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**BANTING MEMORIAL
HIGH SCHOOL**

OFFICIAL OPENING

**MONDAY, APRIL SECOND
NINETEEN FIFTY-ONE**





SIR FREDERICK GRANT BANTING

Frederick Banting, the youngest of the five children of William Thompson and Margaret Grant Banting, was born November 14th, 1891, at the farm homestead in Alliston which is now occupied by his brother Thompson Banting. His boyhood was similar to that of many Alliston boys today — farm chores, school work, sports, church on Sunday, parents who were kind and firm. His daily walks to and from the school in the village often included a trip of exploration along the banks of the river, a place beloved by all Alliston boys now as then. He had a lively imaginative curiosity about birds, animals, and Indian relics, which is natural to most boys, but a city child has less opportunity to put his roots down to these fundamental sources of knowledge and strength.

At school Fred was never a brilliant student, but he worked hard. His cousin, Dr. Fred Hipwell, remembered him in these words: "He was an average steady, industrious boy. He was popular, all admired his sincerity and rugged honesty." Thus in his youth he laid a sturdy foundation of character and knowledge which was a valuable basis for his college education in his chosen field of medicine.

Immediately upon his graduation from the Toronto School of Medicine, at the end of 1916, he went overseas with the Canadian Army Medical Corps. While he was working at the battlefield he received a serious wound in his arm, and was ordered to go back to the Field Hospital; but seeing the terrible need for his services all around him, he stayed on the job for another twelve hours. A bad haemorrhage nearly cost him his life. As a result of this devotion to duty he was awarded the Military Cross.

After the war, while he was an instructor in orthopedic surgery and physiology at the University in London, Ontario, he became inspired with an idea for treating diabetes through the production of an extract from the pancreatic gland. The story of his research from that point on, is one of dogged persistence in the face of opposition, discouragements, and difficulties which would have made a fellow with less strength of character give up. It was not easy to work through the hot summer weeks in Toronto, getting along with three or four hours sleep a night, eating irregularly and sparsely in order to save money to buy and feed dogs which were necessary for his experiments; and all for a dream which he had been told was impossible.

We know the marvelous result—insulin! Today there are thousands of families all over the world, who, but for the miracle of insulin, would have lost a father, or a mother or a beloved child. What this has meant to the happiness of mankind cannot be evaluated in terms of money or academic laurels. Yet it was a source of pride to Frederick Banting's friends in Alliston, and indeed to all Canadians, that so many honors were heaped upon him. In addition to many medals, and degrees, he was knighted by the King, and awarded the Nobel Prize. He promptly shared the prize money with Dr. Best, who had been his loyal assistant in his experiments. The creation of the Banting Research Foundation gave him his greatest satisfaction, for with so many diseases, such as cancer, still to be conquered, he wanted Canadian medical graduates to have every opportunity for research.

Alliston remained his home, and he loved to visit his mother. He wrote to her every week, no matter how busy he was.

In spite of demands on his time, as a lecturer and consultant, which took him all over the world, he continued to devote himself to medical research in several fields. His work on the prevention of silicosis was especially successful. When war broke out in 1939 he enlisted and contributed his skill to several problems confronting the army and airforce. His work entailed trips to and from England, and on February 24th, 1941, the tragic news was flashed around the world that Sir Frederick Banting had been killed in an airplane crash.

He gave his life in the service of his country, as he had so nearly done in 1918. Were he still living he would be in the prime of his life and no doubt he would be present for the opening of this new high school which is honored by his name. Perhaps he would repeat something he said years ago: "You can do anything that you wish in this world if you are prepared to make the sacrifices, think and work hard enough and long enough." He would probably add however, that you cannot get to first base without an education. It would please him to know that the boys and girls of this district have such an excellent school, and that it bears his name.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



For the great privilege of service which you have given us since the Alliston District High School Board was formed, we wish to say a sincere thank you.

It was common knowledge that education would have to improve in order that rural pupils should have the same opportunities and advantages as those of urban centres, so for the first time in this district you have a High School administered by a board appointed by the various municipalities. Ours was no small task.

