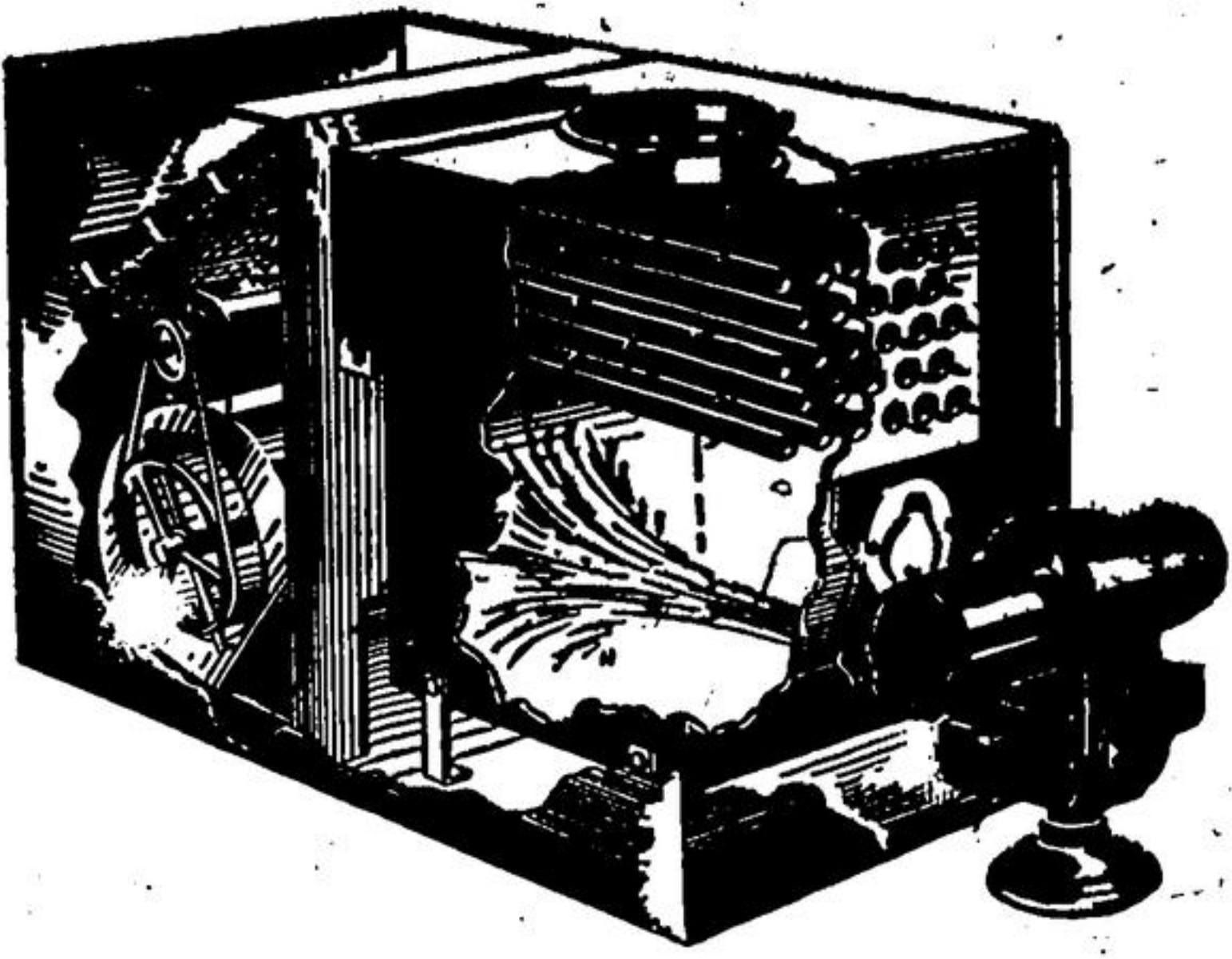


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The Passing of The Entrance

From the Toronto Globe & Mail

The old high school entrance examination will remain in the memory of hundreds of thousands of Ontario people as one of life's major episodes. It was a milestone, hugely important in the short perspective of childhood, and nothing in the new educational regulations, which propose to abolish the famous test, will fully take its place. Almost from the first day of school the entrance was held up as a shining goal, which could only be won by hard work and continued effort. Generally speaking, the incentive was sufficient, and a surprising number "got their entrance"—for them a far more impressive occasion than the matriculation some reached a few years later.

