

Paul Armstrong New Chairman Retarded Children's Authority

Paul Armstrong of Georgetown was named chairman of the Esquering Township Retarded Children's Educational Authority at the group's first annual meeting, held at Sunshine School near Hornby on Monday evening, January 10.

The group is formed by four representatives appointed by Esquering Township Council, and two named by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded which operates the children's school at Hornby.

Jim Sproat of Milton was named vice-chairman with Mrs. Iain Sillars of Milton secretary-treasurer. Mr. Sproat chairs the finance committee, R. A. Kanerva of Milton heads the property committee, and G. W. McKenzie of Acton and Mrs. L. Lawson of Georgetown the teacher and transportation committee.

Main business of the January meeting was setting up a 1966 budget and settling tuition fees. The school now has 24 students, it was learned, including seven from Milton, six from Georgetown, four from Acton, two each from Nassagaweya Township and Oakville, and one each from Esquering Township, Erin and Burlington. Reports indicated the two transportation vehicles presently travel a total of 271 miles daily to pick up and deliver the students.



NASSAGAWEYA SCHOOL BOARD members were installed into office for 1966 Monday, January 10 as they joined with the township council for inaugural ceremonies. Shown in front are the new chairman Horace Blythe and Board secretary Mrs. B. Fletcher. Standing behind are trustees Dr. C. L. Young, John McPhail and Claude Inglis. The fifth member, Arthur Gibson, was absent when the photo was taken.

Library Notes



Since this is my first column as your new librarian, I want to thank you all for the many extensions of real welcome I have received in the last six weeks. Because I have only been with you this length of time, I suggest that I am still in the position of an outside critic or opinion who has been given the opportunity of judging your library efforts carefully and objectively.

I am happy to report that in my opinion, per capita, the town of Milton has one of the highest standard library units I have seen in either Canada or the U.S. The library is bright and modern, centrally located, the reading areas are clean and comfortable, and most important, the books are beautifully presented and for the most part, very up to date.

A fine job has resulted from some very hard work on the part of some dedicated citizens either on or very close to the library board. However, this progress could not have been made without the support of an enlightened Town Council during the past few years. And since the citizens of Milton elect the Council who appoints the Library Board, the citizens should rightfully feel very proud of their library.

There are many in the community who were disappointed when a gleaming new multi-thousand dollar library wasn't built instead of the present quarters. And librarians as a group are usually the first to endorse such plans. We may take consolation from the fact that the scene is changing so rapidly in the areas of higher education, particularly in the last two years, that libraries built two years ago may well be obsolete in the next five years.

This is no reflection on the planners of today's new libraries, but simply a fact that every day greater and greater demands are being made upon the universities and community libraries. Both institutions are extensions of the public and secondary school system.

In addition to this question, Milton is a community geographically located in the path of industrial expansion from both Toronto and Hamilton, so that still greater demands can be expected in every area of the community services, particularly the library service. It is interesting to note a newly accepted phenomenon regarding a relationship between industrial expansion and the community library. Before an industry considers a community as a possible site for a new plant, they obviously consider the economic factors regarding the location of the town to markets, its potential labour pool, the tax structure, and where it stands on power, water and sewage. They then visit the town to inspect the site and get an idea whether the community is progressive or not. At this time, one of the first check points is the community library. Here, unlike any other service in the community, money can be skipped or spent depending on the wishes of the community, and there is no way to hide the true progressive spirit, or lack of it, in this area.

A new service to more people — Now that the town has the new and improved facilities for library service, it is obvious that more citizens should be made aware of what they are paying for and what they may expect to get out of a modern library. One way to help, is for the regular borrowers to tell their friends about some of the new books they have enjoyed from the library. Another and very important way of increasing interest is for your library staff

to make regular, weekly use of this column which this newspaper generously donates free of charge.

There is a gratifying degree of co-operation between the schools and the library. It was wonderful to see public and high school students in large numbers working quietly away at the work tables during the recent holidays. Essays were written and references checked on every subject from the Fall of the Roman Empire to Foam Plastics and from Hydro power in Eastern Europe to Alcoholism in Suburbia. The keynote here is that these students are learning how to use a modern library to their own advantage and will as adults continue to use this new community service to increase their knowledge and skills, whether they go to university or not.

Could this new borrower be you? A typical example of why librarians find their job rewarding occurred the other Saturday morning. A father brought his 12 year old daughter into the library to borrow a book about "How to Ride a Horse". The daughter was the regular borrower and the father was not. The book was quickly found through the index system now used in modern libraries, and the father approvingly remarked that he had no idea that the town had such a nice library, and that it was too bad he didn't like reading. After talking to the man, I found out that he read the sports page of the newspaper every night and that he didn't like reading fiction books. He didn't know that in the modern library, fiction accounts for less than half of the number of books catalogued and that the trend is swinging still farther away.

