



The future was the subject of discussion by these eight youngsters participating in the Georgetown Optimists oratorical contest March 9. Speaking on "You and I and Tomorrow" were (in front) Richard Soverly, 9, of George Kennedy Public School who placed first among the boys, (seated left to right) runner-up Shannon Burrell, 10, of Limehouse Public School, girls' first

Melanie Piers, 10, of George Kennedy Public School, second Lisa Carter, 10, of Joseph Gibbons Public School, (standing, left to right) second Greg Lindberg, 14, Georgetown District High School, Glenn Murdoch, 13, Holy Cross Roman Catholic School, Chris Williams, 12, Limehouse Public School, and runner-up Chris Stoddart, 11, of Joseph Gibbons Public School.

Speaking like champs

The Optimist Club of Georgetown's annual oratorical finals were held March 9 with a good turn-out by both contestants and Optimists.

The young people who spoke on various topics were all very good and the judges had their work cut out for them in coming up with the winners.

Zone finals will be held March 30 at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. The Optimists extend their best wishes to finalists Richard Soverly and Melanie Piers, both from George Kennedy Public School.

Optimist John Shaw is this year's winner of a Life Membership in Optimists International. This high honor is presented to one deserving member each year in recognition of his commitment to youth, and Optimist John is well-deserving. Congratulations, John, and keep up the good work.

COMING EVENTS: Today (Wednesday) - Bang-o-rama meeting at Optimist Johns.

Saturday (March 20) - Drug seminar at North Halton Golf Club; a complete day with special speakers, doctors, etc. Cost is \$100 for interested participants, lunch included; Georgetown Optimists will be guests but will buy their own lunches.

April 30 - Quarterly board meeting in Rockton, with president Sy Silverman in attendance.

May 24 - Georgetown Optimist's Bang-o-rama in Fairgrounds Park.

June 27-30 - Optimists International convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

TRIP OF THE MONTH DRAW: The early bird draw for those who paid cash for their Trip of the Month tickets was won by Optimist C. Baker.

The first trip draw was won by William Brooking of Mississauga, who'll be visiting Florida's Yacht Harbor on a vacation arranged through Roos Travel. A consolation prize of \$100 was won by Mrs. M. Martin.

Suit of the Month was won by Bill Meeks and Jim Ferguson, who'll be wearing clothing provided by Stevenson's Men's Wear.

March 8 saw the Optimist's annual Pass, Dribble and Shoot event competition well-attended by young people; everyone had a good time. Thanks to all who attended both as competitors and helpers. Hope to see you all again next year.



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Letters to the editor

Smile, readers, it's St. Patrick's Day

To the editor of The Herald:
Dear Mr. St. Patrick's day is with us again and there will be notable Irish in many lands participating in some way to do honor to this great saint who brought Christianity to the pagan Celtic Irish in the year of AD432.

His birthplace still remains very much a mystery, but as the story would have it, he was born in Britain in the year of AD305 and at the age of 16, he was captured by Irish pirates in a slave raid and brought to Ireland.

He spent six years there as a herdsboy in the Sléish Mountains in County Antrim. Having made good his escape, he devoted his life to

heartily to his teaching and adored his presence among them until his death in the year of AD461.

He was buried in Downpat-

rick in the County Down and his grave is still a token of respect for his 29 years of missionary work, and for his banishing of the snakes from

Ireland. So, the Irish in turn spread this faith in God throughout Europe and other lands as well, thus meriting Ireland's

reputation as an Island of Saints honoring St. Patrick. Yours sincerely, George Graham R.R. 1, Limehouse

Wants 'prayer day' at night

Wake up, women! Wake up, men! Wake up, rural Halton! It's a World Day of Prayer, not a Women's World Day of Prayer.

Men pray too, don't they? Why not an evening World Day of Prayer Service in Halton for rural folk who want to participate? A family affair?

When we're awake, another half of the world is sleeping. There should be an afternoon and an evening

service on this extraordinary occasion.

More things are brought by prayer than this world dreams of: it's quite remarkable that people of so many faiths pause on the same day of the year for prayer. Why not join them? That's truly ecumenical.

Sincerely, Waverley Haist, RR2 Georgetown

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And now thou art high
In the heavens above,
On Erin's green valley
Look down with thy love.

much learning and was later sent by Rome to convert the Irish people to a true faith in God. Having travelled the length and breadth of Ireland in his missionary work, there were many churches, monasteries and shrines built and dedicated to his name.

It was on the hill of Tara in the County of Meath that he picked the shamrock from the soil to explain the three divine persons in one God.

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