

LEGION NOTES FOR BRANCH 197

By George Wees

Membership is a subject many of us fail to realize as an important phase in our yearly association with the Legion.

If, in the coming years, we fail to enlarge our membership, what is to happen as our older veterans pass on. This is one of the many reasons we must enlarge our national membership. The only way this can be achieved is through hard work at branch level.

And who at branch level is responsible for membership gains? Every member is responsible and it is up to each member to try and bring in more new candidates to our growing fold.

So, as most of you have noticed the national campaign results published in the March Legionary, you will also have noted we did not reach our projected figure of 15,000 new members per year. Although we were two last short we do need an extra boost this year to try and push it towards the increase of 20,000 for 1966 or a 24 percent increase over the 1961 total by the end of 1966.

Remember, it is up to you. See if you can't bring in a new member this year.

Congratulations to the fine work of the Minor Sports Committee in organizing the team for the four town tournament in Milton on Saturday.

And congratulations of course to the teams on their fine showing for the day. The Action Pee Wees captured the Pee Wee division crown with two straight wins and the Novice and Bantam entries, after going down to defeat in the first round play, battled back to bring home the consolation prizes.

So, on the whole, our young lads made a fine showing in this annual class.

At the zone election in Brampton Sunday we elected a new zone commander in the person of Dave Capperault, who last year was our deputy zone commander. Elected as the new deputy zone commander was Bill Shields of Oakville.

The remainder of the zone executive council is the same as last year with all being re-elected. Congratulations and good luck in the year to come to the new zone executive council.

Remember to keep the date of March 26 open for this is the day set for our annual Anniversary Dance. Mrs. Tolson's orchestra will be in attendance and entertainment chairman Jack Puk says just about everything is in readiness for the event.

The dance band slated for this Saturday night's dance is Ben Alexander.

The list of Friday night's euchre winners is a list of repeat performers as they all have won at euchre previously this year.

Ivan Harris took home the largest bundle of steaks when he carried the top score of 71. Following close on his heels was Hec Lambert with a 67 making him the winner of the middle-sized package. Bringing up the rear of the steak-takers was another regular, Gary Dawkins, when he marked a 43.

The lucky winner of the hogskin was Frank Winter, when he marked the hidden score of 39.

No scores were available on the first round of playoffs in the cribbage league when this column

was written, but scores should be available by next week.

The start schedule came to an end this week with a bang as Missiles picked up five points by default when Flights failed to field a team. This moved them from last week's fifth spot to third, pushing Rockets and Flights down the ladder.

Capsules ended up as the league champions and next week the top four teams begin a round-robin playoff to decide the playoff champions. The bottom four teams will play a round-robin series for the consolation trophy.

Final Standings: Capsules 71, Jets 67, Missiles 66, Rockets 64, Flights 62, Comets 58, Meteors 48 and Orbits 46.

"IF A VETERAN, WHY NOT A LEGIONNAIRE?"

Legion Ladies Present Gifts

The Legion Ladies' Auxiliary held their March meeting at the Legion Hall, president Mrs. D. Rogers in the chair.

Congratulations along with two golden cups and saucers was extended to Mrs. William Chisholm who celebrated her golden wedding last week. A maple leaf pin was also presented to Mrs. D. Little who has moved away.

A donation for the kitchen and a letter of thanks was sent to the Auxiliary for the help they gave at the Mother and Daughter banquet from the Brownies and Guides.

A thank you letter and a cheque also sent by Com. Mrs. H. Dedels who is now in Loretta.

An invitation to a social evening in Streetsville on March 18 was received. Members wishing to attend please get in touch with Mrs. Lloyd Masales.

A trip to Sunnyside Hospital is scheduled for April 14. The nurses from the Provincial Ralls held in North Bay were read at the meeting by secretary Mrs. Darve. Mrs. R. Angell won the dance tickets for the month.

Members were asked not to forget to attend the social evening on March 11 and put names down for euchre and cribbage on March 27. After the meeting closed a lovely lunch and social hour was enjoyed by the members.

St. Patrick's Lunch After Knox Meeting

The Daughters of Knox held their March meeting in the Sunday school room of Knox church. The president, Mrs. T. B. Moore, opened the meeting with a poem followed by the report and the roll call.

Final plans were made for the World Day of Prayer service with Mrs. A. T. Moore from Campbellville to be the guest speaker and Marjorie Les Dubs to be guest soloist.

A short worship and study were conducted on Put Forth Your Hand, by Mrs. W. Spielvogel, Mrs. H. Coles, Mrs. C. Ashley, Mrs. J. Robertson and Mrs. W. J. McKnight.

The offering was received and the offertory prayer was given by Mrs. C. Ashley.

Hymn 222 was sung and Mrs. W. Spielvogel closed the meeting with prayer.

The group adjourned to the basement where a delicious St. Patrick's lunch with tea and coffee were served by the group in charge.

High School Courses Explained to Pupils

Parents of Grade Eight pupils and the pupils themselves from both public schools had an opportunity Tuesday and Wednesday evening to learn the entire operation of the Roberts Plan and courses available at Acton district high school.

Tuesday evening, principal E. A. Harmon and his assistant, Michael Bevan, visited the M. J. Bennett public school to meet parents and grade eight pupils and outlined the course of training available at the high school.

Principal Smith was quite pleased with the turnout of parents of 41 grade eight students, 32 had parents present.

Wednesday evening, the same routine was covered at the Robert Little public school. Both high school representatives previously went to rural schools in the Acton district.

