

August 14, 1976.

Mr. George Cortesis,
259 George Street,
COBourg, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Cortesis :

The C.C.I. Reunion was a tremendous and very successful event. You briefly mentioned to me you assisted Frank Taylor in the compiling of the Cobourg nicknames. I regret at not having the opportunity to talk with you about this. I was kept busy selling the pamphlets and meeting people. The sales table was a good place to meet a lot of former students.

Do you have any interest in this list of nicknames ? I had the list printed just for the fun of it all and although we sold about 300 copies, I recovered about 50 % Of the printing cost. However I am not concerned about the cost to me.

Last Monday morning I left 100 copies with the Cobourg Book Store, giving them the option of selling them if they so wish. It was suggested any returns from the sale might be applied to the Victoria Hall fund. I asked no return to me personally.

I have about 500 copies left here. I had 1,000 copies printed. If you have any interest in the list, perhaps you might suggest what can be done with the 500 copies still in my possession. I would be pleased to hear from you.

Yours truly,

Percy L. Climo.

S.- Shammy Shaw ; Seagull Johnson ; Spider Baxter ;
Square Chilton ; Square Edwards ; Slabby Pearse ;
Slabby Niles ; Shad Ravensdale ; Skeena Hoskins ;
Single Foot Williams ; Spike Kewin(F) ; Sheik Fardella ;
Shy Boo Gordon ; Sauce Butler ; Sin or Sinny Quinn ;
Sookey Harper ; Sammy Stevenson ; Son Mathews ;
Stubby Squires(F) ; Spud Murphy ; Shiny Ruse ;
Shaley Holnbeck ; Squeak Field ; Sadie Pratt(F) ;
Snow White Bateman ; Sandy MacDonald ; Scotty
Grieve ; Scotty Black ; Sport Wicks ; Sport Pearse ;
Skang Johnston ; Speck Greer(F) ; Sills Niles ; Specs
Jarrel ; Sanger Hutton ; Shotty Taylor ; Sully O'Sullivan ;
Shorty Medhurst ; Squeak Noble ; Skadink Allan(F) ;
Smiler Croft ; Sheik Hillier ; Sissy Taylor(F) ; Skunk
Cullen ; Sharksey Floyd ; Slabs Hargraft ; Satan Eddy ;
Sparky Grasley(F) ; Sock Wilson.

T.- Toad Platt ; Tiffy Earl ; Tuggles Woods ; Texas
Robinson ; Texas McCaig ; Tucky Thomas ; Tucker
Chalk ; Tucker Davidson ; Tucker Brewster ; Twist
Card ; Twisty Bickle ; Toughy Davidson ; Tweet
Roberts ; Tweed Earle ; Tasty Flanagan ; Toe Nails
Benson ; Todda Forbes ; Teedy Niles ; Tramp Titford ;
Toey Ibey ; Tiny Taylor ; Torchy Dawe ; Tight
Gordon ; Tookey Alloway(F) ; Tim Butler(F) ; Toots
Kerr(F) ; Tanglefoot Mathews ; Timber Toe Arthur ;
Tommy Touchfinger Harvey ; Tack McIntyre ; Tony
Bradley(F) ; Tootie Spragge(F) ; Tommy Atkins
Gutteridge ; Tut Gutteridge ; Torchy Sheppard(F) ;
Tabby Scott(F) ; Tommy Thompson(F).

U.- Uzzer Pearson ; Ums Owens.

V.- Ves Burge.

W.- Windy Fowler ; Windy McDonnell ; Wicker McMann ;
Whitey Spry ; Waxy Gould ; Wisher Simpson ; Wisher
Gerin ; Weiners Turpin(F) ; Winky Bowen ; Wink
Williams(F) ; Wit Flesch ; Whitefish Lavis ; Wacky
Bowen ; Watt Warren ; Whistleberry Thompson ;
Weasel Davey ; Woodrow Wilson ; Wisdom McKenzie.

X.- None.

Y.- Yikko Freeman ; Yama Pratt ; Yeller Yelland ; Yeppy
Fox.

Z.- None.

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Commemorating
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OUR COLLEGIATE PRINCIPAL



"This School is going to be run on sound business principles with order and discipline thrown in!"

