

PD Day seminars improve teachers' skills

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Last Friday may have been a holiday for school students, but for their teachers it was a busy Professional

Development Day. Teachers from Elmvale District High School and Huronia Centennial Elementary School travelled to Barrie to take part in a

variety of seminars designed to improve their effectiveness in the classroom.

In the morning, at Barrie Central Collegiate, the entire

staff from the elementary school listened to Dr. Daniel Fader, author of *Hooked on Books*, speak about The New Literacy and What We Can Do About

It. According to Fader, the New Literacy is "a contemporary condition that students bring to modern classrooms. They are much less prepared now than they were 30 years ago by their familial environment to value reading and writing, and they are more familiar with the voices on television than they are with their own voices and those of their families."

classroom.

Some of the Elmvale teachers attended Fader's afternoon session, and others chose topics more closely related to their special areas. Marshall Hubbard went to one called A Grade 8 Poetry Unit. Lillian Eldredge, the music teacher, studied Song-Writing For Elementary Age Students. Paul Parent learned about Art and the Computer.

Teachers from the high school signed up for special sessions in both the morning and the afternoon. Physical education department head, Kevin Healey learned about Outdoor Winter Activities. Keith Rossel, head of History,

looked at Making Small Groups Work. Science teacher Chris Vander Kooij studied The Future of the Petroleum Industry.

On Oct. 26, it was the separate school board teachers' turn. The staffs from Our Lady of Lourdes in Elmvale and St. Patrick's in Phelpston listened to two speakers in Barrie for their PD Day. The morning's speaker was Pat Baker, a professional development researcher from McGill University, who addressed the question, What Makes an Effective Teacher? In the afternoon, Peter Brown spoke on the causes of stress and how to deal with it.

Parnell's 86 mark highest of area

The results for Elmvale and district students who took the Royal Conservatory of Music examination were released this week. Alison Parnell received 86 marks, the highest mark of a student from the Elmvale area. Second was Sally Grout, with 81 marks. Robin Langman, Ginger Langman, and Tara Jaeger tied for third place with 78 marks.

PIANO

Grade 1, honours,

Janet Caroline Ritchie (31 successful candidates).

Grade 4, first class honours, Alison Parnell (second), Sally Grout (fourth). Honours, Ginger Leigh Langman (seventh). Pass, Susan Hunter (24 successful candidates).

Grade 5, honours, Bonnie King (third), Suzanne Jackson (seventh). Pass, Julie M. Vanlaarhoven, James Martin Cancilla (15 successful can-

didates).

Grade 6, pass, Sheryl Trace, Suzan Tamara Margison (24 successful candidates).

Grade 7, honours, Robin Wendy Langman (first), Christopher Grout (second).

Pass, Mark Anthony Cancilla (10 successful candidates).

Grade 8, honours, Tara Jaeger (fifth), Kimberley Phillips (13th).

Pass, Peter R. Black, Roslynn Dianne Fancy, (22 successful candidates).

Grade 10, honours, Caralone DeGorter Toronto Centre.)

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Grade 8, honours, Roslynn Dianne Fancy (fifth), (five successful candidates).

Grade 9, honours, Caroline De Gorter (second), (four successful candidates).

Obituary

Helen Latondress

St. Mary's Church, Victoria Harbour, was the scene on Oct. 30, 1984, of a funeral mass for the late Helen Mary Latondress of RR 1, Victoria Harbour. The former Helen Fortier died Oct. 28 at Huronia District Hospital, following a lengthy illness. She was 65 years of age.

The native of Port McNicoll was the daughter of Theophile and Mary Mae Fortier. In Victoria Harbour on May 26, 1937, she married Charles Latondress.

Surviving her are her husband, her sons Donald of Chelmsford and William of Sudbury, her daughters Mildred (Teen) (Mrs. Patrick Kelly of Chelmsford), Diana of Victoria Harbour, and Cheryl of

Elliott Lake, also her sisters Bertha (Mrs. John Fox), Mrs. Lorraine Laws and Evelyn (Mrs. Alex Duncan).

The late Helen Latondress had 16 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Her son Orville predeceased her.

