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**Definition:** If your parents were missionaries in China and/or if you attended the Canadian School in Chengdu, you are a Mish Kid-1. Mish Kids 2 & 3 are related to Mish Kids-1, child of, or grandchild of.....etc.

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## Greetings from your new editor of the CS Newsletter

This edition has seen some obvious changes! After almost 20 years of creating a tangible way of keeping us in touch with each other, Bob Kilborn is passing the torch! He has over the years provided a wonderful forum for learning, sharing stories from the past to read and imagine, and offered a window into this unique history of ours; available to learn from and to teach, to pass on to the next generation for those who wish to learn of the call to ministry in all its varied forms, that was answered by many. With guidance and support I hope to be able to offer the same top quality information and coverage of events to our growing numbers, as we continue to walk the road of discovery that began with each one of our ancestors in a far away country called China.

We are very grateful to those involved in the birth of this newsletter and the effort to ensure its delivery to us over the years. Bob, you have been a “good and faithful servant” to everyone, and we are so thankful!!

Everyone please continue to send in your stories, your pictures and your ideas as to what you want **YOUR** newsletter to offer.

Blessings,

Patricia Brown

## Letter from your outgoing editor, Bob Kilborn

Dear Mish Kids ALL:

In the # 32 issue of the Newsletter, (my last) I wrote a short “Personal Note” and a brief history of the beginning and sustaining of the Newsletter. Again at the October 17th meal (2015) at which I was able to be present through the kindness of David and Heather Stinson who picked me up in Kitchener, and returned me there. Visiting time before the meal was a welcome change from previous meals at the end of the meal. And again, Phyllis and the members of executive presented a well organized and interesting program with many Chinese friends to celebrate and share our legacy time, as well as to keep abreast of the many changes taking place in our organization.

Phyllis introduced me as an attending member, noting newsletter. To my great surprise the applause was overwhelming. I had hoped to “rise to the occasion” with a sincere verbal thank you. Unfortunately two steps up to the stage could not be navigated on short notice, and a

simple wave for everyone was the best I could offer for such a moving recognition. But if I had been at the mike I would openly be able to thank you, and the tone of my voice would be a reflection of how I felt! But I also would remind you that a Newsletter is the creation of “Now and Those Were the Days,” from many sources from many of you: your stories of various events, experiences and travels; excerpts from all those activities recorded in the CS Magazine and in the “Red Book”; the many musical and drama programs; all the photos focusing on such an expanse of scenery and people create long lasting memories. And of course more, much more that filled our days in those unique settings of our childhood and teen age years.

It has been a challenging but very interesting and enjoyable experience. And I thank all of you from my heart for assisting in making it part of the legacy of the Canadian School in West China.

It is wonderful to have Pat Brown continue a news letter. I have urged her to develop her own format, as the focus is changing. I have volunteered to submit a “Those Were the Days” item as requested, to remind the Mish Kids 2, 3....of some of the above. Thank you so much Pat for carrying on!!

Adieu (Good wishes at parting)

Killy (Lao Killy)



## **Meet Your Executive**

For this edition, I wanted to include some backgrounds of your executive, written by them of their connection to those early missionaries.. While not a complete list, it will give us some insight, my hope being that other members will send in their information for inclusion in future newsletters.

### **Chair of CS Executive** [phyllis-donaghy@bell.net](mailto:phyllis-donaghy@bell.net)

My name is Phyllis (Allen) Donaghy, third daughter of Dr. A. Stewart Allen and Winnifred Griffin Allen. Unlike my sisters, I was born in Vancouver, shortly after my family returned to Canada on their first furlough. Dad was superintendent of the mission hospital in Kiating (Leshan) for 12 yrs, before returning for a second term in Chungking. Having lived out most of the war there, we returned to Canada for my first formal schooling. My mother and Mrs. Anne Reed had been my teachers in China. I did not go to the Canadian School until 1948, when I was nearly twelve. I had 3 years of schooling there as a boarder, returning to Canada in 1950 with my mother and youngest sister. I graduated from Macdonald College of McGill University in 1958, married and raised a family of four children. Today I have 10 grandchildren and four great grandchildren and live in Bath, Ontario.

