



'IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY'

FOUR DELEGATES from North Halton attend the 8th Annual Conference of the Ontario Association for Retarded Children. Discussing the agenda are: from left, Mrs. Margaret Treahy, Mrs. Audrey Milward, Mrs. Patricia Hurst and Mrs. Esme A. Ball. "The theme of the conference was 'In Partnership with the Community.'"

Elect Mrs. Ernest Ball To Ontario Executive Post

Mrs. Ernest Ball, 63 Main St. S. was elected a member of the eight-member executive of the Ontario Association for Retarded Children. R. Jacques of Brantford was re-elected president for 1961-62, at the annual meeting held over the weekend at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. About 15 from North Halton Association attended.

Mr. Jacques, speaking to the 400 members and friends said by next September there will be 80 Associations serving more than 2,500 retarded children in association schools across Ontario. Joel W. Aldred, president of CFTO-TV and keynote speaker, said that they have received more than \$191,000 from pledges made during the January telecast. He estimated that three and a half million viewers heard the story of retarded children.

A panel discussion conducted by the professional staff of the Psychiatric Research Institute for Children recently established in London, outlined the work of assessing the capacities and needs of the children brought to the clinic.

Public Awareness Important
Hon. M. B. Dymond, M.D. Minister of Health for Ontario expanded on the work of the Research Institute describing their work in pioneering new areas of activity, therapy education and in-training programs. Increasing knowledge, he pointed out, would allow the present need for hospital schools to decline. Public awareness of the facts of mental retardation would allow more retarded persons to remain in the community usefully.

A new hospital school for 1,200 retarded children at Cedar Springs will be the last of this type to be built in the province. New facilities by the province will be part of the community. He explained the importance of keeping the child in the home.

Special Education Theme Of North York Meeting

Dr. W. J. McIntosh, Inspector of Public Schools addressed North York Board of Education Trustees and presidents of Home and School Associations and other particularly interested in education at a special Board Meeting last Thursday night.

Special
His topic was "Special Education Services." He dealt with slow-learning children, severely mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, aphasic classes, speech correction classes, physical handicaps, home instruction in the case of prolonged illness, acceleration programmes for rapid learners and enrichment teaching for gifted pupils. In the latter field, Mrs. McGuire described slides of students engaged in special projects and showed folders of the amazing work done by grade VI students.

Early Age
Mr. McIntosh believes slow learning pupils should be placed in special classes at an early age and it is important that they develop a healthy idea of themselves. Dr. Hugh Partlow, Superintendent of Public Schools for North York, pointed out North York is the first school system in Ontario to have Primary Opportunity classes and other municipalities in the province are copying the idea. There are six such classes now and there will be eight by next September.

Promoted
At the age of nine, the children are promoted to Junior Opportunity Classes and introduced into the school community. At the age of twelve, they are promoted to Senior High School and put in special remedial classes. Some are specially trained in their home rooms.

Praise
Those who attended this special meeting seemed unanimous in their praise of the North York School Board for the special attention it has given to the "exceptional child," be he retarded, handicapped or gifted.

THE MAIL BAG

Thinks Georgetown Could Use Special Education Classes

15 Market St., Georgetown
May 6th, 1961

The Editor,
Dear Sir:
The equal opportunity for all which education in a democracy is supposed to provide no longer means the same course for all children. Today it means equal opportunity based on the intellectual needs of the individual. Standardized tests have made it possible to accurately select pupils in need of special education.

Having read in the 'Herald' last week that the Georgetown Public School Board was once more considering the merits of opportunity classes, I submit for publication an article from The Enterprise of North York, outlining the 'special education' programme of that area. In doing so I am not suggesting that the local board should consider the adoption of this complete programme but would like to point out that since North York was a pioneer in the opportunity class field, and has developed it into a tri-level system, there is no question of its value. This is recognized by parents and teachers alike.

Critics of the local public school system should realize that, during a period of phenomenal expansion, the board provided excellent classroom accommodation and a capable teaching staff. Standards have been kept high and a suitable programme has been provided for most pupils.

