

LEGION NOTES FOR BRANCH 197

By George Ware



In a recently completed Provincial Public Relations monetary survey among the various Ontario command branches, with an 87 per cent return on questionnaires, results were amazing as the figures showed close to half a million dollars were spent in Ontario alone by Legion branches on their projects.

This shows a great accomplishment for the Legions as we stand behind our motto of SERVICE. Service not for self but Service for Others.

Here then, is a breakdown in the various categories (which does not include the thousands of dollars spent annually from Poppy Trust Funds for the welfare of our own distressed members and their dependents). Musical Sports, \$163,478.00; Social Cadets, \$45,985.00; Branch scholarships, \$36,700.00; Public Speaking, \$16,375.00; Donations to Others, \$202,215.00. This gives us a grand total of \$454,945.00.

These figures then, give you a slight picture of a few of the things our Legions do during the year. There are many thousands of dollars more the Legions help its community, and we hope these figures will help to make the picture much clearer.

With a general meeting coming up on Monday, December 7, and all of us knowing this is the last general meeting of the year, we should know then that this is nomination night for next year's officers. This year the election will not be held until the following Sunday afternoon and this should give some time for thought and possibly some clarifying.

This year's election and it is up to you to be at this meeting to nominate the persons you believe will run the branch in the proper manner. We hope to see you all at this meeting, as it is one of the most important of the year!

The dance band for this Saturday evening is Johnny Tocher's orchestra.

Monday, Nov. 30 is the second showing of the Canada at War films and we're sure the word must have got around by now on how excellent these films are.

This week we feature Days of Infamy and Ebbtide, each a half hour film. Days of Infamy explains Canada's pressures, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, food rationing, the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan and in Ottawa Churchill makes his 'some chicken, some neck' speech.

Ebbtide, July-September, 1942 - A time of defeat and disaster. Hitler at his apex of power, a Canadian division probes at Dieppe and is repulsed with heavy losses. Canadian factories build the famed Lancaster, Canadian bush pilots ferry the Lancs across the Atlantic, German U-boats penetrate the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Remember, these movies are open to members, their wives and guests. Time 8:30 p.m.

This Sunday, Nov. 29 at 2:30 p.m. is the Zone meeting in Branch 197 and it is hoped by the executive that all who can attend this meeting will do so for the good of the Zone and the branch.

We are sure that this will prove quite interesting to all those who attend.

The glee club will meet in the Georgetown Legion this Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. The group is said to be shaping into one of the best men's choral groups in the district and any interested men who like to sing are urged to attend these Sunday afternoon practices.

Saturday, Dec. 12 is the deadline date for registrations in the Legion minor hockey league. No registrations will be accepted after this date.

Not much change in cribbage standings to report this week except that the Dominion Hotel has pushed up to second spot, dropping the Limes one more rung down the ladder, and that the Legion moved from sixth spot to a fourth place tie with the spic and span Custom Cleaner crew.

Mason Knit exchanged rings with the Old Boys as they moved up to eighth spot. Standings are: Station Hotel 49, Dominion Hotel 47, Limes 46, Custom Cleaners 43, Legion 41, Fat Boys 41, Foremen 40, Mason Knit 40, Old Boys 37 and the Yankers 34.

Friday night's exercise was close for a short time but in the end proved to be a runaway for top spot as Sandy McLean carried a lot for the top package of thick juicy steaks. Following in second place with a 60 was our Padre, Rev. Andy McKenzie as he walked off with the second bundle of 100 lbs. Norm Martin closed out the stack-takers as he took third spot with a 54.

Ever dependable Jim McKnight rounded out the last of the prize winners as he carried the heaviest score of 41, cutting him to the prime sandwich roll of tobagans.

The dart league moved along at a steady clip as standings tightened up in the top rungs. First and second spots remained the same with the Misses moving up to third spot from fifth of last week. Conies and Rockets took it on the nose as they went backwards and the local Meteors remained in the cellar after gaining only two points on this week's play.

Standings to date are: High 29, Jits 27, Misses 25, Conies 23, Capsuks 21, Rockets 22, Orbits 20 and Meteors 12.

"IF A VETERAN, WHY NOT A LEGIONNAIRE?"

Donate to Arena...

(Continued from Page One) there was no infringement on the patent for the new ice machine by the Ontario Arena Association. Discussion on where to store the machine brought forth suggestions for a temporary shelter until something more permanent could be built. The building committee will pursue the matter. Hardtop has already been laid at the back of the arena for easier access to the ice surface.

A recommendation from the administration committee that a Sunday skating program be resumed starting November 22 was accepted.

Program chairman Mrs. Helen Otterbein queried Mr. Rice if skating for the schools was possible during afternoons when the community centre wasn't being used and was advised it wasn't being looked into.

Hockey School The recreation director was advised to let the hockey school make their own arrangements for paying the \$25 fee charged for rental of the ice an hour a week for the season. Acton Referees Association is running the school under convenor Barry Insoe.

Rates of pay for casual labor at the community centre were discussed and set. Jim Ralston and Frank Thompson have both been engaged.

