

Retirement will not bore Evelyn Giles

MISS. N. JULY 10/68 TOWN OF MISSISSAUGA PUBLIC LIBRARY

By GLADYS GOLDING
Miss Evelyn Giles of Wanita rd., Port Credit, was honored by friends and associates upon retirement from teaching after 30 years of devotion to education and community activity.

Last spring she received the Centennial medal, much to her surprise and delight. Thirty teachers with whom she taught over the years attended a party arranged by Miss Isabel Bell at the home of Mrs. Shirley Hare, Wanita rd. She was presented a hand-tooled leather bag bearing her initials and containing a gift of money.

Miss Giles received a china figurine at the annual meeting of South Peel unit of the Federation of Women Teachers of Ontario held at Hawthorne Valley Country Club.

The Educators' Association, formerly Teachers' Council, presented her with a handsome silver brooch.

MORE AWARDS

She was presented with an inscribed silver tray at a luncheon held by Mississauga Board of Education for all retiring teachers at the Oneida Club. Five years earlier they gave her a set of luggage when she became a member of the Twenty-Five-year Club.

Associates at the Library Resource Centre held a farewell party and presented her with a corsage and English china floral arrangement.

Experienced as a teacher before coming to the area, Miss Giles taught 30 years in five South Peel Elementary schools at Lakeview Park, Lakeview Beach, Lyndwood, Lakeview Central and Silverthorne.

UNEDUCABLE?

While she was teaching special classes at Lakeview Beach during 1954 and 1955, several parents of children deemed un-

educable requested their children be allowed to attend these special classes. It was as first secretary of the new South Peel Association for Retarded Children that she wrote to welfare organizations, churches and industries to ask for support to get such classes started.

As a result, special classes were started in the basement of Cooksville Public School, developing into Red Oaks School, so well-known today.

Miss Giles became active in Home and School Associations in order to promote better under-

standing between parents and staff. In spite of her other duties, she served as program convenor for two years.

AMALGAMATE

She bought her home on Wanita rd. in 1950 and it was always open for meetings of the various committees on which she served at the time of amalgamation of school boards to form South Peel Board of Education. They presented her with a set of dishes and gift of money in appreciation, which she promptly put down towards a camera, starting her on what turned out to be an absorbing hobby.

She worked for several years on the salary committee and was president

of South Peel Unit of Federation of Women Teachers for two years when an annual party was arranged for the first time and subsequently held annually as a get-together for all teachers in the area.

CHARITY WORK

During her term as president of Teacher's Council, room 415 in the south-east wing of the hospital was furnished at a cost of \$1,500 by elementary school teachers.

Miss Giles attended the annual Curriculum Development Conference in Detroit in 1951 on behalf of the Women's Federation of Women Teachers of Ontario. As a result, wheels were set in motion to form the Ontario Association of Curriculum Development now held annually.

Miss Giles is a charter member of the Canadian Sunshine Club, started in 1947 to serve shut-ins and encourage them to become independent and self-supporting. She is a charter member and past matron of Orchid Chapter, OES, Brampton. She is also an active member of St. Margaret's Guild of Trinity Anglican Church.

HOBBIES

She has many hobbies and will have no trouble keeping busy in retirement. She loves to garden and travel. She has crossed Canada three times in the past 10 years



and Europe and the British Isles once.

She has two other hobbies. She grows exquisite African violets and bakes delicious homemade bread and rolls. When the wonderful aroma of freshly-baking bread wafts over the neighborhood, her friends and neighbors know that someone is in for a treat.

Miss Giles takes pride in the fact that many of her former pupils have gone on to great success in life. This year one of them won a place in the top 10 students of the area.

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