

# Twin brothers in Hawaii mark 50 years in priesthood

Several relatives and friends from Milton were present Monday, March 19 when twin brothers Fathers Joseph and Andrew Putman of Hawaii joined in a celebrated mass marking their 50th anniversary of service to the church.

Both made their religious profession on Sept. 15, 1929 and were ordained July 25, 1935 at Zandhoven, Belgium. Although they went separate ways, both have served for many years in Hawaii.

Their sister Mrs. Marguerite Norrington and her husband Walter J. "Bus" Norrington of Milton flew to Hawaii for the celebration. With them were friends Mrs. Jessie Hamilton and her daughter Carol and Mrs. Mary Skraba, all of Milton, and Mr. Norrington's brother Victor and his wife from Toronto.

At the special anniversary mass, nine priests celebrated a total of 520 years of religious service. One is 95, was ordained in 1909 in

Belgium and served in Hawaii from 1920 until his retirement in 1961.

Father Andrew Putman first served in the Belgian Congo (now Zaire) as a missionary. He worked with the pygmy natives in the jungle and assisted in thousands of births, as he holds a doctor's degree, specializing in tropical diseases.

He returned to Belgium in 1940 but in 1945, following the war, was assigned to Tahiti where he took charge of the Tuomoto Islands missions. As the only white man on seven islands, he looked after medical and schooling as well as religious needs of the natives.

After 10 years in the South Pacific he returned to Belgium for another five years, then in 1960 transferred to Hawaii, to be with his brother. Since 1975 he has served as chaplain at Regina Pacis House for the novices of the Sacred Hearts Sisters.

Father Joseph Putman served in Belgium following his ordination

in 1935. He went to Hawaii in 1946 and has served in many roles on the islands. Since 1977 he has been pastor of St. Joseph Church in Wai-pahu.

Both brothers are well known in Milton and district. Both have offered mass at Holy Rosary Parish on their frequent visits to Canada. Father Joseph has spoken to the Rotary Club here on three occasions.

Father Andrew is a good friend of Dr. J. W. McCutcheon of Milton and has spoken for the doctors at Joseph Brant Hospital in Burlington. The doctors there have asked him to write a book on his medical experiences in the Pacific islands.

Among their many assets, the twin priests are fluent in a total of 16 languages — including Hebrew, Japanese, Maori, Samoan, Fijian, Tongan and Congo Pygmy.

Among their personal highlights, they mention assisting in the education

of former President Lamumba of the Congo, and assisting at a royal wedding in Papeete in the Tahitian islands, a celebration that lasted several days.

Father J. Murphy, former parish priest of Holy Rosary Milton, Father Joseph Bigonzoni, the incumbent priest here, and Bishop Ryan, former bishop of Niagara, have all visited with the twins in Hawaii.

The Putman twins also have a brother in Milton, Peter Putman.

—The cancer campaign is on through April. Give generously when a canvasser calls.

—A large crowd attended the Kinsmen's annual stag night and \$1,000 draw Friday at Memorial Arena.

For delicious, crisp salads, food specialists at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food suggest you use long seedless cucumbers from Ontario greenhouses. They require no peeling, are perfect for slicing and have a mild, sweet flavor.

## Hi School Happ'nin's

# Band, Scarlet Fever perform for Rotary

By Olga Tarnawsky  
"It's game point. Bump, volley... Bump, volley... Yeah!!! we've won!!!"

The Assassimators have cleared the girls' intramural volleyball scoreboard! Leading the first string were Patsy Little, Debbie MacIntosh, Kari Watson, Cynthia Cross, Debbie Prior, Catherine Dills and Sabine Schmidt. Congratulations on "netting" the win.

