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The Unexpected Guest

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An opulent cherrywood chest rested in the bay window of Rose Maw's cosy sitting room. The chest's origin was covered as it had been, in dust. Rose's father had brought it from China for her mother, who loved beautiful furniture. There had been no way of opening it, so the chest was kept for its sentimental value. The surface was carved in a deep intricate design of birds and flowers with delicate scrolls.

Since the automobile accident in which her parents died, Rose had avoided the large brick house which held many happy childhood memories. Now she and Tom with their small daughter Lucy were to live here.

Later that night Rose tucked dark-haired Lucy into the same small bed she and her younger sister Mae had slept in years before — Mae, so mischievous, with dark twinkling eyes and tiny inquisitive fingers. How pretty she had been in the blue silk dress with embroidered roses that Rose had painstakingly stitched. Where was she now? Would they ever meet again? Rose did not know. Tears dimmed her eyes, but this sorrow was too deep for tears. "Goodnight Lucy, go to sleep now."

Several evenings later a few neighbours stopped by to welcome Rose and Tom back to the neighbourhood. After greeting them Rose showed them to the sitting room. A bright fire crackled in the open stone fireplace, throwing a rosy red glow over the chintz covers and catching the red glints in the cherrywood chest. "Lucy," Rose exclaimed. The child was sitting by the open chest with an old dry bone in her hand, playing happily. Slowly the colour drained from Rose's face, her eyes seemed fixed on the chest. Then her slight figure crumpled to the floor.

The air around the chest was sweet, almost sickening; its lining was of felt, covered in silky satin. When closed it was airtight and sound proof. But now it stood open, revealing a small skeleton in a blue silk dress with embroidered roses. The chest could be opened only by tiny fingers for the spring was concealed deep within a bird's eye.

At long last the riddle of Mae's disappearance was solved.

EDITORIAL

The high school Christmas party held in the Wrigglesworth School was thoroughly enjoyed by the large percentage of GHS students who attended.

This is the first get-together in a long time and Student Council is to be congratulated for its arrangements. It is parties like this which foster a real school spirit, but these parties have been very few because GHS has not facilities for any form of recreation or entertainment.

We know that the development of social consciousness is a necessary part of education; the ability to work together is fostered by sports and recreation, but we have no facilities for either of these character building activities.

The Dept. of Education has refused to date to allow us these facilities. We wonder if parents of GHS students realize the conditions under which the staff are forced to work. They are expected to give us the same education as is given to pupils in schools equipped with every modern educational facility — Proper labs, gyms, libraries. Perhaps if a little more interest was taken in GHS we might be able to prevail on the Dept. of Education to at least supply the grant for a gymnasium which could also be used as an auditorium.

Georgetown is not a backwoods community. We have just as much right to proper education equipment as has any other progressive community.

AN OPEN LETTER

December, 1952
Georgetown, Ont.,

Hon. Mr. Dunlop,
Minister of Education,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Mr. Dunlop:
It would seem to us students at Georgetown High School that there is something inconsistent in your new policy with regard to our proposed new high school.

Are we mistaken in believing that P.T. is a compulsory subject? If it is, how can you expect it to be taught without facilities for it? Granted, it's fun to take P.T. outside on a sunny day, but as you know, the larger part of the school year is in winter time. It is really difficult for the teacher to teach Physical Training with his pupils struggling around in the snow. When the field is muddy the subject is dropped completely because we must not spoil the grass around the school.

The only inside recreation we have is one pingpong table in the hall to supply recreation for 180 students when the weather is unsuitable. Such "body-building" activity as indoor basketball or gymnastics have never been known in our century old building.

Therefore, Mr. Dunlop, if your department is going to insist on P.T., it should also insist on providing the very necessary facilities. We hope you will look into this matter more fully and reconsider your Department's decision.

Yours hopefully,
Don Souther,
(Editor)

Last Day Xmas Party

On the last day of school, after three shortened periods in the morning, the annual Christmas party began.

Master of ceremonies was George McClure, who did a fine job. First there was carol singing, with music teacher Kenneth R. Harrison playing the piano. After this a skit was put on by Bill Hardman, Paul Prust, Gerry Scott and Bill Whitney, who did a few western songs. There was also a "commercial" in which Don Souther took part.

After this piece of lovely music, the complete school body joined in singing three more carols. Then there was the grand draw for prizes sponsored by this newspaper. Four prizes were donated by Richardson's Hardware, a bed lamp; Joe's Tuck Shop, a smart Wearever pen; McClure's Home Furnishings, a popular record, and Brill's, a painted blue tie. Mr. Lambert drew the prizewinners.

Next on the program was the giving out of the presents and Mr. Armstrong acted as Santa Claus and distributed the many assorted gifts, from the smallest package to large cardboard boxes pasted with everything you could think of.

GHS Proud of Old Boy

GHS should be over proud to have as a member of its "Old Boys" Mr. Jim Emmerson. Mr. Emmerson's articles have been appearing in prominent places in the Telegram. These articles have been extremely well written. GHS has a real right to stick out its chest and say — "Jim Emmerson went to our great school." Last year our Mr. Emmerson wrote stories for the newspaper

School Social and Party Popular Affair

On Thursday night, December 18th, at 7.30 a large Christmas party commenced at the Howard Wrigglesworth school.

The party started off with square dancing and games. There was a little trouble at first with the P.A. system but after minor repairs it was working again. The games were carried on until 9.30 when lunch was served.

One of the games in which marked interest was shown was when balloons were tied on Principal J. L. Lambert and teachers A. Prouse and Blair Armstrong. Seventy girls, including Miss Piercey were equipped with paper bludgeons and turned loose on the three men. This was the most exciting game of the party. Mr. Armstrong was the champion, being the last to have his balloon broken.

After lunch, round and square dancing, with prizes for bingo and spot dances occupied the rest of the evening until the party broke up at 11.30.

and there would have been very small editions if it had not been for his wonderful articles. He never missed a week and we are very grateful to him for those stories.

Last week your editor received a letter from Jim Emmerson in which he praised our efforts. We would like to thank Mr. Emmerson for taking valuable time off to show his interest in his old school and to wish him continued success.

INDUSTRIAL HOCKEY

Two games weekly are scheduled for each of the four teams in the industrial hockey league until mid-February.

The league has been playing Sunday afternoons in Georgetown for the past month. These Sunday games will be continued and on Monday night an extra series started in Acton Arena. These will be continued, weather permitting, until February 9th.

Remaining games on the schedule are as follows:

IN GEORGETOWN

January 11th
Burns vs. Businessmen
Acton vs. Smith & Stone
January 18th
Acton vs. Burns
Businessmen vs. S. & S.
January 25th
Burns vs. S. & S.
Acton vs. Businessmen
February 1st
Acton vs. S. & S.
Businessmen vs. Burns
February 8th
Businessmen vs. S. & S.
Acton vs. Burns

IN ACTON

January 12th
Acton vs. Burns
Businessmen vs. S. & S.
January 19th
Burns vs. S. & S.
Businessmen vs. Acton
January 26th
S. & S. vs. Acton
Businessmen vs. Burns
February 2nd
S. & S. vs. Businessmen
Acton vs. Burns
February 9th
Acton vs. Businessmen
Burns vs. S. & S.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

En route south for a holiday Mr. and Mrs. Phil Goddard and daughter Linda of Vancouver, B.C. visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Murdoch and other relatives in the district last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sanders of Hamilton were New Year's visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Blair Armstrong.

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