



Alere Flammam

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Clarkson Becomes Next Governor General

By Adam Feiner (OAC Student)

It was a cold clear day in Ottawa when Adrienne Clarkson became Canada's second female Governor General. The watchword of the day was ceremony, the likes of which are rarely seen, even in Ottawa. Passers-by stopped to marvel at the colourful display of the honour guard standing at attention outside the center block, the military band, and the red-garbed military cadets marching to and fro.

The event began around 10:40 AM, with the arrival of Madame Clarkson and John Ralston Saul, her husband. Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and his wife, Aline Chrétien, greeted the two warmly. After this the entire party, accompanied by several military and political dignitaries, retired to the Senate chamber for the ceremony proper.

The swearing-in and speech of Madame Clarkson was followed by a performance of traditional Inuit throat-singers, the Central Children's Chamber Choir of Ottawa Carleton, and dancers from the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. The goings-on indoors were not open to the public, but by invitation only.

At 12:55 PM, a freshly appointed Madame Clarkson led the way from the Center Block to the podium, followed

by her husband, the PM, and a score of others. The honour guard performed a traditional "governor's salute," and Madame Clarkson proceeded to inspect the troops. Accompanied by the sound of a 21-gun salute, courtesy of the three artillery pieces set up on the west lawn, she then returned to the front. At 1 PM sharp two CF-18 fighters flew overhead in formation, perfectly punctuating the event.

Madame Clarkson then received flowers from students currently attending Elgin St. Elementary and Lisgar Collegiate Institute, her former elementary school and high school respectively.

After chatting briefly with assembled students from both these schools, Madame Clarkson and John Ralston Saul then entered a landau, which was accompanied by several mounted RCMP officers. This dramatic procession then drove off towards Rideau Hall.

Security on Parliament Hill was tight, but low profile. A low fence kept the crowd around 30 metres from the front steps, and several plain clothed body-guards were placed at strategic intervals.

Adrienne Clarkson, formerly Adrienne Poy, is the daughter of Bill Poy, who fled as a refugee with his family from Hong Kong during the second World War. She grew up in



Adrienne Poy, Lisgar's Head Girl in 1955-56

Ottawa, attending Elgin St. Elementary and Lisgar Collegiate Institute (at which she was head girl from 1955 to 1956).

She later embarked on a career in television, appearing for many years on the show "Take 30," as well as hosting her own series, "Adrienne Clarkson Presents."

[Editor's note: Two English classes were assigned to write a journalistic account of the proceedings. Principal A. Spence suggested we publish one so you can see what current students are doing. This story is for Mrs. Hoey's class. Ramona Sladic was the flower presenter from Lisgar. For more reactions to the appointment, see page 4.]

Visit to WWI Battlefields & Cemeteries

August/September 1999

By Peter H.D. MacArthur and Michael D. McCormack

We two ex Lisgarites (Peter MacArthur, '55, son of fondly remembered former Lisgar teacher, C.P. MacArthur, 1940-1955, and Michael D. McCormack, '56) oft times spoke of someday touring the battlefields of WWI, where both our fathers had fought with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in Belgium and France. This summer past, we stopped talking about it, and covered about 90% of the "killing fields" on which some 66,000 Canadians died over the duration of that conflict.

The object of this pilgrimage was to follow in the footsteps of our fathers who had served with the 1st Canadian Corps from 1916-1918 in the bloody fields of Belgium and France. Prior to embarking on this visit, a great deal of research was undertaken with visits to the National Archives, the Canadian War Museum and the review of many books of reference on the War to End All Wars. The daily diary kept by C.P. MacArthur during his time on the Western Front was extremely interesting, relating the daily personal observations of life in the mud-filled trenches of Flanders, the Somme and Vimy.

The two-week sojourn focused on the Ypres Salient, Sanctuary Wood, Mont Sorel, Hill 60, Passchendaele, Messines, Ploegstreet Wood, Hill 70 (where Peter's father incurred shrapnel wounds in August 1917), Vimy Ridge, Fresnoy (where Michael's father was severely wounded in May of



Michael McCormack viewing German Pillbox, Hill 60, near Ypres

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Member's Forum

Eric Toller ('47) says that he has recently been in touch with W.F. "Bill" Mitchell, who taught subjects in the Lower School "late thirties, early forties." Eric notes:

He was my teacher in Class 9F 1941-42, for Phys Ed, Geography, Business Practice; also in Class 10E 1942-43 for Science and Defence Training - yes, that was compulsory during the war! He also coached the Senior Football team, finishing second in 1941. This team was outstanding, sending five all-stars John Chance, Ron Rankin, Ben Shapiro, Bob Hill and Bill Blue to a game against Montreal All Stars.

