

W. Stanley, CNIB Representative, Urges Support of Eye Bank at Legion Dinner

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, organized in 1918 following World War I, according to a United Nations survey stands second to none, remarked guest speaker Wesley Stanley, C.N.I.B. representative, as he addressed over 140 Acton Legion members during their annual dinner in the Legion auditorium on Saturday, January 17.

During the speaker's address to the gathering, he explained the origin of the C.N.I.B. and commended Col. Baker, World War I veteran who, after an injury caused by a sniper's bullet, resulted in the loss of his sight, and started the Institute.

Mr. Stanley pointed out that the charter for the organization was received in March, 1918. He told the assembled veterans there are 23,000 blind people in Canada in the organization today.

In Ontario there are 5,433, with Halton County having 47 and Acton and area, three Representatives of the Institute contact these at least once annually, the speaker noted.

During the explanation of the workings of the C.N.I.B., Mr. Stanley remarked there are 2,600 Braille books in the Institute library in Toronto, 4,000 moon books, 18,000 talking records and many

other magazines available to blind persons for education.

Many Opportunities

More opportunities are opening up for blind students to complete their education, Mr. Stanley reported.

The speaker stated that Bob Storey, a relative of the Storey family in the Acton area, who is blind, is now superintendent of the Newfoundland Division of the C.N.I.B.

Mr. Stanley commended the Halton Advisory Board for their splendid co-operation. He noted that Frank Thompson was president of the local board.

Explains Eye Bank

Mr. Stanley, blinded himself in an accident when only 10 years of age, told the audience of veterans, "We are keenly aware of the part played by the Canadian Legion in the establishment and support of the Canadian Eye Bank, established in 1956." The speaker reported the Eye Bank was a C.N.I.B. project with support from the eye specialists in Canada and the Toronto University.

The Institute representative pointed out that cornea transplants cannot be performed on all blind persons as only a small percentage can benefit from the operation.

Many Causes

"There are many causes of blindness with injuries being the main cause and only when the cornea is injured can transplants be performed," remarked Mr. Stanley.

The speaker explained that the C.N.I.B. neither bought or sold human eyes for transplants but stressed the whole program was strictly on a volunteer basis. Following the death of a donor, the eye is removed and shipped in a special container to the eye bank in Toronto where it is used on a blind person—a waiting list for a cornea transplant. "There is no religious or medical objection to people donating their eyes," reported Mr. Stanley.

20 Grafts Made

The speaker praised the Canadian Legion and Lions Clubs for their support in the eye bank campaign and reviewed the history of the campaign when he pointed out that in 1956, 35 eyes were removed and 20 cornea grafts took place.

In 1957, 125 eyes were received and 66 grafts performed, and in 1958, up to the end of November, 99 eye donations were given and 48 operations performed on the sightless.

"The demand for more eye grafts is increasing each year and there are many who could benefit from an operation if corneas were available," noted Mr. Stanley.

3,000 Pledges

In Ontario there have been 3,000 pledges from Legionnaires during 1958 up to the end of November, which represents 60 per cent of the donors, the veterans were informed.

In closing Mr. Stanley stated to his interested audience he hoped the campaign would increase. It was his opinion that more donations would be received as everyone was interested in humanity and their fellow citizens.

The speaker thanked the Legion for the good food and fellowship accorded him during the evening.

Head Table Guests

Introduced by past president Vic Patrick, head-table guests included Stan Hall, M.P.P. for Halton; Bruce Andrews, Guelph Legion track star and local high school student who holds the record for the Juvenile mile; Mayor W. H. Cook, C. Wright of Hamilton; Les Clarke, Georgetown, Zone Commander Canadian Legion 10-7; George Musselle, installation officer; G. McCutcheon, Branch 197 secretary; Herb Woods, Ab Irwin, Vic Patrick and Mr. Stanley Fire Chief Jack Newton was introduced also as an honored guest.

Mr. Patrick also introduced the members of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary, who prepared and served the turkey dinner.

