

A dynamic, energetic educator

Continued from Page A4 following morning, much to the kids disappointment, school was carrying on, as usual, but in new locales - classrooms were set up in the Legion Hall, the Y.M.C.A., the Scout Hall, and two churches. The community had come to the rescue!

Pat was a dynamic, energetic and demanding educator. He kept everyone around him in constant productivity - his students, his teachers and his colleagues. Even from his hospital bed in the past year and a half, his interest and his enthusiasm seldom faltered.

He expected - no demanded high standards and nothing less would do. I knew Pat as a student in his classroom, then later as a teacher under him. Life was never easy or unpressured - but it

was stimulating and challenging. It's rather awe-inspiring to consider the thousands of minds affected by this one person.

COUNTY LEADERSHIP
His influence reached far beyond the local school however, up to his retirement in 1973. Never one to rest on past achievements, he kept reaching beyond himself. He provided leadership at the county level heading up the Principal's Association, the Teachers' Institute, the Music Festival Assoc. and the Men Teachers' Federation both in Halton and in the Province.

Aside from education Pat also put his energy into community endeavours - in Trinity United Church, in the Canadian Legion and in the Y Men's Club. We are justifiably proud of his

achievements in the latter. Between the years of 1961 and 1964, he held no less than five positions moving from the local presidency up to the International President's position and won recognition and two international awards along the way.

Politics then came into his life for a twelve year stretch - when he served on the municipal and regional council and then was appointed to the Halton Housing Authority Commission.

HONORS
In 1977, a citizen's group approached the Halton Board of Education with a request to honor Garnet McKenzie and his former Actor colleague Elmer Smith (deceased principal of M.Z. Bennett School) by naming

the newly-organized middle school the McKenzie-Smith School and the school proudly carries this name today.

Growing up in Feverham, Ont. with good Georgian Bay blood, may have given Pat the drive required in his untiring devotion to the community.

Whatever it was, thousands of adults in the town can boast of being disciplined under Pat's strict rule. His students and all those who knew him only as a municipal councillor, are thinking about him this week. We all will miss him, but we will not forget him.

—Arlene Bruce
Trustee, Halton Board of Education

Harrison school parents and teachers are getting together for a full-scale fund-raising venture. They'll launch their Campaign April 26 to raise money for a creative playground to be erected on the school's property.

The kick-off between 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. will feature a bake sale and a display of the types of unique equipment available.

All are welcome to take a look at the school's plans. For more information about the project, contact the school at 877-4221.

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Trials are sometimes just too much to bear

Trials can be too much for us to bear alone. At such times we need a friend to share our problems, one who can understand our feelings, be trusted, and above all keep our confidence.

Susie S. had been working full time but decided to devote herself to being a loving mother. Unfortunately she had not anticipated her husband's reaction. He became indifferent to both her and the child, losing his temper easily and getting irritated if she questioned him about his behavior.

What Susie did not know was that Steve felt threatened by the extra responsibility of a wife and child. He was afraid to admit this but his frustration led him to begin drinking.

Susie thought Steve no longer loved her and it was only a matter of time before her singing turned to drinking. She was afraid to talk to friends or family about her situation but didn't know to whom to turn.

One phone call could have altered her life. Anytime one undergoes a drastic change there must always be adjustments. Sometimes we

need help to cope and the volunteers at the North Halton Contact Centre are there to listen if you want to share your burden.

Although the above story is fictional it could happen and Susie would need your help. If you want to befriend someone in distress, volunteer today.

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Ballinafad 'Trapunto' quilts

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The third meeting of the quilting course got under way on Mon. March 28 in the church basement. Mrs. Colman was a visitor at the second meeting. She has taken a two-year course on quilting. Mrs. Colman brought along some of her work and explained the method of doing it. There were many beautiful samples passed around for the class to view which proved very interesting.

Mrs. Jamieson and Mrs. Kiperdraad taught the way to do "Trapunto" quilting at the meeting. Due to the Easter weekend the next meeting for the course will be April 11.

Although Easter Sunday was not a day to wear your spring outfits (rain-coats and rubbers were more appropriate), many came out to church to enjoy the music and to sing the beautiful hymns associated with this glad season of the year.

The ladies and men's choir both combined to render a beautiful message in song. The inspiring message given by Dr. Bandy who spoke of the old but ever new story of the risen Lord together with the lovely lilies surrounding the pulpit, made one feel the weather outside was of little importance.

Friends and relatives of Lola Marshall will be pleased to know she is home again after spending a few days in the Georgetown hospital.

Congratulations also to Lola on recently becoming a great-grandma for the second time, a little girl born two weeks ago. Her parents are Debbie

and James Miller of Toronto. Visitors at the Smith farm on Sunday were Joyce and Norman Swann of St. Catharines and Sharon Burt also of St. Catharines.

Sharon is working at the rehabilitation Centre at Brock University for a short time which is in conjunction with the Continued on Page A8

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