The secretary was instructed to acknowledge donations with letters of thanks to the donors.

An adjustment was made with the intermediate hockey club concerning payment for ice time.

Chairman John Gov. presided at the meeting with Mrs. H. Otterbein, Mrs. B. Keates, L. Lovell, H. Patterson, F. G. Oakes and G. James also attending.

Top Salesmen

Monday at an assembly in the Robert Little school, cash awards for selling the most Christmas cards went to Mrs. K. Black's class for the junior grades, Mr. Black's class for senior grades and Joey Marshall, individual best salesman.

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County Council Briefs

During the regular meeting of Halton County Council at County Administration Building in Milton on Tuesday, County Councilors:

• Learned that Halton County Children's Aid Society had 102 children in care as of September 30 of this year as compared to 99 children in care for the same month in 1963. Society received 63 requests for service during September 1964 compared to 65 requests during September 1963.

• Heard that two public health nurses have been hired by the Halton County Health Unit bringing the total number of nurses on the staff to 19 as of December 1. It was also pointed out there should be 25 nurses to make the staff meet the population ratio in the county.

Lights Broken

Last week, Acton Hydro Commission learned 30 street lights had been broken during the past two weeks. Acton Council is also aware of this damage, and the culprits are known. Parents of the boys will be notified and asked to make restitution for the cost of replacing the bulbs.

H.S. Board Report

(Continued from Page One) much for the new truck. Deputy Reece J. Bell would wonder if it was not possible for local dealers to claim this after seeing the price of the truck published.

In conclusion, councillor Arbo said I had more people comment favorably on our action. Mayor Dubs closed the council his statement.

Library Board

Council appointed E. Pratt to the Acton Public Library Board for the period of one year and reappointed George Lee for a three year term and Roy Kirkness for a two year term.

A by-law requesting permission from the Ontario Municipal Board for a debenture issue on the purchase of industrial land was approved with the receive voting in the negative.

Council also received copies of the auditor's report which will be submitted at the nomination meeting.

Approved payment of engineer's fees totalling \$2,871.50 for work on the No. 7 Highway project in town.

Passed a by-law to sign an agreement with Len Ariss Construction for highway widening and sewer installation on Young St.

Approved payment of a contract totalling \$9,340.50.

on the road allowance between Concession 9 and Concession 10 of the Township of Esquewaugh.

Approved the appointment of Wayne Harrison as a secretary of the Halton Centennial Manor at a wage of \$4,200 per year. Mr. Harrison was one of 12 applicants for the position.

The Agriculture and Re-forestation Committee submitted a report on a reforestation inspection of nine tracts of land.

Blame Cold Weather Two Weekend Fires

Sudden cold weather accounted for two weekend fires. The first happened at the stroke of 11:00 p.m. Saturday when Acton firefighters made a fast run to the home of Harry Emery 55 Wellington St. to check and try to locate a space heater burning out of control.

Sunday morning the fire raged again around 9:30 a.m. and firefighters boarded the rear of truck to race to the farm home of Jack Lynch R.R. 4 Acton where a minor blaze had started in the barn. Heavy water pipes with a blow torch was blamed for the farm blaze.

TENDERS DELAYED

The date for tenders on the second Halton County home for the aged, due November 19, had to be extended to November 26. Halton Mayor Superintendent S. A. Allen reported this week. The board feared there would be few bids as many contractors had other tenders to complete by the latter date.

Brigade Best Dressed Ever For Stubborn Tannery Fire

Beardmore and Co Ltd Fire fighters were the best dressed ever when they battled another stubborn dust bin fire at the plant Friday night of 1964 week.

Attending their annual dinner with their wives and company of friends at the Legion auditorium the men had just finished their meal when the tannery whistle began the familiar fire call.

Dousing fire coats and boots the men pitched in to douse the blaze while their wives sat around the tables in the auditorium watching their men work. General manager W. J. Beatty himself present at the dinner received a phone call within 20 minutes saying the fire had been out of the worst ever encountered in the dust bin but everything would soon return to normal and the men would return to work that night.

Delayed speeches After the dinner delayed speeches got under way. Mr. Beatty commended his firefighters for being prompt in answering all calls at the plant. He told every present his company had spent thousands of dollars in an attempt to overcome the dust in the division. A new system which is expected to arrive shortly is expected to eliminate these fires.

Mr. Beatty stated other tanneries with dust bins were also having troubles.

One of the head table guests Mr. Beatty handed out firefighters' badges to tannery chief Ben Van Fleet, deputy chief Bob Angell and a special badge to Acton Fire Chief Mack Holmes making him an honorary member of the Beardmore Brigade. Both the chief and Deputy Chief of the tannery department handed out badges to other members.

At the conclusion of speeches and presentations, brigade members and their wives and special

Former Actonian New Constable

Constable Ken Rupert of the Acton OPP detachment has been transferred to the London detachment and began his duties there Monday. Replacing him in Acton is a former Actonian, Lucie Strupson son of Mr. and Mrs. George Strupson, Young St. The new constable began his duties this week and came from the Burlington detachment.

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