

# Ontario Schools Helped By Taxes

Americans are debating the question of Federal assistance for private and parochial schools as part of massive U.S. help to education. The following article is the fourth of a series describing how religious schools fare in Canada.

By J. F. Williams

Ottawa, Ont.—(NC)—Catholic elementary schools in Ontario are part of the public education system and get help from taxes.

This assistance places Ontario, whose six million resi-

dents make it the most populous province, among the eight of Canada's ten provinces which aid religious schools.

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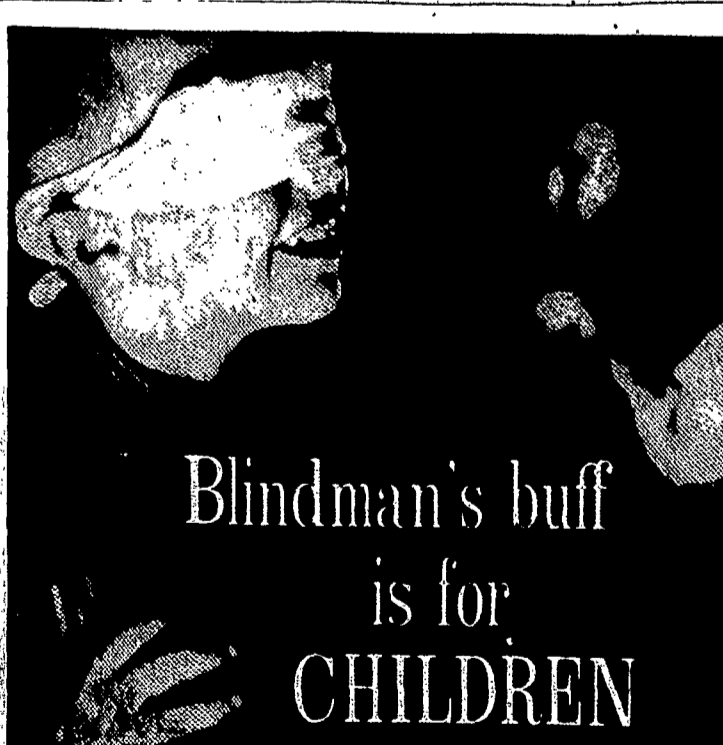
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homeowners and tenants choose to do this when they find that the tax rate for the "separate" schools is higher than the "public" school rate.

Still another distinction is this. Protestant fathers are not permitted to switch their taxes from "public" to "separate" schools.

Catholic schools feel the impact of this law in the cases of mixed marriages where children of a Protestant father attend a Catholic school. Even if the father wished, he could not direct his educational taxes to their school.

IN REGARD TO distribution of Motor Corporation taxes, the Ford Motor Company in Windsor, Ont., several years ago attempted to make a stated annual contribution to the separate of school board in Windsor. The amount was said to reflect at least a minimum of the interests of Catholic stockholders.

However, the public school authorities objected. They appealed the Ford plan to the Privy Council in London, then Canada's highest court of appeals, and were successful in having such a contribution declared invalid.

The final source of funds for schools is from the provincial government itself. These are granted to schools on a formula designed to give larger amounts of funds to schools which have less income.

One of the provincial aids is a flat per-pupil grant that is restricted to being used to reduce the tax rate set for the year and cannot be applied to teachers' salaries or other purposes.

All department regulations are applicable to both types of schools. Religious instruction in Catholic schools is generally given in a half-hour course at the beginning of the day. All the holy days are observed.

## Germans Open 3rd Year In Drive To Aid Poor

Cologne—(RNS)—The West German Catholic hierarchy inaugurated the third year of its campaign "against hunger and sickness throughout the world" with a joint pastoral letter expressing joy over the fact that "our whole people, state and economy are recognizing at an ever growing rate the obligations for the distressed peoples."

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## New Officers Named

NOTRE DAME Women's Organization has named from left, Mrs. Joseph Kenney, secretary; Mrs. John Casey, president; and Mrs. Vincent Dollard, treasurer. They will take office in June along with Mrs. Augustus Falcone, vice president; Mrs. William Reeves, program chairman, and Mrs. Ernest Hanna, publicity.

## Cardinal Forms Housing Board

New York — (RNS)—Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, has established a Committee on Housing and Urban Renewal to coordinate archdiocesan activities in those fields.

ANNOUNCEMENT from the archdiocese's information offices here said the purpose of the committee is to provide a central agency for the work of individual pastors and archdiocesan organizations, such as the Building Commission, the School Board, and Catholic Charities with the various municipal programs for slum clearance, neighborhood conservation and urban renewal.

Archdiocesan spokesmen said this coordination will be accomplished by the newly-formed committee providing a central information source on urban renewal, by projected educational programs, and by its working closely with non-denominational civic groups.

Auxiliary Bishop John J. Maguire, archdiocesan vicar general, has been named committee chairman. Father Harry J. Byrne has been appointed its executive secretary.

## Charles Morgan Requiem Held At Holy Cross

Funeral Mass for Charles Edward Morgan, active in Catholic lay organizations and president of Morgan Jewelers, 16 Main St. East was offered in Holy Cross Church, Wednesday, May 10.

Mr. Morgan, 59, of 3642 Lake Ave., a jeweler for 40 years in the Four Corners area, died Sunday, May 7, 1961, while taking leaves at his summer home, 217 Beach Ave.

Celebrant was Rev. Robert H. Fennessy assisted by Rev. John F. Duffy, Deacon, and the Rev. Walter F. Cushing, Subdeacon.

In attendance were Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George W. Ekl and the Rev. William Jamison, CSSR.

MR. MORGAN, a native of Medina, was in business in Main Street many years. Before establishing his own store, he worked for Small's, Inc., a jewelry store at 28 Main St. E.

His wife, Madeline, is vice president of Morgan Jewelers.

Besides his widow, he is survived by a son, Daniel J., two brothers, Donald J. and Bertram, a sister, Mrs. John McCool, and his stepfather, Hardie Foster of Buffalo.

Mr. Morgan was a member of the Knights of Hibernians, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of St. John, Notre Dame Retreat League, Neotomian Adoration Society, Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery where the blessing was given by Father Fennessy assisted by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Grady, the Rev. Francis Donoghue and Father Jamison. Arrangements by D. Bernard O'Brien funeral home.

Raleigh, N.C.—(NC)—John W. Winters is the first Negro elected as a member of the City Council here. Mr. Winters, a Catholic, was one of three councilmen elected.

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