

Lookin' back at history

ROBERT LITTLE NEWS

BY AIDEN STANLEY & ANDREA DINGWALL

We took a look at our school history this week and we found out that our school is named after a well-known man. Robert Little was born in Woolwich, Kentshire, England in 1835. He came to Canada at the age of 17 and started teaching at S.S. #5 Esquesing school the same year.

Robert Little married one of his pupils in 1856 and they built a house on Church Street. He be-



came known as an excellent teacher and was made the principal of Acton Public School in 1863.

He was well-liked by students and parents. One day, he sent some of his pupils into neighbouring forests to get some young trees and they planted them in the school yard. Thanks to Robert Little, we have many beautiful trees on our school property today.

Robert Little also helped write Lovell's Advanced Geography and helped prepare the New Series of Ontario readers.

Robert Little died in 1885 from typhoid fever.

Euchre teams travel to Cooksville

LEGION NEWS

BY JOYCE BUCHANAN
Branch 197 P.R.O.

Wednesday bridge had four tables, with winners Dot Norton, Betty Oakes, and Colin Baker.

Thursday euchre had 18½ tables. First place winner was Helen Quinn, second place was Bev Barfoot, third was Edith Rowe, fourth was Glad Ingles; the hidden score winner was Pearl Baker.

Early Birds Doris Allen and Dot Norton won Saturday's meat draw. Regular draw winners were Carol Wilson, Bill Titus, Angie Mowat, Larry Frizzel, Nancy Hagan-Dyc, Phyllis Winters, Charlie Allen, John Jansen, Anna Marie Lowin, Kathy Papillon, Ray Amurault, and Yolanda. The

big draw winner was Shorty Lowin.

Crib players were away to Burford on Saturday. Though they did not qualify, they wound up having a good time anyway.

Next Saturday, four teams will travel to Cooksville to play euchre. Hope there are not too many celebrating the night before, it being St. Patrick's Day, because the bus will leave the Legion parking lot at 9:30 am sharp!

There will a blood donor clinic at the Legion on March 23.

Don't forget our general meeting Monday at 8.

The committee is finalizing plans for the Anniversary Awards on March 26. You have until March 19 to purchase your tickets, at just \$5 each.

See you at the Branch.

Comrade McClure will be missed

LEGION LADIES NEWS

BY OLIVE ELLERBY

There were 23 members of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary who met last Thursday evening in the auditorium. After singing *O' Canada*, our president, Lucy Synnot draped the charter in deepest regret at the passing of our beloved comrade Dorothy McClure. She will be sadly missed by us all.

Our auxiliary will be represented at several upcoming social

functions in our Zone — the 40th Anniversary in Port Credit, the 53rd in Oakville, and celebrations in Cooksville marking the end of W.W. II, 50 years ago.

Would you like to play cards next Saturday in Erin, or in Brampton on April 1? Give Janice Green a call and come along for a day of comradeship and fun.

As promised by our liaison Frank Keon, our kitchen has been repainted and looks great. Special thanks to Gary Munday and crew.

Not only did you paint the walls and refrigerators, replace the taps and added a spray attachment, you are considering installing a new floor. You guys are the greatest!

Helen Van Opstal was our 50/50 draw winner.

Don't forget to get your ticket for the Branch Anniversary party, to be held March 26 from 1 to 6 pm. There will be a buffet luncheon and lots of good entertainment all afternoon.

Let's all get together.

Brian Field is Student of Excellence

M.Z. BENNETT NEWS

BY TREVOR HALL & JUSTIN BAILEY

Grade 1 and 2 students will have a building celebration today (Wed-

nesday) to end the castles and dragons unit. They are constructing their castles with boxes, tubes and other junk. The Grade 1s are learning their numbers up to 99 and the Grade 2s are learning to 999.

Grade 2-3 students are making castles, including simple machines, from egg cartons and boxes.

The Grade 4-5 students in Mrs. Graham's class have started an animal research project. When they are done they will make a research brochure plus another humorous booklet based on *The Little Worm Book* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.

Brian Field was selected as our Student of Excellence for this year. Kimberly Freeland won our speech contest with her speech on *The Phantom of the Opera*. Kyle Williams was our runner-up with his speech on Disney World. All the speeches were excellent.

Mr. Waitson's and Mr. Fisher's Grade 4-5 students send their congratulations to Kimberly and Kyle for their speeches. All the students are relieved that the contest is over.

We interviewed our Student of Excellence, Brian Field. Brian thinks he was chosen "because I try hard on my work. I am involved in volleyball, hockey, cross-country running, soccer and track and field. And I co-operate with other people."

The student of excellence represents the excellence of our whole school. Brian will receive a medal at a special ceremony with all the other winners from Halton.

Congratulations Brian!

