

Ninety-One From Holy Cross Church Receive First Communion



NINETY-ONE YOUNG HOLY CROSS PARISHIONERS RECEIVED first communion Saturday, May 15th. At left is Father Otger DeVent who conducted the first communion mass.

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are: John Nathan, M.Sc. an optometrist from Wroughton Beach, who heads the party as Rotary leader; Geoffrey Bird of Wilmamtown, Victoria. Graduate student in Business Administration, University of Melbourne. Spencer Bock of South Terra, Lawyer. Peter Bouchier of Deneslequin, New South Wales. Farmer, Robert Fordham of Maidstone, Victoria. Auditor, Michael Heffernan of Kilda. Physician, Ronald Hugo of Chatham, Victoria. Mechanic.

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by Bill Smiley

The Perfect High School

Virtually everybody these days is upset about our education system. The public schools are not teaching the children to read, write or cipher. The high schools are massive, seething factories turning out illiterates. The colleges are septic tanks of sex, marijuana and

Most of this is pure poppycock, of course, but a critical society is a healthy one, according to Hugh Dunmit, that great Welsh bard and beatnik of the 19th century. This makes Canadians about the healthiest critters in the hemisphere.

Columnists aver that high schools are run like military camps, producing lock-step conformists who haven't learned to think. This is patent baloney. They think one helluva lot more than did these same columnists when they came out of Hayfork Centre with not much more than a burning desire to get a way from said centre, a lousy basic education, and a shiny blue serge suit.

Lots of parents and some teachers, are of the opposite opinion: that there is far too much freedom of speech, dress and action, too many frills, not enough good hard work, and good hard punishment. These comments come from parents who worked non-quarter as hard in school as their kids do, and teachers who strophed some years ago.

The kids themselves, depending on home background, their own personalities, and their talent, or lack of it, look on school as a ball or a ball. Some think of it rather like having a ball in a jail.

School boards beef about the cost of everything, and the administration beefs about the shortage of everything and the teachers beef about the paper jungle and the custodians beef about the salaries and the hours and the teachers and the administration and the school board.

You might think, from all this nagging, that there are some slight imperfections in our high schools. And you might be right. But it's not as bad as it sounds.

What I can't understand is that I haven't been approached for a definition of the perfect high school. It's probably just an oversight, and because I'm not a pushy type. But who is better qualified? I've been to high school myself, I work in the blasted factory everyday, and I have a daughter who comes home every day and moans, "Do I ever hate school!"

Well, here goes. Don't panic, now. The changes would be slight and inexpensive. I think we'd all enjoy life more, students, parents and teachers.

First of all, let's cut out the untutored, mumbled morning prayer. I believe in prayer and practice it quite often (usually when I'm in a jam). But it's a waste of time in the way it's done. The R.C.'s, which I don't believe in, have cut the last few words out of the last few years.

Florida Honeymoon Trip for Couple Married on May 14

Following their wedding on May 14 in the Christian Reformed Church, Acton, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wayne Baker are on a motoring honeymoon trip to Florida.

Rev. James Joosse officiated at the three o'clock ceremony. William Braam was organist and Simon Frankruyter sang The Lord's Prayer and The Love of God. The church was decorated with baskets of large white and small yellow mums.

The bride, Evelyn Vonsolkema, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vonsolkema, RR 1, Glen Williams. She wore a white floor length gown of net over taffeta, bordered with lace. A bow at the back caught her skirt and held a long train. A cluster of roses held a shoulder length veil and she carried a cascade of red roses.

Mrs. Shirley Bergsma was her sister's matron of honour; the groom's sister-in-law Mrs. Betty Baker and Miss Alice Meyer, Lambeth, were bridesmaids; and the bride's niece Miss Cathy J. Peuter, Bradford, was flower girl. They wore floor length gowns of light green peau de soie, rosebud bodices and veils and rosebud necklaces. Gifts of the bride. Senior attendants carried bouquets of yellow-centred white mums and the flower girl a basket of the same flowers.

Mr. Vonsolkema gave his daughter in marriage in the double ring ceremony. Clarence Baker was groomsmen for his brother and ushers were brothers Jim and Bobbie Baker, Lonsdale, and the bride's brother David Vonsolkema.

A reception in the church basement was followed with dinner at House Tannenhof, Huttonville. Mothers of bride and groom received, Mrs. Vonsolkema wearing a light blue 2-piece suit and Mrs. Baker a 2-piece navy blue suit with white accessories. Both wore corsages of red roses and white carnations.

Guests attended from Glen Williams, Georgetown, Norval, Brampton, Whitby, Sarnia, Delleville, Bradford, Galt, Jarvis, Lambeth, Bronte, Lonsdale, Limehouse, Toronto, and Meggerdorf, Germany.

For her honeymoon trip the bride wore a green boucle suit, white and green hat accessories and a corsage of yellow roses and white carnations.

The groom, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baker, RR 1, Lonsdale, is a graduate of University of Toronto with his B.A.Sc. degree and is employed as a technical engineer with Provincial Paper, Ltd. His bride is secretary in the law office of M.E. Manderson, Q.C. They will be making their home in Georgetown.

Plan Steak Cookout for 'Down Under' Visitors

Seven young Australian businessmen will meet a representative group of Georgetown district residents when they visit here on June 8.

The men are visiting Canada as a project of Rotary International. Expense of the trip is shouldered by District 7, which includes the area bounded by Guelph, Barrie and Port Hope. A similar group from this district will pay a return visit to Australia next year.

This is one of a number of group exchange projects through which Rotary hopes to broaden communication between countries. Men chosen for the exchange are not Rotary Club members. They are expected to return home and present impressions of their visit to people in their homeland.

During their stay in Canada the visitors are guests in homes of Rotary members and visit places of interest in the district. The party will be arriving here from Guelph in mid-afternoon June 8 and will be given a brief tour of this area, possibly including a visit to Dominion Seed House. That evening they will be feasted by Rotarians at a steak cookout at Bud Bishop's farm at Glen Williams and will return to Guelph later that night.

Members of the visiting party

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One of their reasons for meeting at the Pembleton farm was to inspect Mr. Pembleton's large antique carriage collection.

The club is the largest in Canada and the group visiting this area was the Toronto district division, president of which is Norman B. Hathaway.

The oldest car in the convoy was a 1916 Saxon Runabout, and the newest a 1937 Chevrolet coach. Probably the fastest was a 1938 Mercedes SSK, while one of the most interesting was a 1933 Horch cabriolet, once used by a high-ranking Nazi officer. It looked the part, complete with flag standards on both front fenders.

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