LIMBOUSE

Back from Mexico After Two Months

Mr. Ralph Booth has returned home from some two months at Mexico City, where he was on the demonstrating staff for the North American Ferguson Machinery convention. While there he enjoyed sight seeing trips to quite a number of interesting places.

We hope that Mrs. Voskamp makes a good recovery from her broken wrist.

We regret the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simmons to their new home in Nassagawewa, but welcome Mrs. Monroe who has already taken possession of her new home.

The W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Mitchell last Thursday.

Mrs. Mills spent a few days in Toronto last week, where she visited her sister, Mrs. R. B. Storey, who has been ill.

We regret that Mrs. Charles Rice went to hospital in Georgetown on February 28 with pneumonia, but hope that she may be well soon.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. Kirkpatrick has been out again, having been ill since December, also that Mrs. Al Inglis is improving at home following an operation in Georgetown.

Day of Prayer Marked Friday

The Ebenezer ladies were guests of Nassagawewa W.M.S. Friday for the World Day of Prayer. The meeting was opened by Mrs. M. F. Mullen with words of welcome.

Mrs. Mullen was assisted by Mrs. H. Blythe, Mrs. V. Morris and Mrs. W. Kennedy in leading of the service. Several other ladies from both churches took part in the service. Mrs. M. Hayward was the soloist and Mrs. Don Ross gave a brief message on the theme "What Both the Lord Require".

What Both the Lord Require? and What Both the Day of Prayer Mean to Me? She spoke of how the Day of Prayer had grown over the years since the first meeting was held in Asia.

Mrs. Donna Manes was organist for the meeting.

A social hour followed in the Sunday school room of the church.

The regular meeting of the W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid of Nassagawewa Presbyterian Church was held on Thursday at the manse in Campbellville. Plans were made to quilt the hale quilt on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Mullen.

The Junior Farmer banquet which was to have been held the end of February and had to be postponed owing to the snow storm is to be held this week with the ladies of Nassagawewa church catering for the banquet. A former resident of Moffat, Mrs. Thomas Simpson, who has been in Guelph last week. The community extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in Nassagawewa Presbyterian Church at the regular service of worship on Sunday. Owing to illness and condition of the roads there were not as many out as usual. Next Sunday morning a student from Knox College will occupy the pulpit.

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By Bill Coats

Last weekend, four members of the Acton Bridge Club journeyed to Guelph for the Tri-County Bridge Tournament. The event was held in the fall but its date often conflicted with Grey Cup weekend. The Tri-County Tournament will be held annually on the first weekend of March.

One pair from Acton participated in the Novice pairs, while my wife and I tried our luck in mixed pairs. The best we could do was to place fourth in our direction in the section in which we played. I don't know the results of the Novice pairs except that the pair from Acton was not first.

When you play in a tournament, you must be aggressive. With good or expert players in the game, you can usually be sure that game will be bid if it's there. I was very much surprised to find that we got a top board on a hand where we bid, four hearts and made five. I was surprised because it turned out that no one else bid game on the hand. Here it is:

Dealer—South.

Both sides vulnerable.

North

S—O
H—A J 10 5 4
D—K 10
C—Q J 6 5 2

West East
S—A 10 7 S—K 6 5 3 2
H—9 8 3 H—Q
D—A Q 9 8 4 D—J 6 5 1
C—K 4 C—8 7 2

South
S—J 9 4
H—K 8 7 2
D—7 2
C—A 10 9

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass 1D 1Dblc 2D
2H 3D 3H 4D
4H All Pass

In the style of bidding used by my wife and me, we always double an opponent's opening bid to show an opening bid. We use this double even if we do not have support for all the other suits.

Thus my wife, sitting North, doubles West's opening bid to show that she has an opening bid. I guess it was just luck that I had the king of hearts instead of the king of spades. I bid hearts and this was good news for North. I would have gone to four over the three heart bid even if East passed.

You may wonder how I made five on the hand. West opened the diamond ace and after viewing dummy, made a desperate switch. Reasoning that his partner must have the club ace in order to defeat the contract, West led the club king. Thus I lost on a spade and a diamond.

My only regret is that we did not hold 26 other hands like this one.

Last week's winners: first Jack Coats and George Soltz; second, Bill Hamilton and Tom Warnes; third, Brian Hamilton and Lloyd Kier.

It's Education Week. Good time for high school exams.

Now that ice fishing is near an end, anglers are beginning to think about oiling casting rods and getting other equipment in shape for the regular fishing season. Don't jump the gun. Let us take the game warden's will be out looking for you.

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Fan Mail

The many friends here who remember Patty Surbey's family when they lived here will be pleased to know they have an opportunity of seeing the new young singing star on Music Hop on channel six Monday, March 15 at 8.30. This will be the return of a tape made in her home city, Vancouver.

Writing to friends in Acton thanking them for their interest, Patty's mother says, "Fan Mail sure helps!" Any letters of encouragement and requests to see more of the B.C. singer should be sent to Patty Surbey, c/o CBS TV, Georgia St., Vancouver.

How about some "mail from home?"

Speaker at Y's Men From Imperial Oil

On Thursday, March 4, Acton Y's Men's club met in the Y.M.C.A. with the Guelph Y's Men as guests. The meeting was chaired by Y's Man president Guy Ross and the timesmaster was Lorne Doherty.

Guest speaker was Everett McCrimmon from Imperial Oil who spoke on the by-products of petroleum. A film entitled "Science off the Shell" dealing with this was shown and was followed by a question and answer period.

A report on the 25th birthday party of the Y's Men's Club was given. It will be held April 29. It was reported that the Father, Son and Daughter banquet will be held April 8.

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