

Commanding officer leaving cadets

Captain N.J. Weir C.D. is retiring as Commanding Officer of the 676 (L) Lorne Scots Army Cadet Corps.

The announcement was made at the fourth annual inspection of the cadet corps which was held at Fairgrounds Park last week.

Captain Weir has been the Commanding Officer since May 1974. He plans to return to

the militia. The new Commanding Officer is Lt. J. Hodskins.

Colonel John R. Barber E.D., C.D. inspected the cadets and presented the Barber Trophy to M.W.O. Tom Gale for efficiency. M.W.O. Gale is leaving cadets to join the regular force.

Awards were also presented for the best cadet and the best shot. Winners of the best cadet awards were: 1st yr. - Cdt. Blain Steed, 2nd yr. - Cdt. Jeff Nickerson, 3rd yr. - Cpl. Wayne Gale, senior yr. - M.W.O. Tom Gale.

Members of the Lorne Scots Pipe Band lead the cadets into the parade area and also played selections while the cadets set up displays of their skills at the end of the award presentation.



Cadet Blain Steed was best 1st year cadet.



Cdt. Sgt. David Othen was best 3rd year cadet.



Louise Roberge from Quebec picks up dinner at the buffet supper after the arrival of exchange students at Centennial school Wednesday.

24 Quebec pupils gain Halton Hills friends

By MAGGIE HANNAH
 Herald Staff Writer

"It's too bad it's the first year for this exchange," says George Kelly. "I wish my other two (children) had had this kind of chance."

"It's got to go on," he adds. "The Grades 6's and 7's can see how well this exchange is working and I'll bet they can't wait until their turn comes."

The Kellys and their daughter, Susan, were among 24 Georgetown-area families entertaining a French exchange pupil in their home last week.

Susan Kelly is a Grade 8 student at Centennial middle school. Her guest, Helene Tardif, is a Grade 9 student at Companion de Cartier school in Cap Rouge, Quebec. This is a middle school of sorts too, although the difference in grades between Ontario and Quebec is confusing. In Quebec the primary school ends at a point equivalent to Ontario's Grade 6. The middle school begins at Grade 7 but the studies are equal to our Grade 8 work.

When the youngsters arrived by bus on Wednesday evening they met the Centennial staff and their exchange partners for a buffet dinner in the school gymnasium.

Centennial's Grade 8 French teacher, Mrs. Davidson, read out the names of the Centennial students while Mrs. Deslief, the English teacher from the French school, read out the names of their Quebec partners.

The young people came forward shyly, stopped too far apart and reached awkwardly to shake hands, then rushed to sit down before their embarrassment became too apparent. Conversation at most of the tables was stilted.

By the time the students had arrived back at Centennial for classes on Thursday morning a change had taken place.

Centennial principal Ron Chatten watched a group of students working in the gym. "They're just terrific," he grinned. "They're all getting on beautifully. Everyone is working together."

One of the music instructors pointed out where a group of girls were gathered around a couple of books talking. He explained that since the French and English girls had no common ground for discussing their work they were busy finding appropriate terms in their dictionaries.

Thursday afternoon the visitors were taken to the Halton County Museum at Kelso. In the evening they were special guests of the Grade 7 and 8's at a school dance. Friday morning saw them off for a tour of Niagara Falls. Friday evening and Saturday the hosts were to entertain their guests in their own way.

At the Kelly house that meant a combination slumber party-birthday party. It was during this party that The Herald reporter caught up with five of the French girls and their English hostesses.

The girls were getting along perfectly, ironing out any difficulties that arose over language, listening to records, dancing and munching their way through a birthday cake the way young people do when they are at ease with each other and their surroundings.

It was funny, George Kelly explained, how they could make each other understand. A few words of French in an English sentence, a bit of English in a French sentence. They didn't really carry on a conversation and yet they got their message across all the same.

well they had known each other. Each of them vowed they had enjoyed their trip and would like to return to Ontario in the future. The genuine response to that question needed no interpreter.

