

# Police Constable Training Sixty-Five Army Cadets



ARMY CADET CORPS INCLUDES A GIRL, ANN BOLTON.

Sixty-five Georgetown youths have joined the Lorne Scots cadet corps in the last six weeks. Constable Raj Swaminathan of the Georgetown police force has volunteered his services to train and organize the corps. Raj is a renowned athlete, who still holds the record for the 400 metre hurdles in Ceylon, which he set in 1967 at the AAA Nationals.

He was also Ceylon's Minister of Sports and after coming to Canada worked with youth groups in Toronto. Raj says he will organize track and field, field hockey, rugby, basketball and judo in the cadets. He is a qualified judo instructor, as well as a first class drill and weapons instructor. He will teach the cadets discipline and army

chain of command. Raj says he owes practically all his success to the army. He was a member of Ceylon's army and says that the Georgetown militia has a great deal to offer the youth of Georgetown.

**FULL CO-OPERATION**  
Captain Doug Westlake of C company has offered Constable Swaminathan full co-operation and use of the armoury. Raj encourages boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 17 to come out and take advantage of this program. It is free of charge. There will be camping trips and uniforms issued that will have to be signed for by the cadet's parents.

There is now one girl, 16 year-old Ann Bolton of 21 Elizabeth Street. Raj says he hopes more girls will join because the boys like to come when there are girls and vice versa. This will mean additional women instructors and separate camping trips.

The cadets will give the individuals community involvement, leadership training, and a place they can gather for fellowship.

The organization will be financed by public donations and Raj is at the present time canvassing.

Police Chief Floyd Schwarz has offered Raj his full co-operation and the department is taking applications, for persons interested in either assisting or joining the Lorne Scots' cadets.



Sgt. Rod Donaldson

### Friendship Renewed

A friendship, nurtured by letter for almost 45 years, was renewed in person when Mr. and Mrs. John Hill arrived from Plymouth, England on Friday for a visit with Mrs. Mary Morrow, 25 Victoria Street. Mrs. Morrow befriended young Mr. Hill when he came to this district in 1929 for employment on a farm. It didn't work out and he was befriended by Mrs. Morrow for a few weeks. He returned to his homeland, but has kept in touch with her since. Mrs. Morrow will be celebrating her 93rd birthday later this month.

Sergeant Rodney Donaldson, a past O.P.P. officer, semi-professional baseball player, and present officer with the Georgetown Police Department, has attained notoriety in the department and throughout the town's administrative body for his caricatures. Mayor William Smith is at present the owner of two of these drawings and the subject of more.

In November of last year the Annual Policeman's Ball a gallery showing of Sgt. Donaldson's drawings was given, followed by an auction. The mayor and members of the police department bought caricatures of themselves in order to take them out of circulation, and hang them in their homes as humorous, fantastic pieces of art. Sgt. Donaldson received training as a commercial artist while in high school, taking a four year course in the field at Danforth Technical School in Toronto.

Sgt. Donaldson joined the Georgetown Police Department in September of 1966. He was a member of the O.P.P. stationed in Port Arthur and Barrie from March of 1952 to February of 1960, having graduated from the Police College on Sherbourne Street in Toronto in 1952. He spent from 1960 to 1966 as a despatcher for Overland Transport Co. in Toronto. While with the Georgetown force he took a refresher course at the Ontario Police College, Aylmer in 1970.

In 1967 Rodney Donaldson was promoted to the rank of constable 1st class, and in 1968 to patrol sergeant. He is at present a resident of Rockwood

moving from Limchouse two weeks ago. Born in Toronto in 1928 he is married with two sons. Sgt. Donaldson, while playing semi-professional baseball, played with the Yankee and Cleveland Indian organizations as well as being involved in baseball in Port Hope and several other communities advanced leagues. He is a southpaw, a left handed pitcher, and has played in the Pony League in Plattsburgh, New York.

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## When It Comes to Jacobin Pigeons, Ed's An Expert

by BOB ENGLISH  
Ed McLean of Norval won his first ribbon at a pigeon fanciers' show in 1917 at the age of nine. Today, at almost 65, he is rated one of the top experts in the pigeon breeding and showing field in the world. Mr. McLean breeds and shows one type of pigeon and has since he was a boy - the Jacobin - so named for the hood of feathers that completely covers its head and is similar to the hoods worn by the Jacobin monks of the past. The list of credentials are impressive and span almost 50 years. By the time the birds rolled around, Mr. McLean was one of the top breeders in Canada, a fact he can prove quite easily by referring to his record at the Toronto Exhibition where in the late 1940s and early 1950s he racked up an eight-year record that stands today and isn't likely to ever be broken. In those eight years, he entered four birds in each of five classes and took first, second, third and fourth in each of the classes each year for eight years.

He has even shipped birds to Scotland the home country of the Jacobin pigeon. The first Jacobins were imported to North America by the way in the 1600s. Breeding pigeons is really a lifelong task. It took for instance some 10 years for Mr. McLean to develop a pure white bird and even longer than that to develop a grand national champion quality blue. He began the project with the blue plumed pigeons in the early 60s and has brought that particular type along until it is almost the quality required. The blue type had been extinct in Canada for more than 30 years when he began the project. Mr. McLean is worried about the future of his hobby in Canada as he says the younger generation does not seem to be interested in spending the time required by it. He says there are few coming along to take the place of the older enthusiasts.

**ENTERS U.S. EVENTS**  
His dominance of the show led to other breeders withdrawing from competition so he withdrew from competition in Canada and began entering events in the United States. It is in the U.S. that he has grown to the prominence in the field he enjoys today. "It made no difference in the United States," he says, "they always used us 100 per cent."

Mr. McLean had success after success in the U.S. and rapidly gained the respect for his skill as a breeder that was not forthcoming in Canada. A list of his show wins would be far too long to print here. Let it suffice to say that some years ago he began to renege the trophies he had won - he simply didn't have room for any more in his small white-painted home in Norval. One year, however, is worth mentioning because the successes he had were really outstanding. In that year, 1967, he won the three challenge trophies at the Central Jacobin Club show, one for the Champion White Bird, another for the Champion Young Bird and a third for Grand Champion of the show. It was and is the first time that any breeder has won all three in one year. He took 10 birds to the show and entered them in 10 classes taking seven wins, two seconds and a third. Of nine trophies up for grabs at the meet he brought home eight.

**LED TO JUDGING**  
His pre-eminence as a breeder and shower of Jacobins led to assignments as a judge at major shows. He says the biggest thrill of his life was judging the Atlantic City Grand National Show in 1972. He had been the judge at the Combined Jacobin Meet in 1965 and at the Jacobin Classic in Columbus, Ohio in 1968 but the Grand National was the top one and the one he will always remember best.

Mr. McLean has suffered a series of heart attacks in the past couple of years and this has restricted his activities as judge at these major shows, somewhat, but he says he will keep on as long as he can.

He has spent most of his life in this area of Peel County working for most of the time for Peel Construction. In fact he was one of the first employees of what is now one of the largest construction firms in the Metro area. He recalls travelling to Toronto with Eighn Armstrong to pick up the company's first twin truck on May 3, 1928. He is married to the former Dorothy Watson of Norval.

Mr. McLean has shipped the pigeons he has bred all over the world and finds that at shows his entries are occasionally



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