### **Malcolm Reed, Secretary** [malcolmreed@sympatico.ca](mailto:malcolmreed@sympatico.ca)

My father was Fred Reed, a teacher and preacher, and my mother was Anne Male, a nurse. They met on the boat to China in 1920, and got married in 1921. They were stationed in Penghsien (Pengxian), Kiating (Leshan) and Tzeliutsing (Zigong) up to 1944, with Dad not returning until 1948. I was the youngest of 5 children, born in 1934. I am a CS alumni having attended for three months (!) in 1943. I joined the executive in 2010, following the death of my brother Donald and active member for many years. My main interest as a member is to promote the CS as a contributor to a positive relationship between Canada and China.

### **Marion Walker Program Co-ordinator** [knwalker9@gmail.com](mailto:knwalker9@gmail.com)

I was born in Chengdu in 1932. My aunt Janet Kilborn attended my birth in a big house beside the Canadian School. My father, Lewis Walmsley was principal of the school for children of missionaries, and my mother taught English literature. My grandmother, Dr. Retta Kilborn helped in the effort to ban foot binding, and founded the first hospital for Women and Children, and my grandfather, Dr. Omar Kilborn, were major influences in bringing western medicine to China. My memories have been reinforced by returning to China on three occasions over the past 10 years, and it has been a great pleasure to take my daughters to

China and touring old sites with them. These visits have enhanced their awareness of our families' contributions to China and also an appreciation of Chinese culture and history. I have been on the CS executive for 8 years following the work of my brother Glenn and my sister Enid. My philosophy is to help Canadians understand what the missionaries accomplished in the land of my birth so many years ago.

**Debbie Kirton, Membership** [debbie.kirton@mpac.ca](mailto:debbie.kirton@mpac.ca)

My mom is Mish Kid, Marion Walker, daughter of Lewis and Constance Walmsley, and granddaughter of Omar and Retta Kilborn. I joined the Canadian School Executive to support my mom in providing an annual event where Mish Kids their friends and family can come together to share a meal and tell stories about the amazing history they shared in China.

**Patricia Brown, Editor(New) Email:** [patbrown3709@rogers.com](mailto:patbrown3709@rogers.com)

I am the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Anderson (Roy and Jennie) who went to China in answer to a call to serve as a dental missionary in West China in 1920. Stationed in Chungking, they had 5 children. My mother was their third.....Vivian, born in Shanghai due to conflict and then evacuation from the area in 1925, also the birth year of the United Church of Canada. In 1934, the family moved to Chengtu and my grandfather was appointed to the W.C.U.U. College of Medicine and Dentistry as Instructor, and to assist with the dental responsibilities there due to the furlough of Dr. Lindsey. The extended "Anderson" family are very proud of their Chinese connection and I am humbled by their legacy and also your faith in me as the new editor of YOUR newsletter.

### **Executive Report**

An email was received by yours truly from your committee chair, Phyllis Donaghy. In it she speaks of her meeting with Suzhen and their long conversation after the reunion meal. She has asked that it be shared.

1. In conversation with Suzhen, the driving force behind the "Old China Photo Project" and the book, "Chengdu My Home" comes a desire to do a second edition of the book, with misinformation corrected along with the addition of new stories.....so she has requested that any of us who were not included in the first book submit our stories and photographs to her, along with a letter of permission to publish.
2. Suzhen would like to bring a reduced version of the photographs in Xinchiang Museum to Canada. Her thought is to exhibit it somewhere in Toronto, possibly, Victoria College at the University of Toronto. Open to the public for 15 days, and overlapping our reunion (which is always at the same time, as you know) and leaving the project

permanently in Canada. If anyone can suggest a place we could exhibit this for the short term, free of charge...perhaps close to Markham, it would certainly be more convenient for our people to visit while they are here for the dinner. I am thinking of a church, there are three or four United Churches in Scarborough, one of them being Chinese.

