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## Mr. Lambert

G. Scott

Mr. Lambert was born in Manchester, Lancashire, England. Attending local public and high school respectively, he studied for his matriculation. Before he had a chance to attend university his family decided to come to Canada. They took up residence on a farm at Islington (near Toronto) and he worked there for four years.

He then enrolled at McMaster University in the ministry with the intention of later becoming an archeologist. He graduated with his B.A. and B. Th. (Bachelor of Theology). While at college he did his share of keeping it in a turmoil. As a press reporter and a sub-editor for their paper and literary magazine he got his fingers burned many a time. But that not being enough he was on the debating team and kept things hopping there. For sports he did what he had time for and played for the soccer and rugby teams. Being a very studious type he was awarded a scholarship in "The History of Church Doctrines", which involved a lengthy thesis; he also won a best short story contest run by their literary magazine. He was a member of the Theological Union, a student body formed by two representatives from each Theological College in Ontario. Besides studying and what not, he discovered there was another sex and it was at college he met his future wife. She was beating her brains out to be a teacher.

After college Mr. Lambert took up teaching as a profession and attended the College of Education, specializing in English. His first post was junior teacher at Mimico and he wasn't there a day when he found to his terror that they had signed him as a Latin teacher instead of English. While there he coached the junior rugby teams and basketball.

Completing three years at Mimico he moved in 1935 to Georgetown as principal of the High School. His teaching was interrupted by the Second World War and he served three years as captain in the Lorne Scots being posted in England. After the war he resumed teaching here.

Mr. Lambert tends to favour music as his hobby. He is a member of the St. George's Anglican Church choir and can play the viola (a viola is one fifth larger than a violin and one fifth lower in tone). Not too long ago he served as a string quartet. He has served as president of the Lions Club for two years and at present is chairman of the Library Board.

Mr. Lambert has two brothers and two sisters. One brother is on the veterinary staff at O.A.C., Guelph, and the other is head of the Dairy Division, Department of Agriculture in the State of Virginia. He is married and has three children. One of them graduated from this school and is at present a public school teacher for Grade 4. Recently his wife joined the staff of the high school and is teaching the junior forms. Besides his principal duties Mr. Lambert teaches English, Latin and Guidance to the junior forms.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

D. Wrigglesworth

Student Council met on Thursday, April 19, at noon hour. Two things were discussed, namely:

A dance is tentatively called for Wednesday, May 2. Permission has been granted by the office. No arrangements have been made for a hall but it is hoped to hold it in the Rose Room.

This dance will be Lower School's dance. All first and second formers will be admitted free, providing they have Student Cards. The planning will be left mainly to Middle and Lower School, as Upper School is already working on its final exams.

The second thing discussed was recreation at noon hour, particularly volleyball. It is planned to have chosen teams and play-offs, thus providing organized recreation for those who take their lunch to school.

## OSCAR THE PLUMBER



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## How Far Should I Be a Model Student

As I have not the slightest idea what the above sentence means, you must try to bear with me as I attempt to enlarge on it. The definition of a model student produces in my mind the picture of a typical "stuffed shirt."

One who takes part in the class to his fullest ability in order to gain a "glory mark" at the end of the year is of no use to himself or his companions. And while he may know his English grammar he learns nothing of the outside world or even the people around him.

Spending all his free time at home in the evening he gains no respect for his fellow man and is no better than a shut-in as he gains a false sense of security, because he thinks that all he requires to succeed in the outside world is a good school mark. This is untrue because in the modern world one has to stamp on others in order to exist, and to do this one needs strength, not merely physical strength, but cunning in everyday business dealing.

I conclude that one should gather this knowledge while still young and still gain a satisfactory mark in school; therefore, staying away from the "doom" of becoming a model student.

### NOTE:

The above contribution by a Grade XII student may at first sight appear out of place in High Tales. But as it is obviously a sincere expression of opinion it deserves some consideration. The views are unfortunately shared by many other adolescents.

Too many of our young people are terrified of being considered different from "the gang." This in the first place is a form of moral cowardice utterly unsuitable to a young and developing country such as ours. Secondly, the "gang" level is always one of dull mediocrity or worse. Such views are essentially a denial of the individuals freedom of thought in a democracy.

