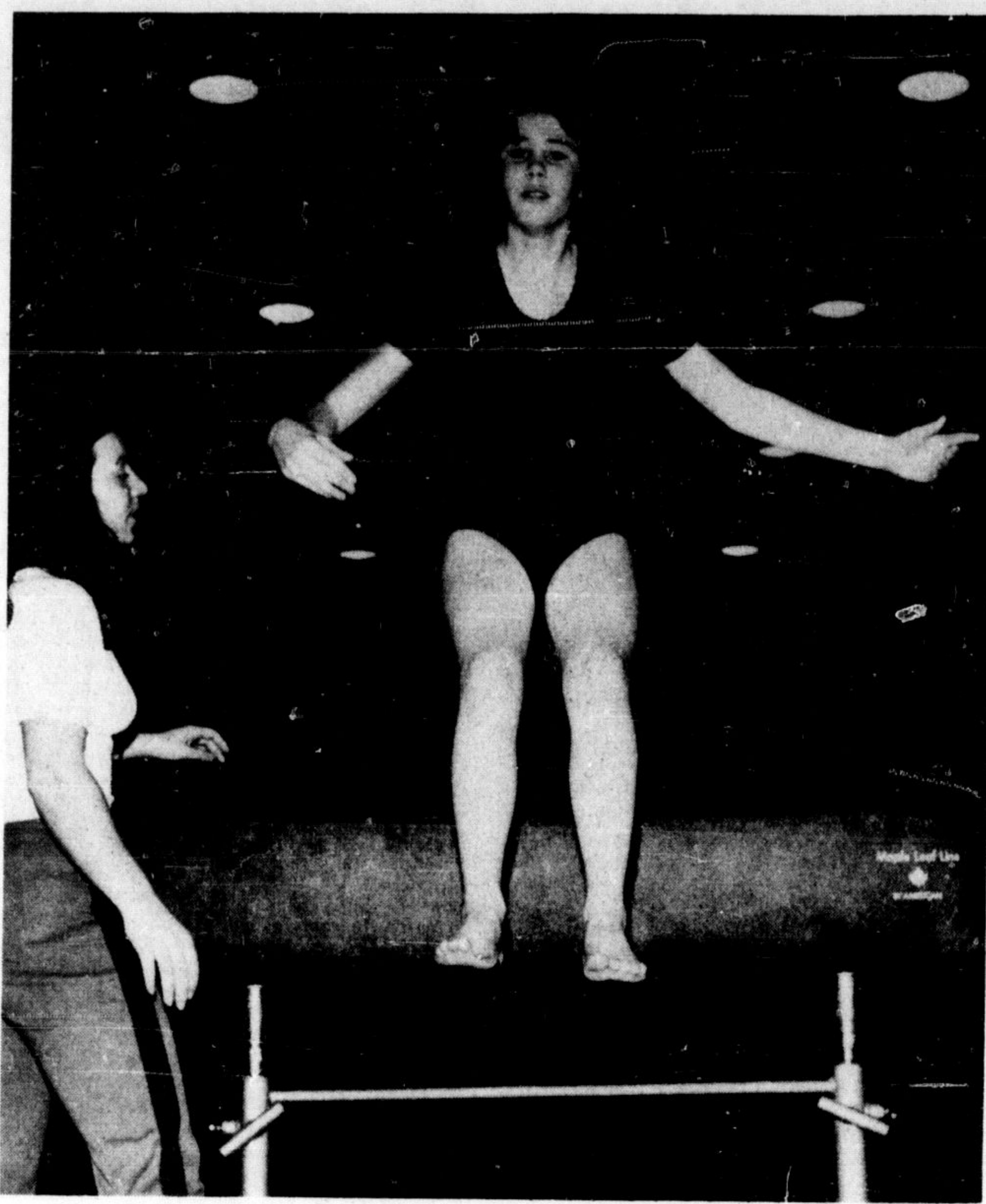
