

Teen Panel Shoots Holes In Schooling, Newspapers



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In a free-wheeling discussion last Wednesday night, a panel of high school students took verbal pot shots at the centennial celebrations, recreation, local newspapers, and education. The lively debate took place at the Georgetown Civic Group meeting at Cedarvale, with Jim Warren acting as moderator, and Andy Spiece, Richard Enright, Roper Smith, and Lesley Buresh as panelists.

The educational system took the brunt of the attack, being criticized for rigidity, and mechanical processing of students. "Our educational system is more fitting for an authoritarian type government than a democracy," opined a panel member.

They suggested there should be more contact between the school administrators and the students. The students, the teachers said, the school board should work together to decide on school policy, advised the panel.

The four students agreed that the present student council was a mockery, with no authority to do anything but sponsor school dances.

Among the suggestions from the panel was more individualism, and less monotony in the schools, with a student allowed to move through a subject at the pace his intelligence permits. Individual research in historical and political subjects should be encouraged, "and not discouraged, as it is at present," said the students.

The abolition of final exams was endorsed, with judging of the student based on his year's performance.

The role of a newspaper in a small town next came under fire. The panel felt it was the duty of a newspaper to discuss every aspect of life in the community, to keep democracy alive at the first level.

They stressed that a newspaper should not avoid contro-

versy, or attempt to keep things "just as they have been." They maintained this attitude creates apathy particularly in municipal politics. They cited the anti-littering by-law as an attempt to nibble away at individual freedom.

The necessity of bridging the differences between Quebec and the rest of Canada was emphasized.

There was difference of opinion on the centennial celebrations, some thinking it was a good idea since it would foster feelings of pride and nationalism. However, some felt nationalism was an outmoded emotion more suitable to the 19th century than to the 20th.

After three hours the moderator called it a halt.

The Civic Group hopes to have a panel of school administrators, and teachers, at their next meeting to give their side of the education question.

ally gets married at an early age, but will often desert his wife after one or more children are born. "They are young when they get married, but not always young when the husband deserts," Judge Langdon says.

Most charges are laid under the Deserted Wives and Childrens Maintenance Act, but charges can also be laid under section 186 of the Criminal Code.

On conviction under the Maintenance Act, a deserting husband may be imprisoned for up to six months, receive a \$500 fine, or both. If convicted under the Criminal Code, he may be imprisoned for a period of up to two years.

Families Chief Sufferers In Desertion, Judge Says

"One of the more tragic aspects of desertion here is that most of the cases involve desertion of families," says Magistrate Kenneth Langdon of Georgetown, judge of the juvenile and Family Court. "The husband leaves not only his wife to support herself, but small children as well."

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a week. He says there are about 500 current, but that the court handles up to one thousand families," says Magistrate Kenneth Langdon of Georgetown, judge of the juvenile and Family Court. "The husband leaves not only his wife to support herself, but small children as well."

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Construction Firm Head Seeks P-C Nomination

James Snow, RR 2, Georgetown, is the latest candidate to announce that he will be seeking a party nomination in the newly created provincial riding of Halton East.

His declaration jumped to six the number of hopefuls who have gone on record as definitely interested in representing the new riding. Conservative William Bateman of Oakville and New Democrat William Gilles, also of Oakville entered the race two weeks ago. They joined a list which already contained Conservative William Sargent, and Liberals Murray Haesler and Robin Skuce.

Mr. Snow, a Conservative, divides his time between Snow Construction Ltd. of which he is president, and his farm near Hornby.

Halton East consists of Georgetown, Esquesing, Milton and Oakville.

Baptism Services at Union, Norval Churches

Babies baptized at Norval Presbyterian Church by Rev. R. Duncanson on Sunday, January 22 were Dwayne Robert Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. James (Jamie) Cunningham, and Maryann Elizabeth Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Donaldson.

Babies baptized at Union Presbyterian Church on Sunday January 22 by Rev. R. Duncanson were — David Hugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Leslie; Kelly Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ostrander, and David Bruce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Elwood.

Norval Presbyterian Church W.M.S. held their first meeting of the New Year at the home of Mrs. Clure Archdekin on Tuesday afternoon, January 24 with the president Mrs. Jack McClure in the chair.

The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Sam McClure and Mrs. R. Duncanson led in prayer. Mrs. Andrew McClure gave the chapter from the study book. Assistant hostesses were Mrs. H. Anthony and Mrs. John M. McClure.

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held this year in the Presbyterian Church on Friday afternoon, February 10 at 2:30 p.m. All women of the community are welcome.

Several couples from the district enjoyed a weekend holiday at Prudhomme's Garden Centre. Those who enjoyed the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Jack May, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Cleave, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. John Dunlop, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Archdekin, Mr. and Mrs. Ab Archdekin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wylie, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Zilio.

Mr. and Mrs. James Laidlaw and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Laidlaw and their daughter Cathy, enjoyed a two weeks holiday at Miami, Florida, in January. The weather was lovely for their stay and the roads good for travelling.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Carney were guests at the wedding of Linda Benham to Douglas Campbell at Mayfield United Church on Saturday, January 28th.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carney on the birth of a baby son, Robert Paul. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Carney, Norval, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Davidson of Brampton.

Annual Meeting for Three United Churches

The general meeting of the Hornby United Church Women was held recently in the church basement with twelve members present. Mrs. Jim Snow, presided for the meeting which opened with the theme song, Mrs. John Wallace was in charge of the Scripture reading. Mrs. Johnston Neelands showed a film on "Near Neighbours." Lunch was served by Mrs. Orville Greston.

