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After about ten years in the bus- and stand there with their arms hanging down.

Now a banquet, when I used to read about them as a kid, was a sumptuous affair. The word conjured up visions of Roman voluptuaries reclining on couches, drinking Falernian wine and gorging themselves on all manners of goodies borne in by half-naked Nubian slaves.

Twenty five years later, I am prepared to admit that a banquet consists of: a shot of tomato juice in a paper cup; a plate heaped with mashed potatoes and gravy, cold turkey and lukewarm, lumpy turnips or canned peas; carrots; a piece of pie which can range from delectable to gawdoffal, depending on who made it; a slug of warmish tea or coffee poured from a large porcelain pot by a perspiring and rather cross lady member of the catering organiza-

tion. But not only the viands are changed. It's the atmosphere. At the banquet of my boyish imagination, the participants began about 9 p.m. They ate and drank in leisurely fashion, exchanging epigrams, verses. Their digestion was aided by the muted strumming of lutes. About midnight, glassy eyed, they would clap for the dancing girls and acrobats. Later, still belching richly, they would totter off, aided by their servants, for their sedan chairs, home and bed.

Nowadays the banquet starts sharp at 6.30. So everybody mills around hungrily until 10 to 7, while the good ladies in the kitchen mutter imprecations and try to keep things hot. There is a vast shuffling of chairs as everybody is seated. The vice presi- dent runs madly about trying to squeeze two extra chairs in at the head table because somebody goofed.

Then there's a sharp "ping" as the chairman hits his waterglass and mutters something. There is another vast shuffling as every- one lurches to his feet. There is a jumbled clinking of glasses for the Queen, followed by Grace. That Grace has been following the Queen for years and doesn't bet she won't be along on the Royal Tour this summer.

Then there is the painful strug- gle back into the narrow space, the chairs standing as close as the Grenadier Guards shoulder to shoulder. The ladies rush in with plates. They are halted in their tracks by the chairman, who announces he would like to introduce the head table. The table is un- impressed, but those seated at it bob up with various expressions

## Five Oaks Director Speaks To Church School Teachers

A very successful church school teachers' training course drew to a close on Tuesday evening when 60 teachers of the area came to- gether to hear an address entit- led "The Spiritual Life of the Church School Teacher," deliv- ered by the Rev. Beverly Oaten, BA, BD, director of the Five Oaks' Christian training centre, Paris.

Mr. Oaten, in a dramatic and in- structive fashion, enlarged on the atmosphere that must exist in a class before true inspiration and learning can be accomplished. The stress was not upon a judgmental, condemning, harsh attitude upon the part of a teacher but rather upon the teacher's ability to lis- ten to the "talk" of the students and to insert himself or herself into the situation of the progress- ing student. The elements of love, understanding, sympathy and concern must be present on the teacher's part else the teacher will stray into the byways of "cold fact" without the desire to in- struct or impart inspiration. Mr. Oaten drew his audience into his address by a continuous calling for opinions. The last evening of the course was in the hands of the United Churches of the area. A devotional exercise was con- ducted by the Rev. M. G. McFarlane and Mr. Alex Maclaren presided at the piano. Rev. John Hill of Hornby United Church introduced the speaker and he was thanked by Rev. G. L. Royal of Norval and Union Presbyterian Churches.

On the first evening of the course the Anglican Churches were in charge with the Rev. J. E. Maxwell of Norval, Hornby and Stewarttown Anglican Churches leading the devotional. Rev. Ken- neth Richardson introduced the speaker of the evening in the per- son of Mr. Horace Lambie, super- intendent of the Sunday School of St. Nicholas Church, Delrex. Mr. Lambie's subject was "The Church School under fire." The speaker was concerned about the time wasted in the Sunday School hour and sought to instruct the teach- ers present in making every minute count. He drew out the too- common "falling" of all Sunday Schools in the presentation of "dry bone facts" without the accompany- ing faith and desire to teach. The lesson becomes "old stuff heard before" and sends the child home hoping he will never have to re- turn. Mr. Lambie also was con- cerned about the lack of interest in Sunday School work expressed in the general attitude of parents. They will bring a child to Sunday School, drop him or her off, come back for the child and forget ab- out the church as the Body of Je- sus Christ for the rest of the week. Mr. Lambie broke the audience into four groups with the following leaders: Rev. M. G. McFarlane, Rev. Lloyd Whan, Rev. Eric Warren and Rev. J. E. Max- well. These groups considered the proposition that parents could

