



The Lions Hall was packed March 10 as Georgetowners honored the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band, the 1986 Citizen of the Year. Former and current band members gathered for this picture. Seated in front are Irene Crichton, former piping instructor Allan Munn, and Grace Wood. (Herald photo)

Top citizen shouldn't fear swelled heads, says speaker

By ANI PEDERIAN

It's okay to get a swelled head, members of the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band were told last week at a dinner in their honor. A swelled head means more air, which means more oxygen, which in turn means a better hum out of the bagpipes, joked speaker Mona Milne March 10. It was the 15th Citizen of the Year dinner hosted by the Georgetown Lions Club, and the Pipe Band was given a number of plaques, not only from the Lions Club but from various levels of government acknowledging its contribution to the community. Lions Club member Pearce Porter said every time he hears the Pipe Band it makes him feel proud, and not just because his daughter belongs to it, but because people in other communities compliment the band. He noted how packed the Lion's Hall was at the dinner and wondered aloud whether it was because the Pipe Band was very popular or had a lot of relatives. There were over 100 people present. The Citizen of the Year award is an annual award given to an individual or group who give unselfishly to the community. The 44-year-old Pipe Band was started by Marg Patterson and Alice Reed who asked Mac McLaughlin to teach them how to play the bagpipes. The first shipment of bagpipes from Scotland got torpedoes during the war and never arrived.

Currently with 23 members, the Pipe Band has a history of awards and honors received around the globe. In 1946, at a Lions Club convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, they were presented with the keys to the city. The next summer, leading a parade down Broadway, they won the \$500 prize. In 1967, the Pipe Band came first at the Flower Festival Trophy in Brampton, and at the Kitchener Band Festival. They were first also in 1971 at the Stoney Creek Canada Day parade, in 1973 at the CNE International Championships, and in 1975 at the Burlington Games. The awards have continued, culminating with a "best overseas band" in the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland last summer. Representing Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid, Georgetown resident Mona Milne said Pipe Band members have a wonderful gift, a talent they are sharing with all. A letter from Mr. McDermid recalled his boyhood days when he was introduced to the Pipe Band by his father. There was also a telegram from the prime minister which said the celebration reflects the high esteem in which the Pipe Band is held by the citizens of Georgetown. "You have brought pride and distinction to the people of Georgetown," it said. "I wish I could lay claim to the number of awards and accomplishments they have," Mr. Knight said, presenting Pipe Major Virginia Hulme with a scroll of recognition for community service from Ontario. Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller said he was really proud to have the Pipe Band in the community. He said for the first 10 years of his life he thought they were the Limehouse Pipe Band because of all the Limehouse girls who belonged to it. Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomroy said the Pipe Band always made him feel like part of the family when they were at a special occasion together, and he was feeling lonely. He read from a 1946 issue of the Georgetown Herald written by then editor and owner Walter Blehn, about the girls. The article notes a wave of admiration sweeps through the audience everytime the Pipe Band performs, and calls the Pipe Band a valuable municipal asset that deserves whatever support townspeople are prepared to give. "A first-rate attraction for the public," Pipe Major Virginia Hulme responded to the overwhelming praise with pride. She noted there have been over 200 members in the Pipe Band over the years, carrying Georgetown's name to other towns and countries. While belonging has been fun, it has also meant lots of sweat and tears and time away from the family and lasting friendships. "The Band is fortunate to have so much ongoing support from our families and friends, which we lovingly call our 'groupies,'" Mrs. Hulme said. "We are exceedingly grateful, terribly proud, and from the bottoms of our hearts, we thank you all."

Legion Lines

FRIDAY NIGHT EUCHRE-March 13, Winners, Ladies: 1st Myra Peneasy, 2nd May Lawr, Booby Dorothy Barr, Most Lone Hands Lois Richardson, Men: 1st Orval Paul, 2nd Mike Laky, Booby Dan Smith, Most Lone Hands Ross West. **SPORTS**-Our 10 pin bowlers and our Euchre teams, all had a very enjoyable day on Saturday, however, Lady luck was not looking their way. Better luck next time. I can report that Branch 120 Ladies Auxiliary Bowlers fared well, and a team will be going to the Provincial Bowling on April 25. Well done Ladies. **STEAK SHOOT**-March 21. Starting at 3 p.m. in the Branch clubroom. **CAR CLUB**- Tickets are being distributed, if you have not received yours yet, check with your Captain. The support received for our fund raising events such as the Car Club, has enabled the Branch to donate over \$30,000 to local charities and groups during the last 2 years. A lot of money, made possible by your support, thank you. **ENTERTAINMENT**- March 21 Publones, March 28 Audrey and Norm Eyr. A date for your calendar, April 4. Honors and Awards night. If you are eligible for a long service pin (25, 30, 35 etc years service) put your name on the sheet on the Branch notice board. If in doubt, check with Eric Clarke, Branch Membership Chairman. On this evening, following the initiation and presentation of the awards, there will be dancing to the music of 'Boots' Hurren. **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**- March 28.

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Historic map ready for April unveiling

By CHARLIE GIBBS

Herald Special When George Tremain printed several hundred copies of his map of Halton County in 1856, perhaps he would have been the last person to expect one of them to be hung in the library of his home town, more than 130 years later. But he would have been surprised. Next month, the Georgetown library, in conjunction with the Esquering Historical Society, will be formally unveiling one of six remaining maps in the area after an extensive restoration process costing \$1,700. The Tremain map, which measures about 20 square feet, was donated to the Georgetown Library by Halton Hills resident Marion Young in 1983. Mrs. Young acquired the map from the family of Dr. Allen McCullough after his death 30 years ago. Dr. McCullough probably acquired the map directly from the printer, George Tremain, in 1858. "I am very pleased with the Historical Society's decision to restore the map," said Mrs. Young. "I have always felt that papers should be available to public, and not rolled up in a corner in my house."