Rev. Keith Hawkes, has been busy for the past week attending the annual meetings of Ashgrove, Hornby, Bethel and Eden United Church.

The annual Brownie and Guide euchre was held on Thursday night, January 26th, at the Boyne Community Centre with 18 tables in play. Prizes were won by the following: Mrs. Clare Ford, Mrs. William Bailey, Fred Smith and Charlie Lerche, Mrs. Lew Sampson, Mrs. Roy Ellis, Mrs. Geoffrey Drow-Brook, George Middlebrook and Roy Ellis, Mrs. John Cordingley, on behalf of the Brownie and Guide mothers extended a vote of thanks to all who had attended and made the euchre party such a success.

Counselling Service Helpful to 46 Town Families in Past Year

Forty-six cases from Georgetown were referred to the new Halton County Family Counselling Service during its first year of operation just completed.

Rennie Vivian, the service director reports: "The first full year has been one of pioneering and of acquainting the people of Halton County with this new service."

He said people from all walks of life availed themselves of the expanding service.

Mr. Vivian said there has been an excellent working relationship with the Family Court, the Children's Aid Society, Health units and other connected agencies.

In all 313 cases were dealt with, 107 being referred to the service by Family Court. Another 135 were private referrals.

Georgetown was third in referred cases. Over 120 originated from Oakville, 78 from Burlington, 26 from Milton and 20 from Acton.

The service has now organized family-counselling classes for newly-weds. One class dealing with family budgeting was held in the county Thursday night.

There is a series of two classes in Georgetown, two in Milton, four in Burlington and four in Oakville.

Subjects dealt with include understanding between husbands and wives, married couples.

FREDERICK GRANT BANTING

By Thomas Brotherton of 5510A

No Canadian scientist has come near to achieving the public recognition and gratitude accorded both at home and abroad to Frederick Grant Banting for his discovery of insulin. The reason is simple. No single scientific discovery has so suddenly changed the fate of so many people.

In 1921 no one knew exactly what diabetes was. They only knew that the body slowly rotted away. Starvation was one way of treating it but it just slowed the action down.

At the age of twenty nine Banting and a student, Charles Best tackled the problem. They succeeded where other great men had failed!

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The Toronto University Department Head at the time of the discovery.

Dr. Banting's life ended abruptly in 1941 when a bomber that was carrying him to England crashed in Newfoundland. The pilot, and only survivor of the crash, reported that Dr. Banting kept trying to help the injured, even though he himself had suffered a fatal puncture to the lungs.

In the twenty years between the discovery of insulin and his death, he had turned his hand to many problems. In all his work, however, he described himself as a catalyst — an agent that promotes a reaction without taking any part in it. Dr. Banting was a great Canadian; he was a great man!

BANTING WON INTERNATIONAL ACCLAIM IN SCIENCE WORLD

Third in a series of historical thumbnail sketches delivered in weekly public address system presentations to students at Georgetown District High School.

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Funeral at Streetsville For Brother of Town Woman

James Victor Rutledge died suddenly in South Peel Hospital on January 21. He was a brother of Mrs. Joe Emmerson, 99, Main Street, North.

Mr. Rutledge leaves his wife, Norma Burton, four children, Beatrice, Rose, Brian and Scott and brothers and sisters Joseph of Streetsville, Harold, Brampton, Clarence of Phelps

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Annual Meeting Reviews Ballinafad Church Year

Visitors on Sunday of last week with Mr. Tom Mack, were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Purdy and Tommy of Glen Williams and Mrs. Riddell of Toronto.

Several from this area attended the benefit dance for the McDougall's in the Erin Legion Hall Friday night. They lost their barn in a fire several weeks ago.

The congregation of the United Church held their annual meeting on Monday night. Favourable reports were heard from the various organizations and the stewards volunteered to remain in office for another year. Mrs. R. Sales was appointed treasurer replacing Mr. A. Keir and two new elders were nominated, Mrs. Leo Jamieson and Mr. Garnet Sinclair. Several other matters concerning the activities of the church were discussed, and a cup of coffee was enjoyed by all.

Rev. K. Johnston chaired the meeting with Mr. Floyd Shortill as secretary. Mrs. E. Smith was appointed secretary of the official board replacing Mrs. T. Nielsen.

Royal Black Lodge Elects 1967 Officers

Officers of the Royal Black RBP Lodge for the 1967 term were installed recently at Hornby. They are: Wor. Preceptor Rev. William Milligan; Dept. Preceptor Clifford Ebbs; Registrar James Graham; treasurer R.A. Brownridge; Chaplain E. Graf; 1st Sec. Charles Davis; 2nd Sec. Arthur Ireland; 1st Cenor Albert Dawson; 2nd Cenor Robert Cooke; 1st Std. Bearer Frederick Ireland; 2nd Std. Bearer Frank Graham.

Film Night Popular Feature at Hunt Club

A recent film night at the Georgetown Anglers & Hunters club was enjoyed, and next event planned for members is a pot luck supper which will follow a Sunday afternoon skating and sleigh riding party.

The new club shirts will be on display for approval at the next business meeting. "Roads will be clear and the fire will be warm" the directors promise, and they are hoping for a good attendance.

Though widely explored by French fur traders and missionaries, Ontario was virtually unsettled when it became British in 1763.

Committee men: Bradley, Clifford Norton, Keith Ireland, Clifford Ebbs, Walter Bocock, Phillip Hilson, Clifford Beatty; Pursuivant Clifford Norton; financial secretary James Hoy.

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