

There were 15 noteworthy essays recently submitted to the Georgetown Optimists for an essay contest. Among those taking part were (front, left to right) Rob Ferguson, Allyson Tracey, Nicki Fraser, Glenna Wellstead, and Margaret Zebedee, (back)

Scott Kline, Optimist Tom Ramautarsingh, Rick McGregor, Michael McCarthy, Paul Watts, Dave Taylor and Optimist Stan Baggins. Missing are Kevin Kotani, Karen Hartshorn, Mark Armstrong and Chris Schirm.

Freedom our most precious heritage

Georgetown's Karen Hartshorn not only won first prize in the Georgetown Optimist essay writing contest. She went on to place third in the district with her essay. She'll be receiving her prize in Orillia May 4.

Karen is a Georgetown District High School student who expects to graduate this year. The essay topic was "Freedom, our most precious heritage".

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Brampton & Institute elections

p.m. A special invitation is extended to all young

women of the communi-

By KAY WILSON Herald Correspondent NORVAL - The annual meeting of the Brampton West Women's Institute was held at Huttonville United Church April 9.

Isabel Fraser and Doris Sharpe convened the pot luck luncheon.

President Dorothy Ostrander conducted the meeting. Secretary Treasurer Jane Terry recorded the minutes. Convenors and representatives reported a successful year. District president Grace Cook was a guest and installed the 1985-86 officers:

President Dorothy Ostrander, first vicepresident Isobel McKay, secretary treasurer Jane Terry, assistant secretary Isabel Fraser, district director Isobel McKay, branch directors Mary Garbutt, Margaret Eccles, Mae Dixon. Isabell McClure will look after public relations.

Members were advised that the O.M.A.F. is presenting a consumer information program, featuring Ontario beef, pork, veal and lamb at the Junior Farmer Building, Elliot Street in Brampton April 29 at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a slide presentation and recipe

demonstrations. Admission is \$3 per person. Everyone is welcome. Achievement programs for 4-11 basic baking are being held April 17 at 7:15 p.m. and Saturday April 27 at 10 a.m. at W.J. Fenton Secondary School.

Castlemore Branch is hosting the Peel South District annual meeting May 8 at St. Bartholomew United Church, Abbey Road, Brampton. Brampton West

Women's Institute is recognizing the year of youth with an invitation to hear Dr. Kathleen Brown of Department of Family Studies, University of Guelph, speak about money matters of interest to young women. The meeting will be

held at Huttonville Public School May 14, 7:30

90th wishes By KAY WILSON

Herald Correspondent NORVAL - The family of Guy Wilson invite you to help celebrate his 90th birthday at an open house at Norval United Church April 21 from 24 p.m. Best wishes only.

Thankoffering

By KAY WILSON

Herald Correspondent NORVAL - Norval Presbyterian Church women's missionary society thankoffering meeting is April 23, 2 p.m. All are welcome.

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MP 'under attack'

GDHS student drop-in

By DAVE ROWNEY Herald Staff The scene was remi-

niscent from a television program in the sixties called "Under Attack".

Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid fielded questions to a roomful of inquisitive high school students Thursday morning.

He was the guest of St. George's Anglican Church drop-in program called "Open Door".

Like the show Under Attack, Mr. McDermld fielded questions in a session with students in free-for-all discussion.

on on political patronage, tax relief to oil companies, jobs for youth, our national debt and other questions.

He expressed his opini-

He said the Progressive Conservative Party in their move to give oil companies a tax break will create jobs for Cana-Excessive taxes were

hurting the companies' eash flow, making It difficult to invest their money back into exploration and expansion, he sold. There are 50 compa-

nies in the Brampton-Georgetown riding that would benefit by a healthier oil industry because they sell products to them, the MP said.

He told the students

that independent estimates say 300,000 jobs can be created through the government's decision "over a very short period of time."

Mr. McDermid talked about why it was necessary for his government to cut some programs in different ministries. "The toughest thing for a politician to say is no," he sald.

At present the government is taking in about \$65 billion in revenue but is spending about \$100 billion, he told the stu-

To make up the difference, "it will be you and your children that will have to pay," he said. The MP denied that

were paid too much money for their tasks. He said that his secretary just left his office to take a job for \$4,000 more

government employees

per year in the private sector. A deputy minist-

\$100,000 for administrating a budget of \$22 billion, but a Bell Canada

chairman might make \$900,000 a year, he said. One student asked what his stance was on nuclear arms. "Our government's policy is no nuclear arms on Canadian soil," he told his audience.

Canada will continue their support of their NATO allies, but he added that "we're all interested in ending this absurd (arms) race that is going on."

He was asked if he thought Canada supported the United States too much.

Mr. McDermid said, "we can't divorce ourselves from the U.S.' Because of geography and with 75 per cent of our exports going to the States, there will always have to be "Interplay", he sald.

Land of the tall pine trees

By J.M. ROWE Herald Special

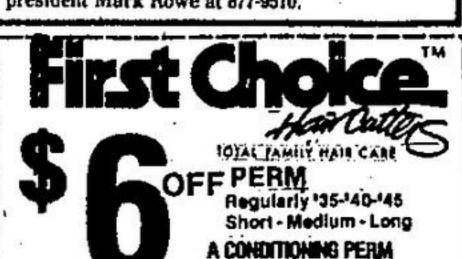
"The land of tall pines" is the official interpretation of the name Esquesing. On Sunday May 26, an official tour of the land of tall pines will

be sponsored by the Esquesing Historical Society.
This township, Esquesing (now Halton Hills and part of Milton) was opened for settlement in 1819 and was a vast wilderness blanketed in white

We have grown considerably over the past 166 years but we still have some pines left to us. The Historical Society is offering members

and the general public an opportunity to have a conducted bus tour of the township. The tour will commence in downtown Georgetown at 2 in the afternoon. It will proceed up to Limehouse and Acton where passengers can

be picked up at Acton Mews. The tickets for this unique tour sell for \$3 pers person and are available from Oxbow Books, Main Street, Georgetown or from Historical Society president Mark Rowe at 877-9510.



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