Bill, and his wife Eleanor, now reside in Guelph and would appreciate hearing from former students. Correspondence should be addressed to W.F. Mitchell, 310 - 172 Metcalfe St, Guelph Ont. N1E 6T5

This was sent in tribute to her son by Nettie W. Sharkey ('57), a former Lisgar student:

A memoriam to Robert Sharkey (a former Lisgar student), who was born 16 February 1951 and who passed away 16 April 1999. While a teacher in

the music division at Lisgar, Robert assisted some of his students, at their request, to get started playing in a group of their own. These students, now situated in various locations, came together, and in tribute to Robert, gave several concerts in the courtyard at Lisgar Collegiate. They also performed in the court in Market Square.

Our many thanks are extended to these people for their talents and their touching memorial to Robert. Our thanks go also to those who shared in these presentations.

He passed away at home in the loving presence of his brother Paul, Rosanda, his wife, and myself, his mother. He asked us not to weep. He left us these treasured memories.

When you are lonely, I leave you love,
When you are empty, I leave you faith and hope,
When you are down, I leave you joy,
When you are troubled, I leave you peace.
When you feel life is complicated,
I leave you patience and simple beauty.
When to you, life seems chaotic,
I leave you inner silence and humility.

My dearly loved ones,
I bid you goodbye.

Robert Sharkey ('69)

Yvonne (Bayliss '54) McWilliam says that she has become a Life Member "in memory of my sister Moyra Bayliss who loved Lisgar! She died in a car accident in the summer of 1948."

Marg Pippy received a newsy letter this summer from old Lisgar class-mate Bill Thorsteinson ('53) in Toronto. His wife Joan (née Herbert, '53) is a friend and colleague of the lady who manages the home where former Lisgar teacher Marion Meech now lives. Bill writes in part:

I am sure that you and many of her former students will be pleased to know that Miss Meech, now 92, is enjoying good health and has a mind as sharp as when she was teaching.

I took the opportunity to call her and we had a delightful chat. While I was never a student of hers, she

In Memoriam

Barrett, Malcolm Robert (Mike) ('41) September 17, 1999, died in Ottawa at the age of 78. Beloved husband of Iris Layton and father of Dawn (Mike Godin), Jacqueline (Ted Wigney) and Sean (Shawn), grandfather of four. Survived by brothers Lloyd, Basil and Brian, sister Shirley and sister-in-law Vera Pigg. He served as a navigator in the RCAF in WWII, and at Transport Canada (Accident Investigation)

Dale, Ida (née Currie) ('23) in Ottawa May 23, 1999, died after a brief illness at the age of 93. She was a long-time history buff (guide at the Bytown Museum and the Museum of Civilization) and volunteer (life membership in the Historical Society of Ottawa and the Royal Commonwealth Society, honorary life member of the Girl Guides of Canada). Predeceased by her husband of 41 years, Eric, survived by daughter Wendy (Bert Hill) and four grandchildren.

Greenberg, Lorry ('52) died in Ottawa (of heart failure at the Ottawa Heart Institute) July 1999 at the age of 65. Former Mayor of Ottawa (1974-78). Survived by his wife, Carol Gardner, and children Rhonda, Jeff, Roger, Stephanie and Heather, and six grandchildren.

Kearney, May (née Simpson) ('43) died in Kansas, May 4, 1999, at the age of 75. She was renowned throughout North America as a skater and remained involved with the Minto Skating Club, which she joined at age 10. She began her skating partnership at 16, performing a daring adagio with Jimmy Conyers. She married Joseph Kearney and continued her professional skating career until daughter Maureen (now Meador) came on the

remembered me. "You were always so active in school affairs," she said. In fact, I was Head Boy in 1952/53. She went on to recall that Betty Swerdfager was Head Girl and she remembered Betty's untimely death and the fact that she left two young children. I mentioned to her that Joan thought she was the best History teacher she ever

scene. She then worked as house accountant for an Ottawa law firm.

Little, Miriam ('30) died in Ottawa, April 23, 1999, at the age of 87. She was a former public servant (37 years) and an honorary life member of the Rideau Tennis and Squash Club.

