

High School Project Will Emphasize Great Canucks

Better knowledge and appreciation of the many contributions made to our national life and to the world by outstanding Canadians is a Centennial Project at the Georgetown District High School. Once each week during the year a local high school student will present information about a great Canadian in a public address system message to the student body.

Glenn Belanger delivered the first address. Sir John A. Macdonald, the leading architect of the Canadian Confederation, whose birthday was marked last Wednesday with commemorative programs in many schools followed by a half day holiday.

LIPE OF SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD

He was a legend — this man, Sir John A. Macdonald. Within his own lifetime a national hero, beloved by his supporters, cursed, but not really disliked, by his opponents. What do we know of him, our first Prime Minister?

Sir John A. Macdonald was born on January 11th, 1815, in Glasgow, Scotland. In 1820 his parents came to British North America. Despite the fact his formal education ended when he was fifteen Macdonald became a reputable lawyer and respected citizen. After a year's term as Alderman he won a parliamentary seat as a Conservative for Kingston. The young politician rose quickly to become leader of the Conservatives. But by 1864 parliament was deadlocked without a workable majority. With George Brown he formed the great coalition government which was the first definite step toward Confederation.

movement was decisive. At the conference he calmed and convinced. He reconciled differences and seemed to know by instinct just the right step to take at the right time. He guided discussions and brought agreement among men of varying views. Macdonald has been called the Pilot of Confederation. In 1867, as Prime Minister of Canada, he started building on what he had created. The story of this task is the story of Canada in its early and critical years. The Pacific scandal, the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the union with British Columbia, the Red River troubles, and the North West Rebellion, were successive problems which Macdonald faced.

He was able to develop the country internally, and also present Canada in better standing on the international level. With his National Policy he reigned supreme until his death in 1891. Having won his last election with the slogan, "The old man, the old flag, the old policy." A British subject I will die."

Historians may dispute his achievement, but he will not be forgotten. A timeless figure, Sir John A. Macdonald, the Old Chief.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD



Served Women's Institute As Halton County President

A former county president of the Women's Institute and a member of the Federated Board, Mrs. George C. Campbell, 88, died in Georgetown hospital on January 8.

The former Ada Elizabeth Johnston, she had spent most of her life in this district. She was born near Orillia, the daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Clark Johnston. She spent her childhood on the 8th line, Erin then moved to Acton where she was married in 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell lived on the 7th line near Ballinacree and moved to 11 George Street in 1919 where she lived until her death.

She attended Peacock Public School and Georgetown High School and was a life member of the Women's Institute. She was also a life member of the United Church Women and a member of St. John's United Church.

Predeceased by her husband, she leaves one daughter Luena M. Campbell.

Funeral service on January 10 at the McClure Funeral Home was conducted by Rev. Kelvin C. Johnston and

palbearers were Gordon Akitt, Burlington; Melfort Collier, Richmond Hill; Harold Campbell, Rockwood; Fred Near, Streetsville; and Claude Kentner and Robert Wicks, Georgetown. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

Alf Allen New Head For Senior Citizens

New officers of the senior Citizens Club of Georgetown were elected at a meeting in the cottage at Centennial Park Thursday. Alf Allen, Glen Williams, was named president; Mrs. Robert Lane is secretary; Mrs. Dick, treasurer; Mrs. Saunders, assistant secretary; Mrs. T. Leslie, entertainment committee chairman; Mrs. McCartney, refreshment committee chairman; and Mrs. Mouritzen, card secretary.

Results of the club's Christmas draw were announced. Winners were, 1st Mrs. R. Lane; 2nd, Mrs. Tuck; 3rd Mrs. Omar Wilson, Toronto; 4th Wilf Breen.

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

BY BILL COATS

Before I discuss this hand, I would like to mention again one of the basic differences between duplicate and rubber bridge.

In rubber bridge, the only thing that counts on defense is defeating the contract. Defenders must, at all cost, try to defeat declarer. If you give him three overtricks in the process, so what?

But duplicate bridge is quite different. Now you try not to let declarer do better against you than other declarers are doing with the same cards. In other words, overtricks are very important at duplicate bridge.

Today's hand has to do with a four card suit — four clubs to the eight, not very much. Here is the hand. Dealer is South and North — South are vulnerable.

North
S-10 5
H-9 5
D-K Q 10 3
C-A Q 7 4 2

West
S-K J 8
H-Q 7 6 4
D-10 6 2
C-8 6 5 3

East
S-Q 7 6 4
H-K Q 7 2
D-J 4
C-J 10

South West North East
1 D Pass 2 C Pass
2 NT Pass 3 D Pass
3 NT All Pass

West led the heart three. East playing the queen and declarer won with the ace. Declarer now played five diamond tricks and then the West had to find three discards.

