



## **JAMES A. MCNABB**

1905 – 1995

James A. McNabb was known as an inspirational leader with qualities of integrity and service. Beginning in 1956, he served as the first Principal of Burnhamthorpe Collegiate Institute. During his tenure as principal, the school was guided through a number of important changes and improvements. McNabb was appointed as Superintendent of Education and in that capacity he continued to contribute significantly to the educational system in Etobicoke.

After McNabb's retirement in 1971, he spent the rest of his life devoted to numerous community organizations. Between 1971 and 1983, McNabb was a driving force behind the Humber Valley Kiwanis Club; he was their top fundraiser for many years and initiated a much-needed dental program for young people. He was also co-founder of the Islington Kiwanis Club.

McNabb was Etobicoke's representative for over fifteen years on the Board of Management of the Kiwanis Music Festival for Ontario, a popular annual music scholarship and competition event.

Another organization that greatly benefited from McNabb's contributions was the Meals-on-Wheels Program, which serves elderly people who are not able to shop for food or cook for themselves. McNabb devoted in excess of twenty years to the program. During those years, he also provided transportation to children with physical challenges, ensuring their attendance at swim therapy sessions.

McNabb was a member of the Board of Directors of the Etobicoke Cancer Society for over two decades. He participated in the Society's annual Daffodil Day fundraising campaign, and recruited many new volunteers. Additionally, McNabb provided assistance and support for cancer patients, routinely driving them to and from treatment centre appointments.

*Inducted into the Etobicoke Hall of Fame in 1998*