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McCarthy House

at 45 Walmer Road

By Sam Lister

It was the 1950s and Carolyn Gossett was a young

young girl living at 45 Walmer Road, but know

picked her up after work and said, "Oh my God, this

Many of us are so overwhelmed by the Institute's

that 45 Walmer was "someone's grandfather's house."

That grandfather was Leighton Goldie McCarthy. He

ing council, as well as being the second Canadian

ambassador to the United States in Washington and a

teacher at the Institute of Child Study. She loved the

the residence to the University of Toronto, and the following year it became home to the Institute of

Child Study.

visiting her grandparents' home every Sunday after



noon. Her mother and grandmother would have tea in the sunroom with the curved windows, which is now the grade one classroom. While she strongly endorses the house's present use as ICS, she must admit it is a bit hard to see it all cut up. It was a very special place."

So there was wine, a cook, and a chauffeur. All very exotic to my son Charley, currently an ICS student. Two years ago, his Grade 2 class was inspired by the stories of stories of the house so much so that it is tradition the research mission became part of the curriculum. The three-story "dumb-waiter" that still brings a smile to granddaughter Elizabeth Bell has become legendary in his class. "Now that's cool," he says.

With mom and grandmother occupied over tea, the grandchildren celebrated the house's architectural details as only children did love. She remembers

But despite pulling out all the stops and using every

buried in the wall beside what is now Principal Elizabeth Morley's office

to keep up with the needs of its 200 young lab school

it was two big shelves that carried a huge laundry basket. There were no automatic laundry machines

Last summer the McCarthy grandchildren now in their 60s and older, came together to make a major gift towards the renovation of the former family home.

other would take the basket out and we'd get in the use to hoist yourself up."

Leighton Elaine McCarthy House will have a name

I was a student at ICS in the 1970s and I can tell you that the same charms Elizabeth Bell loved are not lost on the kids who go there. Even at age ten I knew how



special it was to have a classroom with a mezzide. (At last count, the house has eight.) I knew something creative was in when we were encouraged to set up our own private in our room. I loved the house's ivy branch niche was an ever-sized door beside the stairs in the main grand staircase. In Grade 2, I could get to it by squeezing through the spindles; by Grade 4, I had to hop the handrail.

Leighton McCarthy (left) with President Roosevelt

What I didn't know was that the art room where Dorothy Medhurst covered my body in plaster of Paris had been built as a wine cellar. The music room (now the grade 2 classroom) where I first learned

plaque displayed on the front pillar of 45 Walmer Road. "I am wistful that it could still be as grand as it used to be. But we'll hold it in high regard."

Where Are They Now?

THE CLASS OF 86 - TWENTY YEARS LATER

Over the years, this class became a very close-knit group. They bonded over their collective love for snow