When we built this school, named after Sir Frederick Banting, we laid plans for the future. Is there anything we can do that will be one-half as effective as widening the opportunities for boys and girls, "the voters of tomorrow," to make the most of their early years of vocational training, cultural education and character formation? We believe our school is so designed to be pleasing, yet effective to enable them to adapt themselves to the life they will live as adults.

You and I have obligations as citizens in a democracy to give courageous and continuous leadership in our local communities as regards matters which affect the public welfare. We have an obligation to rural youth, previously unfulfilled, so we have given the boys and girls the opportunity to gain knowledge in the particular channel of their choice. The classes in Home Economics, Commercial, Shop Work, Physical Training, Agriculture and Music are of special interest to all the pupils.

I would like to express the thanks of the entire board to all the Municipal Councils for helping to make this effort a success. With their co-operation we have been able to present, to them and their rate-payers, a school they will be justly proud of and one they will call their own, and their children will be proud to say they attended Banting Memorial High School.

The officials in the Department of Education have been very courteous, and on many occasions, gave of their time and advice when it was most needed and we feel very much indebted to them.

Mr. G. Adamson, the architect, was most pleasing to work with. The design of the building and the workmanship are both to be commended.

With high visions of what we would like to attain for our youth and for the generations that are to follow, let us work together to give them that kind of education and social life that will cause them who come after us to say "They planned wisely and built well."

D. K. HARVEY



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



It is indeed an honour and a privilege to welcome you to this fine new building on behalf of the staff and students of the Banting Memorial High School. Now you will have the opportunity to view the splendid accommodation of which we are all so justly proud.

It has been a pleasant duty for us to select new school colours, crest and motto, this last being "Quaecumque Optima", or "Whatsoever Things Are Best". You will see for yourselves that the Alliston District High School Board and the ratepayers whom they represent have spared no pains or expense to provide us with a building and equipment which may be accurately described as "Whatsoever Things Are Best".

We of the staff and student body have before us as an academic and a social goal a similar aspiration to the finer things in life, and it is our earnest hope that we may prove worthy of this investment on our behalf. A wide choice of options is being offered to the young folk in this school, and no longer is it necessary for our students to travel to larger centres for instruction in Commercial Work, General Shop, Home Economics, Agriculture, and Instrumental and Vocal Music. We are sparing no effort in providing a wide programme of academic, cultural and vocational training for the young people of our High School District.

Our aim is to develop in the hearts of our pupils a love for "Whatsoever Things Are Best", and surely it is not too much to hope that some of the graduates of this school may contribute to the welfare of their country and of mankind in a manner comparable to the great achievements of Sir Frederick Banting.

BRUCE J. McCAUSLAND, B.A.



BANTING MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

Left to right, back row: W. E. Stafford B. A.; H. H. Pearson, B. A.; A. C. E. McKinlay, Mus. B.; R. T. Hayes, B. S. A.; C. A. Stewart, B. A.

Centre row: D. F. Gardner, B. A.; Mrs. M. Chopin, B. A.; E. D. Jones, B. A.; B. D.; Miss D. M. McKay, B. A.; W. K. Bunner, B. S. A.

Front row: Secretary Mrs. J. F. Rose, B. A.; Miss J. E. Selkirk, B. Sc. in H. Ed.; Miss M. Banbrook, B. A.; Principal B. J. McCausland, B. A.; Mrs. M. Coulter, B. A.; Miss R. Thomas, B. A.; Miss E. Davidson, B. A.



Mrs. R. Williams, B. A.



Mrs. I. McKelvey

PROGR

O CANADA

Led by the Banting Memorial High School Choir

ONE WORLD

—O'Hara Bratton

BREAK FORTH O BEAUTEOUS HEAVENLY LIGHT

—J. S. Bach

Banting Memorial High School Choir

Directed by Mrs. Ida M. McKelvey, Accompanied by Jack Reynolds

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Mayor William Hunter, Alliston

GREETINGS FROM SIMCOE COUNTY

Warden George H. Shepherd, Creemore

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Chairman D. K. Harvey, Cookstown

INSTRUMENTAL SELECTIONS

Banting Memorial High School 10B Strings Class

Directed by Alan C. E. McKinlay, Mus. Bac.