Mr. R. N. McKenzie, Principal
(A Cobourg World cartoon of 1934)

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INTRODUCTION

(By: Solder Climo)

Dear old Cobourg is and has been a unique town. For over a period of eighty years its size remained much the same with a plus or minus 5,000 population. Most of the townsfolk knew the inhabitants intimately. Because of this familiarity, Cobourg folk developed a special trait, a unique and distinctive characteristic perhaps unequalled in all of Canada. In Cobourg, previous to World War II, there was a profusion of nicknames, those fanciful appellations that were invented, laid on, and applied to many individuals.

Nicknames were a part of the warp and woof of the town, imbedded into its very fabric, readily and regularly applied and used. In some cases these names "stuck" and became a family tradition even to the second and third generation.

In Cobourg, nicknames became a distinctive "badge" given by others and definitely not of one's personal choice. They were an indication that the receiver really "belonged". Some special trait in the individual, some noticeable characteristic, or some special event or happening usually brought forth the applied sobriquet.

In this year of Cobourg Collegiate Institute Reunion '76, when old "grads" of the nickname era return, it may be quite fitting to renew nicknames of by-gone days. In reading the list, one's mind may be refreshed, and persons long forgotten will come to life in one's memory. The list is townwide, but many of the names were frequently used at C.C.I. Teacher and pupil alike did not escape the special appellations.

The writer is grateful to Frank C. Taylor (deceased) who over the years compiled an extensive list of this Cobourg phenomenon and thus recorded for posterity a unique collection. The writer too, in collaboration with Frank in the year 1966 added to the listing.

In no way do we wish to embarrass anyone. We feel sure those who have been away from Cobourg for many years, and are greeted on their return at reunion time by their old, long forgotten nickname, will pick up their ears. They will have their senses sharpened. They will have the experience of a friendly warmth and their nostalgic emotions quickened to the point of realizing they are back at their old Cobourg Collegiate Institute and in their dear old home town.

An Alphabetical List of Authentic COBOURG NICKNAMES

Mostly male, Female examples indicated by (F)

Compiled by Frank C. Taylor, with contributions from family, relatives and friends. (1966)

- A.- Awky Waghorn ; Admiral Dewey ; Aitch Payne ; Amby Flesch ; Army Armstrong ; Asher Hardinge ; Arnie Lafoie ; Audy Maher.
- B.- Bogey Waters ; Boxer Brown ; Bing Toms ; Boo Quinn ; Boo Douglas(F) ; Boots McCullagh ; Boom Boom Baker ; Beans Healy ; Bungo McKenzie ; Banky Gordon ; Beaner Elliott ; Brandy Hie ; Buck, Bucky, Bucko ; Bucktooth Marshall ; Bugs Navin ; Bunny Brinning ; Bunny Nivin ; Bunt Davidson ; Barnum Forrest ; Bulligan Greer ; Bung Lavis ; Boob Thompson ; Bozo Frize ; Bull or Bully Fardella ; Blinky Bowen ; Buff Pearson ; Babe Butler ; Bumble Bee Blanchard ; Bones Atcheson ; Bang Markle ; Beano Lafoie ; Brud Cunningham ; Birdy Robinson(F) ; Baldy Niles ; Bun Percy ; Bottley Curtis ; Bottley Reeves ; Biddy Garry(F) ; Biddy Platt(F) ; Bearpaw Jenkins ; Buckshot Smith ; Bunny Guy ; Balkany Gallagher ; Borden Croft ; Butch Pearson ; Bumwad Rumbelow ; Benny Bradbury ; Blondie Armstrong ; Bush Hinman ; Bonnie Taylor ; Bubbles Shepherd(F) ; Birdy Thompson ; Brooksie ; Buster Kelly ; Buster Cunningham ; Buster Lightburne ; Bud Roberts ; Bud Vivian ; Bud McKend ; Bud Thompson ; Charlie Banana (Romano) ; Bebe Daniels(F) ; Babe Ready(F) ; Bim Taylor ; Baldy Walker ; Barney McAllister ; Booty Burnett ; Beefy Webster ; Burdie Burd(F) ; Barney Sowden(F).

