



This year's graduates of Haileybury High School pose at their recent commencement exercises.



Miss Sally Whitby was the valedictorian for the 1960 graduating class at Haileybury High.

## Aurora Trout Angling In Temiskaming Lakes

The introduction of Aurora trout fingerlings to Seahorse Lake in the Temiskaming District in 1959 and 1960 has been successful and promises to provide good angling for a fish which is said to have twice the strength and double the fighting qualities of the brook trout, according to a report by Dr. H. H. MacKay, supervisor of the Fisheries Section of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests.

Reporting on the Aurora trout in Ontario, Dr. MacKay states:

In the annals of the Carnegie Museum, Vol XVI, 1925, Arthur W. Henn and William H. Rinckenbach described a char taken from White Pine Lake, Gamble Township, Timagami Provincial Forest during fishing expeditions to the area. White Pine Lake is located directly east of Smoothwater Lake.

The authors remarked that the fish which they caught was known locally by a variety of names, for example, rainbow trout, landlocked salmon and salmon trout, but none of these names, in their opinion, was truly applicable to the remarkably beautiful iridescent bluish or purplish coloured specimens which they caught.

Because of this, they chose the name Aurora trout as an appropriate common name. On the basis of their studies of individual specimens, they believed that they had found a new species and named it *Salvelinus timagamiensis*.

The Aurora trout resembles the brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) in a number of ways. The body proportions do not differ from those of the brook trout in any significant manner. The white borderline on the lower fins is also characteristic of both fish. At least one specimen that Henn and Rinckenbach examined had two of the typical spots of the brook trout.

The specific rating given to the Aurora trout by Henn and Rinckenbach has not been satisfactorily established. It may merely be a colour phase of the brook trout or a subspecies. To determine the exact position of the fish, systematically, taxonomic studies are required.

It has been suggested to me by Dr. F. E. J. Fry of the Department of Zoology, University of Toronto, that a study of the acclimation temperature requirements of Aurora trout might settle the argument as to whether it is a new species or not. These experiments would show to what extent the Aurora trout is similar to or different from the acclimation temperature of the brook trout. Dr. Fry has the laboratory facilities to carry out this study.

Messrs. A. Elsey and N. Patrick, District Biologists at Swastika, have continued studies of this interesting fish and Mr. Patrick has now confirmed that it is native to White Pine, Whirligig and Wilderness Lakes. These lakes are all in the same drainage system and flow into Smoothwater Lake, through Marina Lake, in Gamble Township. It is not improbably that specimens

of Aurora trout may be found in other lakes of this drainage system or in other drainage systems, provided the conditions necessary for their well-being are present.

District Biologist Patrick and Hatchery Assistant Graf of the Hill Lake Hatchery near Charlton have been successful in collecting and culturing spawn of the Aurora trout to the fingerling stage. As a result, 2,134 fingerlings 2 3/4 inches in length were planted in Seahorse Lake, Clifford Township, Temiskaming District, in 1959, and an additional 2,000 fingerlings, 1-1/4 inches in length were planted in the same lake in 1960.

Seahorse Lake is located in Esker Lakes Provincial Park about 20 miles northeast of Kirkland Lake. It is known that the introduction of the Aurora trout fingerlings to Seahorse lake has been successful and promises to provide good angling for a fish which is said to have twice the strength and double the fighting capacities of the brook trout.

## Hilton Brown

Rev. Nixon officiated at the recent funeral service at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Haileybury, for Hilton W. Brown who died suddenly at his home Saturday, December 24.

Mr. Brown was born at Hamilton 59 years ago, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown, Haileybury. He took up residence at Haileybury in 1903 and was employed as a contractor and carpenter. He was also interested in prospecting.

Mr. Brown was a member of the Haileybury Hunting Club and was an avid fisherman as well as a hunter.

He married the former Mary Ann Edwardson in 1927 at Haileybury. He was predeceased by a brother and a sister.

Surviving are his wife, one son, Carl, Elliot Lake; one daughter, Mrs. G. Meloche (Kathleen), Ferris; and six grandchildren. Also surviving is one brother, George, Kirkland Lake.

Pallbearers were Bill Cavanaugh, George Herbert, Joe Philibert, Jr., Arthur Hurteau, Basil Treen and Rev. W. Churchill.

## Ladies Curling At Local Club

The Ladies Section of the Cobalt-Haileybury Curling Club started their first after-Christmas competition on Tuesday, January 3, with sixteen evening and four afternoon rinks in the play.

Playoffs for the Diamond D. competition will be continuing this week-end as all playoffs must be completed before February 3.

Names of winners in these games will be available next week.

## CGIT Holds Candlelight Service

The C.G.I.T. from St. Andrew's United Church, Haileybury, conducted part of their annual Candle Light Service for the patients at Misericordia Hospital recently. The patients congregated in wheel chairs to join in the carol singing and to observe the candle lighting ceremony.