Theil, Karlheinz ('62), Life Member of the Alumni Association, died in Toronto August 24, 1999, at the age of 55. Dr Theil was a former professor at the University of Toronto, Scarborough College, and the brother of Hans (Elfriede) and Mary-Anne (Gordon Larose).

Thomas, Sandra (née Kindle), died peacefully at home in Ottawa, September 25, 1999, at the age of 61. She taught English at Lisgar (1981-85) and Glebe. She was the beloved wife of Joseph, mother of David (Helen) of Calgary and Stephen. She was the loving sister of Dr. Geoffrey Kindle of Brandon, Man., Dr. John of Ottawa and Penny McIntosh.

Wilson, Kathleen Elizabeth (née Bray) ('30) of Perth, in hospital, May 13, 1999, at the age of 88. She was the wife of the late Reid, and is survived by sons Richmond (Joanne) and Tom (Elizabeth) and by four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sisters Marion and Marguerite Bray of Ottawa and brother Richard of Kingston.

During the 1998-1999 school year, the following alumni also passed away:

Dunlop, Ross ('56)

Epstein, Sam ('43)

Hundevad, Alan S. ('48)

MacGregor, Ken R. ('24)

Madsen, Elethier ('38)

Shenkman, Joe ('27)

had, and Miss Meech was surprised and pleased to hear that. We reminisced about the school and especially about teachers like Miss Bishop, Wally Mann, Fitz, Fran Lee and many others. ...

Another article that caught my eye in the last *Alere Flammam* was "Where are all the Lisgar couples now?" Perhaps Joan and I do not qual-

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ify because we never dated at Lisgar. We were at the school together from Grade 9 on and when I was Head Boy, Joan was the President of the Girls AA, so we served on Students Council together. In fact, Betty Swerdfager was one of Joan's best friends. We actually began dating when one of her nursing classmates, Lois Closs, now Lois Abelson, asked her to go to a basketball game in which Bobby Abelson, a former Lisgar star, was playing. I happened to be at that game and chatted with Joan and Lois after the game and the rest is history, at least in our family it is.

Joan has now retired from nursing, where she worked in geriatric care for many years with the lady I mentioned above who is managing the home in which Miss Meech lives (small world!). We have two sons and two grandchildren all living in Toronto. I am now beginning to slow down a bit and passing along responsibility for my business to the younger partners.

Both Joan and I enjoy receiving the *Alere Flammmam* ... Keep up the good work!

Dear Alere FlamBamites:

Just got your Spring 1999 issue – wonderful! Lots of names therein that brought back most pleasant memories!!!

Dear old Bill Smeaton, in his Physics Lab, Cy Rentner (whose name was the same, backwards or forward!), who scared the living daylight out of me in the first class I had with him in 1st Form in 1935! I didn't dare even breathe in any class I had with him until I got my Senior Matric in 1939/40! Jessie Muir will always be kept in a very special place where I keep my fondest memories – along with sweet old, as we called her, Miss Brown, later to be known as Isabel Buchanan. Who could forget that wonderfully warm and friendly gentleman – Johnny Dunlop! A delightful human being who in WWI was badly gassed in his service to our country. Who remembers the "Beak," also a Principal, Nosey Stewart? A great formidable guy, whose bark was always worse than his bite!!

Other names flashed by to activate whatever's still left in the old noodle as well! The Chance boys, Berle Duncan (a friend of Collette Norris), Gwen Bradley who I guess I wasn't very nice to when I was in the St Alban's Choir along with Jimmy Seed, Allen Haig, George Chequers and more! Then such names as Mac Richardson, Ben Shapiro! The name Witty showed up too – made me think of old Ralph Witty who also joined the RCAF at the same time I did – we went overseas at the same time as well.

I was so sorry to read of the passing of Bob Lahey who was with me throughout my tenure at Lisgar. I graduated in '39/'40 but for some reason your issue shows him graduating in '37 – he must have been brighter than I!!! Oh well! Bob was quite a wonderfully talented musician too! He sometimes played the Carillon at All Saints Church on Sundays and could often be heard practicing during the week – sometimes banging out a "pop" tune of the day as well! Those old bells and lots of the church's neighbours loved it too!

Another name came up too, a person I didn't know but Marjorie (Speer), my dear wife, did. That would be Jean Conger. Ah memories from the dusty old past! So pleasant to reflect upon!!!