There is much to be said against examinations, but there are some things to be said for them, too. Some of us find it difficult to believe that human experience lasting so many thousands of years could have been as false as some modern educational theorists claim. Examinations have been part and parcel of all of the older educational systems, and nothing our modern schools may boast of can exceed the scholarship and mastery of mind which were the achievement of the past. There have to be tests to ascertain the measure of comprehension, and the effectiveness of the teaching process. And all tests, formal or otherwise, are bound to indicate the success or failure of either or both.

It is said against examinations that they put a premium on memory. Those who retain impressions readily have an advantage over those in whom the learning process is more difficult. Some of the less scrupulous students can idle away a year, but by a few days' cramming before an examination win a standard which has no relation to their actual attainment. Not a few are temperamentally unsuited to the strain of a formal education, especially in earlier childhood, and fail to do themselves justice because they lose their presence of mind. But perhaps more important from the standpoint of psychology, is the possible effect of both failure and success on a child's mind.

Socially, it is unquestionably true that examinations such as the high school entrance have been overvalued. For many it was more important to pass the entrance than it was to be educated, so to speak. It put a premium on the success mentality, which some have claimed has coloured the whole outlook of the Canadian people. Education, as a result, has too often become

the acquisition of symbols, such as diplomas and degrees.

There was a wisdom seldom recognized in the name "Entrance". It presupposes a continuation of school. Yet it is curious how often it and other examinations are taken to be endings. Entrance, Matriculation, B.A., are thought to close educational periods, and give their possessors a sense of finality, no truly educated person ought to feel. Thus, it is hoped that by taking the stress off the examination both children and their parents may come to regard education as a continuing process, ended only by death.

It should not be imagined that the abolition of the entrance examination means that all tests have been abandoned, and that striving for achievement is frowned on. Other tests of remarkable effectiveness have been developed, which indicate more closely the relative progress of the individual pupil, not in rivalry with his fellows, but in comparison only with himself. To the modern educator, difference is not a mark of inferiority, and it is understood that it is false to call one a failure because he cannot do what another finds easy. Time may restore the old-fashioned examination some of its prestige; as we said at the beginning, there have been examinations for a long time. But if the newer forms do the job better, and stand the test of time, the most critical of all examiners, the ending of the old Ontario Entrance will have been justified.

FINAL INDUSTRIAL HOCKEY LINE-UPS

Final lists of players in the GRC Industrial hockey league have been prepared and appear below. Any team that has not reached the twenty player limit may add players only after application is made to the executive. The teams are: Alliance Paper—Tom Hill, Herb Robinson, Jack Cuthbert, Jack Ruddy, Jack Kelly, Michael George, Roy Norton, Bob Heaton, Charlie Hill, Bill Collier, Cliff Norton, Art Shepherd, Bill Cunningham, Roy "Bunny" Ward, Emery Thompson, Bill Muir, Bill James, Ken Hill, Ralph Bludd, Doug Townsend.

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Provincial Paper—Dennis Wright, Jim Cleave, Jim Burns, Clare Burns, Sheldon Lawr, Bud Hoare, Herb Arnold, Norm McDonald, Steve Emmerson, Tom Wylie, Joe Louth, Archie Campbell, Bill Chaplin, George Barber, Norm Fendley, Mike Lorusso, Rocky Lorusso.

MRS. HAROLD CLEAVE UNITED CHURCH W.A. PRESIDENT

The United Church W.A. held their annual election of officers at the Parsonage, Tuesday evening, December 13th, with Group 3 in charge of the program.

Rev. John M. Smith conducted the election of officers, and the nominating committee composed of Mrs. Frank Peteh, Mrs. George Smith and Mrs. Isobel Cleave named the following slate of officers: President—Mrs. Harold Cleave 1st vice pres.—Mrs. Fred Sinclair 2nd vice pres.—Mrs. E. L. Arnold Secretary—Mrs. A. McClure Treasurer—Mrs. H. Kentner

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