

H. S. Students Hear Of Algonquin Regiment's Campaign Overseas

Commencement Exercises Characterized By Dignity; Prizes Awarded

High School commencement exercises were held on Thursday evening of last week in the High School Auditorium. The ceremonies were conducted with dignity, and the number attending was less than usual owing to the nearness of the holiday season.

Recipients were:- Grade 13, Donald Briden; Grade 12, Laura Rotondo; Grade 11, Clara Campagna; Grade 10, Marilyn Cliff; Grade 9A, Stella Tonnoff; Grade 9B, Irja Saari; Grade 9C, Audrey Allen.

Mr. Charles Girdwood, the newest member of the board, presented the secondary school honour graduation diplomas and upper school certificates to:- Edith Blackeman, Donald Briden, Jean Carruthers, Gloria Cosco, Eric Hansen, Leo Huhta, James Legary, Mary Reshertski, George Yorke.

Upper school certificates:- Phyllis Cahill, Marjorie Fera, Elizabeth Hansen, Eileen Ralston, John Raymer, Geraldine Rogers, William Veritsky. Mr. J. H. Fisher presented the secondary school graduation diplomas and middle school certificates to:- Jean Adamson, Joyce Allen, Stanley Barabas, Anne Bariko, Richard Barnes, Berna Breton, Phyllis Cahill, Mary Countryman, Dorothy Courchesne, Marjorie Fera, Mary Harper, Frank Hawes, Lorene Knutson, Shirley Knutson, Greta Lang, Margaret McLeilan, Ella O'Neill, Geraldine Rogers, Laura Rotondo, Ella Santaharju, Joan Somerville, Ella Tuutilla, John Ursula, Priscilla White.

Mrs. Gus McManus presented middle school certificates to:- Louis Campagna, Douglas Fleming, John Jay, Muriel Landerville, Minnie Zabak, Elvion Kavanagh, John McLeilan, Lila Antilla, Joyce Brightwell, Clara Campagna, Margaret Connelly, June Courchesne, Anthony Fasan, Thomas Flood, Oliver Heikkila, Doris Johnston, Lila Kaitola, Mary Kemsley, Sylvia Koski, Allen Laine, Noreen Ledingham, James McDonnell, Patricia Maw Whitney, Paul Pearce, Edway Welsh, No-vine White.

Intermediate certificates:- William Andrew, William Beard, Robert Brouillard, Marilyn Cliff, Denise Coyne, William Deacon, Penca Dmitroff, Mabel Draper, Murray Fleming, Eda Franceschini, Mary Kemsley, Leo Kusela, Thomas Lane, Ian Lightbody, William Lonworth, Gordon Paul, William Pearce, Pome Pirie, Barbara Payne, Martha Rivett, Cecile Saumur, Jean Skelton, Joan Sullivan, Wilfred Toffari, Carrie Ursula, Anne Veritsky, Jean Whitton, Jasper Woodward, Francis Yorke.

Debate cups and medals were presented by Rev. John Ford, who gave an interesting little speech in which he commented that he considered debating higher than oratory as a form of "mental gymnastics", promoting clear minds.

Debate medals were awarded to (Senior) Joan Somerville and Douglas Fleming, (Junior) Robert Brouillard, William Andrew and Barbara Raymer. Rev. R. J. Scott presented oratorical prize cups to (Senior) June Courchesne; (Junior) Beverly Cooke.

Verses-reading medals to (Senior) Laura Rotondo, (Junior) Irja Saari; Special Award, Frank Hawes.

Mr. W. J. Hannigan was unable to be present so Mr. R. Ellis gave the Cadet awards for rifle shooting.

Dominion Marksmen Bronze medals were won by Stanley Barabas, Robbie Dauba, Wilfred Toppari, John Ursula, and William Veritsky (score of 85 for ten targets).

Mrs. Ellis also presented the Basketball shield and Fairhurst Trophy to Father LaSalle who was unable to be there on time. Junior team members were: Gary Mansfield, (Capt.); Roy Farrell, Douglas Dunbar, Larry Christensen, David William, Peter Douglas, Donald Somerville, Tom Lane.

Senior team members were:- Leo Huhta (Capt.), George Yorke, Tony Fasan, Louis Campagna, Stanley Barabas, William Andrews, John Ursula, William Longworth, Ian Lightbody.

Miss Laura Rotondo presented the Student Council honor awards (recipients unknown till called to the platform) Donald Briden and Jean Carruthers were singled out for the special honours and awarded a gift—Donald now a student at Queen's, was president of the Boys Athletic Society and leader in rugby and basketball—Jean was president of the Students' Council and assisted in everything especially basketball and dramatics.

The high school orchestra, directed by Miss Vieno Kautto, rendered several selections during the evening and Carol singing by all was a feature.

