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Massey Visit a Highlight

The visit of Governor General Massey last Thursday was a highlight which will long be remembered in town.

Arrangements made by council were excellent and the short half hour of his visit was so well planned that there were no obvious signs of haste and a maximum amount of ceremony was accomplished during his stay.

from his train, he was a hit with the populace. The motorcade down Queen St. was colourful, and the cheering throngs of children on St. George's church lawn, many waving little flager and the bunting decorated platform made a gay scene. Mr. Massey spoke longer than had been expected and cleverly held his audience in the palm of his hand as he pretended that the old idea of a school holiday was outdated and that he understood children liked school so well now-

A Reminder Next Year

Council's idea of honouring the Governor -General's visit with a scholarship next year was a fine idea and one which we are sure met with favour from the recipient.

interest in education and the arts and, as he said when receiving it, nothing made him happier than to know that his visit would be remembered next year at the high school commencement when the scholarship was presented.

Council's idea could well be expanded upon mensurate with their abilities. by individuals and organizations. Many school

adays that he was considering asking teachers to have an extra day's classes on Saturday in honour of his visit. His showmanship was worthy of brother Raymond, and the groans, cheers, groans ended in a climax of cheering when the expected announcement finally came.

It made one feel proud, too, to have a protection of your wife and famimayor as fluent as Jack Armstrong as he read ly, for the protection of your prop-From the moment His Excellency alighted his address of welcome, whose graciousness and poise on the platform matched that of the distinguished visitor.

> The solemnity which followed at the cenotaph was equally impressive as the governorgeneral greeted war veterans and militia and to the public is not apt to encourlaid a wreath in memory of the dead.

> And the final drive down Main Street lined with spectators and up Queen Street again where pression that without the uniform school children cheered our visitor on his way, was in keeping with the spirit of-the day.

prizes are already available through such gener- of social decorum had worn a bit osity and many more could be used. Despite bursaries available from the government there are occasionally young people who cannot afford The governor general is well-known for his to pursue a higher education because of lack of funds. Others must budget to such a point that they miss some of the good times which should be a student's right, too, and a few hundred dollars might mean the difference between using their brains to the full, or having a job not com-

HORNBY **DEMONSTRATES CORSAGES** FROM GARDEN FLOWERS

The May meeting of the Hornby Women's Institute was held on Wednesday, May 13th, at Mrs. W Hamilton's with eleven members and 2 visitors present. In the absence of the president, the first vice. Mrs. J. McCarron meeting ed in the usual manner with the singing of the Ode and repeating the Mary Stewart Collect. The roll call "A noted Canadian and some interesting facts about him or her was answered by all. The secretary read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report. The delegates were appointed to attend the

district annual in Acton on May CHOOSE WINNERS AT 26th. A letter was received re the GOLF CLUB BRIDGE selling of coffee spoons commem-

possibility of a bus trip this year. The meeting was then turned cities was won by Mrs. McCarron. Thompson and Mrs. James The meeting closed with the Evans winning these.

Queen and lunch was served by

Concluding a 4-week bridge orating the Queen's visit to Cana- tournament last Tuesday at North da this year. It was decided to Halton Golf and Country Club, Sid order some of these. A commit- Orr and Mrs. Don Wingrove tallied tee was appointed to look into the a total of 11,400 points to gain 1st prize in the tourney.