3. The museum of the Canadian School that Marion Walker spoke of, is to be opened in September 2016, which is the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding. She is hoping there will be a small delegation who will go to that. This invitation will be sent by Suzhen and she has already invited a few people to go.
4. Lastly, the OCPP museum in Xinchiang is to be the venue for a calligraphy exhibit. Suzhen would like 25 of us to come up with sayings in English that she will invite top calligraphers in China to translate. These will be exhibited at the museum in both languages. The saying should not exceed 15 words. If there might be more than 25 submissions that would likely be alright too. So come on readers.....get your creative juices flowing and send in your ideas to your editor at [patbrown3709@rogers.com](mailto:patbrown3709@rogers.com) and they will be forwarded to Suzhen!!

From David Walmsley comes the following information:

### **“The Vic in China”**

In response to those who have contributed photos, stories or just an interest in Victoria University grads who travelled to China as missionaries, there is now an online virtual photo exhibition! A lot of time and effort went in to making this happen and our thanks to Lisa J. Sherlock, Chief Librarian, Victoria University, for her assistance.

A work in progress, the site is designed as a scrap book, to allow for additions. By clicking on “Menu” at the left of the page, you will find the names of families and the photo’s and stories about them.

Click on the link below and it will take you to the site!

[http://library.vicu.utoronto.ca/exhibitions/vic\\_in\\_china/](http://library.vicu.utoronto.ca/exhibitions/vic_in_china/)

### **SCTV**

For those who were unable to attend the meal this year, there was a group that was filming the occasion. This was a documentary film crew from Sichuan TV, and they are making a film about the early days and beyond of the missionaries in West China. Arriving in the country for almost 3 wks., they began an arduous schedule of interviewing Mish Kids and their

descendants during October and November, with the meal being part of their filming. There were stories to listen to, pictures to scan, and the many people on their interview schedule, from Toronto, to Owen Sound, Uof T, to Kingston, then Ottawa and back to Toronto. At the end of the month of October they then flew to Vancouver/Victoria with a flight home November 4th! You may remember in the beginning, there was the call to send pictures for the OCPP, then a book was published “Chengdu My Home”, and there was also a desire to produce a documentary to tell the story. This dedicated film crew is fulfilling that wish!! I am sure, that along the way friendships blossomed, culture was shared and many cups of tea consumed. They are hoping to have the film finished by this time next year, so we will all be looking forward in anticipation to that wonderful day!!

## **Happenings**

I would like to take this opportunity to express thanks to the executive team that worked very hard to provide us with the outstanding CS Reunion Meal October 17<sup>th</sup> 2015! There they welcomed 156 guests, an all time record!! Special nametags with the CS Logo on them were provided by our friends from China, and all enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and food, laughter and memories. This year’s event was well worth the visit!! In addition to the delightful venue, we were able to get very comfortable rooms at “The Comfort Inn” directly across the street, enabling us to enjoy the weekend without the bother of driving. In case you missed it, the venue “The Dragon Legend” was spacious, comfortable, and there wasn’t one, but two big screens so that everyone was able to see during the program, from any vantage point! The food was marvelous and fresh, with the staff helpful and courteous! There were so many choices that you could spend a very long time just eating! After singing our Grace, we then commenced to “chin chi fan; (please begin your meal)

## **The Program**

Prior to the beginning of our meal, we were introduced to some newcomers. Betsy Anderson gave us a brief understanding of the United Church of Canada’s Delegation going to China Nov. 27-Dec. 8 of this year, an “encounter of deepened relationships and shared knowledge of our churches and respective contexts.” She hopes to share her insight at next year’s meal.

Alvyn Austin, author, spoke of his book “Saving China” Canadian Missionaries in the Middle Kingdom, 1888-1959, saying copies may be available from Amazon books, for those interested.