Lewis was also director of the Historical Society at the time that the decision was made to restore the map. The Tremain map was restored by Mr. Keith Felton of The Framing Centre and Georgetown Book Binding. "We restore lots of maps and prints, but this was by far the largest project we've had," Mr. Felton said. The process took about a total of 40 hours, spread over a time period of three or four days. There were six different stages involved. First, the heavy layer of varnish, which was about one sixteenth of an inch thick had to be removed. To do this, the massive map was laid in a shallow tank of chemicals, and was carefully rubbed with cotton wool. Next, the linen backing had to be removed. Because the map was so old, the paper broke up into about 200 pieces during this process, but Mr. Felton was prepared. Like a giant jigsaw puzzle, the map was de-acidified with more chemicals, and then carefully put back together on a Japanese tissue backing. No surprisingly, Mr. Felton felt that "this was the hardest part."

Legion ladies

By MID BRUNSKI

Georgetown Ladies Auxiliary "C" Team with Marion Carney as captain took 5th place in bowling last Saturday in Port Credit. Congratulations to Marion, Jean Foster, Monica Southon, Leanne Hall, Hazel Dumper and Anne Nicholson. This team will be going on to the Provincial in London, April 25. Our best wishes and pride in you ladies for this coming tournament. Mary Franks, our chairperson for the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance has once again presented a wonderful evening for the lucky ticket holders who were present. Marion Carney who is always so supportive, made and contributed many of the decorations for the hall. Mary Franks wishes to thank all who helped to make this dinner and dance the huge success it was. Keep March 21st open for zone bowling in Oakville and April 4 will see district darts at Dundas. Do please remember our shut ins and try to get a card off to them as it would cheer up the day for Abbie Haley and Margaret Hunter in Milton Manor and Annie Heney in Peel Manor, Lillian Roney, Napanee, and Thelma Green and Aleda McCartney at the Bennett Centre. I have been trying without much success to get Hazel Preston's address and hopefully by next week will have this information for you. Do please take care of yourselves.

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WHAT'S YOUR BEEF...

Norval ladies had lots

By KAY WILSON

Herald Special NORVAL-Norval Women's Institute met at the home of Amy Burke March 5 at 2 p.m. President Norine Van Leeuwen led in singing the Ode and repeating the Collect. Marguerite Hunter read the minutes with a thank you from the Eiland Lee Home for a donation in memory of a former member, Corrie Graham. A donation will be sent to the Georgetown Agricultural Society Ladies Division. Reports from convenors are to be in for the next meeting. Eleanor Hyatt and Reta Deenk are to take the course Short

Order-Meals. "What's your beef" proved to be a controversial roll call, so much so that it took up all the meeting time. Some people talked about television movies which are demoralizing for young children and embarrassing commercials. Others talked about changes that might be made in rural mail delivery and rural post offices. The naming of regional roads was another thorny issue. Because the regional roads have been named differently, the long-time residents don't know what road they are talking about. The newer residents don't care, some in the group said.

It was discussed that it would make more sense to keep things as they were, because the lines are measured in five lots with the sideroads coming in between, thus you have 5th Sideroad, 10th Sideroad, etc. Even old names are being forgotten and it was mentioned that old heritage names such as Esquering Township are very rarely used now. There were also some gripes about the post office. Letters that should take a few days now take a week or more on occasion. When you read of mail bags left in a mail truck that had broken down for three months and wasn't noticed you begin to wonder, the group agreed. Another complaint centered around an immigration officer who was fired after his complaints forced the department to alter its refugee backlog program to exclude known criminals. John Quigley, who was recommended for advancement, has apprehended a number of dangerous criminals in the Toronto area. The firing took place after the deputy minister hired two detectives to find the source of the leak. Following the roll call, a contest on "old sayings" was conducted by the hostess and won by Marie Murray, Gladys Chester, Dorothy McLean and president Norine. The hostess served the lunch assisted by Reta Deenk brought the meeting to a close.

Exceptional children topic of guest speaker

NORVAL-Pinegrove Community met at the home of Keith and Ethel Webb March 9. Keith welcomed all members and five visitors. Prairie Bessey read the minutes with a thank you from Bruce Thatcher. Marie Murray introduced guest speaker Catherine Kirby who spoke about exceptional children. She said "society has changed a lot in the last 10 years and more so in the last two years, as these children are being integrated into the school system. Ms. Kirby said she has a lot of respect for the parents and the pain they suffer, as other people aren't always kind to their children. It takes a lot of patience to teach a child to dress himself or tie his shoe lace. However, once learned, the look of satisfaction on his face expresses a million thanks, she said. Spence Wilson thanked Ms. Kirby and presented her with a hibiscus plant. Catherine has been working in this field for 12 years and is presently teaching at Sheridan College, as well as attending the University of Waterloo in her second year working on her Bachelor of Arts. The second part of the evening was spent playing euchre. The winners were Irene Hunter, Norma Pirth, Prairie Bessey and Chester Early. Lunch was served by the Webbs, assisted by Jean Harrop and Marguerite Hunter.

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