They were closely followed over to the Citizenship convener, Mr. and Mrs. William McNally Mrs. R. King. 'After the singing with 11,300 and Mr. Wingrove and of O Canada Mrs. King read a poem Mrs. Orr won third place with entiled "O Mother." She then in- 11,000. Winners of a hidden score troduced Mrs. T. Alderson who were Murt Allison and Mrs. Lloyd demonstrated the making of cor- Marks. Consolation prize went to sages from the flowers in the gar- Joy Laird and Mrs. Doug Latimer. den: Mrs. C. Ford thanked Mrs. There were three lucky draw pri Alderson. A contest on Canadian zes also, with Stan Finlay, Isabel

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Controversial Corner

THE PUBLIC AND THE POLICE

onto newspapers. It described the arrest of two drunken hoodlums in the downtown Queen Street district of Toronto. This, in itself, is depressing enough; the fact that the arrest was observed by a sullen and antagonistic crowd of bystanders is far more depressing. Many readers will recall a similar situation two or three years ago in the same district, when the officer making the arrest was attacked by several other hoodlums from the crowd of onlookers and severely beaten up. No one came to the policeman's assistance; apparently the event was part of the evening's entertainment. This is an extreme example of the unhappy and unhalthy relationship existing between our law-enforcement officers and a large proportion of the public, - a disturbingly large proportion. It is evident that many Canadians look on the police as enemies, and many more, as a necessary evil.

protection of the weak from the strong is the law of the land. Unless the law is enforced it is merely a worthless piece of paper; if the law is not enforced we will return to barbarism and anarchy. Squarely behind the law stands your public servant, the man whose salary you pay, the man selected by your elected council, the policeman. He is there for your protection, for the erty, he is one of the most essential members of our society. This being so, why is there such a conflict between the public and the police? Some of the reasons are

not hard to find. The attitude of many policemen age admiration or friendship. They are rude, boorish, disbelieving and arrogant; some-even give the imthey might easily be on the other side of the law. However, if we spent most of our working hours trying to cope with smalltime crooks, drunks, wife-beaters and the rest of society's scum, we might find that some of the finer points

Another reason may be found in occasional cases of police dishonesty which always make headline news, or in the instances of conflict between civic authorities and police chiefs which occurs from time to time. This always provides an opportunity for some self-appointed experts to say "See that in the papers? Them police is all 'a same." Thus applying the Russian brand of justice - guilt by assoc-

Another factor which is not liable to improve police morale is the ineptitude and incompetenceof some of our legislators and magistrates. This has been the subject of many articles and editorials in the Canadian press and will not be developed here. In passing, however, consider the 67 cases of careless driving dismissed by Magistrate R. C. Jackson in Peterborough

who said: "You can't change he rules half way through the game. wonder what the policeman thought, particularly those who might have risked their necks to summon the culprits. So much for the attitude of the police, which I feel, will always reflect the attitude of the people.

When was the last time a friend of yours received a ticket for specding or illegal parking? Did he think it was justified? It almost certainly was justified but it is surprising how a respected mem ber of society can abrogate his principles when he has committed a minor offense of this sort. I'wonder how many civic officials have managed to evade minor charges which they probly deserved. And

what does this do for police integ-

In this matter of the public and the police we have reached a vicious circle. The attitude, and thereby the efficiency, of the police will not improve until the attitude of the public improves and vice versa. In my view, a change in heart by the public must be the first step. Let us all take time to consider that "a policeman's lot is, not a happy one" He has a tough, difficult and often dangerous job to do; a job that is unpopular and underpaid. Let us try not to look on him as

Louise Dance School Gala Day Entertainers

Five dancers from the Louise School of Dancing in Toronto will have a large share of the spotlight when the hospital association stages their Gala Day show at the park Saturday evening.

The five girls who make up the troop include Lorrane Green who wast last year's strutting champion and copped the Kiwanis trophy for best all round dancer in the Ki wanis Festival. She is a gold medalist for tap, ballet, jazz, and semi character dancing, and has travelled extensively throughout the US demonstrating dancing techniques. She has also worked on

television. With her will be Irene Collins, principal of the New Toronto branch of Louise Dancing School; her assistant Faye Goodwin and two students Gloria Cooper and Mei Lin Chow both silver and bronze medalists at the Kiwanis Festival. They will also be doing the tattoo at the Highland Games on May 26th.

Recently a depressingly familiar story appeared in the Tor-

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