(and should) be encouraged to par- ticipate with their children in the Sunday School. A general concen- sus of opinion seemed to be that adult Bible classes were all too rare and that the absence of men in the Sunday School, particularly in the rural areas, was a grave shortcom- ing. On the second evening of the course, the Rev. Arthur McDowell, principal of the Baptist Training Institute, Toronto, was present and his address was entitled: "The aims of the Church School." Mr. Mc- Dowell was introduced to the teach- ers by the Rev. Lloyd Whan after a devotional period conducted by the Rev. Walter Shell of Chelten- ham and Belfountain Baptist Churches. Mr. McDowell dwelt on the wrong aims, first of all, of Church School teaching, emphasizing how concerned some teachers are with "getting across" of some or many facts with no reference at all to the love of Jesus Christ for the child. The main aim, as Mr. Mc- Dowell expressed it, was to bring the child to a "living knowledge" of the Lord Jesus Christ and not just to learn a few scattered "facts" about Him. The aim of the Church School is not to make better Angli- cans, Baptists, Presbyterians and United Church people, but to draw the expanding life of the child into a close proximity with Christ Je- sus as Master and as Lord. Mr. McDowell had Mr. Lambie break the group into smaller segments in order to discuss from a variety of Scriptural texts the aims of the church school. These texts expressed the following aims — knowledge of God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, the Holy Bi- ble, worship and fellowship. The third evening of the course was in the hands of the Presby- terian churches. The Rev. Byron Nevin of Boston and Omagh Pres- byterian Churches led the devo- tional period and the Rev. G. L. Royal of Norval and Union Pres- byterian Churches introduced the speaker Rev. Albert E. Bailey MA, MTh, assistant editor, Presbyterian Publications, Toronto, to the as- sembly. The theme of Mr. Bail- ey's address was "Teen Age Inse- curity Challenges the Church School." In a scholarly fashion Mr. Bailey followed the progress of a child from his pre-natal pe- riod to his late teens to show the various steps and urges: eg., the "terrible twos," "the trusting threes," "the fierce fours" and "the friendly fives". We must un- derstand," said Mr. Bailey, "that a child makes a thrust forward to assert his independence, then Je- sus's off to consolidate his position." This is true of every stage up un- til the final thrust between eigh- teen and twenty one. When man- hood has been gained then the ma- ture adult will look back with a certain confusion as to the peri- ods he has passed through. It is a relief to be final- ly finished with the growing stage and to set one's eye upon a more promising future. Mr. Bailey said, "Too often, far too often, we neglect the 'individuality' of a growing person, expecting them to act like men but treating them like unreliable castoffs." The whole theme boiled down to "un- derstanding" and "interest" in the fears that confront youth, par- ticularly in an age that is moving far too fast. The church school can help by treating the maturing youth as an individual" and not expect him to be tied to apron strings, until in some frantic ges- ture he revolts and does some- thing ridiculous. An idea that was talked about and discussed during this address was the lack of "Family Evenings" in the church and church school. Many felt that teen agers would not attend an evening or social with the fam- ily but that, nevertheless, these evenings did provide an outlet for a younger member of the family. The Church school teachers' training course was sponsored by the Credit Valley Ministerial As- sociation and is the third annual conference held in the area. The Executive and members of the Ministerial are: Rev. G. L. Royal, president; Rev. Lloyd Whan, vice president; Rev. E. V. Warren, sec- retary-treasurer; Rev. M. G. Mc Farlane; Rev. W. M. Murdock, Rev. K. Richardson, Rev. John Hill, Rev. B. A. Nevin, Rev. L. N. Free, Rev. J. E. Maxwell; Rev. John Rathbone.

