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**Brampton Students Win Lions Club Public Speaking**

Two Brampton entries, Helen Hall and Tom McLaughlin were successful in a district public speaking contest hosted by the Lions at Brampton a week ago Monday. Georgetown finalist Joyce Fleming and Bob McCumber finished out of the running but delivered top flight speeches according to Miss A. Laah-Miller who helped judge the event.

"It was only because of the unusually excellent calibre of the other speakers that Georgetown representatives didn't finish higher up," she said. "They both did extremely well, and their talks were well received by the audience of Lions."

Bob McCumber is four years younger than the winning boy. Representatives from Erin, Lynn O'Sullivan and Sharlock Aitken and Streetsville, Irene Hunter and Bob Brockbank, also competed. Each gave a 5 minute prepared speech and a two minute impromptu. Lion Russ Barker was contest chairman.

The winners will go on to take part in the Region 6 finals to be held some time this month.

invested at the regular troupe meeting

**3rd Georgetown**  
 3rd Georgetown Cubs welcomed a new leader, Miss Lynn Treleven, and she will be named "Miss" (Kitebird). At the regular meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, four boys were invested — Douglas McDonald, James Sorenson, Robert Fry, Russell Miller. The pack had a jungle dance of Kaa. On March 12th a party of group leaders and friends are having an outing to the Royal Alex to see the Gang Show. And so until next week. Good Scouting.  
 —A. C. Miller

**Glen Williams**  
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**SCOUT CORNER**

The Ladies Auxiliary were each presented with a gift from the cub camping group in appreciation for their help and cooking at camp last year. The presents were presented by cub In Dowal. Cub Michael Waring gave thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for the Father & Son banquet at which 150 were present.

Four scouts, Jerry Williams, Stan Kynnersley, David Southon and Douglas Meade were presented with Leaping Wolf badges by the former Cubmaster Bob Evis of the Badger Patrol won the recognition for having the best patrol last October, at Algonquin Park.

Three cubs — Ron Richardson, swimming and athletic badges; Michael Waring, Athletic and team players badge; Derek Billington, artist and toy maker's badge. These were presented by the former Cubmaster.

Three cubs, Richard Mellor, Peter Peterson, Ted Rankin, were invested by Cubmaster Eric Wallace. Blake Chamberlain, after being invested last week was also presented with his scarf. Also present at the banquet, Cubmaster Eric Wallace, Assistant Cubmaster Eric Taylor, Group committee Clare Francis, Bruce Peterson, Frank Evis, Ted Clark, Tom Parry, Tom McCulgan, secretary treasurer Lloyd Kynnersley, vice chairman Ken Ewles and chairman Steve Pette.

After supper each patrol put on a comedy skit, and after had a regular scout closing by Scoutmaster Jack Meades and assistant Scoutmaster John Guthbert. On Friday February 12 and Feb. 12th, 2nd Georgetown Scouts were hosts to their parents at a Scout Pot Pourri. Each boy was given a part in demonstrating scouting skills and their parents were in turn invited to perform the skills and were marked accordingly.

The evening wound up with a song and refreshments were prepared and served by T.L. Keith Bull and P.L. Horner Clark Hattiesonke Patrol. Bob Evis, Badger patrol; Roger Schofield, Eagle Patrol; Ricky Smith Nighthawk Patrol.

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**LIONS GIVE \$25,000**

CLARENCE HESLOP, vice president of the Lions Club, (left) making presentation of a club pledge to raise \$25,000 for Georgetown's new hospital, to Thomas A. Dillon, general chairman. Jim Young, chairman of men's clubs and organizations looks on. —Photo by Jay's Studio, Georgetown.

**A Few Reflections on Ontario Fall Fairs by J. A. Carroll**

One of the most interesting addresses given at the Ontario Fairs' Association convention last week at the King Edward Sheraton Hotel in Toronto was that given by J. A. Carroll of Brampton, a former superintendent of the association. The complete text of his address follows:

"It gives me great pleasure to have this opportunity of meeting with this group again. Some are friends of many years standing, but naturally there are many new faces. It seems a short time since I was with you as superintendent and secretary but it is surprising the number of personnel changes which occur in a 10-year period. Congratulations are extended to the officers on the size, careful planning and success of this convention. It is quite a revelation to me.

My mind goes back to the modest meeting called a convention in 1933. The sessions were held in the Alexander room, including the banquet. What about a women's division? There wasn't any. My first recollection is of 13 women as the total number at the convention. That is a far cry from the efficient Women's Division of today which in itself is larger and more impressive than the entire convention of 30 years ago.

The "A" and "B" class section is doing a good job now but in 1933 this was not recognized. They did have a little secret society which met clandestinely in the bedrooms of delegates.

At that time there were no group meetings based on subjects but convention time was taken for an association district meeting. It wasn't easy to change this to have the meetings out in the geographical districts. There were those who were sure no one would turn up. The experience was just the opposite as in every case attendance at meetings in the home districts was much greater than at conventions. It is gratifying to learn that the district organizations are now stronger than ever.

The association is congratulated on its other activities such as craft exhibits, essay contests and photo competitions.

Fairs had their origin far back in the mists of antiquity. Dating from biblical times they have been focal points in the development of commerce in each civilization. As agriculture developed from nomad stages agricultural fairs were used from earliest times as the best method of encouraging improvement. For centuries the agricultural fairs of Great Britain have been internationally famous. One of the oldest is the "Lee Horse Fair" which has been held in Yorkshire continuously for over 800 years.

Prince Albert the consort of the late Queen Victoria presented the first World's Fair in Albert Hall, London, just over 100 years ago, and since that time World Fairs have stimulated progress all over the world. Right now fairs are the agencies being used by several countries to demonstrate scientific progress.