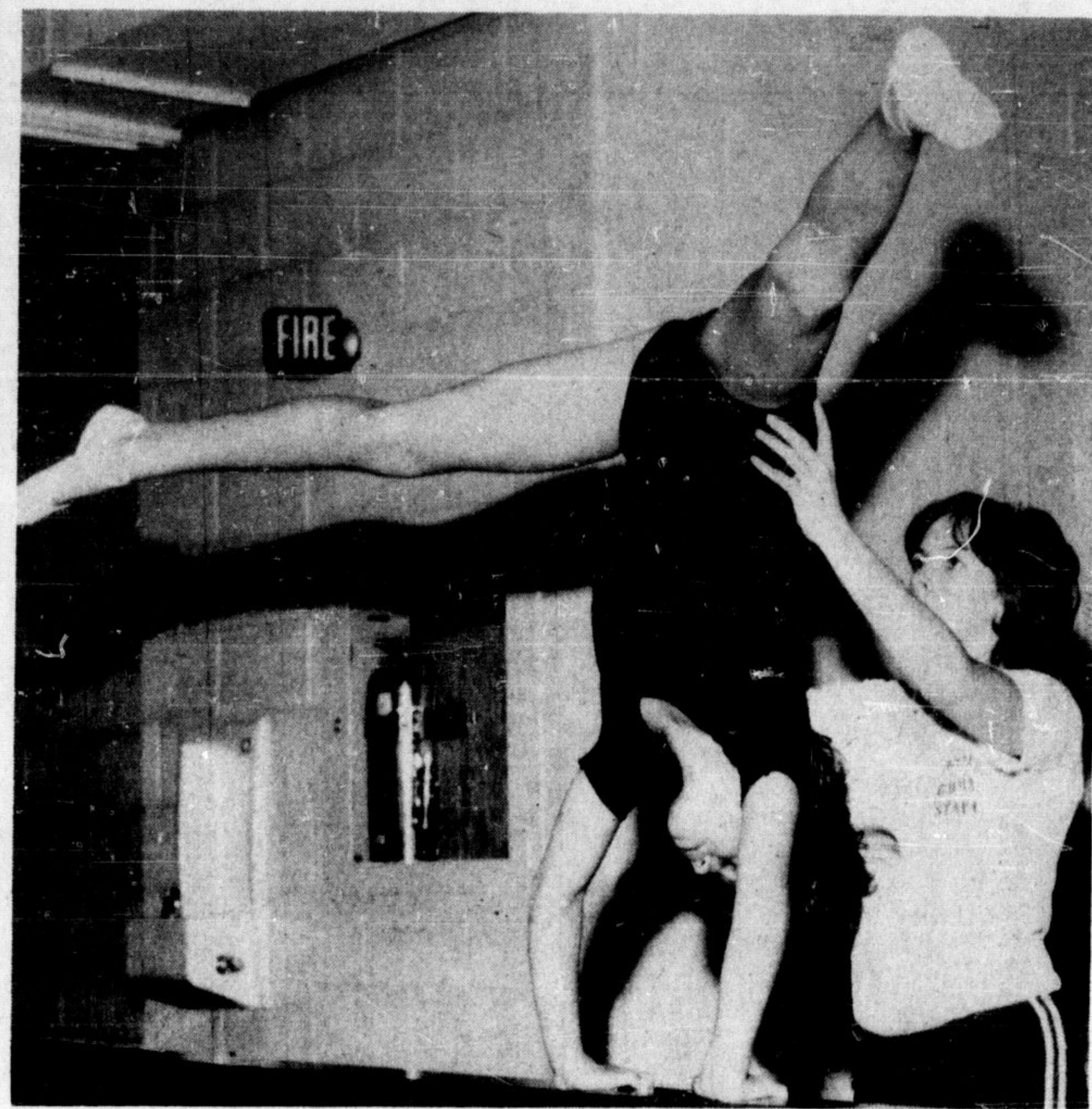