They had all been frightened when they first arrived, they admitted, and the difference between a small place like Georgetown and a Quebec City suburb like Ste. Foy, Cap Rouge, where they live needs a bit of adjusting to. The sight of a small, rather dilapidated, village somewhere along the route they just couldn't say just where made them doubly apprehensive as to what Georgetown might turn out to be.

About that point the reporter's scanty understanding of French and the girl's textbook English gave out and a bilingual neighbor of the Kellys, Mrs. Susie Lorito had to be called in to rescue the floundering interview.

The girls perked up like a bouquet shoved into water when they discovered someone capable of understanding and translating for them.

The one thing they had not been prepared for, they said, was the total lack of French in their partner's homes. They admitted that they had expected to be able to speak French at least some of the time and be understood. They wished they had had more practical experience with English before they made the trip.

Results of this trip? In the

past they were too shy of their classmates' mockery to show their knowledge of English. Now they will try to use it and may even try to speak it with their friends sometimes.

As Helene Lachance put it, "When I come my English is very, very bad. Now it is (just) bad."

"The first night after we got home I watched Helene," George Kelly said. "When someone spoke to her three others jumped in and tried to explain what had been said. The poor girl was so confused she just sat there with her eyes moving back and forth among them all not knowing who to listen to."

The girls agreed with Mr. Kelly's solution for their problem. So long as English is spoken slowly so they have time to grasp it, they'll work it out themselves. All the help and consideration only succeeded in confusing them.

When the question of Quebec's separation was raised the girls expressed various opinions as might be expected when any controversial topic is mentioned. One thing was obvious. They were all aware of it and its implications.

The girls returned to the juke box in the Kelly's basement and went on with the party while the adults said good evening.

As the Kellys put it: "It's a pity the politicians can't keep out of it. The kids could work things out for themselves if they had a chance."

TRAPPED CAT FOUND, DESTROYED UNCLAIMED

The tale of the Chapel Street cat ended Sunday when it was destroyed.

Halton board of education employee Allan Peters and Joe Kirley of animal control found the cat about noon last Tuesday. They saw it when it came out to eat food screens on a basement window of the boarded up school.

They placed the food outside the hole hoping that the animal would leave the building when it discovered it was free. Instead, however, it turned back into the basement after its meal and they were forced to go into the old school and get it.

Kirley says it was indeed a grey, tiger-striped animal much as local children reported it to be, and he estimated its age at 10 months. The animal was in good condition, he said.

The cat had to be "put down", he said pointing out that the law says animals must be kept at the pound for 72 hours and the kitten had remained there, unclaimed, long past the legal requirement.

Robbie Beaumont wins gold medal

Robbie Beaumont of Glen Williams was one of the winners in the Peel Music Festival two weeks ago.

On his first day of competition he scored 85. Later in the week he won a gold medal. The

following week he competed in a higher class and scored another 85.

Ten-year-old Robbie will try his Grade 7 examinations in Conservatory piano later this month. His teacher is Mrs. M. Williams of Stewarttown.

Acton mini-school

All regular classes at Acton High School will be cancelled Wednesday, May 18 but it won't be a day off for students or teachers.

Instead, the school will be holding its second annual Mini-school. Students and teachers plus members of the community will have a chance to attend any three of 29 different mini-school options ranging from astrology and horoscopes, harness racing, cosmetics, Vietnamese cooking, boxing, scuba diving, photography, chess, archaeology, yoga, transcendental meditation, mental telepathy, astral projection, sky diving, hypnosis, crime lab and macramé to emergency services.

Ken Ellis, the learning resource teacher who is organizing the mini-school, has assembled an impressive list of experts to lead the courses. Besides Ken Danby, a Canadian realism painter with an international reputation, who appears in a "99.9 per cent sure" Mr. Ellis said, he is also expecting a Queen's university physics professor to defend the Biblical theory of creation, a professional boxer and fight promoter, a Romanist, a sky diver, a disc jockey and 1976's Canadian Black Belt Judo champion, Bill Manson, as well as others.