The first fair in Canada was held in Windsor, Nova Scotia, in 1763 and in Upper Canada (now Ontario) at Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1792.

Congratulations are extended to the St. Lawrence Valley Society which has been reported as holding fairs continuously for 145 years.

Younger people should be reminded that the agricultural societies were the only organizations working for the improve-



J. A. CARROLL

ment of agriculture for a period of about 70 years (1792-1860). It was the association which organized, encouraged or promoted other organizations such as the Fruit Growers, Breed Societies and Institutions, including a veterinary college, an agricultural school and even a department of agriculture. It is a rich tradition with which we should be familiar and of which we should be proud.

My personal memory of fairs goes back to the turn of the century. In those far off hard working days there were commonly two holidays in the summer. One was for a picnic and the other for the local fair. What excitement there was loading all the children in a democrat to be hauled by a farm team 11 miles to the fair ground. There was a picnic lunch under the trees but the boys were too excited to eat. And then to the fair.

The horse show seemed pre- dominate and for weeks after the play in all the rural schools centered around horse shows with hinder twine harness, in single and double hitch and a full quota of judges and ribbons.

When the boys got a little older the drill was to race horses for a 3-mile stretch to the next village on the way home from the fair. There was much boasting about these capades until the next show. Many a lad started his smoking habit by a first cigar at the fair and there were those, perhaps the lucky ones, who became so violently ill they were cured forever.

The fairs of 60 years ago met conditions of the day and laid the foundations for a higher standard of agriculture to follow.

Recently I had occasion to get figures to show that the small county of Halton has more pure bred cattle of one breed today than there were in the whole of Canada 60 years ago. When I went to the county of Peel in 1914 one of the first projects undertaken was a survey of pure bred livestock. This showed an interesting number of pure bred horses. Pigs were prominent, too as we had some nationally known breeders but there were only 4 herds of pure bred Holstein cattle. That was in Peel county, which in the interval has shipped top ranking Holsteins to all agricultural countries of the world.

These rather personal references have been made to illustrate the progressive development in livestock breeding in

the last half century. Similar comparisons might be made in other divisions of the industry.

The fairs were leading the way then and they are still leading, having modified their programmes to meet changing conditions with breed shows, all club contests and similar improvements in each division of the fair.

The home departments have not lagged behind in a time when we hear less attention is being given to homesteads. As a matter of fact fairs visited recently have had the best homecraft exhibits in their history.

The superintendent's report indicates how societies are moving with the evolution of agriculture. For example, Tobacco Kings and participation of New Canadians.

It is interesting to learn that 1245 fairs were held in Ontario in 1959. We hear talk that there are too many, but this isn't a new idea as it was promoted vigorously 100 years ago and now and then ever since.

In view of the revolutionary changes in agriculture and rural life it might well be asked why has the number not declined. The answer is that fairs continue to serve a useful purpose and have modified their programmes to meet the new challenges as they have arisen.

Fairs have been able to continue because they are personal and carried through by the largest enthusiastic band of volunteer workers operating in Canada, with the exception of the Christian church.

The variety of fairs, as founding. All of us can think of societies that had different times, in fact, were thought dead which have survived with amazing vigour and are now in the front rank of progressive leadership.

Why were they revived? Because citizens appreciated their worth and were prepared to work with personal sacrifice to retain them.

Here are some questions to ponder as we enter the 60's. On these I shall give you my "reflections":

1. Where are we heading? My observation confirms we are heading in the same direction, as in the past 120 years, to meet new challenges with courage and appropriate action.

2. Is the time, effort, and money well spent? In answer to this I would say look about you at the standard of Ontario agriculture today for which the societies deserve much credit. As to the fairs, please remember that about half of them have been held for a century and to run that long they must be rendering a substantial service which is widely appreciated by citizens of their respective communities.

3. Are we up-to-date? Well, there are degrees of up-to-dateness. No doubt some societies could improve, but the secretary's report gives the answer for the great majority of societies.

—A final reflection: Fairs have stood the test of centuries as an efficient instrument through which people may cooperate to improve themselves, their industry, their community and their country.

**1st Georgetown Cubs and Scouts**

On Thursday, Feb. 16th 1st Georgetown Cubs and Scouts held their Father & Son banquet in St. John's United Church Hall. There were 245 fathers and sons in attendance. The Ladies Auxiliary served an excellent dinner even under the crowded circumstances. The guest speaker was Scouter Wheeler from Kitchener. Mr. Wheeler is the Field Commissioner for the Waterloo area. The chairman for the evening was Cyril Ford. David Howard and Robert Verner were invested by Skip Frank Bryant into 1st Georgetown A troop. Six patrol leaders were formed into a new Wolf Patrol, P.L. Mike Blackburn, T.L. Ron Guyett and Tom Marshall. The following boys passed part of the Tenderfoot Tests: Wayne Norton, Rolf Tomlins, Jerry Roodman, Jim Newell, David Brewster and Robert Paul. David Cannell passed Tri-Bandage, Peter McNamara passed compass, Wm. Briggs and David Shrubsole passed First and David Cannell promoted to second of Eagle Patrol. At our next meeting I will present badges in all Scouts who have successfully passed tests and certificates all signed "Skip".

**2nd Georgetown Cubs and Scouts**

2nd Georgetown Cubs and Scouts held their Father and Son banquet at St. George's church hall on Tuesday, Feb. 23. The guests of honour were the Rev. Ken Richardson, president of the Scout Council, Sam Meltzer, the District Commissioner Bill Belleghem, the scout master 1st Georgetown Frank Bryant, Mr. Schofield, former cubmaster was presented with cufflinks and the clip, in appreciation for his services.

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