As the fellow said – keep those goodies coming our way – we love 'em!!

Oh by the way, my e-mail address which you published in ye last issue sad to say has changed – it is now mcdoo5@sympatico.ca

Marjorie (Speer) and Bob McDowall (both '40) (Guelph ON) July 1999

I was saddened to hear in the Spring newsletter of Dorothy Bishop's death. Her poise, wit, and competence made quite an impression on me in Grade 12 English. One event that left an indelible memory occurred in her class on November 22, 1963 when our class received the news that President Kennedy had been shot. I'll never forget Miss Bishop's comments – she spoke eloquently about the sad irony of this tragic news being brought to us

as we were studying the act in the Shakespearean play in which Caesar was assassinated.

The newsletter is wonderful – I would love to see letters from schoolmates who graduated in 1964-1965! As for me, I married a Louisiana boy, have two lovely daughters (one in Austin, Texas and one in New York City), teach maternity nursing, and have just become a nurse-midwife. My sister Dee (Adele) ('65), married Tony Watt ('64), her boyfriend at Lisgar, and they live in Memphis, Tennessee.

Anne Bienvenu Brossard '64 (Lafayette, LA) July 1999

Angela (Logan '91) Montgomery and her husband Neil are happy to

announce the birth of their son, Bennet Logan Montgomery. Bennet arrived 8:28 a.m., June 4, 1999 at the Toronto General Hospital. He was a healthy 8 lbs. Both he and his mother are doing well. Angela has been continuing her medical studies at the University of Toronto since September.

Jennifer Kassie ('94) advises from Toronto that since her wedding May 23rd, she is now Jennifer Stein, and says that she continues to enjoy receiving the *Alumni Newsletter*.

More wedding bells: Gillian Siebrasse ('91) is now Gillian Campbell, living and working in Ottawa.

Lisgar Archives

By Dave MacGougan

At last June's alumni executive meeting, some members expressed an interest in knowing what kinds of materials we had in the Lisgar Archives. Someone thought that all alumni would benefit from knowing what constituted the archives, and so it was agreed upon that I write a continuing column in the newsletter describing what we have.

The collection is a vast one and so I will confine my remarks in each issue to just a few items of particular interest. I hope that I eventually mention some from your era and that you will be taken back in your mind's eye to those days when you attended the O.C.I. or L.C.I.!

Last spring, we came into the possession of a panoramic photograph of the "Eastern Canada Interscholastic Football Champions" of 1928. All members of the team and coaching staff are standing in the field where the present gymnasium is located. The front of the Ottawa Collegiate Institute appears in the background. The photo is somewhat damaged but plans are currently under way for its restoration and framing.

We also recently received a silver

medal which was awarded to a Donald S. Chilton by the Ottawa Collegiate Institute for coming 1st in high jump at an "Annual Field Day Sports" event. Unfortunately, there is no date on the medal, but we know that Donald Chilton was a student at the O.C.I. from 1913 to 1917. As well as the medal, the same donor gave us a ribbon, also awarded to Donald Chilton, for coming 2nd in 100 yards, 1st in 220 yards, and 1st in hop, step and jump. Each accomplishment is engraved on a silver bar, all three of which are fastened to the ribbon.

Finally, among the artifacts in our collection are the ski poles used by Anne Heggteit in the 1960 World Olympics. They are mounted on a wood frame and are hanging in the archives office. The engraving on the brass plaque reads as follows: "Presented to Lisgar by Anne Heggteit, student 1952-57. She was the 1960 World Champion in combined downhill and slalom; 1960 Olympic Gold Medallist in Slalom and voted Canada's 1960 Athlete of the Year."

More items of interest to come in future issues. Many thanks to all of you who have sent us your memorabilia.

Head Girl to Governor General

We thought you might be interested in reactions by former teachers of Madame Clarkson (née Poy).

Co-editor and current guidance counsellor Doug Arrand recalls the late Walter Mann being impressed with her insight and ability to analyze and critique a wide range of English Literature. Doug tells of her attending the venerable teacher's English "class" at the 150th anniversary, and she did not disappoint him. "You see why I admired this woman so much," quipped Mr. Mann, after a spirited exchange on the interpretation of the poem he had used in his lesson.