We showed him some of the excellent "self help" books available and he finally left with a book on "How to Finish The Basement" and a book on "Practical Business Psychology" which is a must for any one in a business organization from a foreman employing one other person, to the chairman of the board employing thousands. Since it does a study on every category of leadership, it may be that the one of most benefit to the new borrower was the one immediately above or below his category. And it was in easy to read, every day English.

He also took the latest book available from any publisher about mink farming for his brother, and a book "Interior Decorating Made Easy" for his wife. He was also surprised to see that we had the latest book on Fly Fishing which he had just bought for \$11, and the latest book about Scuba Diving which he considered for his son. He said that he was going to return the book about Fly Fishing to the store and borrow the library's copy.

We would like to help you find the book you want or the book you don't even know you want. If we haven't got it, we can borrow it from either the Toronto Public Library or a Provincial Service for about 10 cents.

Watch this column every week — It is our plan to try and develop more and more interest in the library by telling you about current "best sellers", topical books of interest and also books of interest for the younger readers.

We'll look forward to helping you, just ask, Josephine Johnston, Librarian.

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Display Antique Glass At Institute Meeting

The January meeting of the Scotch Block Women's Institute was in the home of Miss Eva Chisholm. The president, Mrs. R. Currie, was in the chair. The minutes were read and the treasurer's report was given. Numerous thank you notes were read from those who were remembered at the Christmas season.

Everyone was reminded of the annual visit to the Manor on January 27 at 2 p.m.

There are to be two farm management meetings held in Ligny Hall on February 7 and 14. These are being put on by the Department of Agriculture and the subject is the new pension plan. Twenty-five dollars was voted to the Cancer Society. The reports of Family Night were very good.

Cards Enjoyed
Euchre was played followed by a bountiful buffet supper supplied by the ladies. As this party was to have been in December and it was found advisable to change the date, the children's gifts were just kept for them and presented that night. The winners at euchre were Mrs. S. Murray, J. Irving, Mr. and Mrs. H. Davies. The door prize winner was Mrs. J. Hopkin.

The roll call was answered by bringing your oldest piece of jewellery and giving its history. This was well answered and brought forth some very interesting articles.

The motto — "A backward glance may encourage forward

the ladies present had brought some of their old glass with them. Miss Chisholm, the hostess, had a display of glass for everyone to admire.

The Queen and Women's Institute Grace were sung to close the meeting. To climax a very worthwhile afternoon the lunch committee served sandwiches and tea.

There are several good five cent cigars, but they cost more.

Legion Notes

by Charles Scott

THE GENERAL MEETING
At a well attended but very brief meeting on Monday, January 10, a new applicant for membership was accepted and invested. The new member is Comrade Ray M. Harrison and we say "Welcome to the Branch".

CENTENNIAL FUND
The following is taken from this month's issue of the "Legionary" and is part of an observation by Centennial Fund Chairman E. D. Simms, Branch 23, North Bay, Ontario.

The Legion's Centennial Fund project is one of the most progressive forward steps we have taken, and the campaign now underway will indicate the great strength and unity of purpose — or the weakness and lack of unity — within the Royal Canadian Legion. I am quite serious when I suggest that if the majority of Legion members feel that a sacrifice of \$4 is too great a price to pay toward a living, working memorial to our fallen comrades; that such a small financial contribution, now is too much to ask in order to advance the principles and aims, indeed the name, of the Legion in perpetuity, then our present members have failed to "hold high the torch" and they have started the Legion on a decline towards mediocrity.

Let all our members realize their responsibility in this financial appeal to our members, and with God's blessing, aggressive and responsible leadership at all levels we will surge well over our \$1,000,000 target.

Then and only then, can we honestly claim that no challenge is too great for the Royal Canadian Legion, and the oft-spoken expression "this great organization of ours" will remain a fact and not just a hollow echo of our forebears.

COUPLES CLUB
On Saturday evening last an almost capacity crowd attended the weekly get-together. I would venture to say that this was our best night yet and I am asked by Couples Club chairman, first vice-president Bruce Dingman, to convey thanks to all those who attended and made it such a success. Next Saturday evening the club will be in operation again, but on Saturday, January 29, Com. Bey Nixon will hold his Centennial Fund Dance on the main floor and it is hoped that as many as possible will attend and support this worthy cause.

SICK BOARD
At time of writing we still have three members on the sick list. They are Bill Gallagher, Sunnybrook; W. G. Riddell, Hamilton;

Russ Clements, Milton. We are pleased to see that Com. Charlie Kennedy is on his feet again after a bout of sickness at home.

EUCHRE
Latest results to hand: Lowville 8, Dufferin 6, Happy Gang 7 P.L.R. 7, Brown's 8, Canadian Tire 6.

BANTAMS COP TWO WINS
Under the above heading in the sports pages of last week's Champion it was gratifying to read that our Legion-sponsored Bantams had such success at Woodbridge in the "8-18" tournament with a 6-1 win over Woodbridge and a 7-5 win over Elmvale.

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