

U.S. Committee Reports On Religion In Schools

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The public schools should eliminate the religious emphasis in their observances of Christmas, a committee of United States educationists said here.

Instead, the committee said, Christmas should be presented as one of many contributions to the American heritage which has been created by many religions.

In a report, Religion in the Public Schools, prepared for the American Association of School Administrators as a guide to school superintendents and principals, educationists also:

—Supported the U.S. Supreme Court ban on official prayers and required Bible reading in the public schools.

—Urged that high school baccalaureate services be left to individual churches and synagogues, with no school requirement for attendance.

—Said school calendars, personnel policies and extra-curricular activities all should be adapted to accommodate a diversity of religious backgrounds and practices.

—Urged vastly improved instruction about religion "as one of the greater influences in man's history."

LAW SEEMS CLEAR

"A public school, whatever the feelings of its constituents, may not observe Christmas as though it were a church or combination of churches," the report said.

The basic law seems clear, it added, that "under the constitu-

tion, the public schools may not sponsor a religious service . . . whether it be for a single or multi . . . denominational group. Neither may public schools support the Christian religions, Christian churches, nor distinctively Christian doctrines . . ."

"The non-Christian is not a guest in a Christian school—he is a fellow citizen in a public school which includes a good many Christian members."

The educationists said they recommended "the policy that encourages reasonable recognition of Christmas in the schools in the spirit of exploitation of the differing rites and customs of families, cultures, and creeds—each with deep meaning for its adherents, and in sum revealing the many different religious, philosophical, and cultural practices and beliefs held by Americans."

MUST BE NEUTRAL

In expressing their support of the Supreme Court decision on prayers and Bible reading, the educationists said:

"Along with government and all its agencies, the schools must be neutral in respect to the religious beliefs of its citizens. . . . There is no threat to the individual, to religion, or to the common good in the removal of religious exercises from the schools."

The report noted two major drawbacks to teaching about religion:

"There is little evidence that teachers in the secondary schools are fully equipped and

qualified to teach such courses, most inhibiting to the development of effective programs is the scarcity of suitable material in usable form."

Whipper Watson May Try Politics

TORONTO (CP) — Toronto wrestling champion Whipper Billy Watson said Wednesday he has decided to try to enter federal politics.

He said he will seek the Progressive Conservative nomination in York East riding "where I was brought up and lived all my life."

He said he would retire from wrestling if elected to Parliament.

Mr. Watson, who met with Conservative Leader Diefenbaker in Ottawa last week, said he "was very impressed and this had a lot to do with my decision."

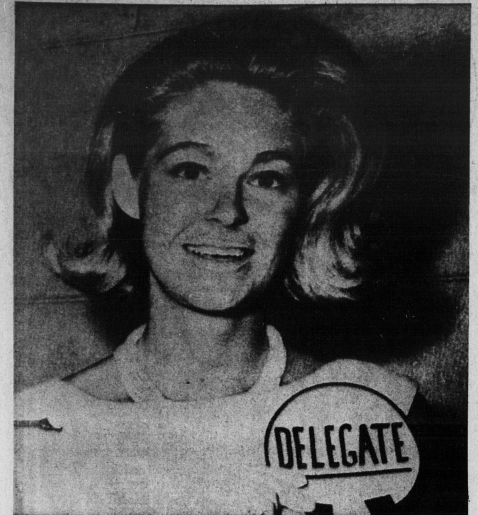
"Mr. Diefenbaker is one of the finest men I have ever met," he said.

It always wanted to go into politics to do something for crippled children and improve training facilities of the athletes we send to the Olympics."

He said he would also like to see the government put more stress on physical fitness for Canadians.

LOST FARMLAND

The thorny shrub, mesquite, covers nearly 70,000,000 acres in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California—twice the area of 50 years ago.



MRS. JOAN KENNEDY IS DELEGATE

Mrs. Joan Kennedy, wife of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy is all smiles at Logan International Airport in Boston Wednesday as she prepared to board a plane for the Democratic Convention in Atlantic City as a delegate from Massachusetts.

Mrs. Kennedy was named a delegate to replace her brother-in-law, Attorney-General Robert Kennedy who announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate from New

York Tuesday. Mrs. Kennedy's husband, Ted, is recuperating in a Boston hospital from a back injury he received in a plane crash last June 19. (AP Wirephoto)

POLICE CARS TAGGED IN RIFT

TORONTO (CP)—One of Toronto's parking control officers — nicknamed the "Green Hornet" because of the color of their uniforms—swooped on a nest of policemen's private cars outside a downtown station and tagged them for illegal parking.

It was the latest incident in a growing rift between police and the parking control officers. Some policemen protest the "Green Hornets" are taking their job too seriously.

Since they took on the job last May, parking summonses have increased 26 per cent over the first six months of last year.

U.K. Auto Exports Hit All-Time High

LONDON (AP)—The boom in Britain's auto industry goes on with exports hitting a all-time record of \$1,128,000,000 for the first half of 1964, it was announced Wednesday.

Figures issued by the Society of British Motor Manufacturers disclosed that the value of exports for the period ending June 30 was \$140,000,000 above the previous high last year.

In June, 38,222 autos were shipped overseas, bringing the 1964 half-year total to 356,193.

Output Resumes At Car Plants

TORONTO (CP) — Canada's car-makers are swinging back into production after the annual tooling-up period, according to weekly figures released by the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers' Association.

For the week ending Aug. 29 manufacturers have scheduled 6,833 cars and trucks for production compared with 3,107 actually produced the previous week.

For the year to date, production is 469,608 units compared with 390,545.

LIVESTOCK

MONTREAL (CP) — Prices were steady in fairly active trading on the Montreal and livestock market Wednesday. Demand was good.

Receipts: 203 cattle, 279 calves, 185 hogs, 17 sheep and lambs.

Medium heifers 19.55, common 12.25-14.5.

Good cows 15.50 - 16.75, medium 14.15-25, common 12.50-14, canners and cutters 12.25.

Good bulls 17.50-18.50, common and medium 12.50-17.25.

Good vealers 27, tops to 28-29.50, medium 21 - 24.50, common 19-20.

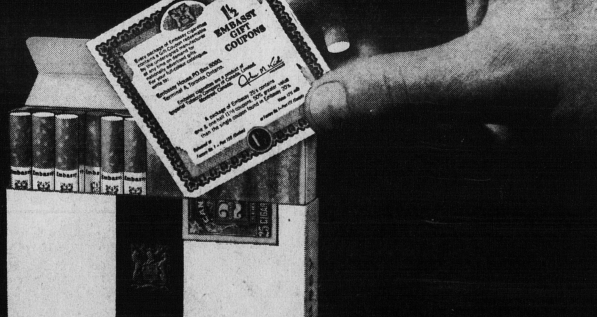
There were no sales of hogs, sheep or lambs.

MOTORCYCLIST HAS TROUBLES

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP)—Samuel Nicholson's motorcycle raced out of control, left the highway and plunged over the lip of a 40-foot embankment here.

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