- C.- Count Davey ; Chummy Jex ; Chum Cavanagh ; Chirpy Salisbury(F) ; Chesty Farmer ; Cap Reynolds ; Cap Pringle ; Cap Dunn ; Cap Mathews ; Crowy Hart ; Chuffus Schrumm ; Corky Kewin ; Chaucer Turpin ; Cackles Ovens ; Crocks McMann ; Crocks Gerin ; Chick Bowen ; Chickie Henderson ; Chicksie Gallagher ; Chucky Woods ; Clumsy McBrien ; Crazy Hough ; Chief Charles ; Candy Herdman ; Chips Campbell ; Croppy Gordon ; Chink Oliver ; Chub Jones ; Chubby Nicholson ; Coon Medhurst ; Colter Lavis ; Chinaman Brown ; Coco Kidd(F) ; Cute O'Neill ; Coolie Wilson ; Citrous Reynolds ; Chad Ready ; Chout Norris ; Coal Oil Jonny Collins ; Champ Healy ; Caesar Waller ; Caesar Carr ; Cincinnati Crosgrey ; Cull Cauley ; Chass Harper ; Chot Ready ; Cy Winter ; Clemmy Bowen ; Coony Lean ; Clinker Bell ; Carver Cameron ; Cap Rooney ; Chick Moore.

- D.- Dice Casey ; Duke Friar ; Dooley Bradbury(F) ; Dyke Field ; Doddy Foster ; Doddy Rorabeck ; Duck McKenzie ; Duckfoot Armour ; Dad Worth ; Daddy Downs ; Dillinger Cockburn ; Dingle Daniels ; Dirty Gert(F) ; Dowzy Scapis ; Dodie Bentley ; Darby Cavanagh ; Dozey Niles ; Dink Allan ; Dinky Nelson ; Dooley Vivian ; Dinah Dines ; Dinty Erskine ; Dragfoot Williams ; Dick Turpin ; Dick Mitchell ; Dud McMann ; Dutchy Kaiser ; Doc Wingrove ; Doc Beatty ; Doc Hayden ; Doc Watson ; Dumb Hayden ; Duke Parker ; Dunk Markle ; Dummy Mulvaney ; Dizzy Prentice ; Dicky McKivers ; Driftwood Ferguson ; Dicky Lee.

- E.- Eggs Platt ; Eezo Lees ; Emma or Emmer Crosgrey ; Ego or Eagle Hircock.

- F.- Floody Holnbeck ; Feeble Bennett ; Foxy Burnett ; Foxy Davidson ; Funion Platt ; Fishcart Lavis ; Fishface Quinlan(F) ; Father Allison ; Fatfull Wills ; Farmer Hoskin ; Frosty McKinnon ; Frosty Taylor (no relation to the compiler) ; Fergy Flesch ; Frenchy Clement ; Fritzky Keller ; Five O'Clock Ann Dixon(F) ; Flip Beech ;

- F.- Froggy Platt ; Furious Fred Dufton ; Fall Navin ;
Felix McCleod(F) ; Fat Campbell ; Fadda Pearse ;
Fleeda Hicks(F) ; Fish Irwin ; Fedder Fidler Fisher.
- G.- Goofy Lloyd ; Gimp Mathews ; Gubby Gibson ;
Gasser Walden ; Gooseneck McDonnell ; Greek Cortese ;
Ghost Thompson ; Gherkin Bulger ; Granny Beare(F) ;
Gran'pa Eley ; Gobby Gall ; Gunner Mulhall ; Gallopin'
Gav' Reid ; Goat Kidd ; Goldie Wheler ; Gumshoe
McKenzie ; Gypsy Watson ; Ginger Butler(F) ;
Geordy Thompson ; Gauzy Osland.
- H.- Hippo Bell ; Husky Greer ; Hod Pearse ; Hawk Andrews ;
Humpy Hie ; Hungry Harper ; Horse Face Brown ;
Honest John Russell ; Hickey Lane ; High Baker ; Heck
Stinson(F) ; Hub Steacy ; Hub Harris ; Hack Downs ;
Hooker Skitch ; Hug Hogan ; Ham Turpin ; Ham Brown ;
Hap Harrison ; Herman the German (Heinrich Hermann) ;
Hawkeye Davidson ; Huffy Graham ; Horse Roberts
Hob Johns ; Harkey Woods ; Hoot Gibson ; Heinie
Schults ; Huck Moran.
- I.- Inches Cullen ; Irish Kelly ; Ikey Jewell ; Ike Markle ;
Ishy Manton ; Ikey Pullman ; Ikey Clarke(F).
- J.- Jewey Roberts ; Jackass McCullagh ; Jumbo Fardella ;
Jockey Dodge ; Jiggs Leetham ; Jobby Bowen ; Jadda
Drewry ; Japalac Gillard ; Japper Wilcox ; Jerks Bulger.
- K.- Kronje Gallagher ; Kewpie Conlin ; Kisso Samis ; Katie
Coffey ; Knitter Reynolds ; Ki Yi Bacchus ; King
Cockburn ; Klinker Kimmell.
- L.- Lean Woods ; Lot Bulger ; Long John Russell ; Lousy
Lizzy(F) ; Lackie Thompson ; Lonnie Fardella ; Lily
Blezzard ; Lance Davern ; Lockie Burwash ; Lolly
Oliver(F) ; Lance Routh.
- M.- Mucker Jones ; Moose Stover ; Mouse Mellis ; Mouse
McDonnell ; Mink Earls ; Mahogany Arthur ; Mahogany
Meighen ; Mumps Rollings ; Monkey Wass ;
Monkey Face Davidson ; Moses Grayden ; Misty McIvor ;
Mudcat Eagan ; Muckle Mottershead ; Mushroom
Payne ; Melon Cauley ; Mohawk Moran ; Muggs or
Mugsey Hewson ; Major Snelgrove ; Mexican Pete
McCallum ; Mike Cunningham(F) ; Money Bags Williams ;

