

Graduation Exercises At the Cobalt School

The School Board, staff, parents and guests of Grade 8 graduates, and members of various local organizations were on hand for the Graduation Program held at the Cobalt-Coleman Public School on Thursday afternoon, June 25. Principal Don McGugan acted as chairman and the ceremonies opened with the singing of "O Canada" followed by a selection of Choral Biblical readings by Grade eight students. After the singing of the Lord's Prayer, an entertaining selection of songs which included religious, patriotic and humorous was rendered by this same group. Rev. G. Johnston as representative of the school board gave a short address to the graduates. In his address, Rev. Johnston told the group that life is like a book, and we should strive to live a chapter each day, and at all times to do their utmost. He said that they should remember also that as they leave Cobalt-Coleman Public School whose motto is "Courage, Courtesy, Perseverance and Sincerity", they should keep this in mind as well as the motto of their new school which is "Courage, Honour and Service" and to try and live up to them.

Fulton Purdy representing the Canadian Legion made the individual and team awards at the Canadian Legion track and field meet held recently. Individual awards went to Sue Jackson, Del Cole and Lynn Boucher, all of Grade eight, and Melvin Browne of Grade seven. The boys team trophy awarded to the school with the highest points divided by enrolment was won by Cobalt-Coleman Public School and Bill Hassett as captain presented this to the Principal, Donald McGugan. The girls team trophy awarded to the school with the largest majority of points in the meet was also presented to the principal by Lynn Boucher.

Pat Slaght, president of the Cobalt Lions Club presented the Jane Mathews Memorial Trophy to Doreen Draper, who also received an individual cup. Mr. Slaght also on behalf of the Lions Club presented a cup to Paul Saxton. These awards are given annually by the Cobalt Lions Club to the girl and boy in Grade seven for general proficiency.

Principal Don McGugan introduced the Valedictorian Sue Jackson who in her valedictory address recalled happy days in the new Public School as well as the old. She thanked the Principal and staff for the co-operation and help they had given students throughout the years and they would try their utmost to live up to the school motto.

The Chairman of the School Board, H. Arnold Todd, presented the graduation certificates to the 23 students who had successfully completed the Grade eight curriculum. As each student came forward, corsages were pinned on the girls by Mrs. Reid and a carnation boutonniere was pinned on the boys by Miss Dorothy Reader.

Certificates were presented to the following: Bernard Cull, Leah Johnston, Peter Turgeon, Sharon Reid, Faye Bigelow, Del Cole, Patricia Allingham, Doreen Aird, Patricia Slaght, Sue Jackson, Lynn St. Denis, Brenda Dufresne, George Bearisto, Harold Spencer, Eddy Shawera, Elaine Elomaa, Lynn Boucher, Robert MacArthur, Bill Hassett, Claire Ewing, Gail Stoughton, Janet Reid and Jimmy Taylor.

The Fulton Purdy Trophy awarded annually to the outstanding boy athlete was presented to Del Cole by Mr. Purdy. Awards were made on behalf of the Oddfellows by Archie Fleming to Harold Spencer and to Gail Stoughton on behalf of the Rebekah Lodge by Agatha Cameron. This joint trophy in turn was presented to Principal Don McGugan by Gail Stoughton and will be kept in the school.

Mr. McGugan in his address to the students began with a reading entitled "The Two Seas". The essence of this address being that the world is made up of two kinds of people and everyone should strive to be givers as well as receivers and to give their best in everything they attempt. Fifty per cent of the students of Cobalt-Coleman

Public School Grade 8 were leaving the school with first class honours and one student, Harold Spencer with 96.4 per cent, had attained the highest mark this school had ever given. As they go on to high school, Mr. McGugan advised

ed them to always do their best. The Principal expressed the regrets of the staff, school board and pupils in a farewell address to three members of the staff who are leaving, Miss Dorothy Reader who is going to her home in England, Miss Leng, who is to be married and will be teaching next year at New Liskeard and Miss Sally Smith, who will be teaching in southern Ontario.

On behalf of the students of Grade 8, gifts were presented to

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Miss Reader by Leah Johnston, Mrs. Reid by Gail Stoughton and Mr. McGugan by Brenda Dufresne. After the singing of the National Anthem, time was allowed for friends and relatives to take pictures of the graduation class before going on to the lovely buffet supper which was extended to the graduates and guests by the School Board and catered to by the Home and School Association. Conveners being Mrs. Pat Slaght,

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Mrs. Cal Taylor and Mrs. Jim Hassett.

In the evening Grade 8 pupils gathered at the school for a party sponsored by the Home and School Association. This included hot dogs, pop and ice cream and was served to the pupils by Mrs. Aird, Mrs. Basil Jackson and Mrs. Spencer.

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