Now a good system could be further enhanced by the inclusion of a special programme for slow learners and a standardization of the acceleration programme for pupils at the other end of the mental scale. Acceleration programmes have been carried on very successfully in some local schools for many years. A uniform policy would provide equal opportunities for more children.

Yours very truly,
H. J. Henry

Gifted
Township-wide tests of intelligence have consistently indicated that the pupils in North York Public Schools are above average. More than ten per cent are accelerated — that is, they complete the work of three grades in two years. Gifted students are encouraged to extend their knowledge in science and social studies through individual and group research; their creative abilities in art, music, writing and drama and to find expression through group, class and school projects such as choral, drama or operatic productions, choirs and club activities.

Go By Bus
There are twenty-eight children from North York attending the Orthopaedic Department of Sunny View School and they are taken by special bus. There are eight North York pupils attending special Sight-Saving classes in Toronto Schools and twenty going to the special deaf children's classes in Sunny View. There are also special classes in Spring Garden Public School.

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Active Church Worker At Union Presbyterian

The funeral service for Mrs. Albert Dolson, 47 Market St., Georgetown, was held at Union Church on Tuesday, May 2. Mrs. Dolson died suddenly at Guelph General Hospital on April 30th after a short illness.

The former Lettie Ann Leslie, daughter of Robert F. Leslie and Matilda Lyons, she was born in 1888 on the Fifth Line, West Chinguacousy, Lot 20. She attended S.S. 3 Chinguacousy and Georgetown High School. After her marriage to Albert Dolson in 1912, she moved to the farm, now operated by her son Herbert, on Lot 23, Concession 6, Chinguacousy. Since childhood Mrs. Dolson had been a faithful attendant of Union Presbyterian Church. A charter member of the Union W.M.S. she was still active in the society. While she lived on the farm she had also been a member of the Terra Cotta Women's Institute and the U.F.O.

In 1952 Mr. and Mrs. Dolson retired and moved to Georgetown. Mrs. Dolson had joined the Georgetown Women's Institute, the Knox W.M.S. and was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her husband Albert, two sons Howard and Herbert, one sister Annie (Mrs. William Lyons) of Georgetown, three brothers George H. Leslie and Starret Leslie of Union district and Thomas L. Leslie of Sedgewick, Alberta and three grandsons. She was predeceased by one son, Wallace and by two sisters Maude and Clara (Mrs. Ed. Caud).

Rev. G. L. Royal, Goderich, the former minister of Union Church, conducted the funeral service. Mrs. Francis Thompson sang "In the Shadow of His Wings," accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Davison.

Palbearers were Frank Petch, Clarence Anderson, Lavern Thompson, Perc Leslie, Albert Hunter and Eric Leslie. Nephews and neighbours were flower bearers.

Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery, Norval.

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WORDS OF THE WISE

Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns; I am thankful that thorns have roses. — Alphonse Karr.

Notice to Creditors

In the Estate of JAMES PERCY CLARK, Gentleman, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of James Percy Clark, late of the Village of Glen Williams, Gentleman, who died on or about the 17th day of March, 1961, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of May, 1961, after which date the Estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim he shall not then have notice.

Dated at Georgetown, this 25th day of April, A.D. 1961.
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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TEEN CLUB DANCE

Another successful Teen Club dance was held at the Orange Hall, Saturday evening, April 29th.

Winston Preeledge and his Starlitters supplied the music for the dance. He notified the executive that he was unable to play for future dances. The chairman, Dave Royce expressed on behalf of the executive and himself many thanks to the orchestra for providing the music for the first six dances and the youths generously applauded. The executive has engaged another orchestra to carry on. The next dance will be May 13. Chaperones for the dance were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Pickett, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Snow and Mr. Norman Shields. Donuts and potato chips were served for lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Walker attended the dance at the Georgetown Country Club last Friday evening. It was sponsored by the Brampton Flying Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Learmont returned home from Florida last week. Jim had been working in Florida for about a year. They are now living with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Learmont.

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