

# Citizenship is Topic For Home & School Night

Did you know that Citizenship Day in Canada falls on the Friday preceding Victoria Day, and comes at the end of Citizenship Week?

Did you also know that the National Federation of Home & School Associations received one of the three Citizenship Awards presented last year, and that these awards take the form of a Beaver Pin?

These facts, and many more, were made known in most cases for the first time, to a large audience of parents Monday evening at Harrison Home & School Meeting. The guests were met by Mr. Glen Allen, Senior Liaison Officer for the Province of Ontario of the Citizenship branch of the Federal Department of Citizenship and Immigration. The occasion was "Parents' Night" and it was very gratifying to see so many fathers there.

After a very informative and interesting talk by Mr. Allen, was a film called "The Threshold", showing a newly-arrived Austrian family, and the problems they had to face in their new home. The children, as do children anywhere, adjusted quickly. The little boy was playing cowboys and saying "gee whizz" in no time at all. His high school sister shocked her parents the day she out-

off her lovely long braids, apparently with a pair of blunt nail scissors, "because all the other girls have short hair". The parents, being naturally more set in the ways of the Old Country, were slower to adapt, however willing they were to do so. They were invited to join the Home & School — an organization totally unknown to them — and could hardly credit that their children's teachers should ask them for suggestions on how their children should be educated. Did they, for instance, approve of the current system of report cards — what changes would they like made in them? It would not have occurred to them to criticize the methods of the "Herr Doktor", even constructively, in their home-land, but in Canada it seemed methods were more informal. Discipline took a different form — children and parents were expected and encouraged to take an active part in the education programme. All of these things made them realize that they were indeed on the threshold of an entirely new life.

After five years they can, if they wish, apply for Canadian citizenship. But no pressure or obligation is involved, it will be their choice entirely. The

same is true of all immigrants, whether from U.K., Europe, Asia, or elsewhere. Mr. Allen compared the taking up of Canadian Citizenship to marriage. The five-year residence requirement being the courtship, and "getting to know you" period. Several people took the opportunity to get their questions answered, some serious and some amusing.

For the second part of the programme the audience had the pleasure of hearing some very fine singing by Miss Sandra Sproule and Sister Wade, who were accompanied by Ken Harrison on the piano. This part of the entertainment was definitely too short, judging by the applause and members' hope there will be further opportunities of listening to these very talented people.

Mrs. Macaulay gave some more details on the arrangements for the Fun Fair, to be held off February 27th. Everyone is invited, whether or not they have any connection with Harrison school. There will be packed goods, novelties, sports, films and other specialties for the children, rummage, afternoon tea, etc. To watch for future announcements and make a date to come and enjoy yourself!

The March meeting will be a programme on Safety, to be held at Wrigglesworth school April is Open House, and May 2nd will be the last meeting of the school year.

Refreshments were served by Mr. Gosling, ably assisted by several of the fathers.

## Seek \$250,000, Hospital Campaign Now Underway

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architect engaged, and a consultant firm hired to make a financial survey. Opinion was that it would be possible to raise the required \$250,000 in public donations, but campaign plans were delayed when the Avro layoff occurred.

Mr. Gunn pointed out why Georgetown lends itself to a hospital to serve the northern part of Halton, the geographical centre of a population of 16,000. Milton's new hospital is almost filled to capacity now, he said, and there is no primary road connecting the two towns. Local doctors spend much of their time enroute for hospital visits. Government grants account for a large percentage of the million dollar cost which Georgetown is sharing with other towns.

Introduction of hospital insurance will be helpful in avoiding deficits which have been all too common in the past, he pointed out. A hospital will have a beneficial effect on the local search for new industry, he thinks.

Present plans call for a 65 bed structure, costing \$1,080,000. A 17 acre site has been acquired near Park School and construction is planned to start this spring. Besides architects and a hospital consultant firm, a firm of professionals is organizing the fund campaign, he said, as it is a job of too much magnitude for any group of volunteers to direct.

Later in the meeting, Stanley Plummer campaign director, was introduced.