Since West can see dummy's long club suit he must hang on to all his clubs. Now this may seem obvious to you, but how many Wests could bear to part with their fine spades or hearts and cling to a four card club suit headed by the eight?

This board was played four times and in three of those, South made 12 tricks. At only one table was declarer held to 10 tricks.

The importance of keeping a four card suit when there are four or more of the same suit in dummy, has not been emphasized as much as it should have been. Next time you are defending, particularly against a no trump contract, try to keep dummy's long suit guarded by your own, if you are lucky enough to have four cards in it.

Monday's winners: 1st pair, Katherine Coats, Bill Coats; 2nd pair, Tom Warnes, Charles Renwick; 3rd pair, Bill Barbour, Bill Hamilton.

Robin Skuce to Seek Liberal Nomination for Halton-East

Only recently elected president of the new Halton-East Liberal Association, Robin Skuce of Oakville will seek the Liberal nomination when a candidates' night is called for the forthcoming Ontario Provincial election.

Mr. Skuce, who is 29 and a native of Ireland, came to Canada ten years ago after two years at Trinity College, Dublin. He entered the University of Toronto and graduated with a degree in modern languages. Following a year of post graduate studies at Edinburgh, Scotland, he entered Victoria College, and later graduated and was ordained a United Church minister serving in northern Ontario, Toronto and as chaplain of a Canadian army Reserve Unit.

In 1963 he left the active ministry of the church and entered the teaching profession, and is at present in charge of the French department at Appleby College, Oakville, a position he has held for the past three years.

He has had extensive experience in social work, both in community boys' work and in association with the Halton Children's Aid Society.

Mr. Skuce is married, and he and his wife Audrey have three children.

In conversation with Mr. Skuce he wishes to make it clear he is not the candidate of the Liberal association, but one of the several potential candidates. A candidate will be chosen at a nomination meeting to be held about the middle of February.

Empire Daughters View County Council Session

Six members of Countess of Strathmore Chapter, IODE, attended a meeting of Halton county council, in November and a report of this was given to members by Mrs. Sam Penrice at their January meeting. Members from Burlington Chapter were also there the same day.

The meeting took place at the home of Mrs. John T. Armstrong, 23 Parkview Blvd. with 19 members present.

Mrs. Robert Jones reported that ten baskets of fruit had been presented to blind residents of the district at Christmas, a yearly project. A letter of thanks was read from the adopted school in Monkstown, Newfoundland, expressing thanks for pictures of the Fathers of Confederation and a magazine subscription. IODE calendars had been placed there and in the local public

Bishop Mac Bests GDHS Girls in Basketball Game

The Georgetown District High School girls' basketball teams played their opening games of the season at home Friday, January 13th, with Bishop Macdonnell of Guelph as the opposition.

The local Juniors got off to a shaky start, but settled down in the latter part of the game. Final score was Bishop Macdonnell 26 Georgetown 10.

Point-getters for Bishop Macdonnell were: C. Ridd with 5, L. Reginato with 4, M. O'Connor with 2, J. Kloepfer with 2, C. Asselstine with 2, C. Adam with 9 and L. Fitzpatrick with 2.

During the first quarter of the senior game, Jill Kemshead and Bev Gosling shot a basket each with Bishop Macdonnell scoring three baskets and one foul shot. Score at the end of the first quarter was seven to four in favour of the visiting team.

The end of the half saw the score rise to nineteen to nine still in the visiting team's favour with Jill Kemshead scoring two baskets and Bev Gosling sinking one foul shot.

Third quarter was rather uneventful score wise as Bev Gosling scored one basket and Jane McNally one foul shot.

Fourth quarter saw Bishop Mac come through with nine additional points and Georgetown with four points, which were picked up by Bev Gosling and Pat Linee. Despite GDHS girls' fine effort, Bishop Macdonnell managed a 30-16 victory.

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

A letter from a firm of lawyers in Brampton asked council Monday night, if the town would be interested in selling the fifteen acres of land on Princess Anne Drive, now covered with cedar trees.

"I walked every inch of that land when I was on council

before," commented Cr. Francis, "and I felt that land was no use for anything unless large buildings were used. However we could ask them for more information.

The mayor suggested it could be made into a beauty spot like the area surrounding Guelph Reformatory.

The property committee will investigate.

A copy of a letter from Morris Zamakoff, owner of Briarhill subdivision on the 15th sideroad, (the old Cromar farm)

to the Ontario Water Resources Commission asking if the town could be forced to supply him with sewer services, was answered in the negative by the Commission.

"We have property within the town limits that isn't serviced by sanitary sewers," Cr. Fred Harrison pointed out, "and until they are serviced we shouldn't go outside the town limits."

"It looks like Briarhill has a thorny problem," quipped Cr. Francis.

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