

Ottawa AS I SEE IT

by John A. Charlton, M.P. for Brant-Haldimand

Like Aladin with his magic lamp, the Member of Parliament need only snap his fingers to conjure up a general junior size; who performs various minor miracles and saves us much foot-work and effort. If the Russians ever hear about it, with their usual genius for twisting the truth they will doubtless refer to it as heartless capitalist exploitation of child labour, but for generations now the page-boys of parliament, the subject of this column, have been an important cog in the parliamentary machinery, and the smooth efficiency with which they operate in Ottawa makes a fascinating spectacle.

The original pages of course, were youngsters of noble blood who were preparing to become squires, and then knights, in the middle ages. The name has come down to us to mean someone on a lower rung of the ladder, so to speak, who is training for a higher post. It is an interesting sidelight that while doing research for this article I could not find a single page boy in both Canada and the United States, but there was nothing available respecting page boys in the English Parliament, and it is quite possible that no corresponding office exists there, even though the post originated in the feudal hierarchy of that country.

Thirteen pages are attached to the House of Commons at Ottawa, approximately the same number as in 1891, although the number of members they serve has since grown by almost 50 per cent. so you can see that at times the boys are busy. Their ages are from about thirteen to fifteen, and they are recruited from the territory immediately around Ottawa. The great majority come from Hull and the Quebec region which lies just across the river from Ottawa, partly because most of the children there are bilingual which is an asset, but mostly because Ontario school regulations require children to remain at school until they are sixteen, while Quebec regulations are less strict. Practically the entire group, however, have at least an eighth grade education, and several are continuing their studies on a part-time basis.

There is a steady flow of applicants for these positions, far more than can be accepted, and selection is based on a combination of ability and intelligence, and need for the job. The uniform comprises of a light-fitting black mess jacket, high vest, black trousers, shirt and tie, and black bow-tie. Just about everything except stockings and underwear are supplied.

Pages are in the Parliament Buildings about twelve hours a day, although a system of rotation and meal times allow each some free time every day. Arriving at 10.30 in the morning they spend the first couple of hours filing copies of Hansard,

Church Notes

UNITED CHURCH NOTES

W.M.S. The W.M.S. of Wesley United Church will meet on Tuesday, December 14th at the home of Mrs. E. Stire at 2.30 P.M. Will members having Mile Boxes please bring them to this meeting.

KNOX CHURCH NOTES

The following children were received into the fellowship of the Church in the Sacrament of Baptism: Alma Jean Smith, Ralph Murray Walker and Darlene Eunice Wilson.

On Sunday, December 19th, there will be in addition to the morning service at 11.00 A.M. an evening service at 7.30 P.M. A feature of this service will be special Christmas music.

The Christmas Entertainment will be held on Wednesday, December 22 Supper at 6.00 P.M.

CHALMERS CHURCH NOTES

The Christmas Entertainment will be held on Friday, December 17th at 8.00 P.M. Final practice will be on Saturday at 1.30 sharp.

ANGELICAN CHURCH NOTES

BROADWAY W.A. Will hold a Pot Luck Supper and Social for their branch in the Black Creek Orange Hall Friday, December 10th, at 8.00 P.M.

HOLY BIBLE SOCIETY

Interested members of the Holy Bible Society are asked to meet at Knox Church on Monday, December 13th at 8.00 P.M.

CONCERT

The annual Christmas Concert of the School and Churches of Nanticoke will be held on Wednesday, December 15th at 8.00 P.M.

ST. PAUL'S

The Christmas Entertainment for St. Paul's Church School has had to be changed again and the new date is THURSDAY, Dec. 16th. All Parishioners and families of the parish are invited to a Pot Luck Supper to be held in the Parish Hall at 6.30 P.M., which is to be followed by a program of skits, recitations, etc. by the Church School pupils.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY MEETING

A meeting of the Jarvis branch will be held to elect office-bearers in the Presbyterian Church Hall on Monday, December 13th at 8.00 P.M. All welcome.

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2.30 P.M. - Rev. R. W. Gillespie, B.A.
1.30 P.M. - Sunday School

Saint Paul's Church

JARVIS (ANGLICAN)

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11.30 A.M. - Church School (8 years and under)
11.30 A.M. - Mattins
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News of the Countryside

From The Record's Correspondents

RENTON

Several from this district attended the euchre and dance held in Wiggin hall on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ball from Ridgeway have been calling on old friends and neighbors in this vicinity during the past week.

The pupils of S.S. No. 10 have commenced their practice for the annual Christmas Concert.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Max Bowyer, Mr. and Mrs. W. Butler, Mr. Leo Chalmers and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mitchell were among those attending the Holstein Banquet held in Waterford on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Tyrrell have returned home by plane, after spending the past month in Ireland.

ACCIDENT VICTIMS

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob De Jonge, of R.R. 1, Scotland, with their children, Dirk (19), Wopje (9) and Alice (3) were in a serious auto accident last Sunday afternoon on Highway 24, south of Brantford.