Ian Grant spoke briefly to us about “Chefoo School for missionary children, Marion Walker spoke regarding the renovation and museum being developed in the former CS school. With the cornerstone of this school being laid in 1915, a campaign to save it from demolition was begun in 2013. The top two floors are being utilized as a second museum and the hope is for it to be reopened in 2016, on the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

We also heard from our friend from China, Yingming Zhang, who spoke to us of his study of the “Role of Foreigners in Leshan, 1891-1952.

Four wonderful presenters then took us along on the journey of their ancestors in the program of the afternoon titled, “**How It All Began**”;

Sandra Anderson, great granddaughter of Dr. Omar Leslie Kilborn and Retta Gifford,

George Hartwell III, Great Grandson of Rev. George Hartwell, author of “Granary of Heaven”

Carla Nordstrom, Great Granddaughter of Dr. David Stevenson

Cathy Green, Great Granddaughter of Rev. Dr. Virgil C. Hart

Due to space constraints we are unable to print complete presentations. Full text is available upon request, also on the website. Any missed will be included in the next newsletter.

### **Dr. David Stevenson and Amelia Brown Stevenson, Chengdu 1891-1895**

I come from a long line of women. My great grandmother Amelia had six daughters. My grandmother Lila had three daughters. My mother Jane had four daughters. I have one daughter and my sister Martha has two daughters. I mention this because my telling of this story may have a slightly different focus than you might expect.

David W. Stevenson was a student at the School of Practical Science at the University of Toronto when he converted and decided to be a medical missionary. He went to the Rush Medical College in Chicago to train to be a doctor. When he completed his studies, he submitted a letter to Dr. Kilborn and Rev. Hartwell offering his services to the Church. He joined the group bound for Western China and they travelled from Toronto to Vancouver. Miss Amelia Brown joined the group in Vancouver. The Women’s Missionary Society in Toronto wanted to send a woman on this expedition but was unable to find one with medical training. They reluctantly engaged Miss Brown who was neither a doctor nor a nurse with the stipulation that she would remain single during her years of service. (You can probably see where this is going.) As the group of missionaries prepared for departure George Hartwell described a ...”joyous event with the unexpected arrival of Miss Amelia Brown.” They departed from Vancouver on the Empress of China on October 4, 1891 and crossed the Pacific, stopped briefly in Japan, and arrived in Shanghai on November 4, 1891. The group was delayed for three months in Shanghai because of reports of rioting in the Yangtze Valley. The nine missionaries used the time to study Chinese and familiarize themselves with Chinese culture. Something else happened; Dr. Stevenson and Miss Brown fell in love and were married on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1892 The Women’s Missionary Society was not happy about this turn of events, in fact Mrs. Stevenson left it to someone else to inform them. The organization that

sponsored the medical missionaries was not displeased. They felt that it showed that the two organizations could work together and there wouldn't be the challenge of misinterpretation of a single man being housed with a married couple. They agreed to pay for Mrs. Stevenson's passage and Dr. Stevenson agreed to repay her salary. The trip from Shanghai to Chengdu involved taking a steamer to Yichang and from there, two houseboats that were pulled through the gorges to Chungking. The last portion of the journey was on tributaries north to Chengdu. They left Shanghai on February 16, 1892 and arrived in Chengdu on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 53 days being spent on the houseboats.

Dr. Stevenson had strong opinions about the acceptance of Christianity by the Chinese. In 1893 he wrote, "Therefore the regular worshipper is a religious triangle of tripod who calls at all the temples of Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism, and bows before their gods in the hope that this will save them from calamity and sickness. If we were to put on these hills a big foreign idol, and call it Yah-Suh (Jesus) there might be thousands come and bow at it and burn incense, hoping that their crops, health, etc., might be protected; but, of course, visit all the other gods in the community for fear of giving offence. The difficulty is not to get them to accept a god, but to accept only One God."

The Stevensons returned to Canada for a short time and then moved to Richmond Indiana where Dr. Stevenson practiced as an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist until 1913 when the family moved to Akron, Ohio to take over the practice of his late brother. He practiced in Akron until his death on March 29, 1932. Amelia Stevenson lived longer than any of the other members of the family. She died in 1959 when she was 91 years old. Her long life gave most of her great grandchildren the chance to know her and delight in eating the little hard candies she kept in her room.