Marion Meech (Miss Meech to all of us), after whose pioneer family Meech Lake is named, taught English and History at Lisgar from 1943 to 1970. At 91, she lives in a nursing home in Scarborough, is still in touch with the Poy's, and recently lunched with father Bill and son Neville (a retired plastic surgeon). She is delighted that Bill lived to see his daughter installed as Governor General. She adds that "both Adrienne and Neville were gifted students, but Adrienne's mind was exceptional."

Our own Alumni Association Committee member, Milton Shaffer, went to see the proceedings himself, standing on Wellington Street outside the gates for the best view of the landau. He reported that he gave a huge wave and shouted "Yea, Lisgar" as the carriage passed. He also reports that Mr. Saul poked Her Excellency in the ribs to get her attention, after which she also gave a huge wave and smile back!

Lisgar has early links to the office



Adrienne Clarkson at the Investiture

of Governor General — our very name comes from Lord Lisgar, Governor General from 1869 to 1872. And Doug Arrand reminds us that earlier Governors General actually inspected the school. They would address the assembly in Latin and receive thanks in the same. Then teachers (masters) and Governor General would retire to the staff room for tea.

The connection continues — five members of the Central Choir performing at the investiture ceremony were Lisgar students, Tori Van Eyk, Karen Hamer, Wallis Giunta, Emily Tyson and Gabrielle Wilson.

[Editor's note: We also welcome the return to Ottawa of Dr. Neville Poy ('54), whose wife Vivienne was appointed to the Senate last fall. Apparently the siblings will both be living on the same street as when they first came to Ottawa.]

Lisgar's *third* musical this decade!
April 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2000, *The Sound of Music* will be staged in Lisgar's auditorium by the Music Department. Come join us to bring back memories of Annual Concerts past and enjoy the talents of Lisgar present!

Battlefields (continued)

May of the same year), the Somme, Cambrai, Canal du Nord and a good part of the pursuit to Mons.

The journey had many highlights, only two of which are covered here: the first centres on the Essex Farm Dressing Station, near Ypres, and the second entails a visit to the stark Deutsche Soldaten Friehof (German War Cemetery) at Langemarck, Belgium.

With regard to the first, John McCrae wrote his famous poem "In Flanders Fields" at this location. He had witnessed his friend Alexis Helmer being blown to bits and organized a battlefield internment. Alexis was no doubt known to John as Lex as he had been known to his friends and neighbours on Gilmour St. and to his fellow students at Lisgar. We searched the immediate area for the Helmer grave to no avail. We subsequently learned that the name was inscribed on the Menin Gate, Ypres, as are the names of 54,366 Commonwealth (Imperial) soldiers who perished in the Ypres Salient and who have no known graves. Helmer's initial grave, like so many others, had been obliterated by artillery bombardment. The Last Post is played every evening at the Menin Gate, and we attended this ceremony twice, remembering Alexis and the

many others who never returned.

The second highlight is not atypical by any means of the seemingly endless cemeteries (3500 Commonwealth ones containing over 600,000 graves), marking the Front but the impact is huge.

Just inside the front entrance is a flower bed about 30 by 24 feet covering a mass grave containing 24,919 of our fellow human beings. In all, this cemetery holds 44,294 German war dead. Another close by contains 47,864 dead. Upon seeing and contemplating this, one is struck by the realization that it is not a case of us and them. It is simply us. We are responsible.

Our pilgrimage was a successful one. We trod the ground where our fathers had fought and we had a sense of their presence, their youthful presence which seemed to empower us with the vim and vigour of youth also. Alas, on turning away from Flanders and France, the weight of the years descended once again.

[Editor's note: C.P. MacArthur's diary, inherited by son Peter, is an active service wartime diary, listing day-to-day action in approximately nine major battlefields. The two have many more photos and great plans to write a full account of their journey.]



Peter MacArthur at the German War Cemetery, Langemarck

The Anonymisses Then and Now

Gladys Murphy ('39) sent these photos and reminiscences to the Alumni Association. We thought you'd like to share them too.

Sixty years have passed since we became friends during our years at Lisgar, and we have kept our friendship all this time. Our numbers have dwindled to five from the original eight but we still get together as often as we can.

As our boyfriends went off to fight the war in Europe, we left behind, formed a club. We called ourselves the Knitting Club, although I don't remember much knitting. Then when we wanted to add to the social column of the local paper, we thought knitting club not suitable and dubbed ourselves "The Anonymisses."

When the men returned from the war, we all married, had families and continued to meet. Our husbands became good friends and formed their own club, the Poker Club. Two of us even married Lisgar boys.

