

Education Head Urges University Honor Degrees For More Teachers

By MARGARET McLEAN

"Urge your teachers to get the widest experience they can and the greatest academic background they can. Urge your young people to get degrees, honor degrees if possible. We need teachers who can pass from kindergarten to grade 10, or from grade 7 to grade 13," was the advice of A. H. McKague, B.A., of the Department of Education to more than 300 York County elementary and secondary school trustees on March 31.

The occasion was the 10th annual convention of the York County Elementary School Trustees' Association, held at Huron Heights Secondary School, Newmarket.

All 15 of York County's public school boards were represented at the convention, five out of the county's six high school boards and 14 out of the 16 separate school boards.

Mr. McKague, whose appointment at the beginning of the year as superintendent of supervision puts him in charge of both elementary and secondary schools in the province, explained that recent changes in the Department of Education were aimed at decentralization and at the integration and closer functioning of elementary and secondary schools.

By next September, five new offices will be opened, three in the northern sections of the province and two in the southwest. These will each look after their own area and will be in charge of transportation, grants, inspectors, personnel, etc.

In the next year or two, the rest of the province will be divided into areas with an office in a central city. One such division will include York County, including the Toronto Metro area and up to Lake Simcoe. Another will be Peel County, which will also include part of the metropolitan area. Both these areas will have offices in Toronto.

Both elementary and secondary school inspectors will be under one head, although inspectors will not cross over to both types of schools for the next year at least. In due time, those with some experience in both will take over a great deal of the work in the intermediate division, grades 7 to 10.

Mr. McKague noted that the schools could expect to have many visitors in the next few years, particularly from members of the curriculum branch which is overwhelmed, he said.

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U.S. "No country can remain permanently economically bound and politically free," he insisted.

The only alternative, if we are to have a century of which we can be proud, he said, was to learn to live with our French Canadian neighbors. The average French-speaking person in Quebec wants to live in harmony with the rest of the province, Mr. McKague emphasized and by taking some steps ourselves to understand their culture and language, we could meet them half way.

While in the past the teaching of French had not been too successful, too many people learning only to read but not to speak the language, "the opportunities for our children and grandchildren to learn to speak French are much better than ours were," he said.

Mr. McKague emphasized strongly that it was not possible to train or educate too many of our young people too far. "Our greatest export should be education," he said. "Canadians won't live happily in our abundant acres while others go short," he felt, and noted that within the next few years it was estimated that five eighths of the people of the world will be Asiatics.

"What is our relationship to the people of China, of India, south-east Asia?" he asked. "Here is our greatest challenge. We must train our young people to see the other fellow's point of view."

John Honsberger, chairman of the York Central District High School Board thanked Mr. McKague for his remarks which he felt would help the trustees prepare themselves for the changes in store for them.

Chairman for the evening, Reeve Norm Garriock of Woodbridge took over the microphone again and delivered his next remarks in French, receiving a good hand from the audience for his courage.

Prior to the evening program, the trustees had viewed exhibits set up by suppliers of school equipment, everything from pencils to gymnasium equipment, electronic business machines and fascinating natural science specimens, fish, reptiles, insects, embryos, etc. imbedded in clear plastic, manufactured by the Trover Natural Science Laboratories at Oak Ridges.

After enjoying dinner in the school cafeteria and hearing Mr. McKague, the trustees dispersed to small workshops to discuss other aspects of school business.

Secretary of the trustees' association Maynard Hallman announced the establishment of a Department of Education accredited course in audio visual aids to be run by York Central High School Board next winter.

The York County Science Fair was also announced, to be held at 16th Avenue Public School May 6, 7 and 8. This is being supervised by Malcolm McRoberts, principal of Concord Public School in Vaughan Township.

It was also announced that Arbor Day will be celebrated in York County May 5, 6 and 7, under the supervision of Inspector W. J. McLeod.

Warden of York County, Sidney Legge, brought the greetings of the county council, which sponsored the evening.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Not Easter But Christmas Bonnets

You won't find these hats in the Easter parade, but they added a touch of fun to a meeting of Thornhaven Women's Auxiliary on March 23. The hats will make another appearance although not in the same form, as they were made from materials donated to the group by the wearers to make items for the annual Christmas bazaar which is always a most successful event.

Modelling their hats are (left to right) Mrs. C. Ward, Miss M. Simons, Mrs. E. Jennings, Mrs. B. Bonnell, Mrs. R. McIntosh and Mrs. G. Ringwood.

CARRVILLE NEWS

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Carrville UCV

The Carrville UCV met at the home of Mrs. Ray Warrington on April 7, with fourteen ladies present. Main discussion of the meeting was the plans for the catering of the banquet on May 14. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Gordon Read on May 5.

Socials

Don't forget folks, what the yellow daffodil symbolizes this month, it is cancer drive month so when your volunteer canvasser calls at your door, give generously, it is very important.

Many happy returns to Stan Wood who was 70 years young on April 7.

Birthday greetings to Gary Broom on April 17, and to Carol

Ann Mitchell who has a birthday on April 23.

Church News

Special Easter services will be held at Carrville United Easter Sunday and the junior choir has prepared special music. Services are at 9:45 a.m. Mrs. Don Reid, Dufferin Street joined Carrville United on Sunday morning of this week by transfer of membership from Kettleby United.

The ladies auxiliary of the Richmond Hill Fair met at the home of Mrs. John Baker on April 12, to discuss their plans and undertakings for the two day fair at Richmond Hill on May 14 and 15. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Verda Mortson on April 17.

Birthdays were celebrated for Mrs. Verda Mortson on April 17, and to Carol

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