Fellowship, Fun

In the absence of Legion president Ham Peal who was ill, Joe Hurst capably handled the chores of chairman and welcomed the guests and Legion members to the annual dinner. He informed the veterans the annual dinner was a splendid opportunity for the Legionnaires to meet in good fellowship and fun, but the occasion held something more than mere enjoyment.

"The annual banquet could be more symbolic and we could all assist in taking a lead on service to the community if we would all in 1959 put a little more shoulder to the wheel and make next year's banquet a manifestation of a year's work well done," remarked the chairman.

Secretary G. McCutcheon carried a message from president Ham Peal urging full support for the new executive during the coming year.

50 Per Cent There

The secretary noted that only 50 per cent of the membership was present at the dinner. He urged each member to bring along a comrade in next year's gathering. Padre Rev. A. H. McKenzie said grace prior to the dinner. S. Hall, M.P.P. congratulated the Legion on the fine building they had erected and the splendid work they were doing in the community. His comments were reiterated by Mayor W. H. Cook.

At the conclusion of the program, chairman Joe Hurst once again thanked the guests and veterans for attending the annual banquet and expressed his wishes for a larger gathering at next year's affair. He also encouraged any members to assist in the eye bank. Eric Page accompanied the gathering in the singing of the Queen at the conclusion of the night's entertainment.



HEAD TABLE GUESTS at the annual Legion banquet in Acton last Saturday evening included front row: Wes Stanley, C.N.I.B. representative and Stanley Hall M.P.P. for Halton. Back row: Les Clarke, 1958 Zone Commander for Zone B-7, Bruce Andrews, local high school student and holder of the Juvenile one-mile track record, J. H. Hurst, chairman and Vic Patrick, past president. Mr. Stanley, the guest speaker, explained the operations of the C.N.I.B. and urged support of the eye bank for the sightless. The banquet was attended by over 140 veterans and guests.

Erin Councillors Sworn in Salaries for '59 Approved

Members of Erin township council were sworn in and signed the declaration of office in the Exchange Hotel, Hillsburgh, on Monday, January 12. The new members of council, all present, are reeve

G. C. Wallace, deputy reeve R. M. Barden and councillors P. H. Rowan, P. R. Ferguson and A. Wheeler. Rev. Pelham opened the first session of 1959 with prayer and an appropriate scripture reading.

Salaries were set as follows: clerk's salary, \$200 per year; collector's salary, \$550 per year; assessor's, \$1,250; treasurer's, \$1,000; auditor's, \$450; welfare officer, \$250; dog tax licence, 15 per cent computed on amount collected; weed inspector, \$1 per hour and 10c per mile mileage; truant officer, \$1 per hour and 10c per mile mileage; building inspector, \$1.25 per hour, 10c per mile. Rent of room for council meetings is regular \$6; special \$3.

Members of council receive \$9.00 per day and 10c per mile mileage. A by-law was passed for the purpose of borrowing money from the Royal Bank at Hillsburgh to meet the current expenditures for

Home, School Guests On Television Monday

The Home and School meeting received some unusual advance publicity when two of the guests appeared on television Monday afternoon. Guests on the Kitchener show Telescope were Mrs. Gwen Crown, vice-president of the Ontario Federation of Home and Schools and John Newson of the National Film Board.

The reeve and treasurer were authorized to borrow from the bank to meet expenditures, the sum not to exceed \$35,000.

The clerk was instructed to order nine copies of Municipal World for the use of council and officials.

Council instructed the clerk to obtain a copy of the Revised Statutes of Ontario for the use of council.

All taxes that are three years or more in arrears are to be listed and posted in the clerk's office before January 31 in accordance with the Assessment Act.

Council decided to join the Good Roads Association and the membership fee of \$15 will be paid, also the Association of Rural Municipalities—membership of \$15—was to be paid. Members of council will be delegates to attend these conventions and expenses paid.

The welfare account of \$147, was passed. A grant of \$40, to Orton Community Hall was passed.

Accounts passed included road accounts with snow blowing a major item; fire call accounts for fire at the homes of Wilfrid Burt, J. C. Dyer and J. Tischer and election fees for clerks and returning officers.