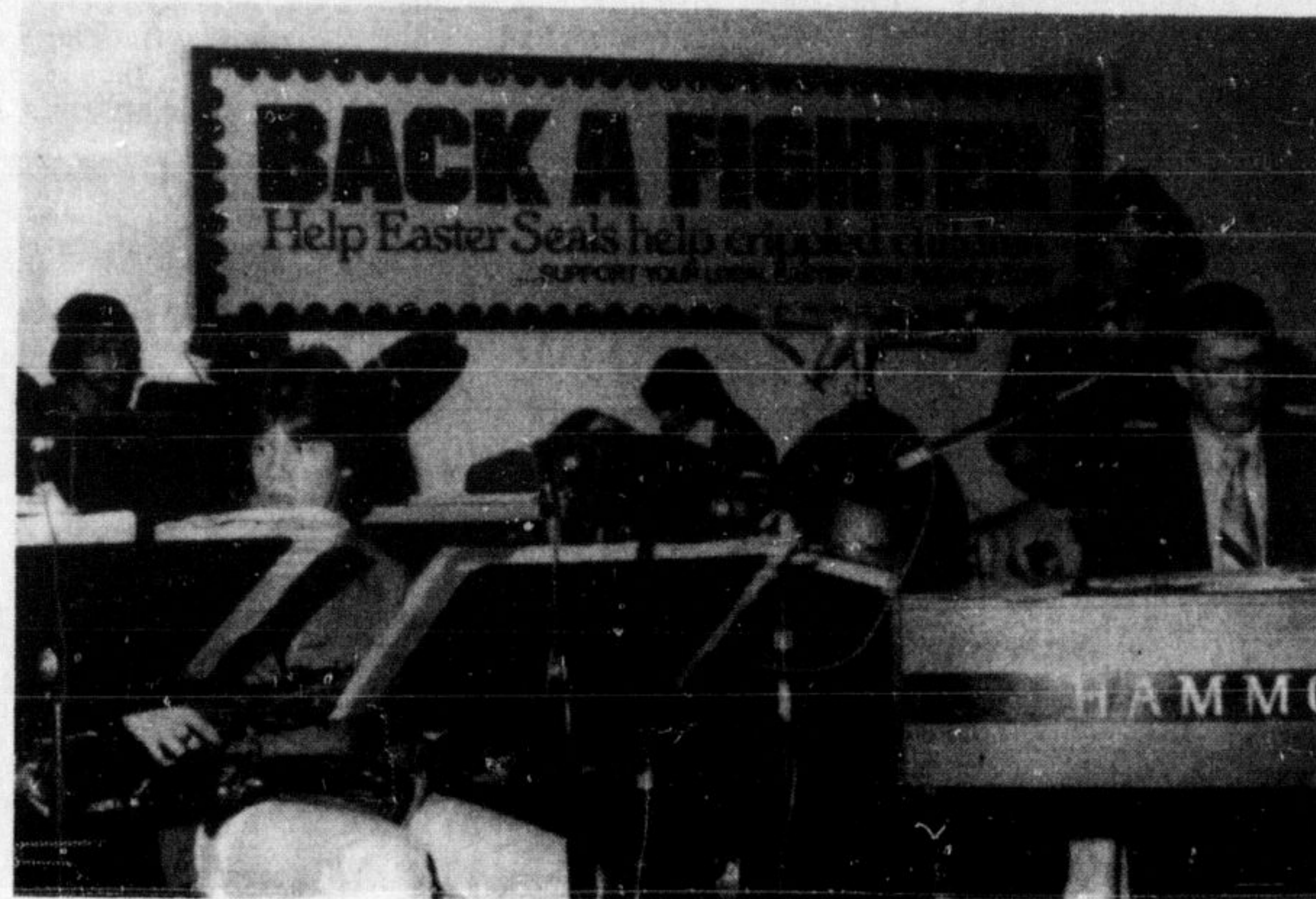
Continuing the intramural action, European Dodgeball got underway last week. Starting the season right, the Superduds blanked the Dirty Dodgers. The score... it was requested to be kept anonymous.

Milton's High School Band put on a sensational performance. During the "cocktail hour", the concert band provided background music. A pot pourri of melodies such as "We've Only Just Begun" and "Moon River" greeted the guests.

concluded, Mr. Walker proceeded from conducting the concert band over to joining in the stage band Scarlet Fever, for the dance portion of the evening. A variation of music from good ol' "Sam's Boogie" to Manilow's "I Can't Smile Without You" filled the evening.

This was the fifth anniversary in which Milton District High School music students have performed at the Rotary Club's Easter Seal Dinner-Dance. It was also the fifth year in which Mr. Walker has been with the high school's music department.

With the great talents of Mr. Walker and the interest of music students in Milton, it appears that the band isn't getting any older, just better.



THE CONCERT BAND and Scarlet Fever group entertained Friday at Milton Rotary Club's annual Easter Seal fundraising dinner and dance. The school groups provided both after-dinner music and dance music for the large crowd.

After dinner, the concert band had the floor and performed two lively pieces called "Broadway Spectacular", consisting of a number of songs from famous movies, and "Dixieland Jamboree", a piece which had the entire assemblage stomping and singing along. For their excellent performance, the band received a standing ovation. Soon after the acknowledgements

## Art show

In celebration of the International Year of the Child, the Pineview School Parents Association is sponsoring an art display from the Foster Parents Plan of Canada.

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THE NORRINGTONS of Milton were in Hawaii to help Mrs. Norrington's twin brothers celebrate their 50th anniversary of religious service. In the front row from left are Father Joseph Putman, Mrs. Marguerite Norrington, Father Andrew Putman and Mrs. Mary Skraba. Back row, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Norrington of Toronto, Jessie and Carol Hamilton, and Walter "Bus" Norrington.

## Drumquin

by Mrs. Cecil Patterson  
The weekly euchre at Hornby Community Centre March 31 had a good attendance, with 11 tables in play. Prize winners were Mrs. H. Reed, Leta McCartney, Rose Trifoli, Norma Burk, Martha Richardson, Harold Reed, Walter Barnard, Roy Currie.

Birthday greetings and good wishes to Jack Simpson, Mrs. Steve Trencs, Ray Fuller and Keith Merry.

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Take further notice that an amendment to the general by-laws of the Credit Union will be considered and presented for approval. These new by-laws provide the following:

1) Extending field of membership

Signed at Milton, this 14th day of March 1979.

Secretary C.H. Stehl

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**PROGRAM**

Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Dance 9:00 p.m.  
Dance Tickets Available at Credit Union Offices (\$3.50 per person)  
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