Where the responsibility for such views lies is a complex question but surely the schools cannot be held responsible for the spread of these ideas? Of more practical interest is the effect that the writer's opinions have on himself and his fellow-students. How can the teachers produce high standards of scholarship where the students themselves are actively opposed to learning?

—J. L. Lambert.

## P.T. REPORT

S. Scott

The grade nine girls should be taken as an example for the rest of the girls in the school. They show a quality of enthusiasm which is rarely seen in GHS.

Donna Bennett has volunteered to teach the girls volleyball after school. She has had no trouble getting girls for a couple of teams. I do hope that this enthusiasm continues for it may generate throughout the school.

The only other activity in the P.T. field is the preparation of a volleyball team to go to Guelph this spring.

## BENNETT'S BEAT

Well, they say you can't keep a good thing down so here I am again with some invaluable exclusives. (There's conceit for you).

Why does one Grade 9 student spend most of his time sitting outside the rooms with a pen and a large stack of paper in his hand? Maybe he likes the atmosphere out there or maybe he doesn't like people who are commonly known as students and teachers.

This item dates back to Easter time. What did one student have in the desk during an exam which might have proved interesting to the presiding teacher?

The eternal spark of love, which was extinguished some months ago, has recently been rekindled between two GHS students. I understand that the third angle of the triangle has recently been consulting the ever popular Dorothy Dix.

There is a certain boy in the commercial class who has been bothering me to publicize some of his daily activities. He has lately been given a new name "The Error"—oh, I mean "The Terror of the Commercial Class". He has also become a ventriloquist with a live dummy, eh Fran? (I have previously asked Fran about the above slander and she okayed my choice of words). This young man also has trouble spelling the word "lovely" but Barry has been very cooperative in giving him the correct spelling "proudfoot".

One question which constantly buzzes around in a few heads asks "Is detouring to the railway station a shorter way of reaching Normandy Blvd. from the armouries than travelling straight up Guelph St?" There is one person who is trying desperately to prove this statement.

Who are the third form girls who have recently been having trouble with a teacher, and as a resulting factor, have been sent to the office? All sorts of secrets are confessed at monthly C/M meetings.

This flash isn't public news but is written as a favour for a fellow stu-

## STOCK EXCHANGE

T. D. Harley

A few days ago a bus load of GHS students travelled to Toronto to investigate the courses at Ryerson Tech, and for a hurried tour of the Toronto Stock Exchange. Our findings at Ryerson were very encouraging. We now realize that a person can start out digging ditches, and wind up behind a desk, if he does not mind the decrease in pay. It was pointed out to us that with the serious unemployment in the country today, we should learn a trade so that we shall know what job we are out of.

In the various departments we saw progress in electrical technology, radio, TV, etc. There was much progress in the department dealing with weather, that we would not be surprised if, in the near future, we pick up a newspaper that read, "Rain postponed on account of ball game."

From noon until a quarter to two was free time and we made the best of it. We did a little research and came, up with some amazing discoveries. Did you know that in the Chinatown section of Toronto telephone book there are 257 Wong numbers?

We missed the bus for the Stock Exchange and had to walk. The group must have made some kind of impression on the personnel of the building, for as soon as another late-comer and myself entered the building, six of the employees looked up from their desks, pointed down the hall and chorused, "They went that way."

We finally found them in a balcony overlooking the main floor. Below us was a scene of hopeless confusion. Five hundred men were standing around with notebook and pencil shouting at the top of their voices. We wondered what would happen if somebody yelled out, "fire" so we tried it. Immediately someone in the centre of the floor yelled back, "Up two and a quarter."

We were then introduced to our guide. He tried to explain the functioning of the whole system, but after a few minutes he came to the conclusion that we had minds like concrete,—all mixed up and permanently set. He later admitted that he was wrong. He said our minds were more like blotters—soaking it all in and getting it all backwards. We agreed with him. Such confusion!

SCRAP—chemistry class learns diamond is one of the hardest substance known to man—especially to get back—latest birds sighted back in this area by local bird watchers include the yellow-throated sand-snatcher, duck-billed platitide and the double-breasted serge. Keep it up boys. Sign soon to be erected on Guelph Street "Watch out for school children, especially if they're driving cars."