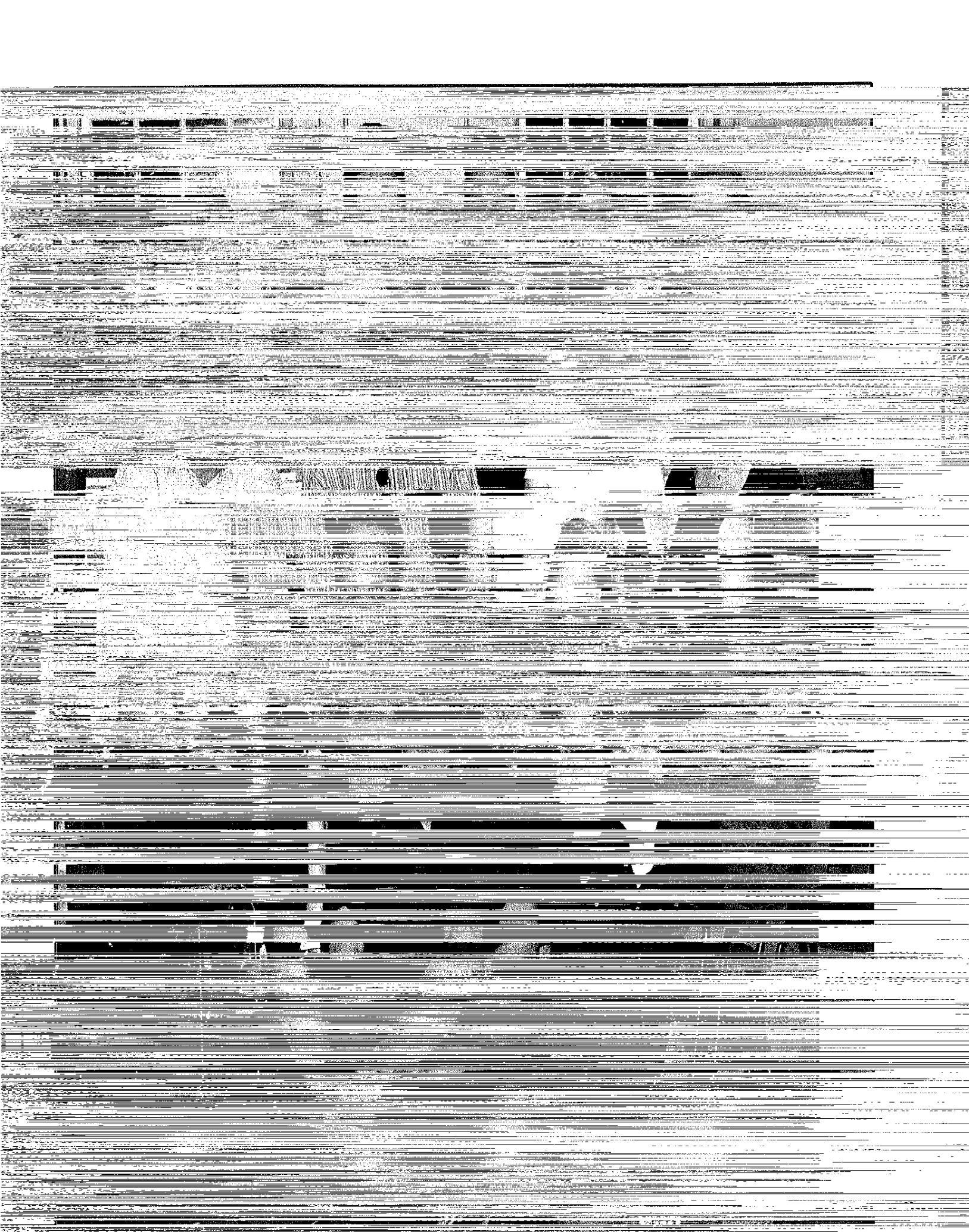
recess soccer, long Christmas tree paper chains, and the incomparable Duran Duran. Today, they live near and far across the globe. The people whom we were able to contact were more than eager to provide information and very curious about former classmates. Information collected by Jonathan Ruby, 86 class representative.

Meredith Stretton, Jamie

James Cambell... Please forward any contact information to us.

Meghan Cole... Nova Scotia and Toronto, Ont., film costume designer, dog lover.

Daniel Drost... Ottawa, Ont., environmental consultant (contaminated site remediation).



...the age at which children can receive others.

According to Lee, children are capable of telling

the child can successfully be using his race, and by six or seven that ability extends to verbal statements

As a direct result of this work, the Canadian courts beneficial to child witnesses.

At ICS, he has spent much of his first year learning the ropes. "ICS has a lot of accomplishments but the

and in China, he fears that the balance may have

structured lives of privileged children today, especially in comparison to his own carefree youth. "Look at us. No exams and somehow we learned!" An inquiring mind is preferable to a mind stuffed with facts

ABBY HOFFMAN AN ICS FRONT RUNNER

Abby Hoffman, who graduated from ICS in 1988, was inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in 2004. She was in four Olympics from



Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in 2004. She was in four Olympics from

director of Sport Canada (1981-91), and lives in Ottawa. The following reminiscence is by former ICS teacher, Carolyn (Selvide) Gagnon (1954-60)



managed to secure a major sponsorship through her



the new home of the progress on the ice. She had two brothers (Don and



Institute of Child Study. sensible than to get a boy's hair cut? It was this hair-



the growth of the former



McCarthy residence of a boys' hockey team. There are several versions of



black asphalt surface

the magnificent one to pull the wool over the hockey establishment's

Nursery School children. The ideal place for excess energy to be burned off by skipping, or hopscotch or games of tag ("You're it! No I'm not Yes you

ended the identical effect.

are... I got you! (Nai, nai, nyai nai) along with the

course, by a good measure of amber and honey

Gold at the 2006

