

# Schools Should Emphasize Canadian Political Figures

## Principals Reply to Government Survey

Principals of Georgetown's public schools have taken the cause of urging some change to equalize the amount of information on American historical characters that is pouring across the border in every news media.

"They call for glorifying Canadian history and nation builders in the text books, less political bias, a change in the course of study, and more support for the perpetuating the names of great Canadians by newspapers and TV."

Their opinions are contained in letters to the Ontario Minister of Education William G. Davis, replies to a written enquiry he made a few weeks ago. Mr. Davis sent letters to all the public school boards and principals in Ontario asking them to give some thought to the reasons why Canadian political figures have been less well known than their American counterparts.

Canada's greatest statesman, John A. Macdonald, was cited as an example of one man who has been known under by every Crockett and company.

George Kennedy, Public School principal Hazel Allen said: "The school texts fall to glorify Canadian personalities—particularly Sir John A. Macdonald. There is also too much of a political bias in the texts and there seems to be a reluctance to give credit to great leaders of another party for fear of political interference."

He said Americans don't care whether their heroes are Democrat or Republican, "they give credit where it is due."

The fact that no Canadian government had honoured Mac-

donald with a holiday or special day was also noted in Mr. Allen's reply.

William Klars, principal of Wrigglesworth Public School, thought the present history texts were not informative enough. "They give the children just a smattering of the Canadian story," he said. "I would like to see a new course of study, more enlarged and dwelling on particular areas of Canadian history."

Harrison Public School principal Harry Knapper blamed poor publicity. "The stories of the great deeds of great men in Canada's past have never been pushed the way the Americans push their heroes," he said. "If there could be more publicity written about our

history more interest would be created. The school teachers do an adequate job in teaching the subject."

"The whole business of promoting Canadian history and historic characters won't change until there is more writing on the subject by the 'image-makers' through H. Catling, the Public School principal.

"They will have to do a promotional job on the Canadian historical character to get it into the literature of the day before the children will be taken by it," he said.

The principal of Chapel St. Public School, Val Stein said he was still giving the subject consideration and hadn't composed his reply to Mr. Davis yet.

## Ward Ratepayers Attend Annual Euchre, Dance

The Ward 1 Ratepayers Association held its second annual euchre and dance at the Percy W. Merry School, on Friday night, April 3rd. Cards were enjoyed the first part of the evening with 13 tables in play. The people were welcomed by Len Buckler, the chairman. The prizes were awarded to the following winners. Mrs. Frank Hall, Mrs. Jim Hamilton, Geoffrey Drew-Brook and Ken Giles.

The lucky draw was won by Mrs. Alfred McCracken, who received a beautiful pot of yellow mums. A buffet lunch was served by the Bethel United Church ladies. The remainder of the evening was spent dancing. Those in charge of the evening were Len Buckler, Mrs. C. Sweetman, Lew Sampson, Geoffrey Drew-Brook and Melville Dolby.

able materials for a blouse were handed out to the girls for mounting in their work books. "Sewing Secrets" were given to all the new members for their use in the present and future sewing clubs. The girls with the help of their leaders made samples of four different kinds of seams and a sample of understitching. The meeting adjourned and lunch was served by the boys.

A dream has finally come true for the local boys in this community in the newly formed Halton Rural Minor Softball Association which came into life at a recent meeting. Peter Gates of Lowville, who has had much experience with this type of ball in the Burlington League in the past, was elected as the first president; Ray Fuller of Omagh, vice president; Melville Dolby of Bayne, secretary; John Wallace of Hornby, treasurer; and directors are Dave Leslie of Hornby and Jack Baynton of Moffat. Ray Fuller of Omagh has started plans for a euchre party in the Percy Merry School on Friday night, May 1st, in aid of the newly formed Minor ball teams of Omagh. The money will be used to purchase equipment for the boys. As it takes a lot to get started in a new project like this, it is hoped that the parents of boys who are interested in playing will not just send the boys but get out and support them in every way possible. So why not start by attending this euchre and make the needed fund grow. As the local slogan is: "If your boy is in the ball park you know he is not on the road."

## Join Procession for Guelph Man's Funeral

Your Georgetown police were among the mourners at the funeral of Constable Eric MacAulay in Guelph yesterday.

The Guelph officer died of internal injuries after being dragged more than 500 feet while his arm was trapped in a car driven by an Acton man, Saturday.

Constables Ron Rankine, Dan Martin and Harley Lowe and Sgt. Ted Scott walked in the funeral procession of the assembly at 1:15 p.m. at Guelph police headquarters.

The dead policeman was one of the most popular members of the Guelph Police Department.

MacAulay was reaching into the keys from the ignition of a car that had been driven erratically when the driver rolled the window up on his arm and drove off.

He was crushed against another car stopped at traffic light.

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The Hornby Nifty Needlers held their fourth meeting at the home of Elsie and Brenda Bradley. The meeting opened with the 4th Pledge repeated in unison. The roll call in the color and style of the house I have chosen to fit into my wardrobe, was answered by the ten members present. Mrs. James McKay gave out notes on various ways to alter a blouse pattern and showed how this was done. Samples of suit-

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller, arrived home last Wednesday from their vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Slout, and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. William Hamilton and Mrs. George Hamilton, visited on Wednesday with the Misses Isabel and Anne Slout, of Guelph.

John Russell and Leonard Florida, where they visited with Kuenig enjoyed a week in Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beattie.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Hamilton and Ken, visited on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy South of Brampton.