Parents and teachers and guests met afterwards in a social gathering round a flower-decked serving table at which Mrs. McMillan and Mrs. Ellis poured tea and coffee, and sandwiches and little cakes were enjoyed. Boys and girls of Form 4 served as waiters.

Ushers for the affair were Dick Pearce, Alex Aundahl, Joe Durish and Roy Cameron.

CANADIAN WAR BRIDES ARRIVE IN ENGLAND



Canadian war brides, girls who wed British servicemen in the dominion, are pictured with their babies on arrival at Liverpool, Eng., aboard the Empress of Scotland. LEFT TO RIGHT, Mrs. Gallagher, with baby Coleen; Mrs. Spicer, with baby Bill, and Mrs. Robinson, with baby Patrick.

St. Alphonsus Group Stage Xmas Play

Sunday afternoon the St. Alphonsus Parish Church Sunday School held their annual Christmas tree. A nice program was arranged.

Mr. Ken Burns was master of ceremonies. The program opened with a tap dance by Alice Scullion. A Christmas play was then presented. Taking part in the play were Margaret O'Leary, Lilla Fabello, Rose Hedegdes, Mary Ladisich, Luba Wytetec, Vincent Steepe, Billy Hannigan, Budy Hennigan, Jimmy Lahey.

After the play Ellen O'Leary sang "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and a Bethlehem scene was enjoyed. Father Martindale then presented the gifts from the tree and each one received candy and an orange.

LOCALS SOUTH PORCUPINE

Miss P. Maxwell-Smith of Toronto, and L.A.W. Bearnice Maxwell-Smith, R.C.A.F. stationed in Washington D.C. spent Christmas at the parental home on Main St.

Norman Bortor is being welcomed back to town after five years of service overseas, and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. Rosebrugh of Connaught Hill.

Mr. C. E. Chapman of Toronto is spending the holiday at the home of his sister, Mrs. B. H. Harper, Leonard Harper, student at Queen's University, is also home for the holidays.

George Yorke from St. Michael's College, Toronto, is home for the holidays. Fred Andrews, and Bud Evans, from North Bay, are home for the Christmas season.

Miss Jean Andrews from Toronto is home for Christmas holidays. Mrs. McLean of Kincardine is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Moore of Pamour.

Miss M. Pearce of Toronto is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Honer of the Dome.

Miss Phyllis Azoll of Toronto is spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Jack Cunningham, Jr.

Charlie Cunningham, R.C.A.F. is home after four years overseas service and is spending a month's leave with his parents on Golden Ave.

The Young People's Association of the United Church enjoyed a sleigh-ride last Tuesday and watched the eclipse of the moon. A social evening followed at the church with carols. Gifts were exchanged and lunch served by Ellen Mains, Lorna Henry and Jean Whitton.

Leslie Costello and Roy McKay left on Tuesday for Winnipeg to play hockey on the St. Michael's College team.

Doug. Farren and Don Briden of Queen's University are home for the holidays.

Miss Joan Somerville, attending the Ontario Ladies' College at Whitby, arrived on Thursday for Christmas at home on Rae Ave.

Mary Reshertski, attending College in Toronto, is spending holidays at home.

Mrs. Jack Hurley left last week for Toronto to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Mosher.

Tommy Houston, of the Merchant Navy is home after one and a half years of foreign service, and is spending Christmas with his parents.

Miss Kathleen Barron, R.N., of Montreal, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barron, Crawford St.

Walter Barron is home from Toronto, and Howard Barron arrived home last week from overseas.

L.A.W. Rhoda Allen is home on sick leave from Rockfield till the end of the month. She spent Christmas with her parents.

Bill Paul son of Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Paul of Pamour, from Toronto University is home for vacation.

Spr. Frank Miner is home from overseas after five years with the Tank Reg.

He arrived aboard the "Queen Elizabeth" and spent Christmas at home.

Miss Betty Hicks, V.O.N., left on Saturday for Toronto to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. "Boots" Richardson and son of Hamilton are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cos-tain, and Mr. and Mrs. I. Richardson of Dome Extension.

Pte. Tremblay of Camp Borden is home for the holiday at his home on Broadway Ave.

A fire call on Wednesday at 101 Bloor for a chimney fire, early in the afternoon was easily put out by a good response of firemen.

Born—On Dec. 22, to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Soules of 134 Bruce Ave., a son, in Porcupine General Hospital.

George Romanick has received his discharge from the Army, after five years service overseas with the Grey and Simcoe Foresters Rgt., and is spending Christmas at home.

SHORT OF CANDY, SANTA MISSES FIRE DEPT.

The South Porcupine Fire Department regrets that Santa Claus could not make his annual appearance at the Fire Hall this year. As Santa did not want to disappoint the children by having no candy to distribute, owing to the general shortage, he is just waiting until he can fill his sack to overflowing next year, and then he will not fail.