A LOOK OF TERROR grips Nancy McWhirter as she dismounts the balance beam with the help of instructress Jill Boothby. Gymnasts work on the balance beam, trampoline, uneven parallel bars, vaulting horse and tumbling mats in the twice a week sessions at OSD.



OVER THE HORSE goes Theresa Gies as Toronto instructress Mary Cappello watches. The second gymnastic session will commence in January.



BALANCE BEAM work is displayed by Nancy McWhirter with help of chief instructress Jill Boothby. Four instructresses coach about 30 fledgling gymnasts.

Across the Editor's Desk

By Roy Downs

Tom Hill, Mayor-elect of the new Halton Hills municipality, has been having a run of good luck with draw tickets. He recently drew the prize winning tickets at a real estate firm's grand opening in Georgetown and the fifth ticket was his own. He turned over his \$25 cash prize to the Lions Club Christmas fund.

And guess who was the big winner in the Lions Club Grey Cup draw? Right, Tom Hill again. He took home a \$400 prize in that one.

The Champion staff is busy following Santa Claus around town these days. We've run into the jolly old gent at several events sponsored by local organizations, industries and institutions.

If you're planning a Christmas party for the young-uns, give us a call a day or two in advance so we can arrange coverage.

Speaking of St. Nick, Halton East MPP Jim Snow was playing Santa Claus on Wednesday when he brought along a nice cheque for the parks board to the annual civic banquet. After he turned over the cheque for \$7,825, the Ontario government's contribution to the new community centre building at Rotary Park, Mayor Brian Best suggested the honorable member for Halton East was "wearing his red suit tonight."

Snow got the biggest laugh of the night, however. The microphone wasn't working properly and when the six foot, four inch MPP adjusted the mike to his height it let out a loud squeak. Then it continued to whistle while the red-faced Snow stood staring at it.

Never one to get caught without an earthy quip, Snow shrugged his broad shoulders and said "I think that's the hydro lines." The remark brought a chorus of laughter... and groans... from the audience.

To Al Masson, Halton Regional Chairman, goes the editor's award for the "in" joke of the night. Referring to the arrival of Regional Jan on Jan. 1, Masson told the crowd it was announced on Jan. 23 and born on Oct. 18. He called it "a normal gestation period."

Then he added "some expected triplets, but we got quadruplets."

The reference, of course, was to those politicians who wanted Halton sliced in three neat pieces - Oakville, Burlington and everything else. Mayor Brian Best's steadfast refusal to allow Milton to be swallowed up into a north Halton borough and his fight on Milton's behalf for the county town to remain on its own in a regional government proved successful! and the "new" Halton has the quadruplets of which Masson joked.

Last week we were pulling Halton MP Terry O'Connor's leg about his press release saying the James Bay hydro project would "damn" several rivers. We see the Georgetown Herald printed his column, as written, complete with the incorrect "damn".

Wonder what the Herald publisher will say when he reads this?