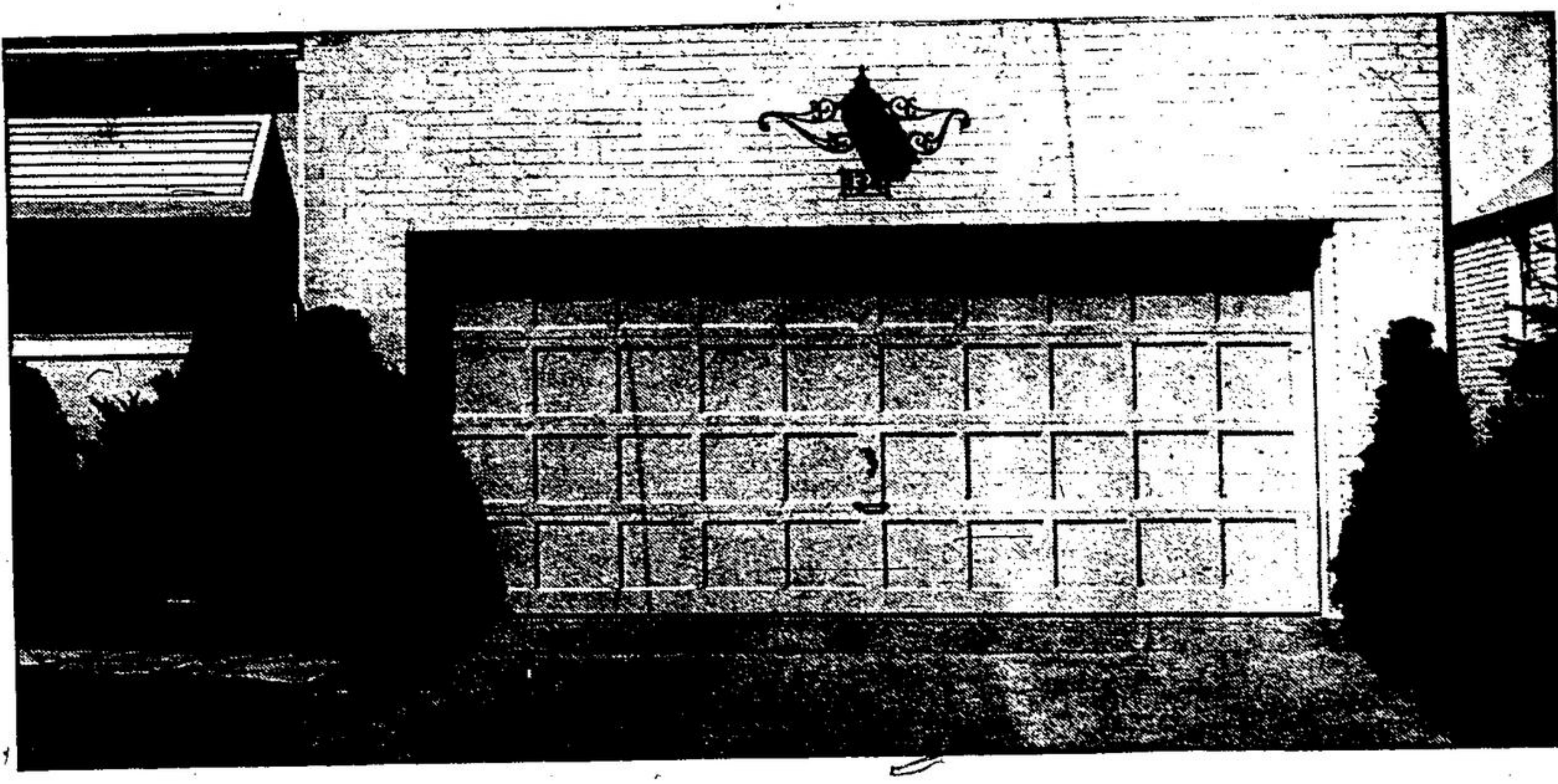
### EYES PROVINCIAL SPEAKING TITLE

Billy Andrews of Campbellville, the 11-year old who copped the Halton County public speaking championship following a prelim- inary township contest, appears to be well on the way for a Provin- cial title.

Billy will appear at the Ontario public speaking championships in Toronto, March 31st, it was an- nounced following his victory last week at the Zone 4 finals in Streetsville.

On that night he defeated seven of the best public school speakers from Ontario, York and Peel coun- ties. Billy's topic is "Hydro, the Ideal Servant."

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