## STUDENT REACTION

Are you in favour of the NEW RULE which states that girls cannot wear jeans in school?

Bill Hardman, XII—Yes, I hope that a similar rule will come into effect for boys.

Frank O'Neill, XII — Definitely, what with windbreakers and jeans, plus the short haired girls are sporting, from the back you don't know if it is a boy who needs a haircut or a girl who has just had one.

Joan Copperthwaite, X—Undecided. But jeans are more comfortable than dresses.

Patti Paige, X — Yes, because I think a girl looks more ladylike in a dress than in jeans.

Myra Breen, IX—No, personally I think it is up to the individual to decide what she wishes to wear.

## CADET REPORT

B. Timleck

On Monday, April 9, a tactical scheme was carried out under the supervision of S Sgt. Hardie, Central Command II Q. The location of the scheme was at the CNR trestle or "iron bridge" which crosses the Credit River. Field Manoeuvres were done and No. 58 sets were carried in order that signal operations could be carried out. A lecture was given on map using and the compass. The Cadets were given box lunch and the exercise was closed.

Plans are again being made in order that the Corps has a good standing for the Lord Strathcona Troop, which is presented to the Corps with the best inspection. The Corps has always had a high standing but has never been placed first. How about it this year? It can be done; all we need is practice and your support. You can help by turning out at the armouries on Wednesday nights so that the "March Past" and demonstrations can be practised.

Some of the members of 5th form would prefer that another member deposit his garbage in the basket instead of the desks. I guess it has become rather annoying.

## DIOGENES

Bob Hess

The pressure for a school dance is again on. Harry Greig, Student Council President, has consulted with Mr. Lambert and it is possible that after the inspection, as in former years, a cadet dance will be held at the Armouries.

Certain factions have been agitating for a spring field day, but the question remains: would enough students compete to warrant the labour it would involve? A great deal of organization is necessary and school time must be sacrificed. With a cadet inspection, a square dance and a volleyball competition coming, it is unlikely that a field day will be held.

Have you noticed the great interest in basketball during noon hours? It is pitiful that such talent must suffice with makeshift equipment. Grandiose schemes and talk of a drilling locations, and the future of when the people in charge cannot even provide the essential low-cost basketball hoops to put on waiting standards or the proper supports from which to string the volleyball nets. It would be far better to have the essentials now, than to delay, in the faint hope of having a gymnasium some time in the future.

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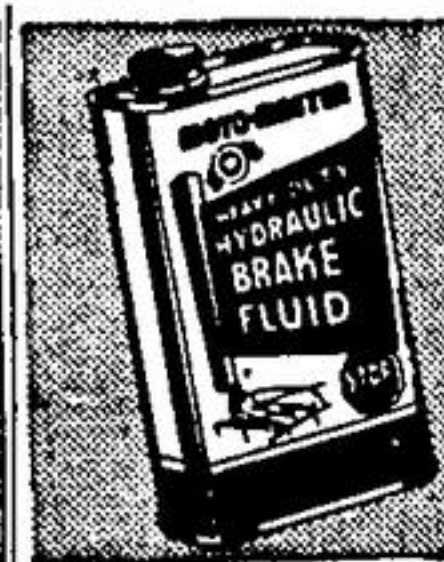
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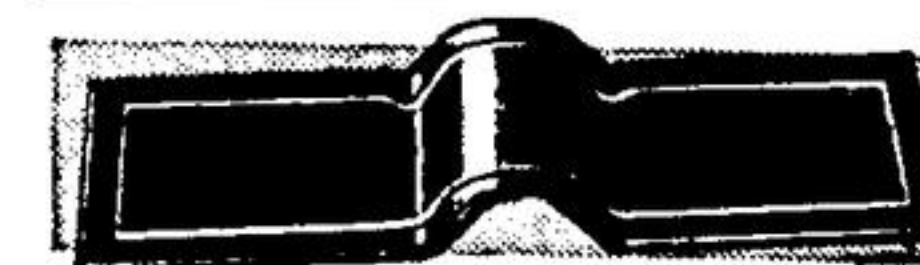
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