

# Superannuated Teachers of Ontario

District 16 City of Toronto

## Newsletter

January 1983



Greetings from all your friends in District 16. May 1983 prove to be a healthy and prosperous year for you.

A special welcome to new retirees. We hope you join your teaching friends in S.T.O., District 16.

How to join? Easy! First you become a member of S.T.O. (Ontario), (fee - \$1.00 per thousand of pension, deducted in January). This fee is reclaimable from your teaching Federation. Then join your local branch of S.T.O., District 16. (\$2.00 fee) Your added bonus is membership in Club 16, the activities branch of District 16.

Retiree → S.T.O. Ontario → S.T.O. District 16 + Club 16 Toronto

### UP-DATE

Our annual meeting was held on Wednesday, October 20th at the Board of Education. Don Nethery, Board Archivist, outlined some of the planning for the City's Sesquicentennial celebrations to commemorate Toronto's 150 years, 1834 - 1984.

March 6, 1984 will mark the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Toronto ... and to commemorate the event a unique, ongoing City-wide celebration is being planned.

Interesting educational projects will include,

Sesqui Logo design competition  
Sesqui posters, banners, songs  
Photographs of Historic Toronto  
Tell the World About Our City  
Young People's History of Toronto  
An Art Festival - Parade - Birthday Party  
Flag Day - Picnic



Volunteers are required to classify and catalogue photographs and texts. Call Don Nethery at the Board, (598 - 4931)

CLARE PERRY - Secretary-Treasurer of S.T.O. (Ont.) brought us up to date on Provincial doings. Here are some of his comments:

Re Pensions

- believes we will get our usual 8% escalation in January (we are optimistic too)
- escalation is supported by the adjustment Fund
- since 1975, teachers have paid 1% and the Government 1%
- teachers' money is involved (that confuses the issue)
- Wage Restraint Bill - 179 - makes no reference to restrictions
- no need for letters or calls (leave it be)

Re Group Health Insurance Clare says

- Extended Health ) are in surplus positions
- Dental Plan )
- Semi-Private is in a deficit position

The meeting concluded with the election of officers for 1982-83.

EXECUTIVE

Past President	Molly Moore	President	Sid Coles
1st Vice-President	Harold Dean	2nd Vice-President	Mary Thomas
3rd Vice-President	Cecelia Dineen	Secretary	Geraldine Boone
Treasurer	Bill Whitehouse	Assistant Treasurer	Margaret Smith

Executive Members

Membership	Molly Moore	Goodwill	Eliz. Patterson
Hospitality	Anne Fraser	Mailing	Nort Heard
	Newsletter	Mary Thomas	
Members at Large	Ken Strangway, Walter Reid, Al Robb		

Club 16

President	Jean McEachern	Treasurer	Israel Gang
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Our grateful thanks to -

Molly Moore - last year's president, for an excellent year's work. Molly has now taken on the big job of handling Membership.

Laura Schissler leaves the executive after many years of service. Laura served as President and then built up the Goodwill Committee to a high level of service.

Thanks also to Mattie Clark who chaired the Membership Committee and also served as a representative to Later Life Learning. We will certainly miss Laura and Mattie.

We welcome Cecelia Dineen from the Separate Schools as 3rd Vice President, and Al Robb, active in local and provincial Federations, as a member at large.

A letter of resignation from a 1st grade teacher:

Look John: See Jane, See Jane and Steve. See Jane and Steve get married. See Jane wave. Jane is waving good-bye.  
Good-bye, John, good-bye!  
(Courtesy of I. Gang)

SENATE NEWS

For new retirees, the Senate is the provincial government body of S.T.O. It meets in May and November. Each of the 31 districts in Ontario sends one senator and may send interested observers. At our last Senate, November 2, 1982, Sid Coles was our Senator. Observers were Harold Dean and Molly Moore.

## North York alderman gets 18-month term

By KIRK MAKIN

A County Court judge has sentenced North York Alderman Peter Clarke to 18 months in reformatory for bleeding a health insurance company dry through a series of acts "of pure theft . . . motivated by pure greed".

The diminutive politician took the sentence calmly, staring straight ahead as Judge Hugh Locke spoke of his having used his "active, cunning mind" to run Co-operative Health Services of Ontario into the ground.

"It is clear that before Mr. Clarke funnelled Co-op money for his own use it was a viable company in the process of succeeding financially," the judge said. "Co-op is and always has been a corporate victim."

The company collected premiums from its 140,000 subscribers in return for insurance on items not covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan, such as dental care and extended health care.



Peter Clarke

This is the latest news re the now defunct CHSC our former Health Plan.

Last year, S.T.O. (Ont.) helped out a few of our Ontario members who were caught in this fiasco.

Left over funds were to be distributed by Clarkson, Gordon by Christmas, but were held up, waiting for the sale of a computer.

1983 should see the end of this problem.

### Report of the Health Services Committee to the Senate

Inquiries have been received from some subscribers regarding further dental coverage. Here are the facts.