All the persons leading the mini-schools have volunteered their time and are paying their own mileage costs. Mr. Ellis stressed that the student association will host their lunch, however, and pay for the professional entertainment.

Norval sets plan for Queen's birthday

By DOROTHY McLEAN
 Herald Correspondent

The Norval Ping Pong Club held its annual tournament on Saturday, April 30, at the Norval School Community Centre with 22 players participating. In the Junior section Bruce Cunningham was singles champion defeating Bill Davis and Mark Cunningham won the doubles over Russell Hutton and Bill Davis.

The Senior section saw John Farres defeating Russ Gray for the singles championship. In the doubles Lloyd Jones and Jamie Cunningham were the champions defeating Alan Lloyd and George Campbell.

The Norval Community Fireworks committee held its meeting on May 2nd to finalize plans to celebrate the Queen's birthday on May 23rd at the Norval School Community Centre with races, ball games, pony rides, pop corn wagon, clowns, Mrs. Iva Davidson, the "Grand Lady from Brampton" with her musical arrangements, and last but not least the fireworks.

Mrs. Marion Laird showed slides and gave a detailed commentary about their recent trip to New Zealand and Australia at the Norval Women's Institute regular monthly meeting held at the

home of Mrs. Grace Crawford on Thursday evening, May 5th, with Mrs. Edna Murray presiding and 12 present.

The roll call was "How can we as mothers and grandmothers be useful, share our wisdom and gain respect in today's family." During the discussion that followed it was decided that discipline is lacking both in the home and in the school. To say "no" to a child and to stick to that decision is really being kind to the child.

During the business the "Dessert Luncheon and Euchre" planned for Saturday, May 14th in Norval Community Centre was cancelled as it was decided that this was too busy a time of the year. Mrs. Jean May offered her home for the euchre to be held there near the end of October.

Jean Harrop was appointed as a Resolutions convener in place of Gladys Chester.

Plans were made for the District Annual meeting to be held in Georgetown on May 17th.

Kay Wilson was appointed to attend the North Halton Creative and Performing Arts festival on May 17th to present a trophy.

Ina Terry reported on the 4H Achievement Day and

displayed a night gown made by her daughter and her record book. The next course will be an "Foods Around the World."

Grace Crawford and Elhel Webb, Citizenship and World Affairs conveners, were in charge of the program. Mrs. Crawford gave the motto "Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak also what it takes to sit down and listen."

All enjoyed the pictures and interesting commentary given by Mrs. Marion Laird.

Ina Terry and Elhel Webb assisted the hostess in serving lunch and a social time ended the enjoyable evening Norval United Church was full for Christian Family Day on Sunday, May 8, with the special service conducted by Rev. R. Walter Ridley.

The Junior choir sang 3 selections during the service and the Kindergarten class of the Sunday School sang a couple of songs. Teri Jane Moffatt read a Mother's Day poem and several teenagers gave the scripture lesson in a dialogue form. The Primary class presented each mother with a carnation.

Following the service the Sunday School teachers and pupils served lunch of sandwiches and cookies and a fellowship time was enjoyed.

Get well wishes are extended to Russell Hamilton who is a patient in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, Union Presbyterian Church W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Catherine Leslie on Wednesday morning, May 4th.

Mrs. Christine Bishop read the scripture lesson followed with prayer by Mrs. Eldred Anderson.

The study on the three closest women to Jesus was given by Mrs. Margaret McKane.

WE APOLOGIZE

We wish to draw to your attention the following errors in our Spring and Summer Catalogue:

PAGE 21 (ITEM 11 & 16) The item now keyed as item 11 should be item 16 with a price of \$1.95. The item now keyed as item 16 should be item 11 with the price of \$3.35.

PAGE 30 (ITEM 1) Through this item is shown without a saw blade the price covers the regular saw with a combination blade for it.

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