Reports on an on-coming car collided with the De Jonge car as a result of which Mr. De Jonge, Dirk and Alice were killed, and also a lady-passenger in the other car, Mrs. De Jonge with a broken leg and Wopje with a fractured skull. Funeral of the deceased of the De Jonge family was held on Wednesday afternoon with Rev. J. M. Dykstra officiating.

The Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church of Jarvis. They came here from Oudega, Friesland, Netherlands, six years ago.

PLYMOUTH OFFERS V-8 ENGINE FOR 1955

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Next meeting - Monday, CUB 7 to 8, and Scouts 8.15 to 9.15 P.M. Be sharp, look sharp, be on time.

ST. PAUL'S WOMENS CLUB ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The St. Paul's Womens Club held their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Leola Fleming on Thursday, December 2nd, 1954.

The evening began with thirteen members sitting down to a delicious supper served in a pretty Christmas setting. Mrs. Harvey Clark being the guest of the evening, shared with the members of the Club a number of her lovely poems with an interesting explanation of the writing of each one which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A gift was presented to her in appreciation from the members of the Club. A gift was also presented to Mrs. Richardson with sincere good wishes for happiness in her new home.

The officers elected for 1955 are as follows: President, Marie More; Vice President, Kay McDonald; Secretary, Treasurer, Rose Mary Dell; Assistant Secretary, Isabelle Armstrong; Work Committee, Convenor, Leola Fleming assisted by Olive Weir; Bessie Hoover, Edna Foster and Margaret Banks; Cards, Blanche de la Poise; Convalescent Cards, Fay Walker.

FEDERATION FACTS

On Thursday, November 25th the P.F. Rally will be held at the Youth Centre, with guest speaker Jack MacPherson, Sec. of Farm Radio Forum in attendance.

Unlike John Robinson, who says that good root beef looks better to him than do the women nowadays, I am not at all obligated to speak to the Womens Institute here in town this past week. There were only a few members as I explained how the Federation and the W.I. have practically the same objectives mainly the betterment of Home and Country. I went on to point out the importance of

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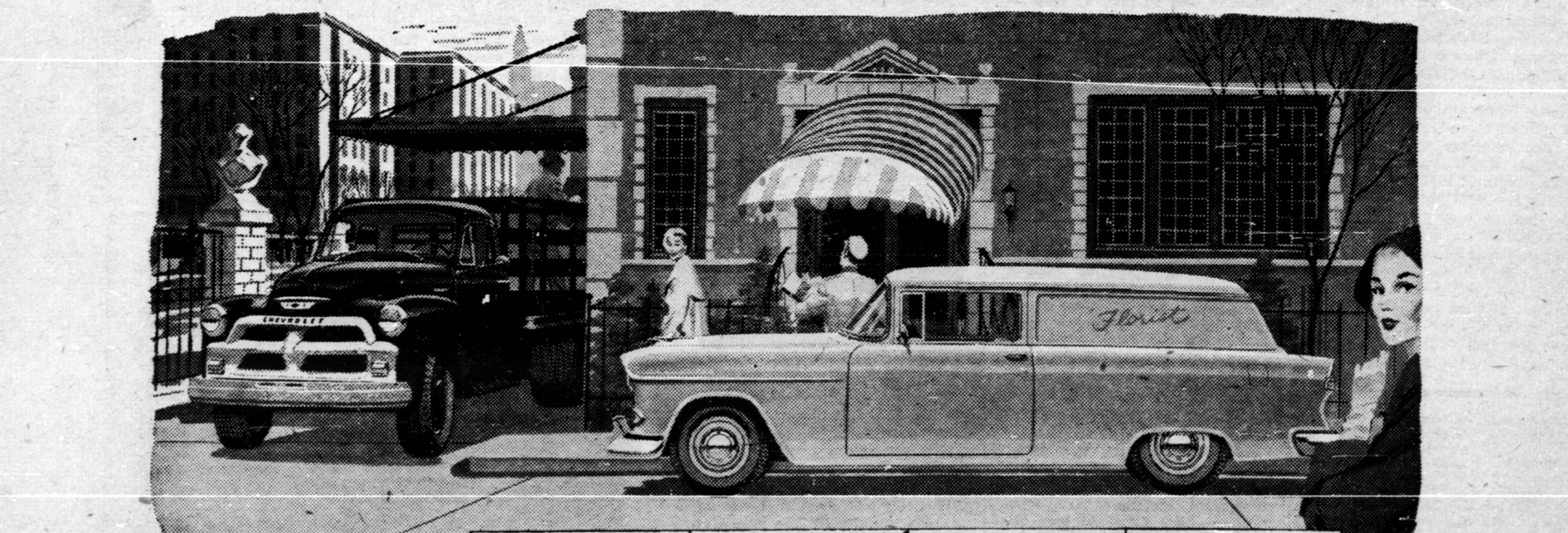
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FRSIDIE CLUB CHRISTMAS MEETING

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