

**LEGION LITERARY AWARDS**

Rideau Lakes Branch No. 231 Annual Remembrance Day Literary Competition has been completed. There were 26 entries from the South Crosby and Rideau Centennial Public Schools. Students were required to write either an essay or poem on why we should remember the men and women who fought for our country and freedom. Students are entered in categories according to their school grades. All first place winners receive a trophy; second, third and fourth receive a cash prize. All participants receive a certificate. First place winners are entered in the Zone G2 competition. The quality of the writings was excellent. Samples of the work may be found elsewhere in this paper. The winners are:

**Category 2 - Grade 7 & 8 - Essay:** 1. Gillian Purdy; 2. Clark Evans; 3. Jo Anne Orr; 4. Nicole Avery. **Poem:** 1. Cathy Keates; 2. Jennifer Birt; 3. Sean Christy; 4. Prun Haskins.

**Category 3 - Grade 4,5 7 6 - Essay:** 1. Angela Code; 2. Inga Lake; 3. Michelle Bryden; 4. Slire Cantin. **Poem:** 1. Jennifer

Duncan; 2. Adam McCarthy; 3. Heidi Merriman; 4. Lori Mustard.

At the general meeting held on Dec. 5, two new members were initiated - Earnest McLaren and Harrison Peters. Plans were finalized for the annual Christmas parcel distribution. This year the legion and firemen have joined together to put on a children's Christmas party on Dec. 14.

N.B. Formal presentation of awards for literary contest will be presented at the schools on December 20th - Rideau Centennial in the morning and South Crosby in the afternoon.

**SAMPLES OF WRITINGS**

Wounded in the Trench

Wounded in the trench, here I lie;  
Hit by a bullet, soon to die.  
In the sky I see a dove;  
A sign of hope from above.  
Continue our battle, never cease;  
Until you have won our freedom and peace.

In the end no one will win;  
Many will die from this brutal sin.  
I've given this war all my best;  
Now, you fight for our freedom and I shall rest.

Prun Haskins, Grade 8  
Rideau Centennial School

Someone Cared

I sit here with my pen in hand,  
Because someone before me took a stand.

The willing left their families to fight,  
Because they knew that freedom is right.

They sat in trenches five feet deep,  
To shelter their lives they wanted to keep.

They shot their guns back and forth,  
They shot to the south; they shot to the north.

They conquered Hitler's armies one by one,

You have to believe me it wasn't fun.  
Now you know who fought; you and I,

So our country could stand up very high.

Jennifer Birt, Grade 7  
Rideau Centennial School

A Hero

A super hero is the kind of man,  
When duty calls he does what he can.  
He's not a comic book super guy,  
He's flesh and blood like you and I.

He might be brave or even not,  
He might be slow or easily taught.

But he fought for freedom and when he was done

He came home - the battle was won.

And that is why this time of year,

We wear a poppy and shed a tear.

So when you watch our flag blowing

without a crease,

You remember the men who fought for

peace.