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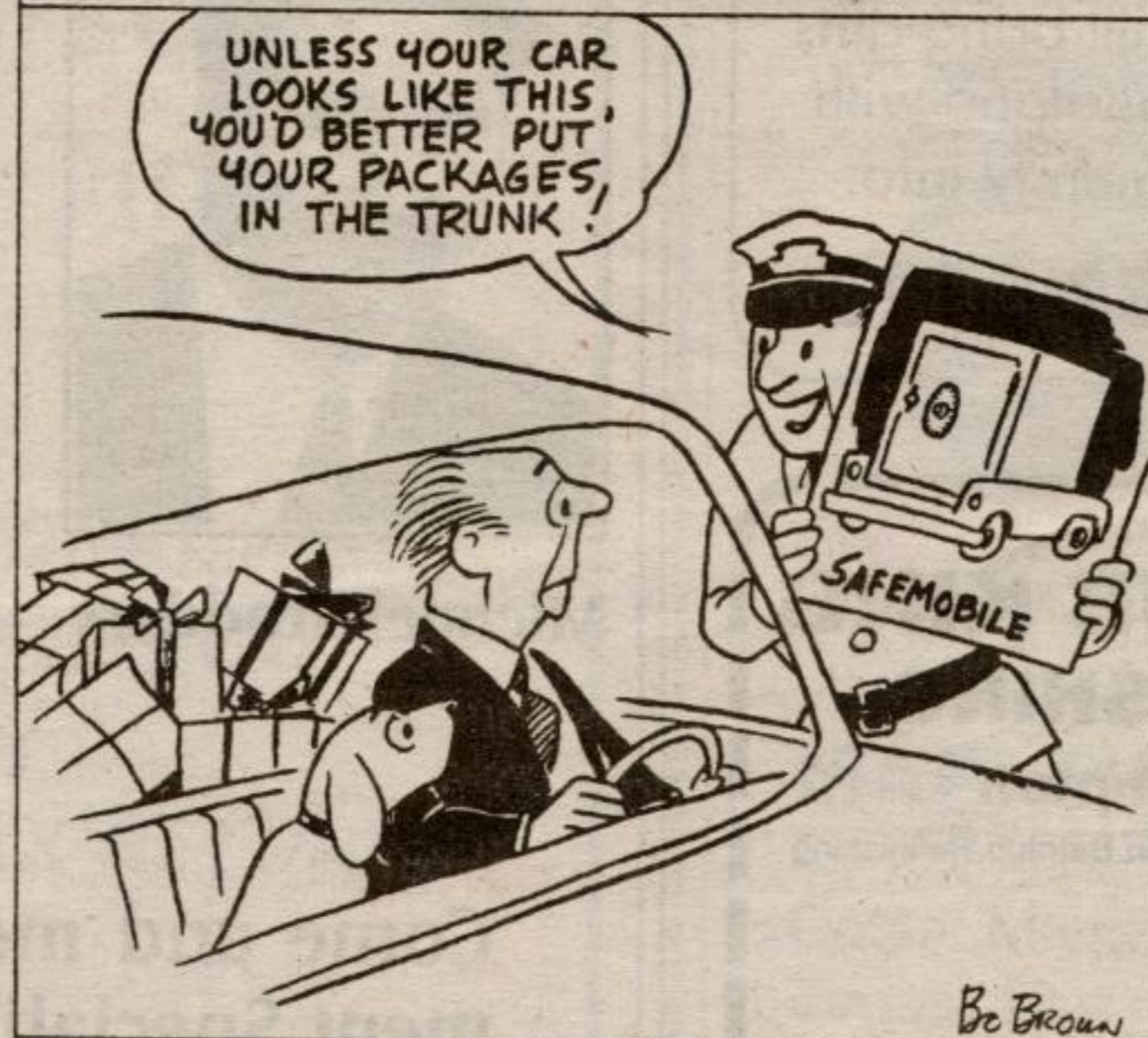
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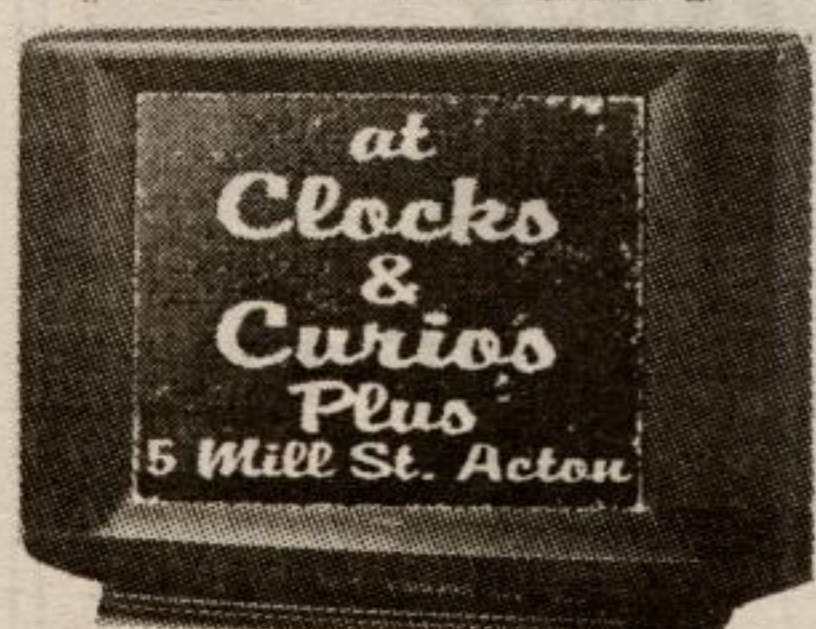
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