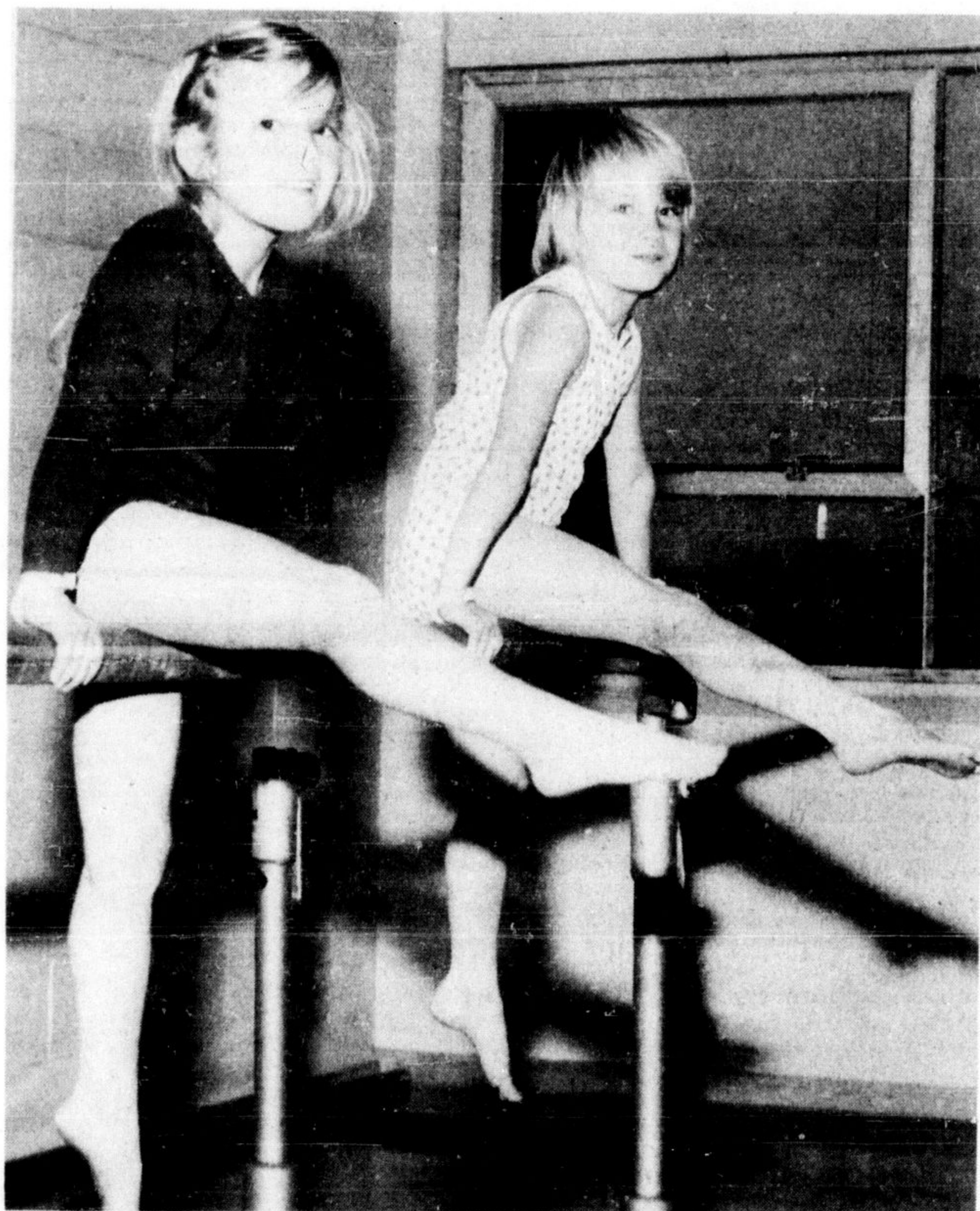
Would the person who left their dentures at the Roma Hall on the evening of the civic banquet Wednesday, please contact Mayor Brian Best?

