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# Legion Notes

by L. M. Clark  
**LEGION ESSAY CONTEST TO BE HELD IN LOCAL SCHOOLS AGAIN THIS YEAR**

SO GREAT WAS the success of the Legions Essay Contest last year and so widespread was the interest in that project that Provincial Command is sponsoring a similar contest this year, during Education Week, March 10th - 24th.

The winners of each town (the three best in each division) will be sent to Ontario Command not later than April 15th. Those who rank first and second in the first two divisions will be given a free trip, by air, to Ottawa, and will have the opportunity of visiting the House of Commons and meeting the various government officials. The winner of the adult division will be presented with a suitable cup at the Provincial Convention of the Legion in August.

Division 1: Boys and Girls in Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 may write (about 500 words) on either Remembrance Day or The Four Freedoms.

Division 2: Young people in Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 may write (about 1,000 words) on either Canadian Unity or Canada's Influence in the United Nations.

Division 3: is restricted to members in good standing in Legion Branches and may write (about 2,000 words) on Democracy versus Communism. This last Division, we somehow feel, won't be exactly overcrowded . . . why? . . . ever try writing 2,000 words?

The prizes for the first two divisions this year will be raised a bit . . . by about fifty per cent, as the general meeting felt that there was no need to give cash prizes to the Legion contest, but rather divide the money among the first two classes of students.

Last year this contest was extremely popular, with two very good first prize winners, Bill McCormack and Sandy Mackenzie. Try it again, boys, maybe this year you can win that first prize trip to Ottawa!

This year again the Branch will have an evening set aside for the contestants, and will present the cash prizes that night.

The entire purpose of this contest is to impress upon the minds of all youngsters (as well as on the minds of some not so young) the fundamental principles of good citizenship. So how about it, youngsters, let's have at least one Georgetown on that airplane taking the prize winners to Ottawa next spring?

## MONTHLY MEETING HELD LAST THURSDAY NIGHT

**WANTED TO KNOW** — Where were some two hundred odd members of the Branch who should have attended that meeting but didn't! Although a fair turnout was on hand, it was down from the last few meetings, possibly because it was the first one after Christmas. However, let's see a lot more on hand in the future.

The President, Dave Bowman was in the chair and the secretary was present. Treasurer Bill Roney was absent, being still confined to Sunnybrook.

The meeting opened with the usual prayer for our departed Comrades, after which the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. The various accounts were passed.

Insurance was raised considerably, carrying \$40,000 on building plus \$10,000 on the contents. The whole insurance program has been reviewed and the increase had been decided at an executive meeting.

An initiation will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 13th in the auditorium. It is urged that all members be on hand for this.

The Poppy Fund under chairman Mrs. Tom Grieve sent a check to each sick or needy ex-serviceman at Christmas. This was not limited to Legion members, but took in all ex-servicemen. Mrs. Grieve gave an excellent Sick report, telling of trips made to visit the sick Comrades taking cigarettes.

The entertainment chairman and Property chairman both gave excellent reports. Both are to be commended for a fine effort.

Comrade Herb Harlow moved a hearty vote of confidence in the treasurer, who although absent in hospital is still carrying the heavy burden of his job, keeping his books up to date and signing all checks, etc. Hurry back, Bill, the boys all miss your familiar face!

In the absence of the secretary, Comrade Cousens reported for the Trustees.

A letter was received from the Arts and Crafts Club, thanking the Branch for the use of the rooms for their annual hobby show held in December.

**THE MARCH OF DIMES** came in for a great deal of discussion, in view of their request that Branch 120 handle their campaign locally. The request was received too late to act upon, however the general meeting decided by a majority vote to give \$100 to the cause. Although there were arguments for and against, most of the Comrades felt that the Branch could give a donation at least this year. Another year no doubt the various criticisms that have appeared in the Toronto papers will have been cleared up, and a clearer picture will be presented, so that the Branch will be better able to decide whether to do as requested, next year and organize the campaign for the entire community.

**HIRAM WALKER LTD** are arranging a gala evening for the members and their wives and the Auxiliary and husbands on Friday evening, February 23rd at 8:00 p.m. Moving pictures will be shown and there are to be at least 8 door prizes given absolutely free. And we might add, quite valuable prizes. The regular Friday night social will not start until 10:00 p.m. that night.

**THE PRESIDENT** asked all the Comrades to read the directive on the bulletin board from Dominion Command, asking their support in urging the Government to take immediate steps to deal with the defence situation. The whole matter will be talked over and a decision made next month at the regular meeting.

**WE BELIEVE** that there are a large number of members waiting for initiations, and at least two affiliations. Four members were accepted at last Thursday's meeting.

## FARM NEWS

### Farm Labour Prospect Is Not Too Bright

Present prospects point to full employment in industry and limited labour for the farms. As a matter of fact with the exception of the depression years that has been the picture as long back as the early part of this century. There is information however, from Mr. R. M. Pym, of the Department of Colonization and Agriculture of the Canadian National Railways, and also from W. Davison of the National Selective Service that a fairly good supply of displaced people from Europe will be arriving during the next four or five months. These will include men of varying degrees of experience and of several nationalities — Belgian, Czechoslovak, Danish, French, Hungarian, Jugoslav, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Swedish and Swiss. All will be screened for health and security purposes.

In addition there will be the usual forwardings from the British



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## THE MAIL BAG

### Questions GRC Vote Asks Arena Accounting

Georgetown, Ont., January 27th, 1951

The Editor:  
Dear Sir:

I would like to ask through your valued paper if there has been a change in our town by-law regarding the vote on grants to organizations. It is my understanding that on money matters, only the taxpayers have a vote, and if the vote is taken to include non-taxpayers then any money so voted cannot be paid as the vote is illegal. I refer, of course, to the vote for a grant to the Recreation Club on voting day. I am heartily in accord with the work the GRC is doing and feel that they are entitled to support from every citizen, but can the town give them a grant?

I remember another worthy organization in town, on which a similar vote was taken for a grant two years ago, but it was declared illegal and nothing was paid.

While I am on the quest for information might I ask if there has

ever been a public accounting given by the arena board published in the press for the information of the taxpayers? I do not remember seeing one but perhaps I overlooked it. If there has not been one, could we have one shortly to cover operations since this project became a municipal venture?

My idea in asking for this is that perchance there might be a sizeable surplus which could be used for furthering the worthy aims of the GRC without adding to the mill rate.

Trusting that enlightenment may come my way in both-particulars I remain;

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