketching and various crafts, as well as music and sewing. At home, she's the family's official "cookie mak-

er" every Saturday and helps with most other household chores.

At 17, Heather Gibbs is student council president and an honors student at GDHS, as well as vice-president of the Student Athletic Association.

Among the honors bestowed on Heather at GDHS are the McLaren Award for outstanding sports contributions and the Furlong Award for school citizenship and scholastic achievement. She's a member of the swimming, field hockey and track and field teams.

A former Brownie, Heather attends church regularly as a member of the choir, has played four years on community baseball teams, loves to play piano and has dabbled in

stamp collecting.

Along with her part-time job as a cashier at the A and P Store, Heather is a volunteer at the GDHS indoor pool, served as counsellor for ten to 12-year olds at Camp Towing, and still found time to participate in charity walk-a-thons and the Cancer Society's Terry Fox Day Run.

Heather would like to study science and research at university, possibly focusing on marine biology. Meanwhile, she'll be continuing her busy schedule around town and helping out the family at home.

Jill McKelvey is 18 years old and an above-average student at GDHS, where she's president of the Student Athletic Association. She's a co-winner

of the McLaren Award and competes with the track and field and field hockey teams. Jill plays piano, has taught Sunday School, loves to ski and plans to make a career of working with children.

Martha Armstrong is 13 years old and a Grade 8 student at Stewarttown Senior Public School, where she maintains an honors standing. She plays all intramural sports, is a member of a recorder group and helps out in the school office. Honored with the school's top proficiency award, Martha has helped coach gymnastics, collects miniatures and has made something of a name for herself in local public speaking and 4-H competitions.



GEORGETOWN RED CROSS CLINIC COLLECTS 404 PINTS

"Ouch!" Linda McKinnon (left) got her finger pricked Monday night at the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic in Georgetown. Welding the needle was Janice Beaven. Sponsored by the Rotary Club, the clinic collected 404 blood packs, turning away 40 people because of their medical history or low iron content. Young mothers in the community came to donate their blood in the afternoon, and by evening the Red Cross had chairs of people waiting to be called to a cot. (Herald photo)

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Honors Night this Saturday

Comrades Roy Wiggins, A. Emond, Albert Presswood, Fred Weaver, Sam Gaby, and Stan McHugh are in Georgetown Hospital. Ed Shorthill is in Toronto General Hospital. Hazel Robinson is in Georgetown Hospital.

It is with deepest regret we report that Elsie McHugh of the Ladies Auxillary passed away.

The number 23 Car Club got underway and the winners of the first draw were Roy Bradley, Don Peggie, Lucille Ryall, Ron Carter, Hank Russell and Dave Osborne. Second draw winners were George Greig, Peg Lewis, Ian McLaughlin, Max Slade, Sid Clarke and A. Zilio.

Third draw winners were F. Garbutt, Martin Moriarity, Mid Brunski, G. Stoddard, Jim Harris and Mildred Herbert. Fourth draw winners were Cecil Soper, Ora McLaughlin, Pat Barr, Roger Darling, Mike

Harley and Murray Wild. Fifth draw winners were Ruth Reid, J. Pope, W. McCartney, Cecil Soper, Ian McLaughlin and Brian and Ellen Bastedo.

Sixth draw winners were Joe Hatfield, G. Sandifer, R. McKnight, Mary Norton, Shirley McDonald and Bernie Tolson.

Thursday is the Ladies Auxillary general meeting, starting at 8 p.m. The Ladies' Bazaar is Saturday. Anyone who wishes to donate any articles, drop them off this week at the executive room. Jessie Hayes will take care of all donations. Saturday evening is membership, Honors and Awards night. Anyone who has not been initiated contact Pat Chamberlain. After the ceremonies there will be dancing by Arrow. There will be no entertainment in the Lounge Saturday. There will be a pub night in the Lounge Nov. 27. It will be a good night of dancing, music, sing song and entertainment by Local talent.



LEGION LINES

By Tom Elliott



BANJO BREAKFAST

When he's not blasting the Ontario government from his seat among the Liberal Opposition members, MPP Julian Reed can be found stirring up his constituents with some tricky banjo playing and flavorful folksong that shows a musician's love for tradition. Norval's favorite son will join another well-known local musician, Iva Davidson (who happens to be the mother-in-law of Norval's other favorite son, Mayor Pete Pomeroy) when the Georgetown Jayettes treat local early risers to an Old Tyme Country buffet breakfast this Sunday from 8 to 10 a.m. Mr. Reed and Mrs. Davidson will supply music to munch by at St. Alban's parish hall in Glen Williams, with all proceeds from the Jayettes event pledged to the hearing disabled at Milton's E.C. Drury School. For tickets, call Jayettes Dianne Penrice (877-8768) or Fiona Thibideau (877-3855).

Mayor, MP head for Ottawa talks

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company had put the local operation in jeopardy. Despite protests from Mr. McDermid's office, as well as local and regional officials, FIRA officials were apparently unmoved.

"FIRA has been a thorn in the side of virtually everyone in the field," Halton region's business development director, Matthew Fischer, said.

"We were aware of the Irwin-Dorsey situation and offered assistance in the form of a statement from the region attesting to the company's value in the community. We pleaded for clemency."

It's unlikely that the country will ever be able to tell how much investment has been scared off because of FIRA's investigations, he added, noting that myths about the agency may be forming in foreign businesses, further eroding the nation's attractiveness as an investment area. The expansion of the Neil-

son's plant in Georgetown should "more than offset" the lost revenue from the Irwin-Dorsey closure, Mr. Fischer said, but maintained that Irwin-Dorsey will be dearly missed in the community because it was a good, stable employer.

He echoed Mayor Pomeroy's disappointment at the closure and described Irwin-Dorsey's fate as not being sealed by economic conditions.

"FIRA was designed so that deals were made in the best interests of the Canadian economy," Mr. McDermid said. "How is the closure of Irwin-Dorsey in our best interests?"

"I guess when the minister (Herb Gray, industry, trade and commerce) has to deal with 2,500 laid off at McDonnell-Douglas in Malton and 2,400 laid off at Canadian Admiral, a little employer like Irwin-Dorsey isn't too important to him. Well, I think every job is important."

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few college students have children of their own.

After reporting the details of Mr. Bryant's protest last month, the college's weekly newspaper, the Sun, conducted a mail-in survey that garnered only five responses. Four students said they agree with Mr. Bryant's contention that men should be eligible for single

parent allowances. Student pollster Jeff Rosen decided to try and gather a wider response and strolled the Oakville campus asking passers-by for their opinions.

Mr. Rosen told The Herald that 62 per cent of those polled also agree with Mr. Bryant's stand. Two per cent oppose any change to current legislation, and six per cent said they are undecided.

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