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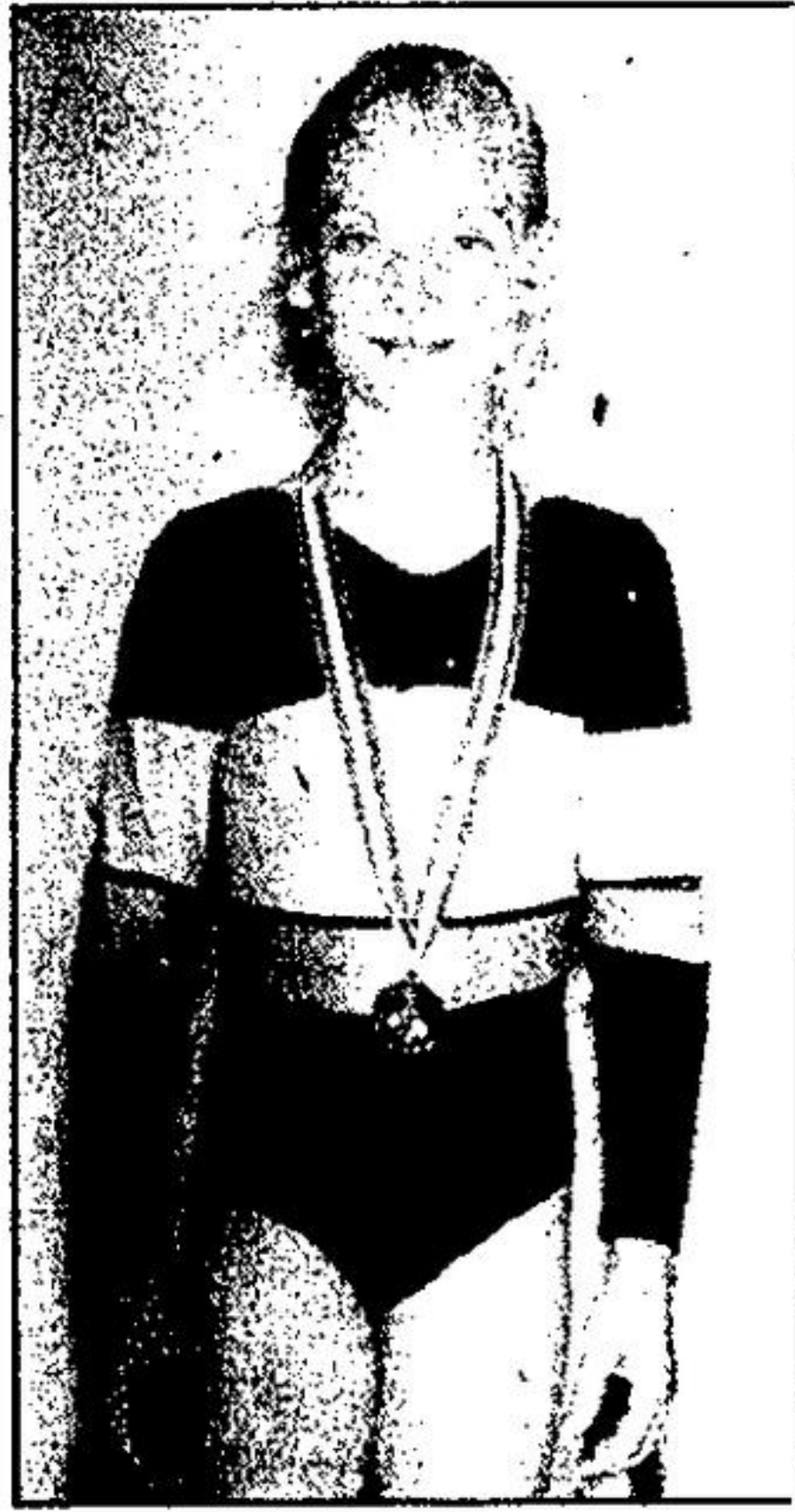
Clark mines silver in Ont. gym final



Tracey Clark turned in the best performance ever by a member from the Halton Hills Gymnastics Club at the Tyro C Classic in Bracebridge May 27 finishing with a silver medal. Tracey scored 8.90 on the vault, 8.80 on the bars, 8.85 on the beam and 9.05 on the floor. (Herald photo)



Jennifer Stocks won the all-round gold medal in the pre-competitive level of the Tyro C Classic in Bracebridge May 28. Jennifer won the gold by placing first on the vault, second on the floor, first on the beam and sixth on the bars. (Herald photo)



Kendra Jones took first overall at the Guelph Saltos Advanced Recreation Meet on May 14. The Halton Hills Gymnastics Club member finished fourth on bars, first on beam, third on floor. (Herald photo)

Eagles win and lose in rep ball split

It was feast and famine for the Georgetown Lions Club Midget Eagles rep baseball squad last week as the locals split a pair of contests.