Our friendship is as strong as ever although our meetings are less frequent now. We all retain a keen interest in Lisgar events!



Then: at the July 15, 1947, wedding of one of the Anonymisses, left to right, Elinor McLaughlin (Mrs. Ernie Dixon), Isobel Meabry (Mrs. Jack Collie), Gladys Pearce (Mrs. Keith Murphy), Inez Miller (the bride - Mrs. Les Summers), Betty Fraser (Mrs. Elford Rhoades), Helen Covington (Mrs. Tommy Wright), Audrey McCann (Mrs. Al Brady). Missing is Ruth Lockhart (Mrs. Peder Larsen).

Now: left to right, Inez Summers, Isobel Collie, Betty Rhoades (holding the "then" picture) and Gladys Murphy. Missing is Ruth Larsen.



Tribute to Gerald Diamond

We lost one of our well-loved Alumni Association Committee members last year.

Gerry Diamond was a man who was able to accomplish his tasks by making his spiritual values part of his whole life.

In a career which spanned 55 years, he had the distinction of being the longest serving pharmacist in Ottawa. He owned and operated several drug stores with the very able help of his loving wife. He also worked in the Government of Canada, and later in one of the large drug store chains. While he claimed his days were standard eight-hour days, he put in more than 50 percent to make it more like 12 hours. And he was happiest when he was active all the time. Indeed he left the government because he didn't find enough opportunity and challenge to give all he had to give.

His profession had a special side: he really enjoyed the relationship with his clients. Many became his friends. He knew their needs, their worries – economic or emotional or health related – and if he knew someone was financially strapped, he did not hesi-

tate, carefully, diplomatically, to suggest that payment could be deferred until the situation improved, or even that there was no need for compensation. Certainly, what motivated him to continue to work was the opportunity to interact with the public and the challenges that this provided.

Gerry also was a man with a positive outlook. He didn't want to hear ill of anyone and, indeed, if that happened, he'd make believe he didn't hear. Whether he was the boss or not, he became your friend.

A humanitarian, he gave a great deal of time to the Canadian Congress of Christians and Jews, and was passionate about its goals. He also served as President of Ottawa Lodge B'nai Brith and Camp B'nai Brith and its work were especially dear to him.

Gerry really never retired. He also gave of the little extra time he had to groups such as Old Forge, a volunteer organization which helps people of all ages to deal with the pressures of life.

So to all his friends and family, look back and remember Gerry, and thank God for the manifold gifts he brought to this life.

More Books

One of Lisgar's most prolific writers is Joan Finnigan ('44, and *Vox Lycei* editor in 1943-44) whose latest book is *Tallying the Tales of the Old-Timers*. Among the former Lisgarites interviewed for this volume are Ted Devlin ('29) and Steve Brabazon ('45). Ted Devlin remembers Sis Tomkins who taught his father. "Miss Tomkins induced a succession of mutinous young Ottawans to learn algebra, or at least to pass exams in it. I was one of them. To do this she used an exciting mixture of wit and sarcasm and sheer terror, controlling classrooms full of smart-alecks and hellions with a glare, a word or a hiss." When asked how she did it, she replied: "Always razzle-dazzle the other fella before the other fella razzle-dazzles you." There is a whole chapter devoted to Steve Brabazon's family and its contribution to the Ottawa Valley. "I grew up in Portage-du-Fort and Ottawa surrounded by surveyors and surveying talk," he begins. Check with your local bookstore for this fascinating account of Valley times.

Former Alumni Association committee member John Dunfield ('37)

has published volume two of his history of lumbering in the Ottawa Valley. It contains a historic overview of Valley lumbering and describes certain of the lumber barons, companies and other individuals as well as river drives, the square timber trade and the Upper Canada Improvement Company.

Citizen columnist Dave Brown, while not himself a Lisgarite, has produced a great collection, featuring unsung heroes of Canadians at war. His book contains some great stories about former (or nearly) Lisgarites. Among them are Harry Avery ('40), nicknamed "the Frogman of Burma," winner of the Military Cross; Thomas Fuller, successful Ottawa building contractor known as "the Pirate of the Adriatic" — a "non-grad" of Lisgar who was invited to leave the school in third form (Grade 11); Alexis (Lex) Helmer ('11), who inspired John McCrae's famous poem "In Flanders Fields"; Charlie Butterworth ('41) who came "within a whisker" of being the last Canadian killed in action in the Second World War; and Roy Brown (cousin of teacher Isabel Brown Buchanan) who shot down the Red Baron in 1918.