### **Rev. Dr. Virgil C. Hart**

Virgil Chittenden Hart was superintendent of the first Canadian Methodist Mission in West China in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. As a farm boy near Watertown, NY, Virgil was inspired to become a Methodist minister, working his way through Northwestern University and Garrett Biblical Institute by selling vegetables and chopping wood. Earning his Bachelor of Divinity in 1865, he was offered several positions but chose to accept the appeal to go to China, with the American Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Miss Adeline Gilliland of Athens, ON. Making it clear that he intended to dedicate his life to serving Christ in China, she agreed to do the same and they were married shortly after his ordination. They left for China when he was 25 and she was 19. In time they had four sons and a daughter.

Arriving in Fuzhou China in May 1866 after a 6mth. voyage the couple spent a year at the first Methodist Mission learning Chinese. So vital was the knowledge of the language, Virgil continued to study with native teachers and was an excellent linguist. With the blessing of the New York Board of Missions, he was assigned to open up work in Central China. Going farther

inland, preaching exploring opening chapels and dispersing religious literature travel was difficult: by sedan chair, horseback, native boats, even by wheelbarrow. Accommodations were often filthy inns filled with vermin, fleas and opium smokers. Threatened by mobs of native Chinese they would return to the very spot where these encounters took place to prove his lack of fear of them!

As a master evangelist eager to convert the Chinese to Christianity he realized the importance of humanitarian agencies, discovering that more people could be reached through the establishment of schools and hospitals. Between 1866-1888, Rev. Dr. V.C. Hart built the first western dispensaries, hospitals, boys and girls schools in Yangzhou, Nanchang and Wuhu. Other missionaries were sent to help him as he established 6 more stations. Property for an orphanage for boys was located in Chungking and he helped the Women's Foreign Missionary Society buy property for a girl's school. Rev. Hart learned through experience how to protect against fraud in negotiating for land and making contracts for buildings. His ability and perseverance in purchasing land and getting building materials despite opposition enabled the projects to be executed. The crowning glory of his superintendence in Central China was the hospital, theological college and other institutions he initiated in Nanjing which were expanded by succeeding missionaries to become the University of Nanjing. The hospital opened in 1886.

Experienced physicians and sufficient funds were needed to open dispensaries, hospitals and schools, and then a press to awaken and enlighten the people, to let them know that for them China was a land worthy of their greatest efforts! Dr. Hart, while on furlough in Canada (1896-97) toured churches pleading for money for printing presses, essential for evangelism as much of the literature was destroyed by shipping accidents in the Yangtze Gorges. Collecting enough funds he was able to buy and take with him two presses, and purchased Chinese type in Shanghai. These were the first to be used by a mission in China west of Hankou. Dr. Hart had great faith that the work of the press could spread God's word everywhere. This presswork grew to millions of pages produced in four or five languages with a staff of over sixty. The West China Missionary News was published for many decades by the Mission Press in Chengdu, one of the most enduring magazines sponsored by Western missionaries.

During the Boxer movement of 1900 the missionaries in Chengdu and Leshan were forced to leave under military escort to the coast. In poor health Virgil and his wife returned to their beloved farm in Canada.

I trust he believed Philippians 1:6: "he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion" Rev. Dr. V.C. Hart died in 1904 at the age of 64, his wife following in 1915.

Hart College commemorated the contributions of Dr. Virgil Hart and Mr. Jarius Hart of Halifax, NS which later became the West China Union University in 1910.

## **The Library**

Bob Kilborn has agreed to be the contact for any printed material requested. The following is what he has indicated to be available:

**Old Photo Show:** 2008 opening of first exhibit. Pamphlet and DVD of experiences and pictures by Mish Kids who attended. Free

**60<sup>th</sup> CS Anniversary:** as celebrated in 1969. Reunion speeches and program. Free

**West China Union University,** by Lewis C. Walmsley. Photocopy of the book. \$15 + postage. This is the complete book in photocopy format. Cost covers printing and loose leaf binding.

