

LEGION NOTES

PRE-ELECTION TALK

With only one week remaining for the comrades nominated to make their choice for the office they desire to run for, names on the board are gradually thinning down and in some of the offices there no doubt will be some acclamations before March 15th.

As mentioned last week, the names remaining on the board will be those that will appear on the printed ballots which are to be mailed to members by the Secretary of the branch on March 18th. This leaves only one week for members out of town to receive and return their ballots in time for the election of officers on March 23rd.

In discussing the election with different comrades who have definitely made up their minds to stand for office we pass on the comments as told.

For President—Four names appear for this office, Comrade President McCarty has now been in office four years and he states, that to his mind, the present executive has done a good job and should be re-elected. "Dutch" intends to stand for president of the Branch and his past record as he states should be sufficient for re-election.

Comrade T. Grievé intends to stand for the office of president and gave the following statement: Being a charter member of the branch and having held several offices in the past I could not see my way clear to stand as president until today. I have done my duty in the past and above all have the Legion at heart at all times and if elected I will do my utmost in the interest of my comrades.

Comrade Harold Stalford, also nominated for the office of President made the following statement: "If I

am elected—my sincere thought and ambition will be to do all in my power with the aid of my comrades to make sure of the proper re-habilitation of all Georgetown and District men now serving their country also I plan a progressive plan of action spread over a period of years for improvements to the Legion Hall. The hall as now laid out can be considerably improved, not only for the benefit of Legion members but to provide more comforts to all members including better quarters for the Ladies Auxiliary. I promise to do my best in the interest of all members.

Comrade Chapman's name also appears for office of President, but he is at present undecided for what office he will allow his name to stand.

Several names appear for the office of First Vice President, but it appears that the fight will be between Comrades Herb Harlow and Alex Taylor. Comrade Harlow stated that he had done his duty as Secretary for a number of years, but due to increased clerical work in his present occupation, he feels he cannot continue in capacity of Secretary and therefore has expressed his desire to run for First Vice President. His experience as the right hand man to the president, and his knowledge of conducting a meeting would be an asset to his qualifications.

Comrade Alex Taylor, running for this office also has been a member for 13 years and has always taken a very keen interest in all doings of the branch in the interests of his comrades. If elected his sole aim and object is to see that the constitution is adhered to 100 per cent.

For Second Vice President the names of Comrades Cane, Armstrong and Gilmer appear but nothing definite for who will leave his name stand can be obtained.

For Treasurer, Comrade Wm. Roney

will no doubt be elected by acclamation. Bill has done a grand job as the treasurer of the branch for a number of years and this particular office is a very difficult officer to replace in the Legion. Good luck to you Bill.

The nomination for Secretary shows several names on the board at present and it seems to be very undecided who will allow his name to stand for this important office. Comrades Wally Thompson and Joe Boley seem to be the only ones signifying their intentions as willing to stand. Nothing definite is ready for publication. Wally is a former treasurer of the branch and the last we heard, he intends to let his name appear on the ballot. On the other hand some comrades would like to see Comrade Boley run for secretary and others would like to see him re-elected as chairman of Publicity and Transportation, claiming that a good job had been done and a position somewhat difficult to replace. At any rate next week will tell.

Seven names appear on the board for office of Canteen Chairman, but it appears that Comrade Roberts and Allen will fight it out. Comrade Allen states that he has been on the canteen board this past year and that if he is chosen he will endeavor to see that the caterer be given more authority to carry on as he may see fit in the interest of all members and according to him the caterer should be the sole judge and should take his orders only from the chairman of the canteen.

Comrade Jimmy Roberts spoke in about the same terms but if elected he will see that the caterer be given full authority and that steps will be taken as new members are accepted in the Legion to make sure that the quota now allowed will be increased so that no discrimination will be shown to both old and new members.

As Chairman of Entertainment only one name remains on the board and

that is Comrade Bob Muir. Bob has done a good job in this capacity and all his comrades would like to see him continue as in the past. If Bob will accept to carry on he will be elected by acclamation.

The office of Transportation and Publicity, now held by Comrade Boley will probably be decided on by March 15th. Comrade Cane is mentioned for this office as well as Comrade Boley.

The Property Chairman is another important office and it appears that the fight for this office will be between Comrades Oliver and Harley. Comrade Oliver, the present Chairman stated that he has done his best while in office and if re-elected will do his utmost in the interest of the Branch. Johnny has several items of interest to bring before the meeting if he is re-elected. Comrade Harley states that he would be in a position to act as Chairman of the Property insofar as his place of business is directly above the Legion Hall and that he is well versed with the laying out of the building and that he would be glad to allow his name to stand for this office.

Other important offices, not forming part of the Executive are being filled and a complete list of these will appear next week.

On the Executive also will be Comrade Charles Parton, as Chairman of the Imperial Section, he becomes automatically on the Executive of the Legion.

So Comrades, the above is the information gathered and given to me as your publicity chairman. I would like to point out that in making your choice for your next executive that you select comrades who can devote the required time necessary in the interest of the Canadian Legion. So until the 15th, when I will join my comrades in complimenting those officers who will be elected by acclamation to form part of the 1944 executive—Joe B.

"IN OUR MAIL BAG"

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Dear Editor:

Once again I find myself with time on my hands and I can't think of anything better I could do than to drop you a line to let you know that I am still alive and kicking (about everything in general). The big kick is the weather, but over here you get used to it just like your meals, and one is as bad as the other.

So far this year I have received six Heralds, five of them all at once, and I was very glad to be able to read the local news for a change.

Lorne Cross and I just came back off a nice day leave in Glasgow, Scotland and we had a wonderful time. I can't say enough about the hospitality of the people there. They couldn't do enough for us to see that we had a good time.