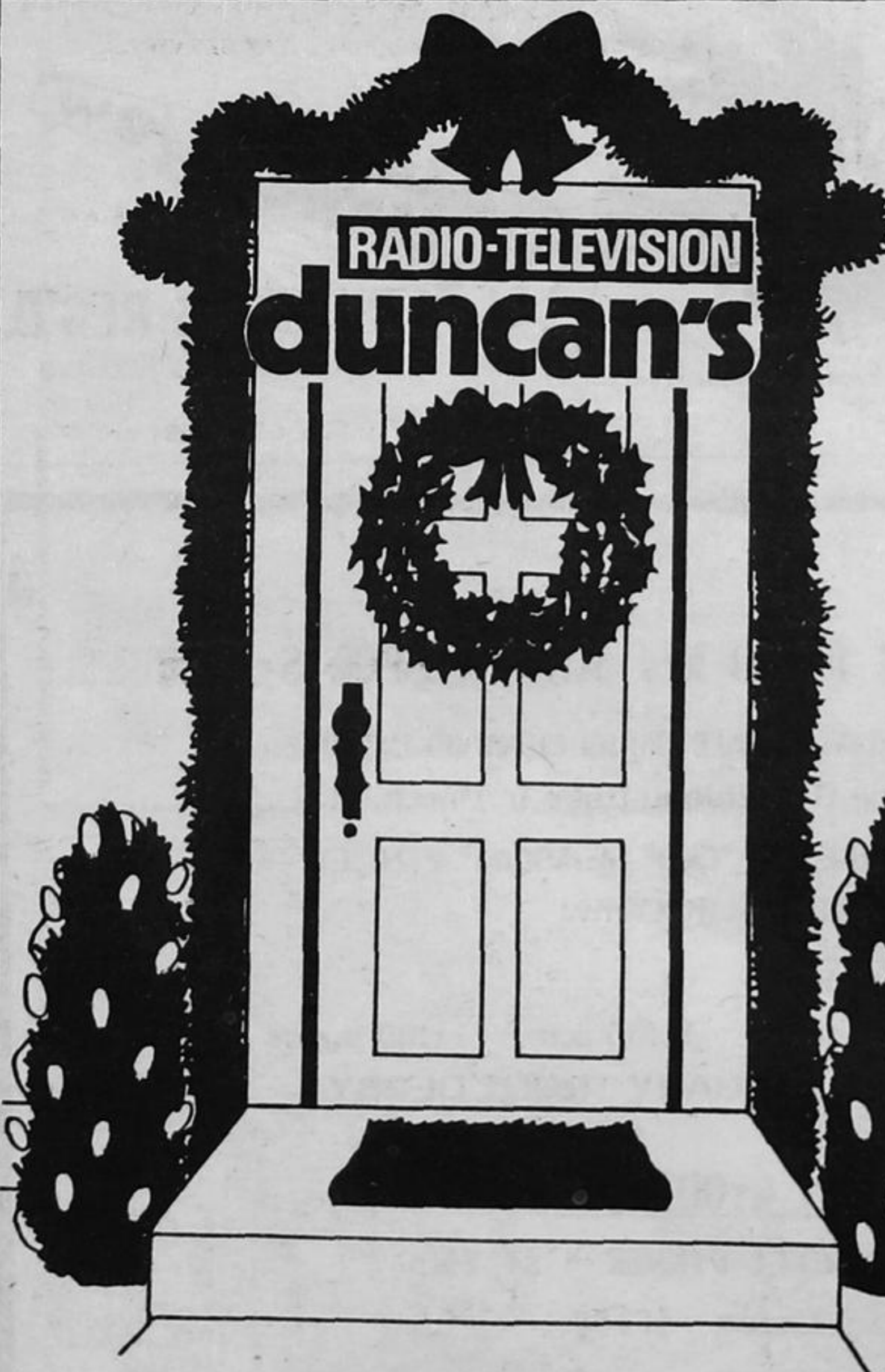
Sean Christy, Grade 7

South Crosby Public School

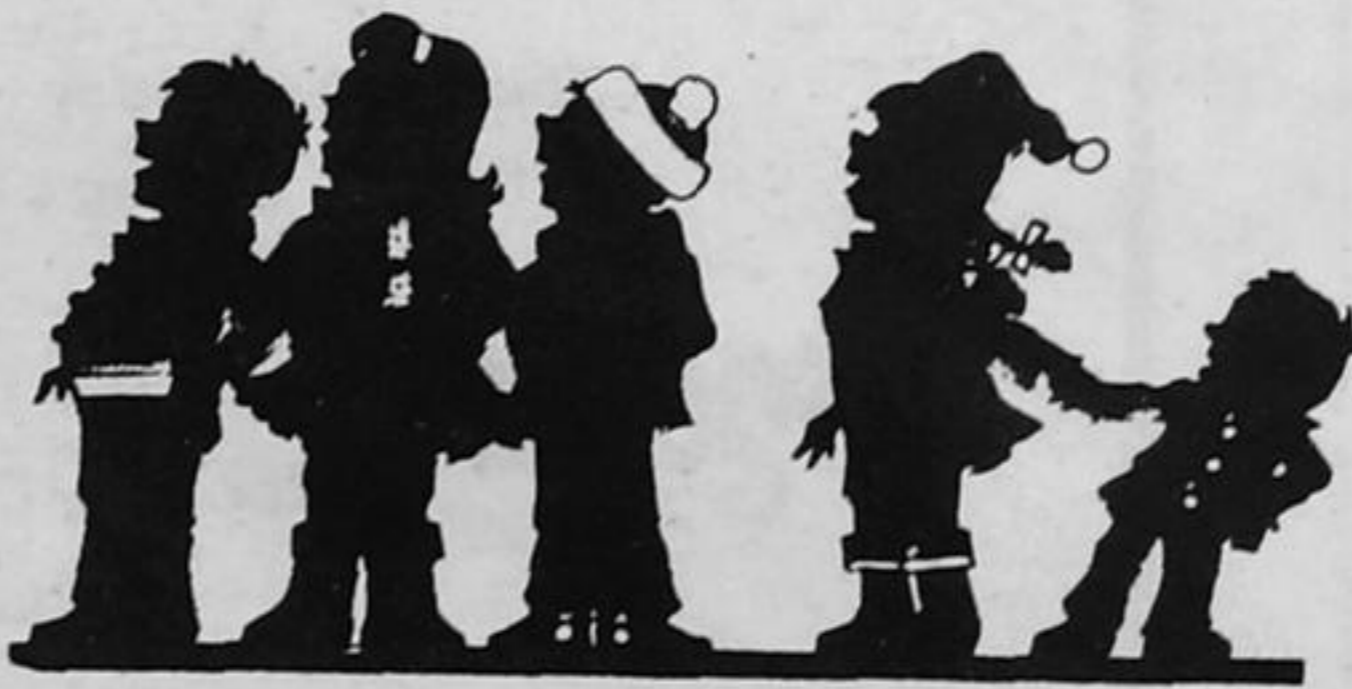
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