The Fire Department has only a limited number of tickets on sale for the Annual New Year's Eve Dance at the Arena so be sure to obtain them in time to avoid disappointment.

Don't aim at fifty per cent" was her concluding admonition to the students present.

Mr. Ralph Ellis, principal, in welcoming the gathering, thanked the parents and the public for the support given the school and its officials in the past, and mentioned that the enrollment of 212 this year is the greatest in the history of South Porcupine high school.

Major Robert Stock, D.S.O., of Timmings was guest speaker, and was given the greatest attention as he told of some of the experiences of his regiment, in the Algonquins, while serving overseas.

Your regiment, the Northern Ontario regiment, suffered the second highest casualty list in the Canadian Army," he said.

"They became a Unit in July 1940, and served a long term of guard duty in Canada and Newfoundland before being sent overseas in June, 1943. They went into Normandy with assault craft, on into Belgium, the Scheldt Pocket in Holland, and into Germany." (where Major Stock was taken prisoner).

He told of a day in battle with vivid detail, bringing home to all present what glorious deeds were done by our Canadians—all in a days work—and how bravely they did their job; impressing upon the students that their duty now is to keep Canada the finest decent place these men loved and fought for; to put their faith in this country and "do the job for these boys that did so well the job for you."

Major Stock was introduced by Mr. Gus McManus, and was given hearty applause as he concluded.

On the platform, besides the Principal were members of the high school board, Mr. Malcolm McMillan, chairman; Mr. Charles Girdwood, Mr. G. McManus, Mr. J. H. Fisher, and the Rev. J. Ford, Rev. R. J. Scott, and Rev. Father LaSalle.

Presentation of proficiency prizes was made by Mr. McMillan.

SCHOOL CHILDREN HOLD "OPEN HOUSE" PARTY

Thursday evening last week was "Open House" at Schumacher public school.

Mr. P. A. Boyce, Principal of the school and his staff were on hand to greet the parents and friends. Large Christmas trees were nicely arranged in the auditorium and the lovely gifts presented each year by Mr. P. W. Schumacher, of Columbus Ohio, formerly of Schumacher, were on display, and what a wonderful assortment of gifts ski outfits, jackets, sweaters, purses, books, Bibles, encyclopedias, sleighs, games and everything to bring joy to the heart of each one.

During the evening Christmas Carols were sung and a very happy time was enjoyed. Mrs. Phillips presided at the piano. Friday morning the gifts were distributed to the pupils.

FIREMEN'S FAMILIES HAVE XMAS PARTY

Last Wednesday evening the Schumacher firemen held their annual Christmas tree in the club room at the fire hall.

Large Christmas Trees, gaily decorated, were nicely arranged and gifts were placed for their wives, and families.

It was a very happy company that sat around the tree and sang Christmas Carols.

Mrs. Jack Marshall presided at the piano. Fire Chief Charles Juckesch was master of ceremonies, during the evening Deen Lampkin tap danced.

A delicious lunch was served by the firemen and during the evening Santa Claus distributed gifts to all from the tree. Before leaving, each child also received a bag of fruit.

Mr. Ernie Chernisky carried out the duties of Santa Claus.

SOUTH PORCUPINE WELL-BEHAVED CHRISTMAS

Police Chief McInnis states that South Porcupine behaved itself well over the Christmas season. Asked if there were any drunks, he replied that there were none, in jail, and few, if any noted.

There were no accidents, and only one death reported.

SOUTH PORCUPINE GREETINGS

Your correspondent hopes all have had a happy Christmas in this first session of peace after years of war. She wishes to thank once again the many friends who during the past twelve years have helped so materially in the gathering in of news for the "Advance".

The last twelve months have shown that loyalty, sympathy, and true friendship exists in our town in very great measure.

Thank you all! And as the next issue of the paper will herald in 1946, may the words "A happy New Year" mean exactly that to all of you.

F.M.S.

Caretaker of Flower Shop Found Dead

Steve Prokop, member of the Canadian Legion, whose address is given as being above Kinervas Pool-Room on Golden Avenue was found dead Wednesday morning on the floor of Jamieson's Flower Shop.

He had a job tending fires in the shop, and evidently went in late last night to fix the fires. He suffered a heart attack and dropped dead by the stove.

A passer-by, looking in early today, noticed something unusual, and went in to find Prokop dead, and indications that he had been so for some hours.

Pending funeral arrangements his body rests at Hunkins funeral parlors.

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Captain (to defaulter): "The evidence is that you got drunk when ashore, went to the local Y.M.C.A. got into bed while still smoking a cigarette, fell asleep, and set your bed on fire. What have you to say?" Defaulter: "It's a lie, sir! The bed was on fire when I got into it."



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