Fr. Philip Wiley officiated at the funeral mass for the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church member. Interment in Victoria Harbour in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Michael Kelly, Kevin Kelly, Dwayne Latondress, Norman Latondress, Marc Latondress, and Gerald Latondress were her pallbearers.

Parish prayers were held in Nicholls Funeral Home the day before the funeral mass.

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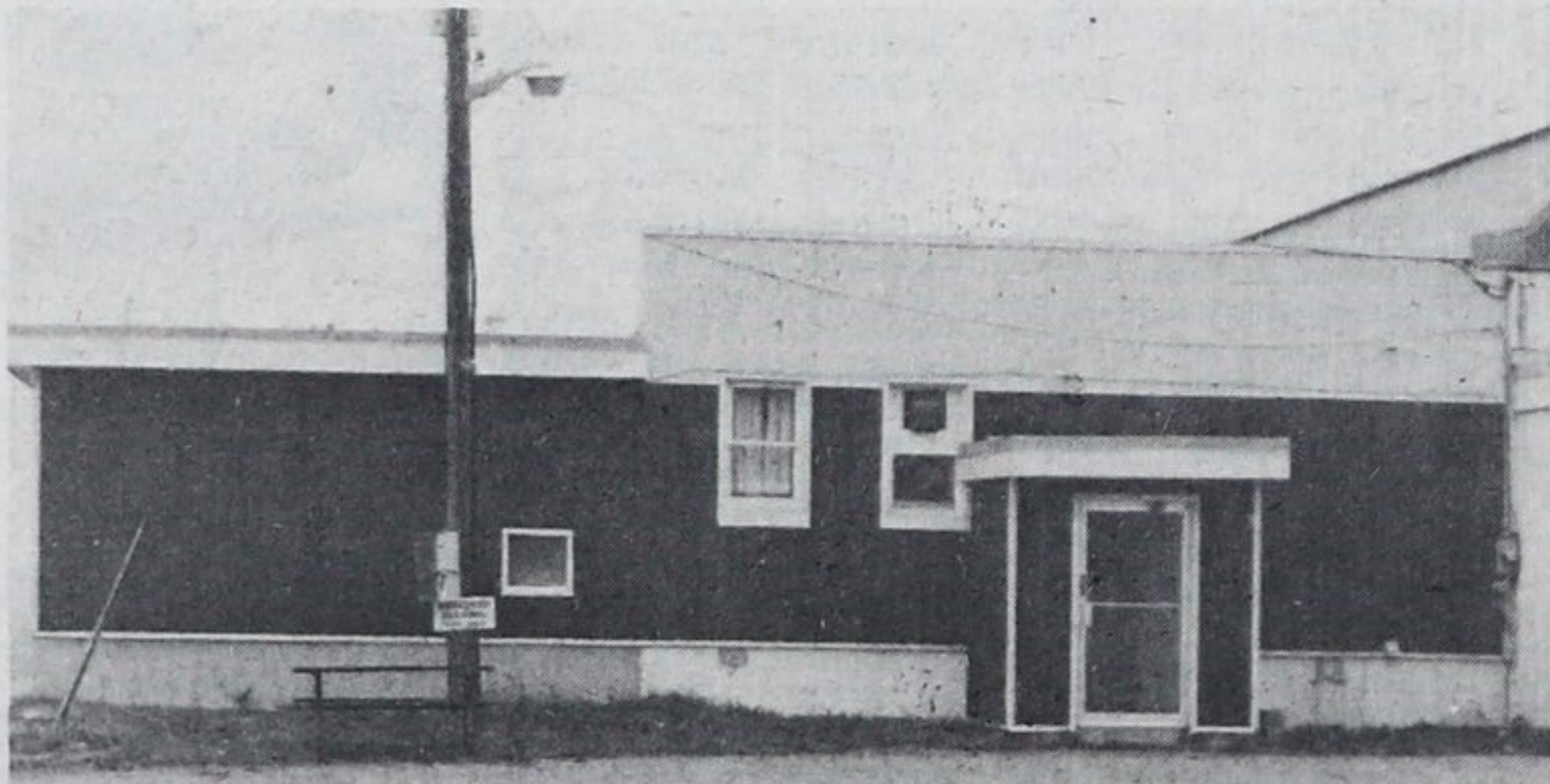
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