Fix bonuses were paid to R. Gillespie, L. Lyons, G. Berry, G. Hilton and D. Watson.

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The annual meeting of the Acton Baptist church was called to order by the pastor, Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, on Wednesday evening, January 14. The reports presented at the meeting showed a year of marked progress, particularly since the coming of a full time pastor, the first in many years, Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, who moved from Stayner at the beginning of October.

Charles Landsborough, clerk of the church for many years, reported an increase in membership, now showing 43 resident and nine non-resident. The industrialization of the town bringing in new industries had been, in part, responsible for the increase.

Offerings Double

The church treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Chapman, reported an increase in offerings, the present giving being double the average during the spring months. Missionary offerings from the church only totalled \$482 against \$190 last year.

To cover the extensive repairs required on the church building totalling \$4,700, the sum of \$2,149 had been raised since December 1, 1957, and it is expected the obligation will be discharged during the year.

The thanks of the congregation were expressed to Mrs. J. W. Chapman as treasurer and to Lloyd Bulmer, who had directed the raising of the fund for rehabilitation, and the gratifying response.

A surplus of \$477 was divided, \$100 to missions and \$300 to the retirement of the rehabilitation obligations. Lloyd Bulmer is to head the finance committee during 1959.

Mrs. Chapman stated that the thanks of the congregation be expressed to the Landsborough family, Charles and his daughter Helen, who have given direction to the important phase of the congregational work for years.

Charges Made

New departures in procedure were instituted to meet growing needs of the church in the appointment of a Women's Visiting Com-

mittee with Mrs. Gordon Ralston as chairman; and in the appointment of a house committee with Ken Miller as chairman. The Board of Deacons under Loyal McCutcheon was enlarged from three to six members.

The gratitude of the church was expressed in prayer to God for His Divine leadership during the year. The pastor was thanked for his discharging his pastoral visitation and his direction of the work of the church.

The nominating committee, appointed by the church early in December 1958, submitted the following names for offices as designated for the year 1959.

Trustees: Mrs. Helwig, chairman, Fred West, Lloyd Bulmer, deacons: Loyal McCutcheon, chairman, Fred West, Wilmer Fryer, Gordon Ralston, Colin Baillie, George Harrap, clerk, Charles Landsborough, treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Chapman, Mission Fund treasurer, Miss Elda Fryer, Sunday school superintendent, Lloyd Bulmer, assistant, Mrs. Gordon Holmes.

Auditors: Lloyd Hilsley, chairman, Albert McGinn, women's visiting committee, replacing the deaconesses, Mrs. Gordon Ralston, chairman, Mrs. Albert McGinn, Mrs. Helwig, Mrs. Landsborough.

Music Director

Director of music, Miss Helen Landsborough for all choral and music, subject to direction from the music committee of the church, organist, Charles Landsborough, assistant, Miss Helen Landsborough, prayer meeting pianist Mrs. Gordon Holmes, usher, Gordon Ralston, chairman, Wilmer Fryer, Jack Fryer, Lloyd Hilsley, John Chapman, with power to add

Music committee: Mrs. Helwig, chairman, Mrs. Bulmer, Miss Alice Pilkington, Mrs. Colin Baillie, finance committee: Lloyd Bulmer, chairman, Mrs. J. W. Chapman, Miss Elda Fryer, Mrs. Helwig, Mrs. Landsborough, George Harrap, church bells, Mrs. Tripp, chairman, Mrs. Ruth Landsborough, Jack Fryer, Loyal McCutcheon, house committee: Ken Miller, chairman, Mrs. Helwig, Mrs. Wagler, Gordon Lott, Loyal McCutcheon, Colin Baillie. The house committee has the responsibility for the physical care of the church buildings and the parsonage.

Envelope secretary, the church treasurer, Bible Society representative Mrs. George Harrap, Canadian Baptist representative, Mrs. Hutcheon, baptismal committee, Mrs. Gordon Ralston, chairman, Mrs. Landsborough, Loyal McCutcheon, Colin Baillie.