Clay Bradley, Perc. Chaplin, Walker Cleave and Earl Hornby were down one night about a month ago and we had quite a reunion and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all.

I had a very pleasant surprise the other day when I received a letter from Joe Hall from Italy. He is in the best of health and mentioned having received a letter from Dave Crichton, who is now in Ceylon.

I also had a letter from Bert Tuck and he is really enjoying himself in Italy.

I hope you will print this letter as I wish to take this opportunity of wishing all my friends in Town the best of everything for the New Year.

Cheerio for now and keep the news coming.

Your sincere friend,
REG. HOARE

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Lesson for March 12

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JESUS BETRAYED, DENIED AND CONDEMNED

LESSON TEXT: Mark 14:18, 11, 53, 54, 66-72; 15:12-15.
GOLDEN TEXT: He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.—Isaiah 53:3.

The time had come! Jesus was about to be condemned and crucified; and though sinful men thought thus to rid themselves of the One who had pierced their hypocrisy and unveiled their unrighteousness, His death was, in the providence of God, the giving of Himself for our sins of the world.

What He endured to break one's heart, for here we see the denial, betrayal and compromise of men.

I. Christ Sold for Money (14:10, 11).

When one sees the awful things which have been done and are being done for money in this world, it becomes clear why the Bible repeatedly calls it "filthy lucre."

"Money! How many awful things have been done for money. How many dishonest officials have secured high places in government by money! How many people have lost their lifetimes because some shrewd, crooked broker schemed to take their money away, because he wanted it. How many millions of people have been kept in poverty because men cared more to increase their wealth than they did to relieve the distress of those who worked for them. Money is what keeps the dance halls going; a lust for money is what keeps our breweries and distilleries open; it is money that makes men want to produce lascivious plays and motion pictures" (W. M. Smith).

Fundamentally, it was the love of money that made Judas betray his Lord. "What will ye give me?" was his question (Matt. 26:15).

But money is not the only price with which men may be paid. We find next—

II. Christ Deserted for Comfort (14:53, 54).

Peter would not have risen to the suggestion that he sell his Lord for money, so Satan was too smart to stir his loyalty by such a suggestion. He used another method with Peter. Things had become very difficult for our Lord. He was led away to be falsely accused and subjected to persecution. It was no longer comfortable to be at His side, as it had been when He fed the multitude and healed the sick, and silenced His enemies.

This was cold unpleasant business. Why should Peter get mixed up in it? After all he could just as well keep a safe distance, and besides it was warm at the fire. Oh, yes, the enemies of the Lord had kindled it and stood around it, but that didn't need to make Peter an enemy of His—or did it?

How many Christians who would meet with hasty and courageous denial the suggestion that they sell their Lord, have betrayed Him by warming themselves at the fires of this world.

III. Christ Denied for Fear (14:66-72).

Peter, the staunch defender of our Lord, who had assured Him that no matter how cowardly the others might be, he would stand fast (Mark 14:29), now quails before a servant maid. He curses and swears to try to strengthen his words of denial.

What had happened to Peter? He had become so at home by the fire of the enemies of his Master that he was afraid to confess his relationship to Him. He had followed so far off that He had lost touch with the Lord, and was again like the Peter who on another day looked away from the Master's face and feared the boisterous waves (Matt. 14:30).

Peter was afraid, and he denied his Lord. How many there are who are like him. They tremble before an unbelieving world, and fearing the scoffing of poor, weak, sinful men, they deny their Lord.

It is time that Christian people took courage and stood up for the Lord in all times and circumstances.

IV. Christ Condemned for Convenience (15:12-15).

Pilate found no fault in Christ. He had no desire to condemn Him. He wanted to set Him free. But it proved to be politically inexpedient to stand by his convictions concerning this innocent person would have greatly inconvenienced him in many ways. So "wishing to content the multitude" he delivered Jesus to be scourged and crucified.

Men and women today are willing to condemn Christ anew because to submit to Him and bear His name would require of them a sacrificial living which they are not willing to give. So they pass Him by, and go on to a Christless eternity.

It costs something to follow Jesus to stand true to Him in a rejecting world. One wonders at times whether this is not one reason why God does not send a revival to the Church. We are probably not willing to bear the inconvenience. It would upset our regular order of life.



"Certainly, send him right in!"

- A friend is going to call on you—this week or next.
- He's going to ask if you'll pay the trifling cost of collecting and processing a few pints of blood plasma to save the lives of a boy from Manitoba and one from Quebec and another from Saskatchewan.
- He's going to ask, too, if you'd like to put up a few dollars to see that the kids in a certain military hospital far away feel the touch of a friendly hand, a word of cheer... in their isolation and their pain.
- And he's going to ask if you'll help speed nourishing food, medicines and a few of the little deficiencies of life to some Canadian boys "sweating it out" behind barbed wire in enemy lands as prisoners of war.
- Who, indeed, can refuse?
- So when this man calls, welcome him... with a cheque... and make it a good one...

because he's calling for the folks that are always there—the Red Cross!

Next best thing to having your soldier son home for dinner every night... is knowing that the Red Cross is at his side—wherever he may be, whatever he may be doing, whatever the day or hour.

In the past you were asked to give only a little... to help the Red Cross in its endless peacetime vigil against catastrophe and disease.

But that was yesterday, friend. Dig deeper this time—ten, twenty, thirty times deeper! For the task of the Red Cross is that much more important to humanity, that much more important to you!

Give generously... give greatly... when the Red Cross worker asks your help. Say: "Sure! Here it is... more than I've ever given before... and you're welcome to more when you need more!"

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