Birthday greetings in Mrs. Garry Hamilton on April 8th and to Anderson May Sr., on April 14th.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Workman who celebrated their wedding day on Monday, April 8th.

A very enjoyable evening was spent on Friday night, April 3rd, at the North Trafalgar Community Centre, when members of the Whaley clan gathered to honour a recent bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Robert

## Luncheon Guests Hear Of Life in Hong Kong

The annual Ashgrove Daffodil luncheon was held in the church on April 1st and one hundred ladies came. They were greeted at the door by UCW president, Mrs. W. Bird—and Mrs. John McNabb. After all had partaken of the food from prettily decorated tables downstairs, a program was held—piano duets by Lois McNabb and Janet Nurse, vocal duets by Mrs. C. Kidney and Mrs. H. Wrigglesworth, and guitar music by David Austin was enjoyed. Then Mrs. J. M. Wickson introduced the guest, Mrs. McKips of Toronto, who showed coloured pictures of her trip to Hong Kong. She travelled by a freighter which was also carrying supplies for the army, navy and air force. They touched at places like Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Manila and the Okinawa Islands. She had adopted a little Hong Kong girl and showed the life and ways of her family and everyone there lives under the very poor conditions.

Mrs. Leslie Giffen thanked the speaker for showing how people on the other side of the world lived and how thankful we should be for having everything. She also thanked the entertainers and all were presented with small gifts. A special thank you was given to Mrs. Jas. Carney and her lunch committee for the lovely noon meal and the afternoon came to a close.

## Receives Vocal Award At Davenport Festival

It's back to school this week for the final term of studying and then writing exams. For the teacher there is the marking of that never-ending pile of papers. If you start early at studying, you will avoid that nerve wrecking last minute cramming.

Nancy Hunter sang last week at the Davenport Sacred Music Festival. She received first and second awards for her solos which were entitled: "Year Not, I am With Thee" and "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee."

She and Joan Healy of Milton sang two duets and received first for them. Congratulations, girls!

Little Bobbie Preston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Preston is home after spending a few days in Georgetown. Hospital having her tonsils removed. We hope she'll soon be feeling like running and jumping again.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Barth and Marilyn visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. Wadsworth in Hamilton.

George Eason suffered a severe injury on Good Friday

when he tripped and fell down stairs in the barn.

He was taken to Georgetown and District Hospital where they found he had five broken ribs and one lung was partially collapsed. He is progressing nicely now and expects to be home in a day or two. We send him get-well wishes.

We extend sympathy to Howard and Herb Dolson in the death of their father this last Sunday, Mr. Albert Dolson, in Georgetown Hospital after a lengthy illness.

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. William McNally and children David, Jane and John, 23 Market St., returned to Florida for Easter, staying a week at Daytona Beach.

Mr. David Hart, Vancouver, spent Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Barry Tiplack, 15 Hervey Drive and Mrs. S. E. Groat and Mrs. Allen Bradley, Main St. E. Mr. Hart had been down to attend a sales meeting at the Inn on the Park for the Ortho Drug Company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oswald of Chealey were Sunday visitors with her brother, Walter, and Mrs. Blahn, 28 Queen St. E.

Mrs. Katherine Cordaro, 11 Ewing St. spent the weekend in London where she visited with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith.

Doug Hart of St. Catharines spent part of the Easter holidays as a guest of John Finlay, 17 Durham Street.

## Sharpen Cribbage Wits For Sam Tennant Trophy

Cribbage players, having had long season of ice and snow which to hose their playing, would be at a high degree of eagerness to compete for the Sam Tennant Trophy on Monday, April 30. Last year's winning team of Bud Hill and Jim Bradley can be seen at all hours polishing their fingers and their game for the coming contest.

Competition will be in best point-of-5 sets with each set eliminating half the field until only one team remains to have their names engraved on the trophy. Depending on the number of teams entered more than one night of play may be required to arrive at this year's champions.

In honour of the late Sam Tennant, the trophy was donated to Branch 120 by Mrs. Sam Tennant and son 'Al' Tennant and presented by them last year to its first winners.

A list is on the bulletin board for the names of aspirants for this last-of-the-season and most-coveted cribbage trophy, so pick a good partner (that's the first rule of the game) and get set.

help remedy a certain thinning in the trophy department.

A SORT OF STAG

Our ladies have been invited to another birthday supper. Every once in a while our gals either stand or throw a birthday supper. This could appear normal were it not for the fact the men's department never has a birthday supper. Now the men are not envious, merely curious. "What are we missing, they ask? The answer is nothing. "Birthday Supper" is the same thing as "Stag" but of the feminine gender. The ladies are using the back door to tell us that they are off to have a thrash.

This thrash of the moment is to take place in Oakville on Tuesday, April 21. As the notice is rather short ladies wishing to attend are requested to apply their names to a list on the bulletin board or call Jean Lockhurst post haste. The bus will leave at 6 p.m. Men take note—frozen dinners on the 21st.

MEMBERSHIP DANCE

We are sorry to report that due to unforeseen circumstances the Branch 120 Glee Club will not be on hand to sing for us at the membership dance on Friday evening as previously stated. Entertainment, however, will not be lacking with the "Koppl Kats" and the Sykes brothers doing their stuff. Reg. Ryall and his music makers will also be producing their rippling rhythms for dancing.

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NOT A SNIFF

While on the subject of card playing the list is up for the names of those who wish to compete in the Zone Euchre Tournament. Branch 120 didn't even get a sniff at a euchre trophy last year and this is the below par for such a hot group of card players.

The tourney will take place in Milton on Saturday, April 18. Let's see those stalwarts get their names down early and

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