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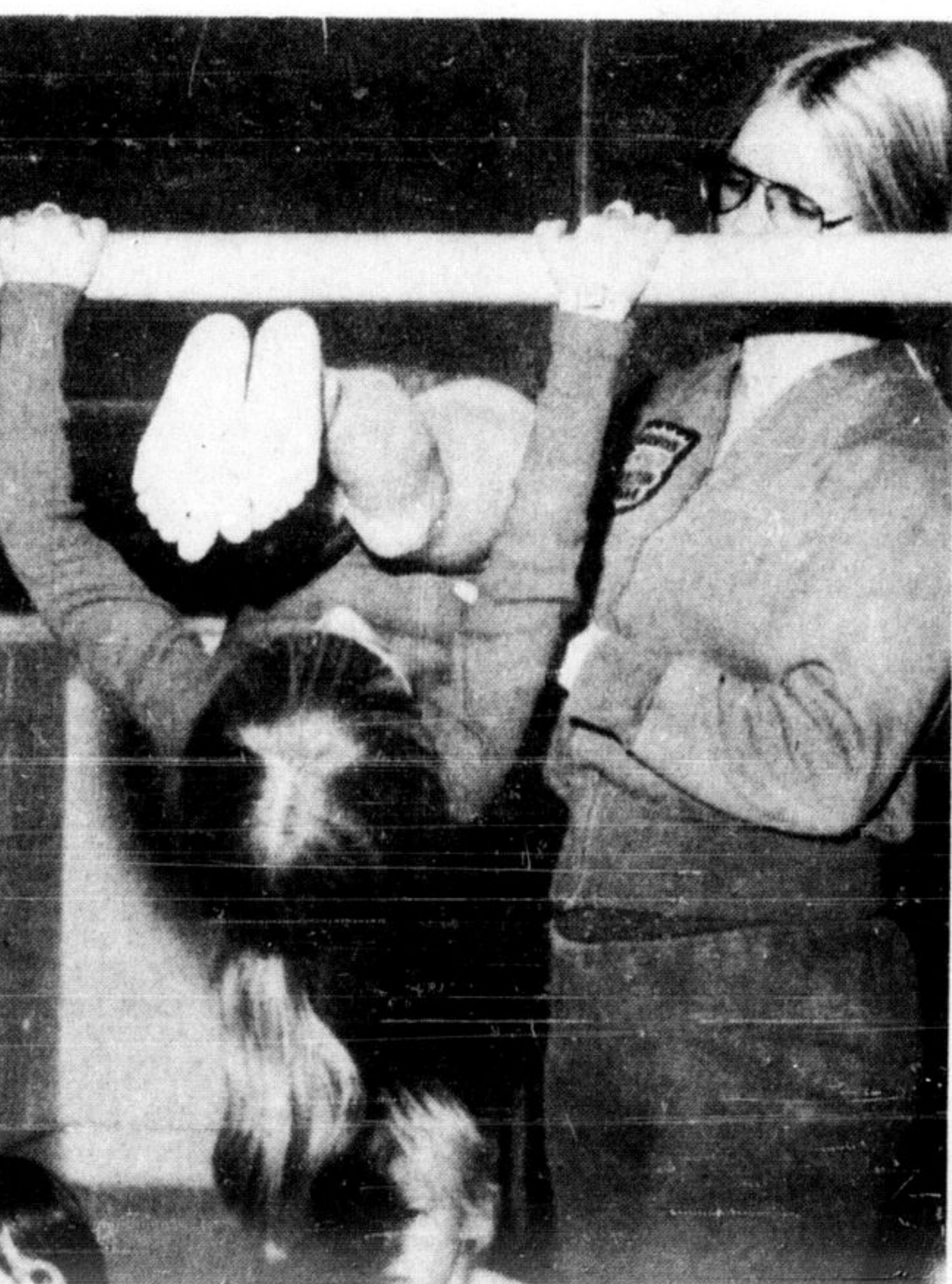
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- Walkie talkie... Political rally
- Overheated economy... Burnt beans
- Mess haul... Garbage truck
- Gardener's hope... Upsee daisy



"Gwen, one of the minor prophets is here."



SHELBY SMITH and Dana Palopoli show flawless style straddling the bar. Students learn the basics in four age groups.



INVERTED DARCY Richardson receives support from instructress Laura Bodnar on the uneven bars. Gymnastics sessions are held at OSD Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. (Photos by D. Pink)

Milton's Christmas lights were illuminated in the business sections Monday and will remain on every evening until Jan. 2.

The Champion publishes wedding stories and photos at no charge but the newlyweds should have the story and picture submitted within one month after the wedding.

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Legion Notes

DECORATING WITH CARDS CAN BE YULE PROJECT

When children need a change from the toys on Christmas day, a promising project could be to let them see what they can do with the family greeting cards. Tape or staple cards to lengths of ribbon and hang them on walls or doors. Make a Christmas wreath by attaching cards to a circle of cardboard. "Frame" cards with construction paper. Decorate a screen with cards.

By George McLeod
As most of you know, the Legion will be closed Christmas eve at 6 p.m. and Christmas day, so Branch 136 is holding open house from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday Dec. 24. The reason for this is to give members and friends, a chance to get together for a few moments to wish one another season's greetings. We hope to see you and your friends here. The doors will be open to everyone. Congratulations to Dennis Rowley and his curling team, for their fine showing at Southampton.

Service for the late Harold Over 10,200 persons died of Powys, will be held at Grace Anglican Church on Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. All members are asked to attend. Milton Legion recently announced winners of the Christmas Seal key draw which they sponsor.

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