

Quarter Million \$ Medal Viewed at Wigglesworth

A rare medal valued at \$250,000 and the fascinating story that goes with it were revealed to pupils at Howard Wigglesworth Public School Monday Jan. 8 by Halton County Museum curator Major Hal Newman.

The unique medal, solid silver and two and a half inches across is inscribed in Latin and bears a picture of King George III. It belongs to Simon Stevens, a 72 year old Indian from Port-Loring, but is on loan to the museum.

King George III had the medal struck to give to Indian chiefs representing six tribes who helped the British to victory over the French in the Battle of the Plains of Abraham in 1759. Mr. Stevens is the grandson of Peter Stevens an Algonquin, who helped Her Majesty's Highlanders scale the cliffs. Though six medals were made the whereabouts of just two are known, that belonging to Mr. Stevens, and another in a Washington museum.

Monday, Wigglesworth pupils from Grade 6 up assembled to see the medal and hear Major Newman tell its history.

"Mr. Stevens has asked that the medal be returned to him soon, many school children have still not seen it," said Major Newman who plans to tour the county with the medal so that all elementary schoolers will get a look at it.

Wigglesworth is the first Georgetown school to be visited



MAJOR HAL NEWMAN of Georgetown, Halton County Museum curator, with Algonquin Simon Stevens, and medal worth quarter of a million.

Major Newman assures he was placed on display at the museum only on special occasions and when it was visited because of its value the medal is an organized loan.

Georgetown Council makes Appointments to Boards

Appointments to various boards took up a large part of Monday night's council meeting. The following appointments were made:

Hugh Powell was appointed to the Georgetown Public Library Board for three years 1969, '70, and '71.

The Board of Parks appointments were Ivan Crabtree, Herb Robinson, Jack Gudzen, Fred Mavel and Gord Price. Council appointees are Crs. Jim Young and W. Smith.

Mrs. E. Nodwell and Miss Ruth Ryans were appointed to the Cemetery Board for three years.

Appointed to the Cedarvale Centennial Community Centre Board for one year were Mrs. D. Sutherland, Mr. J. Corning, Mr. H. Johnson, Mr. J. Butler and Mr. G. Richardson. Cr. John Hole was appointed as council representative.

Appointed to the planning Board for three years were Roy W. E. Hill and J. C. Hamilton, and filling the unexpired term of Walter Gray, James Castigan.

Council representatives on the Planning Board are Cr.

Drag Racing Real Threat To Traffic Safety: Cadi

Drag racing is increasing in rural areas, Magistrate Kenneth Langdon of Georgetown told a safety conference last week. Police are being thwarted in their efforts to fight the problem by the loyalty of those attending the events.

Magistrate Langdon was one of six speakers talking on "how to reduce traffic accidents through law enforcement" at a three day series of road safety workshops organized by the Department of Transport at the Inn on the Park, Don Mills.

Magistrate Langdon said the court has a concern about the unnatural display of loyalty exhibited by members or patrons of the (drag racing) event and the danger that is typical when the officers attempt to arrest those involved and they in turn try to avoid apprehension with the resultant loss of licence.

Langdon said he deals with traffic offenders differently from criminal offenders.

Milton Still Seeking Land from Neighbours

Jim Snow, MPP for Halton East, and George Kerr, MPP for Halton West, met last week with Hon. D'Arcy McKeough, minister of municipal affairs and W. H. Palmer, deputy minister to discuss Milton's application to annex territory on its borders in Oakville and Esquew township.

Milton's application was considered by the Ontario Municipal Board more than a year ago but the board's final decision has been held up pending the government's decision on the Plunkett report on regional government in Halton and Peel.

"We discussed the status of regional government in Ontario generally," said Mr. Snow, "and its status in Halton county particularly, besides the status of the annexation hearing. We had quite an extended meeting."

Originally the town wanted to annex 2,000 acres in Esquew and Oakville because council said Milton was dying without room to expand. But the town's latest application involves 100 acres in north Oakville.

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Missionary Rev. Jim Kirkwood Describes New Life in Zambia

A graduate of Georgetown District High School who studied for his United Church ministry at Emmanuel College, Toronto, Rev. James Kirkwood is now a missionary at Kalulushi, Zambia.