ADDRESS BY PRINCIPAL

Principal B. J. McCausland, B. A.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Hon. W. Earl Rowe, M. P.

GUEST SPEAKER

The Hon. Dana Porter, K. C., Minister of Education and Attorney General
who will officially open the school

DEDICATION OF THE SCHOOL

Rev. A. W. Downer, M. L. A.

AMME

PRESENTATION OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Rev. John V. Mills, Executive Secretary
Public School Trustees Association

GREETINGS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Mr. W. R. Stewart, B. A., Inspector of High Schools, Province of Ontario

PRESENTATION OF THE SCHOOL CREST AND AWARD TO DESIGNER,

Lady Banting, Toronto

John Arnold, Cookstown

PRESENTATION OF FLAG

Donated by the Tottenham Branch of the Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L.

Col. G. M. Fitzgerald, President, Ontario Provincial Command

THE CONTRACTOR

Mr. G. C. Bennett, Weston

PRESENTATION OF KEY OF BANTING MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Gordon S. Adamson, B. Arch.

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER GUESTS

Mr. D. K. Harvey, Chairman

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF MEMBERS

And Instructions for Tours of Inspection

Mr. B. J. McCausland, B. A., Principal

INSTRUMENTAL SELECTIONS

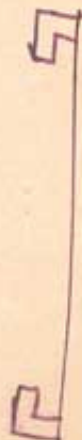
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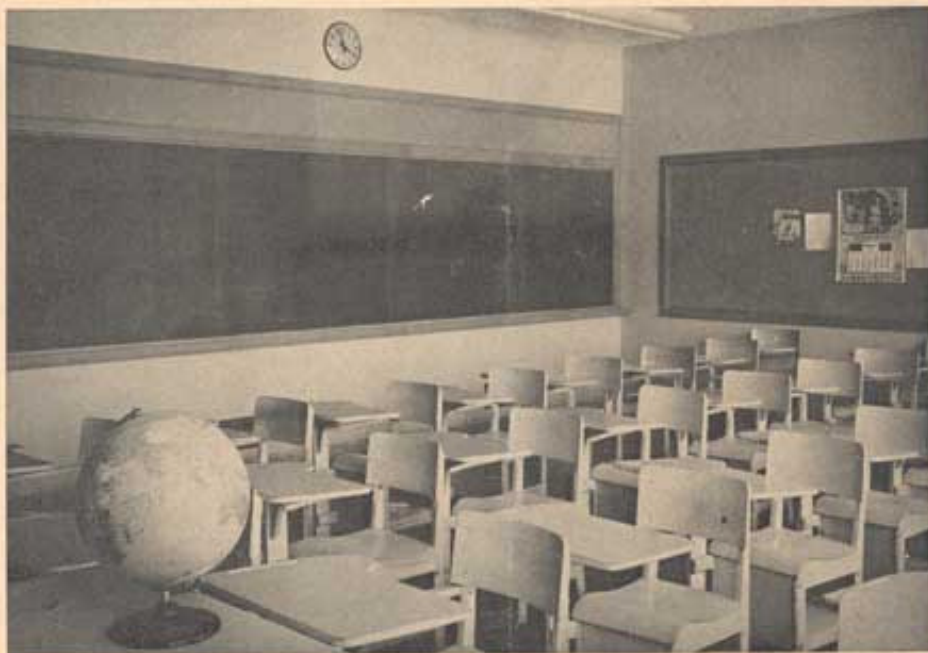
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GOD SAVE THE KING