John D. Ord was dinner chairman explaining that he was substituting for Thomas Dillon, who was absent in the States on business. Rev. Kenneth Richardson gave the invocation and the Knox ladies were thanked for catering by Thomas Ferguson, public information chairman.

Jack Armstrong, co-chairman of corporate gifts, was a speaker and introduced Mr. and Mrs. Licitia, thanking them for their generosity as dinner hosts. Speaking for the clergy, Rev. Alex Calder, who is chairman of the residential division, said ministers are solidly in favour of the project, and offered a prayer for its successful completion.

Dr. C. V. Williams spoke for the medical profession and reminisced about his experiences during his 35 years of practice in town. He said that when he first came to town it was much less common to use hospitals because there were often ambulances, roads were often blocked in winter and patients had to be sent by train when they needed hospital attention. Doctors waste time and expense in their trips to hospital, he pointed out, and with hospitals overcrowded local patients do not always get the best of accommodation in Guelph and Brantford. A smaller, less institutional-type hospital such as is planned will be conducive to

quicker recovery of patients, he feels.

Mrs. Egbert C. Reed, Halton Girl Guide commissioner, spoke from a woman's point of view. As a member of one of the oldest district families (her father is Lt. Col. A. L. Noble of Nova Scotia) she told of early days when a doctor's stock in trade was salt and soda, and when pioneer doctors like Dr. McCullough, Dr. Webster and Dr. Starr travelled on horseback and performed operations under primitive conditions, usually in the patient's home.

Representing industry, Sam Penrice of Beaumont Knitting Co. Ltd. said that in industrial accidents, speed of getting a patient to hospital is sometimes a matter of life and death, while in minor accidents the recovery period is faster with a local hospital.

Speaking for labour, Steve Emerson, president of Local 481, IUPSW at Provincial Paper, Ltd. said men and women of industry have always responded to a good cause and won't disappoint Georgetown in this one now that the goal is in sight.

Dr. A. F. Hull, county medical officer of health, said a hospital will pay wonderful dividends in a healthier community and pointed to the terrific cost of illness which is being overcome by preventive medicine under guidance of health units.

A hospital could be the deciding factor in industrial location, was Mayor Ern Hyde's opinion, as he gave his opinion that a hospital will enlarge Georgetown's business area with consequent increase in property values in town.

Reeve Fred Tilley of Oakville, who is a member of the hospital board, explained details of assistance available from the county, which is a tax sharing among all county residents.

"It means that Oakville will be helping to pay for our hospital like we helped to pay for theirs," said Reeve Campbell Sinclair, of Keswaring, who said in his speech that portions of Erin and Chinguacousy townships will also be assisting in fund raising for a hospital which they will use.

Concluding the evening, Stanley Plummer said the campaign has three flights. "Until February 20th, concentration will be made on special gifts. An approach to employees will begin March 1st, and an appeal to the general public on March 8th. It is hoped that by March 22nd, the \$250,000 goal will have been reached.

"My function is to put you in a state of readiness," he said, "and to assist in whatever way I can."

Benediction by Fr. Thomas Van Laer concluded the dinner. Besides speakers and their wives, head table guests at the dinner also included Mrs. Thomas Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Garland, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hestlop, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Marks.

## Boozing Burglar Leaves with Silver Service as Loot

The case of the boozing burglar is being investigated by local police.

According to police, an intruder entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cleave, 97 Main St. N. and staggered off into the night with their silver service. But not before leaving his mark — two empty beer bottles and an empty whisky bottle.

The Cleaves, who retired at about 12:30, said they heard nothing.

Meanwhile, downstairs, the thirsty thief was having a one man party.

Const. Evan Rollins, who made the investigation, said the drunk must have stayed for some time, becoming super saturated before grabbing his loot and making his rubbery departure. Two full beer bottles were left on the porch.

Some busy sleuthing by Const. Rollins helped fill in the rest of the picture. The man, apparently well under the influence before reaching town, was on a Grey Coach bus enroute from Toronto to Guelph when the driver deposited him here after he became unruly.

Two downtown businesses, Jay's Photo Studio and Corner Cupboard Restaurant, ejected him for the same reason earlier the same night. When he wandered into the Cleave home and met no resistance, he made himself at home, guzzled some more and disappeared with the silver service.