**The Canadian School in West China:** (the Red Book) 2 donated copies, cost of postage required

**Wood Block Prints:** by Beatrice Kitchen. A collection of her prints which she created. Loose leaf binder and CD. \$25.00 + postage

**Canadian School 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** CD with script. \$8.00 plus postage

**Book Requests:** There is currently a request for a copy of "Granary of Heaven, by George Hartwell. If anyone has a copy to donate/sell, let the editor know. Also, if anyone else has books they wish to donate/sell, contact the editor. A list will be compiled and published in next newsletter.

## **The Mish Kids Club:** a "who's who" of CS Alumni

Doris (Hibbard) Rundle, Muriel (Kitchen) Tonge, Gwen (Kitchen) Heatherington, Beth (Lutley) Leach, Malcolm Reed, Dorothea (Hoffman) Smale, Dave Spooner, Marion (Walmsley) Walker, Betty Bridgeman, Steve Endicott, Neil Bell, Bob (Killy) Kilborn, Newton Reed, Phyllis (Allen) Donaghy, Marion (Allen) Reilly, Dora Stinson, Maurice Stinson, Kay (Veals) Wray, Peter and Eric Webster, Diana Maver, Olav Kitchen. Joan(Rackam) Good, Noreen (Anderson) Nolan

**Please forgive if some names have been forgotten!**

**I'm in training!**

## In Memorium

*“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”*

### **Obituary for Dr. Bill Arnup**



ARNUP, Dr. William Bruce (Bill) – Peacefully, on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay, Ontario in his 90th year. Doctor of medicine for over 40 years, including time as a medical missionary in China. He was a man of unwavering faith, unafraid, and clear in purpose. He had a pioneering spirit with an abiding love of nature, and was a true sportsman. Predeceased by his first wife Barbara Anne (nee McGonegal) (1987), his daughter Patricia Anne, and four brothers. Beloved husband of Barbara Rowsell-Arnup. Cherished father of Ian, Donna McMullen (Rob Littlejohn) and Rob, and stepfather of Brian Rowsell (Patty), Jim Rowsell (Karen) and Jane O’Brien (Stewart). Proud grandfather of Joe, Will, Valerie, Bill, Corrie, Karen, Scott, Jessica, Lisa, Kristi, Kevin and Lynn. Great grandfather of six. Loving brother of Mary and Ruth. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be at the Mackey Funeral Home, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay (705.328.2721) on Friday from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday April 2nd at the Cambridge Street United Church, 61 Cambridge Street North, Lindsay from 10:30 a.m. until time of Memorial Service at 11:30 a.m. Memorial donations to the Cambridge Street United Church, or the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

### **ELINOR KELLY-**

Born in Sichuan, China, October 1914, died April 16, 2015 in Toronto. Daughter of Dr. C.B. Kelly and Mrs. Kelly, Canadian Missionaries to Sichuan, China from 1912-1927. Predeceased by siblings Charlie (2004)

and Ricky (1968) Beloved aunt of Maggie and Ted, Nora and Audley, Fred and Marion, Peter and Marg, Tom and Susan and John and Margaret. Graduate of Victoria University. For many years a children's librarian with the Toronto Public Library. Long time resident of Port Hope, where she was deeply involved in community life. Elinor will be remembered as a world traveller, cottager extraordinaire, conversationalist and avid reader. No funeral or visitation.

### **Vivian (Anderson) Wilson**



WILSON, Vivian – passed away peacefully in Ottawa on Tuesday, January 6, 2014 at the age of 89 years.