Banting Memorial High School 11B Wind Class

TOUR OF INSPECTION





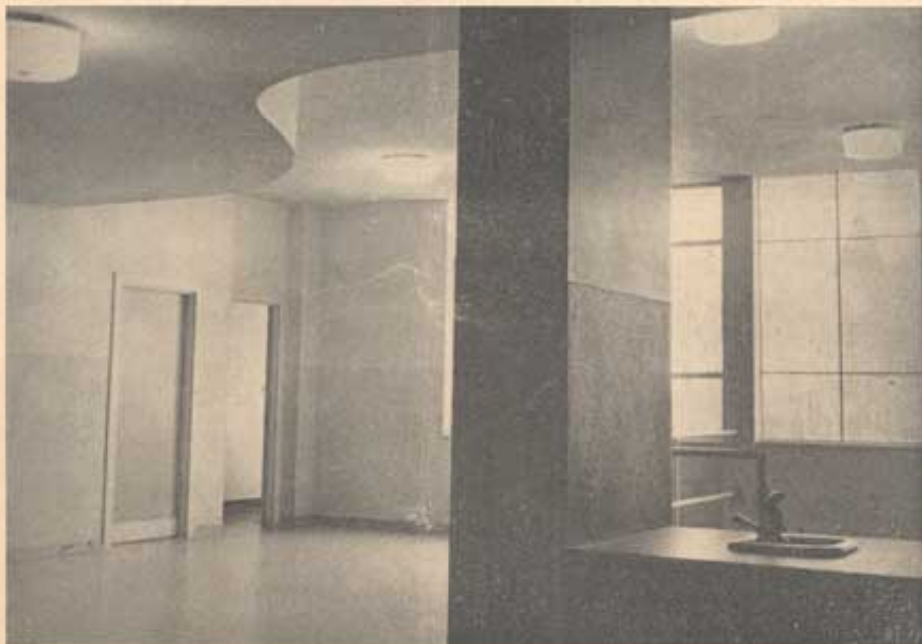
STANDARD CLASSROOM



G. S. Adamson, Architect



MURAL IN LOWER FOYER
Artist, Wibald Pryess



UPPER FOYER



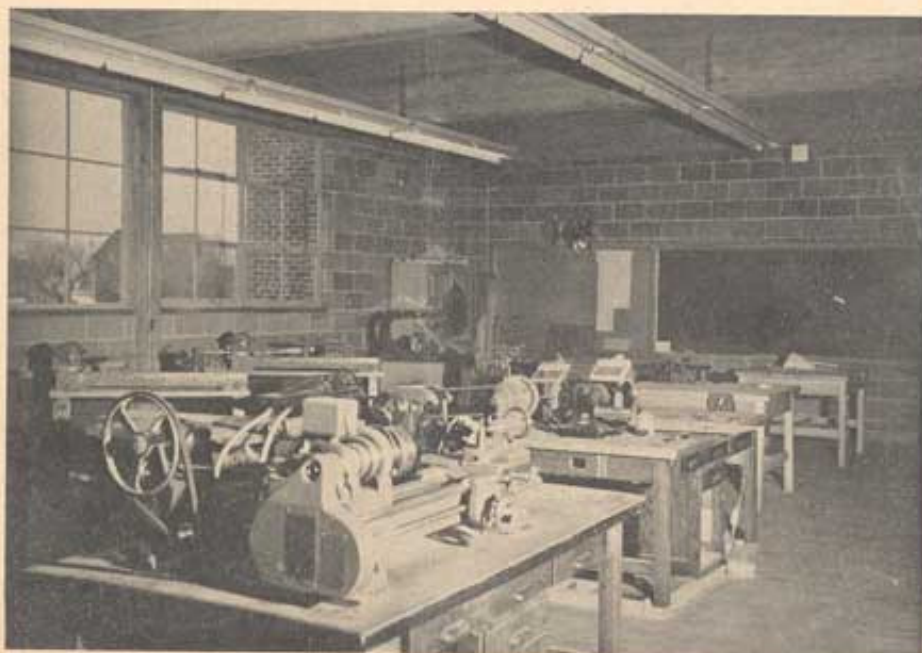
CAFETERIA. The canary-yellow walls are subdued by dark green and blue tones in the drapes, which also serve to convert the room for projection purposes.



