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## East Kildonan School House

By LES. BODIE

Principal of Salisbury School in Morse Place, Mr. Mastin is himself a product of East Kildonan schools.

He was born on Bowman ave. in the spring of 1909, a year that I too selected as a most auspicious year in which to be born. After the usual six year waiting period he was admitted to Polson School and in due course, 1927 to be exact, graduated from the Collegiate, which was then in Prince Edward. In the intervening years he has never lost his enthusiasm for study and is at present working on his third year Arts.

Upon leaving school he joined the staff of the old Standard Bank of Canada, which later was absorbed by The Canadian Bank of Commerce. Two years in the field of finance did not impress him with its verdure; the prospect of spending the rest of his days counting someone else's money did not appeal, so without any regrets he returned to the halls of learning and enrolled in the Winnipeg Normal School.

Mr. Mastin's first appointment was at Lokowce School, Gardenton, Man., where he taught for two years. This was followed by five years at Herriott School near Glenella, Man., and one year at Kitchener School, North Kildonan.

The cycle was then complete, and in September, 1940, he re-entered East Kildonan Schools with an appointment at Salisbury under Principal D. Small. Mr. Mastin is now beginning his third year as principal, but for two years previous to that was acting principal during Mr. Small's absence in the forces.

Mr. Mastin admits of a kindly disposition towards Jack Benny, in that he too is fond of the violin and for some time played this instrument in an orchestra. He is married and resides at 292 Winterton ave.

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The Canadian Red Cross nationally has adopted as one of its peacetime projects a Swimming and Water Safety program. Its aim is briefly, to reduce the toll of deaths



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from drowning throughout Canada and to promote a healthful form of exercise and physical development. East Kildonan schools will participate in this training program. Approximately 100 students from the High School and Collegiate will swim one night a week under the supervision of Harold Kreewin, secretary-treasurer of East Kildonan School District, who is a qualified Red Cross swimming instructor.

