

Citizenship Court Held In North Kildonan School

During the last Federal elections it was noted at Princess Margaret School in North Kildonan that there were approximately 800 citizens in this district who could not exercise their vote, they being aliens.

When this fact was brought to the attention of the principal of the school, Henry Schmidt, he in turn spoke to the president of the Home and School Association, and then inquired of the Manitoba Citizenship Court as to what is required of a person desiring to be a Canadian citizen.

They in turn invited Mr. Schmidt and his co-workers to attend a citizenship court session where they witnessed 24 new Canadians receiving their papers.

From this point on came the idea to hold a citizenship court at Princess Margaret School, where people in this district could come and view the proceedings.

Judge G. T. Chapman, Q.C., and the clerk of the court, J. O. Sleemon, were most helpful and co-operative and gave the idea their utmost attention.

Prior to this court, however, a meeting was held on Feb. 25 at the school, at which time Mr. Sleemon informed interested parties of exactly how to apply for citizenship, and of what was expected of those who did apply.

Finally, on Wednesday, March 4th, the first citizenship court ever held in a Manitoba school materialized, and 19 European immigrants became Canadians.

There were approximately 100 honored guests present, with Dean J. M. Brown of the Faculty of Education, University of Manitoba, as guest speaker.

The grade 7 girl's choir sang several selections under the able direction of Miss M. Lodge, after which the Home and School executive hosted the new Canadian citizens and their guests at a reception.

It was felt that this was a successful project for Education Week at Princess Margaret School.

Legion Meeting Tuesday

A general meeting of Prince Edward Branch No. 81, Royal Canadian Legion, will be held in the clubrooms, 300 Trent avenue, on Tuesday, March 17, at 8.00 p.m.

The meeting will elect four delegates to the Dominion convention to be held at the Marlborough Hotel May 17-22.

During the convention week Prince Edward will be hosts to the delegates from Prince Edward Island Command.

Prince Edward will also be hosts to 50 delegates to the convention on Wednesday, May 21, at 8 p.m.

This will be one of the biggest — if not the biggest — conventions ever held by the Legion, and to mark the occasion the City of Winnipeg is declaring the convention week to be "Legion Week".

Elmwood Ladies Plan Bonspiel

The Elmwood Ladies' Curling Club will hold their First Open Bonspiel March 31st to April 3rd. The event will be closed at 32 rinks.

Entries should be sent to Mrs. J. Kozoriz, 245 Chalmers ave. (ED 3-8861).

Entries close March 26th.

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Citizenship Ceremony Wednesday

Two special Court presentation ceremonies will be held in the auditorium of Princess Margaret School, 367 Hawthorne ave., North Kildonan, on Wednesday, March 30th.

The first ceremony will be held in the morning at 10.30 a.m. and at this ceremony some 50 applicants will be presented with their Certificates of Canadian Citizenship.

At this morning ceremony His Honour R. S. Bowles, Q.C., The Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, will be the guest speaker.

The second ceremony will be held in the evening at 8.00 o'clock and at this ceremony some 63 applicants will be presented with their Certificates of Canadian Citizenship.

At this ceremony Mr. Peter McLintock will be guest speaker.

Most of the applicants are of the Mennonite faith and residing in North Kildonan. Many came to Canada after years of much suffering and hardship.

The school auditorium is being suitably decorated by the staff and pupils of the school, and the school choir will be in attendance at both ceremonies.

These two ceremonies at the Princess Margaret School are made possible largely because of the active interest and tremendous contribution Henry Schmidt, the principal of the school, has made to good citizenship.