HOME ECONOMICS ROOM. An enchanting "Home" where girls learn the finer arts of housekeeping in living-room, dining-room, bedroom, laundry and three kitchens. The flame red walls of the kitchen blend into soft peach in the dining-room and living-room. Forest-green sectional chairs and Chinese-gold curtains highlight the soft birch-finished tables, chairs and cupboards.



LIBRARY with its colour blend of russet walls, natural woods and soft browns provides a quiet atmosphere for study or reading.



GENERAL SHOP features a ten-foot overhead door, and extensive equipment for instruction in fundamentals of machines, sheet metal work, drafting and woodwork. Pictured are the two metal working lathes, and 10" circular saw, grinder, hand saw, two wood turning lathes and j g saw. This shop has part concrete and part hardwood floors, while the walls are composed of sound-proof haydite blocks.



GYMNASIUM—AUDITORIUM



MUSIC ROOM — Six classes assemble here for the full music option of four periods weekly. Each class is a complete band or string orchestra in itself, and is arranged in a semi-circle as professional orchestras are.



AGRICULTURE and AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE LABORATORY



COMMERCIAL ROOM. Here students receive business training fitting them for employment in commerce and industry. The classroom is equipped with 25 typewriters, a steel filing cabinet and 25 modern dual purpose desks.

ALLISTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Interest in the improvement of Secondary School facilities in this district led to the formation of a consultative Committee by the Simcoe County Council in 1946.

This committee proceeded to map out larger high school districts, large enough to warrant up-to-date schools offering courses in Commercial Work, Agriculture, Home Economics, and Shop, as well as the academic subjects usually taught in high schools.

At the 1947 January session of the Simcoe County Council the necessary by-laws were passed dissolving the High School District of the town of Alliston, and forming a High School District including the Town of Alliston, the Villages of Beeton and Tottenham, the Townships of Adjala, Tecumseth, and Tossorontio, two-thirds of the Township of Essa, and a portion of the Township of West Gwillimbury.

Each of the above, as well as the County of Simcoe, the Public School Area of the Township of Tecumseth, and the Separate School Section No. 10 of the Township of Adjala, appointed representatives to the new board, effective January 1, 1948.

At the first meeting Mr. D.K. Harvey was elected Chairman, and Mr. J.J.E. McCague was elected Vice-Chairman, positions which they have held to date.

A survey of the attendance at the elementary schools in the district showed that accommodations would be required for 420 pupils in high school. Since existing accommodations in the Alliston, Beeton, Cookstown and Tottenham High Schools would not be adequate, steps were taken to remedy the situation.

Just at this time, (January 1, 1949) a portion of the Township of Mulmur was added to the High School District.

Discussions with Department Officials took place; a suitable site was procured; an architect was appointed, and approval of the municipalities for the issuing of debentures obtained. Several months and numerous meetings later plans for the present building were approved on May 13, 1949. On August 22, 1949, the contract for the construction of the building was awarded to Bennett-Pratt Limited.

Soon operations began. The top soil was carefully removed and piled by itself. Excavations for the basement and footings got under way and the concrete was poured for the foundations. Day by day the building grew, with reinforced concrete pillars and beams supporting concrete slabs for the second story floor and roof. Cement blocks formed the walls, the outside clad with brick. On the concrete floors were laid mastic tile, linoleum, hardwood or terrazo. The classroom ceilings were sound-proofed with acoustic tile. The plaster walls were decorated as no other school has been. The drapes and furniture were chosen to blend into a decorative pattern intended to make this memorial to Sir Frederick Banting unique.

This sixteen room school, with numerous smaller rooms for offices, wash-rooms and store rooms, has been built to serve a district that is second to none; this is a school to which people of this district can point with pride and satisfaction; this is a school which should be a challenge to our boys and girls, a school which should produce men and women of a calibre even beyond that of the parents whose vision and determination made this Official Opening a reality rather than a dream.