On June 4 the Eagles were grounded 4-0 by Clarkson after opening the week on a winning note with a nailbiting 8-7 squeaker over Milton May 31.

Against Clarkson, Georgetown played well defensively but couldn't find the bats, managing only five hits - three by Adam Hagen and a pair by Scott Van de Valk.

However, Georgetown managed to strand Clarkson with bases loaded twice as the Eagles turned in one of their best defensive performances to date.

Dave Ridley made an excellent catch to end one Clarkson rally and Eddie Doyle struck out the final batter to end another. Both Van de

Valk and Doyle pitched well for Georgetown.

On May 31, Mike Engleby, Bobby Dezeurw and Kevin Usher led the way for the Eagles with two hits apiece. Jeff Hannah, Adam Hagen, John Butler and Eddie Doyle added a hit each and Hannah and Hagen combined for the win and save, respectively.

Facilities available

A variety of facilities in Halton Hills are available for use to groups for meetings, dances, fundraising or sporting events. These facilities include Community Centres (Cedarvale, Norval and Hornby), the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, the Prospect Park Boathouse, the Gordon Alcott, Georgetown Memorial and Acton Arenas as well as swimming pools in both Acton and Georgetown.

Kentner's on top in Kinsmen slugfest

By DEE DEE HAYNES
Herald Special

Kentner's Catering more than doubled their opponents, the Optimists, 28-11, in a five inning slugfest in Kinsmen Girls Softball League Intermediate play last week.

Smashing in homeruns for the victors were Kerri Van de Valk, and Carrie Crocker. Unfortunately, no other information could be taken from the incomplete scoresheets.

In other intermediate action, Delrex Smoke Shop played an extraordinary game, as they only allowed Elks Lodge one run, in their 10-1 victory. Smashing in the game's and her team's only homerun was Erinn Sterringa of

Elks.

Pitching an outstanding game for Delrex were Amanda Tutt and Andrea Le Bannister. Trying to get something started for their team were Kelly Campbell, Cindy Rouillard, and Sterringa. Game stars were Sterringa of Elks and Tutt of Delrex.

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Once again, the junior spectators were treated to a close battle as Standard Products edged out Young's IDA, 24-22. Game star honors went out to Jenn Cash of Young's IDA as well as the entire Standard Products team who all

played a very good game.

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Interest rates have fallen again! Does this sound like a good time to buy? You bet it is! I would think that any first time buyer who has even contemplated buying a home, should really be out there looking over what is on the market. Our lending institutions are making it easy for you to borrow money, the prices are excellent and if you are careful about choosing your new home, you might even be able to find a home that has some income coming into it, to help offset your mortgage costs. It certainly makes sense to browse in a market with no pressure, and it makes sense to buy when the rates are reasonable. There are many ways to achieve your dream of owning a home, if you just sit down and talk with a knowledgeable real estate representative - but before you go, here's a few tips.

Firstly, write down your total gross income - if there are two of you, combine your incomes. Now make a column of your current debt load, i.e.: car payments, etc. and then put down a figure that you are comfortable paying on a monthly basis. Next take these notes to the representative of your choice and have him or her go over them with you. It might be that you have left something out, and the figures are not accurate, but it is easy to spot little things and adjust the figures so that one can deal with a full deck. Now, it is a simple matter of determining if you can come up with sufficient cash for a down payment (usually 10 per cent of the purchase price) and figure out your mortgage payments. Sometimes it is the down payment that gets in the way of buying a home - and I know that it is difficult to come up with that cash. However, if you have some family member that would be willing to help you out a little, through the initial crunch, or even your bank manager, you can jump over this hurdle easily enough.

Now, if you can find a home suitable that has an income with it, you can expect that a great percentage of your mortgage payment will be offset with your additional income. Fortunately, in Georgetown and Acton, we have a very limited number of rental units, so vacancy rates are almost nil. What a boost to finally know that it is possible to own your own home - and what an investment it is.

After you have your foot on the first rung of the ladder, it is easy after that. It is only the initial step that is the hardest - but there are lots of trained people out there to help you make wise decisions - and I know that you will be glad that you bit the bullet while the odds were with you. Start small, and before you know it, you will be advising others how to do it.

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