- M.- Mammy Routh(F) ; Mink McCurdy ; Misses Pearse ;
Master Norton ; Mark Fisher ; Mickey Murray.
- N.- Nosey Boswell ; Noon Randall ; Nutsy Waller ; Nipper
Epworth ; Nanny Goat Kidd ; Never Sweat Meighen ;
Nobbs Butler ; Nigger Haynes(F) ; Nobby Clarke ;
Nony Campbell(F) ; Nony Niles(F).
- O.- Oxo Comrie ; Owly Swadling ; Olly Jones ; Oozo Lees ;
Otty Maher ; Obba Stimson ; Omiar Woods ; Onn
Purdy Simpson.
- P.- Porky Brewster ; Prince Gordon ; Pig McKenzie ; Pansy
Earl ; Poo Fullerton ; Pancho McCleod ; Pussy Lalonde ;
Putty Hayden ; Pud Cann ; Pud Rooney ; Pudd'ney
Tripp ; Pacer Croft ; Poke Lavis ; Peekaboo Ruse ;
Pro Leetham ; Pinky Wark(F) ; Peanut Allen ; Pasty
Western ; Pidgey Field ; Pickle Bulger ; Peeney Mellis ;
Podder McGraw ; Posgy Cashion ; Pearl Lucas ; Pop
Margles ; Pappy Healey ; Peeny Payne ; Picky Pills-
worth ; Poet Curvin ; Poney Forbes(F).
- Q.- No "Q's" except Queenie Turpin and Queenie Swadling which
are believed to be their given names.
- R.- Ram Holmes ; Ram Beatty ; Rocky McIntosh ; Riser
Burgess ; Rat Croft(F) ; Rhubarb Smythe ; Reindeer
Anderson ; Rasputin Faylen ; Rabbit Bates ; Roamer
McKenzie ; Radio Strong ; Ricco Guy ; Rajah Holnbeck ;
Rosie Turner ; Rummy Jenkins ; Rip Moffat ; Ranger
Beattie ; Rubber Raymond ; Red Butler ; Red McCurdy ;
Raver Ravensdale ; Rusty Arthur ; Rusty Henderson ;
Robosco Manning ; Razor Pomeroy.
- S.- Slick Sleeman ; Skipper Page ; Sheriff Gale ; Snakes
Goodrich(M & F) ; Squirt Lowe ; Shrimp Hie ; Starchy
Salisbury(F) ; Sissy Grieves ; Strads Markle ; Spugs
Casey ; Soapy Bulger ; Sailor Hogan ; Skinny Flint ;
Shaky Shepherd ; Skunk Ewart ; Skunk Foster ;
Soups Campbell ; Shark Thompson ; Steamboat Mulhall ;
Stinker Brown ; Stinker Bassenger ; Skilts Cavanagh ;
Skiltsy Hyatt ; Swelly McGuire ; Solder Climo ;
Soldier Higginson ; Slips Rowe ; Singer Young ;
Speedy Milner ; Speed Jamieson ; Sarge Talbot ;
Sarge Miller ; Shine Moon ; Shine Fardella ; Suds
Lees ; Shug Mellis ; Smokehouse Ewart ; Shinny May ;
Sliver Bradbury ; Sliver Anderson ; Snaps Markey ;