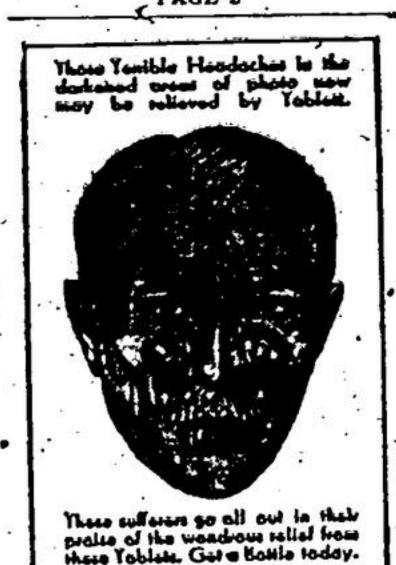
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#### Teacher Shortage Lowers Standards

by Art Spence in the Yoronto Yelegram

There are children who will graduate in the next few years from Ontario public schools, who will never have had a qualified teacher. -This grim fact, more than any mountain of figures, points up the real tragedy of the crisis this province is facing in education.

The minister of education has assured the public the teacher shortage has been met, though he admitted "some" letters of permission had to be issued this year despite graduation of 900 extra teachers by emergency summer training programs. .

He has even conceded a shortage of secondary school teachers which has been partially relieved by granting fetters of standing to; suitably qualified teachers from outside On-

The facts are not so reassuring As of September of last year the Department of Education blue book listed 832 public school teachers on letters of permit. These are teachers with no training or only partial train-

The issuing of "some" letters of permit for public schools has been admitted. But it will come as a distinct surprise to many to learn there are already 316 equally unqualified teachers in secondary schools.

Beyond that, there are some 800 secondary teachers who have qualifications only for public school teaching

who have never attended university. Not only have these facts been glossed over or ignored, but the public has been assured that measures now being taken will in a short time satisfactorily meet the emergency.

Figures again tell a different story. Between now and 1965 we will need 10,000 additional secondary teachers. The Ontario College of Education graduates 400 each year. The new emergency summer training program is geared to turn out 200 more.

Simple arithmetic leaves us 6,000 teachers short by 1965. More to the point perhaps, is the fact that the shortage will fall heavily on science, mathematics, shopwork and other specialties, where permit teachers cannot possibly be used.

Those are the simple statistics They tell only a part of the story Faced with short supply and heavy demand, the Department of Educa-

tion has taken the only course it could find to keep the classrooms open. It has made it easier, and cheaper to become a teacher

For both public and secondary schools it has substituted summer courses for full years at Teachers' Training College and OCE. In the case of the public schools it has eliminated the grade 13 barrier by taking students directly from Grade 12, who

take a two-year course. These moves were necessary and so were recognized by the various teacher federations despite the impact on their zealously guarded standards. But the teachers, who know so well the damage a poorly trained

It's not enough simply to keep classrooms open. The federations, in

dards up, have sought and are still seeking, some form of supervision teacher can do, wanted safeguards. over these student teachers. But the teachers were not consul-

ted period to the organization of emergency training programs and their subsequent requests for supervision have fallen on deaf cars. Thus we have the picture of the

Legion Notes

Last Thursday evening was the rog-

ular monthly meeting, with president

Harvey Garvin in the chair, with sec-

retary Bob Muir and treasurer Wal-

lace Thompson in their respective pla-

ing treasurer's report, sick report, en-

tertainment, bingo and sports.

Various reports were given, includ-

Under gener# business various af-

fairs were discussed, delegates were

picked for the approaching zone mee-

ting and plans for the contemplated

air conditioning were discussed. The

projected forced sale of the Legion.

ary to the members was critized. In

one family alone, it was pointed out,

four members will receive it, each

It was left up to the discretion of the

air conditioning

executive to decide what to do about

Clark forward, and presented him

with his past president's jewel and

pin. He then asked Comrade Clark

to present the former treasurer, Bill

Roney, with a life membership for

his splendid work as treasurer down

through the years. Both men replied

ROUND THE ROOMS

Rocky last Saturday, and he was quite

right too. Some time ago in this col-

umn we said that Dutch McCartney

and Gord Jamieson were looking after

dart and cribs in the branch Had we

been thinking, we'd have known that

it was the industrial league, and that

Rocky has been chief cook and bottle

washer (as well as prime organizer) of

the Branch end of it .... The Indust-

rial crib and dart league had a real

dinner in the auditorium on Saturday

last This was a very nice affair and

the boys deserve credit for a good

to winners and runners up . . The

Legion now has another business man

on the main street among their ranks

in the person of Maurice Manderson,

who recently opened up a law prac-

tice over the Cotton store If you look

down the Main Street, there's quite

an array of Legion members -start-

ing at one end you have Dr C V

Williams, Walter Biehn, Walker

Cleave, Harold McClure, Maurice

Manderson, Mery Cook, Joe McClin-

tock, Fred Maveal, Ray Thompson,

Stu Young, Lt Col John R Barber,

Jim Ritchie, Elmer Stief and the wri-

ter and Reg Broomhead Off Main St

but still down town, are Ken Nash

and Charlie McDowell, and also in

the plumbing business on Mill Street

their desire to keep educational stan

Trophies were presented

The writer caught h . . . from

Meeting closed at 9 15 with singing

The president then called Leslie

paying the subscription price of \$1.00 for

toughest jobs in education -- the ungraded rural schools and the small high school, where experienced colleagues are not available for guidance - being handed over to the teachers with a minimum of training and no experience.