William R. Fraser Scholarship

The year 2000 marks the fourth year the William R. Fraser scholarship has been awarded. Each year, two Lisgar grads are recognized for their success in athletics and academics. The award is named after Mr. Bill Fraser, a long-time teacher and coach, not to mention former student, of Lisgar Collegiate Institute. Mr. Fraser retired last year after a long and fruitful career helping Lisgar students become better at what they do.

The spirit of the award is to reward students who demonstrate an ability to balance academics and athletics, in addition to recognizing the importance of higher learning. The recipients must achieve an 80% average in their top six final-year courses, as well as be judged by their coach to have made a significant contribution to the basketball team. Finally, the recipients must be accepted and registered in a recognized university program.



Bill Fraser, Ryan Ward and Rachel Boomgaardt (first recipients), and K.C. Parker (donor)

Lisgar Fund

This report is intended to let members know how their donations are being used, assigned to some worthwhile purchases and projects in support of our alma mater and current students, and how very much these donations are appreciated.

Established by the Director of the Lisgar Fund, the Lisgar Scholarship Endowment has reached a total of \$34,000. This Endowment Fund represents several scholarships established in memory of a number of well-known teachers: the Walter Mann prize for Writing, the Isabel Brown Buchanan Prize, the Harry Monsour Memorial Award, the Shenkman Scholarships in Business, the Walter Showman Award for Classical Studies, the Larry Wade Chemistry Award, the David Lamperd Biology Award and our most recent award, the Dorothy Bishop Memorial Prize. The Fund total of \$34,000 is a credit to the generous donations of Lisgar alumni. Everyone knows that the cost of post-secondary education is increasing annually, so we urge Alumni to donate to the Endowment Fund. You may designate a specific award or donate to the

Endowment Fund itself. The most recent prize, established in memory of Dorothy Bishop, has received nearly \$4,000, for which we are indebted to all donors. Remember, it isn't too late to donate. The 1999 Donors List will appear in the Spring 2000 issue.

Many of our members have contributed to the Alumni Special Projects. To date, the Alumni Executive Committee has voted to provide \$2,500 to the Lisgar Library for the purchase of books covering the curriculum; \$500 to Lisgar's volunteer archivist, Dave MacGougan, for supplies such as files and storage boxes; and up to \$2,500 for a computer for the Lisgar Alumni Association office where a more powerful system is required for work on the Associations's new lisgar.net project.

We still have money in this Special Projects Fund. Recently the science, art and phys. ed. departments asked that we purchase a human skeleton for educational purposes. (The most recent Alumni Association meeting voted to donate \$500 toward this purchase.) The Lisgar Fund will provide the remainder of the \$1,500 required.

Life Members

We're nearing 400! Grateful thanks for their support go to the following individuals who have become Life Members since the last issue.

Barbara (Gibson) Aker '52
Gordon Anderson '61 & Joyce Sibbitt '64
Elizabeth Baldwin-Jones '87
Fay (Doyle) Beale '44
John Boehmer '60
Laura Brett '85
Michael Bridal '71
Charles Burton '72
Gillian (Siebrasse) Campbell '91
Bryan Chan '99
May (Zayed) Collins '78
Beatriz Costa '86
Shirley (Stotesbury) Cummings '46
Elizabeth (Jeffries) Currie '70
Janine Dodge '87
John D. Dunfield '37
William H. Forrest '54
Ethel (Moffet) Fulford '50
Judy (Smith) Garvie '47
Andrew T. Graham '97
R. Murray Grant '47
Susan (Campbell) Hellier '59

Stephanie (van Vliet) Hills '86
Caitlen Jenkins '99
Robert Larson '99
Lois (Bourne) Leadley '52
Darren Lindsay '86
Heather Macdougall '99
Greg Macdougall '96
Patricia (Challen) McClenahan '47
Marjorie (Humphreys) McLean '51
Yvonne (Bayliss) McWilliam '54
William Newman '50
Catherine (Hart) Rayment '72
Lois (Taylor) Rui '45
Louise Skabar '70
Avrum L. Smith '55
Amanda Spink-Pietersma '88
Patricia (Stevens) Stackhouse '51
Lois M. Tewsley '34
Edythe (Gruben) Thom
Barrie-Liz Wanzel '62
Stewart Wells '50
Donald Wolochow '51