Vivian May Wilson (nee Anderson) wife of the late Ronald Wilson. Mother of Geraldine Morrison (Larry), Princeton ON; Christopher Wilson (Carolyne), Ottawa; Michael Wilson (Joan), Kingston; Patricia Brown (Gerry), Ottawa; and Angela Robichaud (Gerald), Meteghan River NS. Beloved grandmother to 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Sister of Noreen Nolan (late Wilfred), Toronto. Predeceased by her parents Roy and Jennie Anderson (nee Cole), sister Jean Chittick and brothers George and Ryerson Anderson. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Born in Shanghai, China to missionary parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Anderson, Vivian spent her first 10 years nourished by the United Church mission community of West China. Her formative years were in Toronto, where she met her husband Ron and had

five children. After moving to Petawawa, ON in the mid '70s, Vivian remained devoted to her children and grandchildren, and was very active in her Church, especially in the choir. She attended the Women's Group and Bible study class, and never missed an opportunity to donate her time and talents to Church fundraisers. She will be laid to rest with her husband, Ronald, at the Ramsayville Cemetery in south Ottawa at a future date.

**Mary Irene Patricia Jolliffe C.M**

*November 11, 1923 – October 29, 2014*



*Following a tempestuous struggle with Alzheimer's*, Mary passed away at Kipling Acres Long Term Care Home, Rexdale, Ontario. She is predeceased by her parents, Reverend Richard Orlando and Lena Matilda as well as her 5 elder siblings, John, Alice, Charles, Grace and William. Mary was born and raised by her missionary parents in and around Chengdu, China. Eventually, she returned to Canada and graduated from the University of Toronto with a teaching degree in English and History. In 1953 she joined the Stratford Festival, Ontario to become the first theatrical press agent and arts publicist in Canada. She parlayed this initial experience into a lifelong career, heading the communications responsibilities for many of the largest cultural institutions in North America such as, the Metropolitan Opera NY, the National Arts Centre Ottawa and the National Ballet of Canada. In recognition of her outstanding contribution to our theatre arts industry, Mary was awarded the Order of Canada in 1985 and the Silver Ticket Award in 1988. The fact she was a Founding Member of PAL (Performing Arts Lodge) and one of its first tenants, Mary succeeded in staying close to the community she so enjoyed for most of her remaining years. In accordance with her wishes, Mary was cremated. A memorial service will be held at the Performance Arts Lodge (Green Room), 100 The Esplanade, Toronto M5E 1X9 on Tuesday, November 18, from 2 to 4 p.m.

**Memories Continue: Please send us your stories and memories to publish!**

Canadian School Memories brought to my mind by rereading letters that I had sent from school when I was 12, to my parents and that they had saved. Newton Reed

One letter, Number 18 to my Father, dated spring - 1936 states the following:

"On Monday, the Canadian School football (soccer) team will play against the Goucher School. I am on the team. This is the arrangement.

Forwards: left to right: Donald Willmott, Robert Kilbourn, Edward Fritzsimmmons, Glenn Walmsley.  
Newton Reed

Half Line: left to right: Christian Matheson, Donn Willmott, Howard Plewman,

Fullbacks: J. Sven Lillijestrand and Neil Bell

Goal: Bill Gentry

Howard Plewman, and Billy Gentry, and Edward Fritzsimmmons are our best players.

A letter, Number 19, undated

We had a football match against Goucher School, The score was 2 to 1 loss.

A letter, Number 21, undated

The game was 6 - 0 (the letters C.S. are written in over G, so I presume the Canadian School lost.)

On Monday, we will play again. Rice Anderson is the centre half, not Donald Willmott.

A memory, the Canadian School played two other games with the Goucher School. I remember a 2 to 1 loss and a 0 - 0 tie.

Other memories about soccer at the Canadian School:

When the Canadian School boys played the West China University team, I was the only Public student playing. My opposite number was a tall six-foot Lolo tribesman.

Another memory, I played left winger and Omar Walmsley played right wing.

Another memory, John Wilford, and all three Best boys joined with the team in practices, so did Florence Allen, but did not play in the games.

In my memory, we wore running shoes, home-made white socks, either, white T-shirts and shorts brought from Canada for Canadian School athletics or Chinese bought white T-shirts.

Does anyone else remember those days?

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