The public school federations want a staff of top teachers assigned to rural areas, to move from school to school, helping to advise these teach-

The secondary federation wants summer school graduates to be taken in by large boards where they can be supervised. Instead, under regulations covering this new course, graduates of summer school can take jobs only with boards which have tried

and failed to get qualified staff. Much damage has been done to public school education. In the secondary field the situation has already reached the point where one high school, South Mountain, near Iroquois, has six unqualified teachers in a staff of seven. The seventh, the principal, has not yet earned his Type A certificate.

Any program which produced teachers with tendencies to harm their pupils physically would never be tolerated. Yet a program, which cannot help but damage the educational future of thousands of chil-

dren, is accepted. 'No one has the magic answer to the next ten years in Ontario schools, but\_conversely, no one in the teachmg profession is convinced much more could not be done.

One answer is obvious-more money. It is a puzzling fact that, despite the acknowledged need for government aid, the province is now allotting two per cent less of its budget to education than it did in 1947. Increased grants could help rural

areas to raise salaries to compet? tive levels, and would support .: supervisory program for summer Elimination of the \$238 for OCE fee and an increased program of

bursaries and scholarships would also help attract more teachers. Perhaps, more basically, there is danger and co-operative efforts of all groups concerned, business, industry, parents, teachers and govern-

Stopgap measures based on expedi-

#### PEEL MANOR HEAD **RESIGNS MAY 1st**

The resignation of Mrs. W. Yarranton, superintendent of Peel Manor, was accepted by Peel County Council during its March session. Mrs. Yarranton's resignation will take effect

May 1st. The resignation announcement was made in the Peel Manor report, submitted by Reeve W. C. Arch, Streetsville. In her letter of resignation Mrs. Yarranton stated: "Please convey my thanks to the county board and commissioners who have co-operated so splendidly."

The Peel Manor report recommended that the resignation be accepted and that thanks to be conveyed to Mrs. Yarrantou for ber 25, years ' of

faithful service. Council approved a bonus for Mrs, -Yarranton of \$675 to be paid on retirement and a pension paid to her of \$50 monthly commencing August 1st Immediate steps will be taken to filt

Jack Muckart And we just remem bered another one, John D. Kelly

Renewed acquaintance some time ago with an active Legion member in Burlington, Bob Shannon. Bob is the reeve of Burlington, a post he has held for a number of years, and is the current warden of Halton county. All at the age of 33 years. The new warden hasn't been to any of our affairs yet, but we expect the executive will have him up to something in the future Air conditioning has developed into quite a problem. The original suggestion, window units has proved not practical, and prices are being received by the executive for a large size unit. We think that air conditions is a good idea providing it can be worked out to give it to the downstairs as well as the auditorium. We believe that the people that keep the place running (you can guess who we mean) are entitled to the same comforts as those who attend the bin-

gos, dances, banquets, etc. and every

effort should be made to incorporate

this into plans. The cost will be high that goes without saying, and that's just another reason why the part of the building that supplies the major part of your revenue should be given the same consideration as the auditorium From various plans we have heard in the past couple of years, we think a reasonable compromise can be worked out, where the one plant can be used for both places merely by diverting it when needed. To explain, there is no reason why the cooling plant cannot be used in the beverage room during the day and the various nights when the auditorium is not in use. Then, say on bingo or dance nights, the plant could be diverted, by means of a damper to the auditorium. And we wager that with the stone wall we have in the walls of the downstairs (all 22 inches of them) the place will still be cool a good many hours after the air has been diverted upstairs.



Forest fires turned this beautiful scene at Kwinkwaga Lake, in the White River district of Ontario, into ugly desolation last June. He careful with fire in the woods this year, urges the Ont. Dept. of Lands



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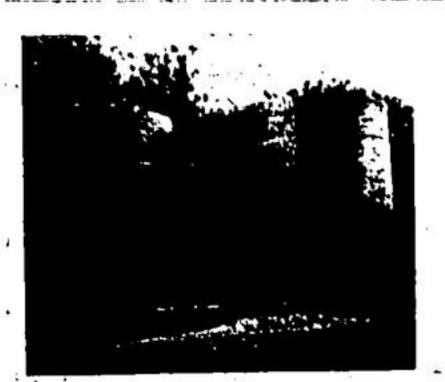
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