- (a) Our current premium rates are based on the O.D.A. 1981 fee schedule.
- (b) The 1982 O.D.A. premium schedule would be at least 11% higher.
- (c) The monthly premiums for each of the following to amend the plan (basis of the 1981 O.D.A. fee schedule), would be higher by:

	<u>Single</u>	<u> Couple</u>	<u> Family</u>
Making of full or partial dentures/plates	4.08	5.96	6.18
Making of partial crowns	.62	1.78	2.55
Periodontol treatment	.45	.99	1.30
Plus the present 1981 monthly rate	11.10	22.20	27.68

Subscribers are asked to write personally and directly to S.T.O. office, 1260 Bay St., Toronto, expressing their wishes.

The following comparison table shows the relationship of the incurred claim charges to the net premiums for each of the plans:

	<u>Hospitalization</u>	<u>Ex. Health</u>	<u>Dental</u>
Feb. 1, 1981 to June 1982	125.1%	73.0%	116.3%
July 1, 1982 to Sept. 30, 1982	103.8%	80.6%	84.0%

### Report of the Superannuation Committee to the Senate

O.T.F. negotiations for improvements in the Teachers' Superannuation Act had reached an agreement in principle on the 29 points outlined by O.T.F. The Committee was concerned that the Government did not intend to make any of these changes retroactive to teachers already on pension. An adjustment in low pensions is the only benefit being considered for retirees.

The Senate approved the following recommendations from the Superannuation Committee:

"That S.T.O. approve the principle of making superannuation improvements applicable to persons receiving pensions or allowances under the Teachers' Superannuation Act."

### **Your morning smile**

A real test of will power is to have the same ailment some person is describing to you — and not mention it.

### **Your morning smile**

Adolescence is when you think you'll live forever. Middle age is when you wonder how you've lasted so long.

### LATER LIFE LEARNING (courses at U. of T.)

Jean McEachern chaired the first meeting of the Monday group. She is also responsible for co-ordinating a booklet on this course. Many thanks, Jean!

Our new representative to Later Life Learning is Israel Ganz.

Openings are still available in both courses. Call 978-6564 (Community Relations Office)

OUR DISTRICT 16 GOODWILL COMMITTEE needs male volunteers. We do not have enough gentlemen on the committee. Here is your chance. Contact Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, our Goodwill Chairperson at 231 7460. It's a great cause!

"Notes" received from homes:

Joe had to help in the house as his father is in the hospital with ulsters in the testaments.

Sue had to stay home to mind the baby as I have diabetes and had to go to the hospital to get insults.

Min was sick in bed with a stomach.

(Courtesy of I. Ganz)

# Kindergarten pioneers put Toronto on map

This year, at parties throughout Toronto, thousands of children will celebrate the 100th anniversary of an event that occurred here in September, 1883.

When the Toronto Board of Education published its own Centennial Story, it said this event "made Toronto famous throughout the educational world of Canada, the United States and even in Britain."

For it was in Toronto, on the site of the present Eaton Centre, and in the midst of one of the city's bitterest battles, that the first public school kindergarten in the British Empire was opened.

Today, kindergartens are such an accepted part of most children's lives that almost everyone has forgotten what a storm of protest they created when they were introduced a century ago in Toronto.

They were denounced by the clergy. Angry taxpayers said they would refuse to pay for them. And even 20 years later, they were still being attacked by such celebrated figures as Vincent Massey, who would become Canada's first native-born governor-general.

## Changed School Act

But, despite the controversy, the Toronto Board of Education continued to open more and more kindergartens; and the Ontario government changed its School Act so that 5-year-old children could attend them.

By the early 1900s, they had become one of the great success stories in the city's history and this success will be celebrated in every kindergarten class in Toronto this year.

There is to be a gala public anniversary party on April 7 at Casa Loma and, if there is any justice, someone will erect a historical plaque on the site of the present Eaton Centre where the kindergarten was started in the old historic Louisa St. School by Adaline Augusta Marean, Canada's first kindergarten teacher, and James L. Hughes, one of the more legendary figures in Toronto's past.

For information call Toronto Board of Education, 598-4931, Ext. 340

CLUB 16 continues its great work. There is something to interest everyone. Fall tour of Osgoode Hall. Items of interest:

- Did you know that
- (a) Osgoode Hall has cow gates?
  - (b) its keystones are famous?
  - (c) a complete room from the "Old Bailey" has been reconstructed inside Osgoode Hall?
  - (d) you can sit in on trials?

Thanks to Elaine James - Club 16 (Local History Tours)

FEBRUARY MEETING

Our next general meeting is Wednesday, February 16th at the Toronto Board of Education Conference room at 1.30 p.m. Coffee is served at 1.00 p.m.

Come out and hear Mike Lennox. You will enjoy every minute.

MAY BREAKFAST MEETING

Our speaker will be Charles R. Plaskett, Associate Minister of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church. Do join us!

Tuesday, May 3, 1983  
Royal York Hotel

VOLUNTEERING can be good for your health especially if you are a senior (new interests, friends, variety).

If you would like to know more call the Senior VIP Service at 923-4477. (VIP means Volunteer in Public Service. It could be you!)

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President

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IN MEMORIAM

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