After the service, the girls carrying lighted candles and singing carols filed into the rooms of many of the bedridden. The radiant expressions on the faces of both carollers and patients depicted the reality of the Christmas message. "Peace on earth, good will to men".

The C.G.I.T. group expressed gratitude to Sister Superior and to the hospital staff for their kind cooperation in this venture.

## Xmas Bonus

At a special meeting of the Cobalt Council held Wednesday of last week to wind up year-end affairs, it was decided to give the town gang a belated Christmas bonus in the form of a day's pay.

The men, who had expected their usual Christmas turkey, were disappointed Christmas Eve when it was found that the birds had been forgotten.

Councillor Jack McGarry, who was defeated in the last election, issued an angry statement denying any and all responsibility for the missing fowl.

## The Weather

Despite complaints of chilly winds and freezing temperatures, the month of December was just a commonplace, average month as far as weather was concerned. The average daily temperature for December was 13.5. During the same month in 1959 it was 16.7 and since 1894, it was 13.6.

The maximum for December, 1960, was 49, on both the 5th and 6th, in 1959 it was 36 on the fourth, and in 1941, a balmy 56.6 was recorded.

Twenty-one below zero was recorded as the minimum for December, 1960, with 23 below in 1959. In 1933, the coldest December day showed 39 below.

During 1960 the maximum temperature was recorded on May 26 when the thermometer reached 86. The minimum was on January 9 when a bleak 31 below was noted.

Week ending January 3, 1961.

	Max.	Min.
Wednesday	28	4
Thursday	33	23
Friday	30	22
Saturday	00	-19
Sunday	10	-2
Monday	8	-16
Tuesday	11	-6

- denotes below zero.

## Cobalt Personals

Miss Evelyn Larabie of Ottawa and Miss Sylvia Larabie of North Bay were holiday guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. Larabie, Mileage 104.

Mrs. Eric Greening spent Christmas in North Bay at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. G. Warren.

Mrs. L. Hill of Scarborough is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. Fleming.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wright and Hugh spent the holiday week-end in North Bay with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. Allen.

Mrs. Ellen Giffen spent the Christmas week-end in Sundridge at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lovsin.

Mr. Albert Svekers of Virginiatown spent a week at his home during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brosko and family of Noranda were Christmas visitors at the home of Mrs. Brosko's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cunningham and other relatives in Cobalt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McKinnon, Cobalt St., had all their family home for the holidays. To spend Christmas with their parents were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brunette, Lee and Jackie of Hanmer; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Smith and Arnold of Powassan; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ribble and Roy of Toronto, their son Glen of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Ken McKinnon, Karen and Kevin of Sturgeon Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Pirie of North Cobalt and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Evans and Laurie of New Liskeard. Over the New Year holiday their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McKinnon of Elliot Lake and Miss Beverley Cloutier of Chapleau were their guests.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ramey during the holidays included Mr. and Mrs. Noel Ramey and Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Bouchard and children all of North Bay, Miss Mary Ramey, R.N., of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. J. Eveleigh and children of Matheson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Colgrave, John and Ruth of Kingston spent Christmas and New Year's with Mrs. Colgrave's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hetherington.

Mr. Charles Johnston arrived home from Elliot Lake to spend the holidays with his family in Cobalt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lingenfelter and children of Kirkland Lake visited at the home of Mrs. Lingenfelter's

parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnston.

Mrs. Florence Andrews of Sudbury and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lovsin and Sandra of Sundridge spent the New Year week-end with Mrs. Andrew's sister, Mrs. E. Giffen.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wink visited at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. Culhane at Kearns over the holiday week-end.

Miss Mary Wink of Gowganda is spending a few weeks vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wink.

Miss Linda Speck spent Christmas in Coniston with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Speck, Miss Jackie Lemoine and Don Speck were also guests of the Specks during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wink of North Bay spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Wink.

Holiday visitors at the home of the Roy Switzers were Ted and Joyce Molyneux, Miss Claudette Lamothe and Norman Dignard, all of Wanipitei.

## Three Day Spiel of Mixed Curling

Twelve rinks of mixed curling entered a three-day 'spiel' during the week before Christmas, each playing three games with a total score to count. The rink skipped by George Harrison with Anita Taylor, Bill Taylor and Bob Grozelle won with the highest points and brought home the Christmas turkey. The runner up was Ben Bourget, S. Bosch, Paul Huff and Ron Taylor capturing the second prize consisting of chickens.

A second Turkey-Chicken 'Spiel' was held December 27th, 28th and 29th with 21 rinks participating. This was a four group competition each game consisting of four ends.

In the finals Roger Fleming's rink, with Vera Byles, Mike Hunt and Bob Grozelle secured the turkeys and Fred Abraham, G. Horncastle, Ted Tomney and Anita Taylor winning chickens. In this 'spiel' a consolation prize was won by T. Tullock, Mary Bourget, Bill Cavanaugh and Ron Taylor.

**Classified Ads Bring Results**