Among the missing articles are a silver tea pot, silver sugar bowl, silver coffee pot, dessert spoons, knives, forks, coffee spoons, a black wallet, and another bottle of bubbly.

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## LEGION NOTES

We are sure all veterans join with branch 120 in extending congratulations to one of our town's most distinguished soldiers, Walter "Red" Asseltine, on the honour done him at Central Command last Friday. See full story and picture in this issue.

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We are delighted to learn that the branch is making plans to raise funds for the coming hospital campaign. We're sure that there could be no worthier cause, and we're certain every member will be right behind this project.

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That old war horse, Max Sturley, has returned to office as president of Acton branch. Max has been president of the branch longer than any one we know, as always we're sure he'll do a great job.

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A few weeks ago our "rum rodder" was hunting in the deep snow and we understand almost lost one of the party in the drifts. Total take: Six rabbits, according to Reid, and of course as everyone knows HE wouldn't exaggerate.

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Next week is Concession Day night and as well as quite an array of Legion "brass" we understand quite a number of other zone commanders from the district will be on tap. The reason being, we should imagine, that the full executive meeting is being held in Toronto that week end, so the boys can stop off on the way.

For anyone interested, the full executive council is the meeting held in Toronto for all the senior officers, down to and including district officers and zone commanders. This is one that is highly important and is extremely interesting. We never fail to admire the men who come from such great distances to attend these. In this vein, we think particularly of one lad who is a live wire up in the north country, in fact, part of his zone touches, or almost does on James Bay. We understand that his is the greatest in travelling distance in the province. He says it is actually quite a physical strain travelling into some company towns, that do not have many visitors. He finds special features, hunting parties, etc. are laid on from his arrival until his departure, and he needs another rest when he gets home!

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Curling has become one of the big sports in Legion competition, and this year again there will be a Canadian tournament. Labatts to any of you who are interested, that's a firm that makes beer is again picking up the tab, in a very generous offer.

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This firm also furnished the general board room of Provincial headquarters, and made an excellent job of it. We do not know of any organization boasting a finer headquarters than Ontario Command. We strongly recommend members, particularly officers of the branch to drop in and see how things are operated.

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Members are reminded that dues are now payable and after a short period, your name is knocked off the list of those receiving the Legionary, so you certainly wouldn't want that to happen, now would you?

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In the sports field, billiards will be held for the zone in Brantford on Feb. 20th. For details see R. Lorusso, and for snooker in Oakville on Feb. 27 see the same gent for details.

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Any news items for this column will be greatly appreciated. Just give us a ring at 3078 any evening.

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**Church Men Sponsor Series of Euchres**

The men of St. John's Anglican Church, Stawartown are sponsoring a series of euchre parties in the old Stawartown school. The one held on Saturday evening was very successful, with eleven tables of cards in play. Mrs. Jack Beaby was the first prize winner for the ladies, with Mrs. Ron Cash winning second.

Mrs. Eva Williams, who played a gentleman's card was first in that department, with Mr. J. J. Atkinson second. The consolation prizes were won by Mrs. Gilbert English and Michael Hunter. Mrs. Elaine Keadley of Brantford took home the door prize. Lunch concluded a very pleasant evening. The next in the series will be on Saturday evening, February 20, in the same place. The men of the congregation cordially invite all euchre players to come and enjoy themselves.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The invention of the electric self-starter put the woman driver on the road. World Book Encyclopedia says the old hand crank was the major obstacle to a woman's driving.

**SYNTHIUM 50 DECREASED IN MILK SUPPLY**

The level of Stronium 50 in Canadian milk has decreased. Health Minister Monteth informed the Commons last Wednesday.

Between September, 1958 and the same month last year, the level decreased to 11.8 from 11.9 microcenturies per gram of calcium, he said in a reply to Paul Martin (L. — Essex East). The maximum permissible intake level for humans is 50 microcenturies per gram of calcium, and Stronium 50 would have to be consumed over a lifetime at that maximum level to be dangerous to health.

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