Each year he and his wife send a Christmas message to his friends in Canada, telling of their work, and it is the Herald's pleasure to reprint their 1957 letter.

Mr. Kirkwood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kirkwood, 4 Pauline Street.

As Christmas approaches, it seems impossible that it is already five months since we left Canada, and that we are well settled into this new town, and indeed, a new way of life. Our farlough year in Canada and New York included many happy reunions with family and friends, a fruitful year of study for Jim, a new addition to the family — Kenneth James on November 13, 1966, a major operation for March 1966, and first introductions to formal schooling for Paul, Jane and Joe. It was an eventful year and we are only sorry that we failed to see some of you whom we had hoped to see again.

Living on the Copperbelt, living in a different Africa from the one we knew in the bush at Kalulushi and Kashikishi. Strong like beads on a necklace along the tarmac roads are the seven towns which make up the Copperbelt. The rich veins of copper ore underneath make Zambia the second largest producer of copper in the world. So to the mining towns are attracted engineers, geologists, craftsmen, technicians, and other skilled men from all over the world — mainly from Britain, South Africa and Rhodesia, but also from Australia, Canada, U.S.A. and many other countries. The standard of living is very high and the cost of living is inflated because the wage scale for white miners and technical people is one of the highest in the world. Most of the towns are "company towns", managed by one of the two companies operating in Zambia, Anglo-American and Roan Selection Trust. Those of you familiar with company towns in Canada will realize the advantages and disadvantages attendant upon working in a company town.

As well as white people from many countries, Africans from many tribes within and out of Zambia also meet and work here. All of the unskilled labour and much of the semi-skilled and even skilled labour is done by Africans. At the very top levels there are very few Africans, as yet, because very few have the engineering or technical education necessary. But the mines, as well as other industries, are gradually Zambianizing the jobs as they have able men to fill them, and are also sending men overseas to get the training they need. In Kalulushi, many of our African friends are originally from Malawi, and belong either to the Tumbuka or the Nyanja tribes.

However, Bemba is the common language used and understood by Africans on the Copperbelt, so we work in this language as we did in the bush.

This new country, only three years old, faces many problems. Here on the Copperbelt many tensions seem to focus around racialism, tribalism and nationalism. Although most Europeans make a show of "getting along" with at least the better educated Africans, there is still very little real contact between the two groups. One has only to talk to a European, alone, to realize that deep down, his attitude of superiority has not changed. We look for opportunities to serve in situations where both races can meet socially, or at a deeper level, or only by really getting to know each other as people do in both sides break down. Among Africans themselves, there is also tension — Zambianization means Zambians must be in positions of authority, or be provided with jobs, not Africans from Malawi, Congo, Rhodesia or Tanzania. So some are "demoted" from responsible positions in order to be replaced by Zambians. This does not always lead to good feelings. Then, within Zambia there are many tribes, and recently there has been much concern about an upsurge of feelings of tribalism in certain parts of the country. Finally, there is a definite class structure not only among white people, but also among Africans — one sees this developing all the time. These are some of the fragmenting forces which seem to come into focus most clearly here on the Copperbelt.

If it is in this framework that President Kenneth Kaunda is striving to bring into reality his "One Zambia, One Nation" — With his grace and wisdom he is managing to hold together these many different peoples, to weld them together and to hasten some feeling of unity. The events in Rhodesia during the past few years have slowed down the Zambian economy, and increased the Government's difficulties in proceeding with its plans for development of the country. Many of the miners here who come from South Africa or Rhodesia are sympathetic to Ian Smith, and therefore not entirely sympathetic to the Zambian government's stand on the issue. But in spite of this, the production and economy of Zambia are going ahead, and the country is solving her problems gradually.

What part does the church play in this? Slowly, very slowly, the barriers of races are being broken down within churches. Slowly, very slowly, the differences in denominations are being lessened. Social service institutions — secondary schools, colleges, teachers' training colleges, agricultural extension schools, schools for training women in home-making or community development — all these will our preaching Christ is in vain. Briefly, let us tell of our for a supply of rubber bands.

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