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Legion Notes

THIS WEEK, just for a change we would like to start this column off with a little bit about the educational services being offered by Provincial Command. There are a number of competitive scholarships open for children of veterans belonging to the Legion. These scholarships are excellent ones, embodying several features not usual in run-of-the-mill scholarships. One of the best features is that they are all-inclusive, and include cost of board and lodging as well as tuition and books. If there is any member interested, the complete brief is beside the guest book in the Legion rooms, or information can be supplied by the writer or the secretary.

IN NEW YORK this week-end will be Comrade and Mrs. Bill Ronney, who are flying there from Malton tomorrow for a holiday in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

IN CASE ANYONE is interested, the monthly notice, that went out this week was only the first one but already we have had a lot of favourable comments on it from the members. In time it can become bigger, as the Branch and the activities increase. We will try to send it out a few days BEFORE each meeting, so there will be no alibis for "not knowing" about the meeting. Everyone can help by handing in any information that they think should be included. At a later date we hope to institute a dues statement as well, so each member will know where they stand re payment of dues.

WE HEAR THAT the boxing on the television last Wednesday night featured one of the best bouts to date. Another highlight last week was the Milton Berle show, which featured some of the finest singing we've heard in a long time. This

feature is beginning to attract an even larger number of members on each succeeding week.

WONDER HOW any of the passengers down for "Standing Room Only" would make out, if they did stand all the way?

DON'T FORGET the ball game in the Park next Sunday afternoon at 1.00 p.m. This is the opener in town for our team, and let's see a lot of Legion members out there to see the boys play. There's nothing more discouraging than a ball team playing to only a handful of people.

LAST MONDAY another in the series of card parties was held. The boys have been getting a good attendance at these and creating a lot of interest. The sports committee tell us that due to the ensuing ball season, and the approach of summer weather, next Monday's euchre will be the final one until the fall. We think all the participants have enjoyed these parties (and the prizes, too) and are looking forward to their being carried on in the fall.

THE MAIN interest now seems to be in the Dart tournament that is underway at present. There seem to be quite a lot competing for the prizes that are being offered. Darts has always been one of the main recreational features of the Branch, and attracts the members in droves be it summer or winter. In this connection we hear a couple of the boys are thinking of starting classes "to make dart players out of some of those shooting at darts." No, we won't give any names. That would be advertising, and we would have to charge for it.

LAST WEDNESDAY night's session of Bingo was evidently really a "sweltering" one. The abnormal

hot weather had the auditorium resembling an oven. Alex and his helpers up there were just about cooked by the end of the Bingo. And just as a thought, we were approached by a member the other day who asked what was stopping us from putting in air conditioning upstairs... and here's the answer, m'boy... absolutely nothing... EXCEPT THE COST, and that's terrific!! But possibly some way can be worked out to keep it a bit cooler in the hot weather.

THURSDAY, MAY 24th, is our regular monthly meeting, so let's have your support by turning out for what will be a short meeting. We can promise you it won't last much over an hour. There's quite a lot of business of interest to you as members, so how about it fellows? The time is 8 o'clock and refreshments and lunch will be served afterwards to all those attending. And don't let's have anybody tell us they couldn't get there because of the 24th, because we don't know of one industry that isn't working that day.

A FAMILIAR face around the Legion is missing these days with Jim Dickenson now in Kingston, we believe with a Dept. of Highways surveying crew. Jim is missed around the Branch by all the boys.

SOMEONE MADE the suggestion to the sports committee about getting some rubber horseshoes, and having indoor horseshoes. This might be OK too. Anyway, the boys will look into it, and we can imagine that if the idea has merit, they will get it organized.

WE UNDERSTAND from the John Labatt representative that his firm has a very good man available for an evening's entertainment, and that the Branch can get him for an evening providing we give lots of notice. A number of the members who have heard him a couple of times at S&S union parties at Paradise Gardens guarantee he is one of the best entertainers they have heard. So we think that the branch will probably want to have him here some time in the future.

THE IMPERIALS had their regular monthly meeting on Sunday at the home of Bob Muir. We'll have a report for the column next week.

THE ZONE meeting was held on Sunday, May 10th, in the Legion Hall Milton, President Frank Shannon, of Milton presiding. Representations were there from all the Legion branches in the district (seven we believe), the occasion being the annual meetings and election of officers. Although through some mistake, Georgetown was not notified, the Branch had six in attendance, five of them voting delegates. Those attending were Les Clark, zone representatives J. F. McCartney and Wilt Hillis, Perc Chaplin, Henry Shepherd and Tom Grieve. The outcome of the election of officers was that Art Padbury, of Acton was elected Zone Commander for the ensuing two years. A Georgetown man, past zone commander Fred McCartney was nominated again for this office but felt he couldn't devote the time necessary to the job just now.

The Zone representatives decided that an open air church service will be held in Streetsville on Sunday, June 24th at 2.30 p.m., followed by a picnic for the members and their families, to take place in Streetsville Memorial Park. This promises to be a big affair and if enough Branch members are interested, buses will be arranged.

THE WA of the Branch made the trip to Guelph last Friday night for a visit with Guelph Auxiliary. Some forty three attended, headed by the President, Mrs. C. Parton. The ladies all reported an excellent time.

OUR FIRST word of cigarettes received in Korea comes from Pte. Earl Beerman, son of Com. Ed Beerman, from whom we received a note thanking the Branch for the cigarettes, received. We hope that the others will drop a line along, so the Branch will know whether the cigarettes are getting there or not. The cigarettes are all insured, and are replaced by the Company if lost on the way.

Regret to say that quite a number of the Comrades are sick at present. A list of those sick is on the blackboard hanging outside the hall door. We wish them all a fast recovery.

THE BALL TEAM suffered a loss to Acton Legion last Sunday afternoon in Acton. However the boys figure on taking the one this Sunday in the park. The team now have their new sweaters, as well as a couple of new gloves. Let's see a good large number of supporters out there rooting for them on Sunday afternoon.

AS A FINAL thought, let's see one hundred per cent of the members at the meeting on Thursday night.

IODE Presents Musical Program at Cedarvale

Members of Countess of Strathmore Chapter, IODE, held their May meeting a week ago Monday at Cedarvale School. The Regent, Mrs. Wallace Thompson, presided at a short business meeting at which a successful report on the recent Monarch cooking school was given.

The tag day for the blind has been postponed until the fall. Misses Ann Hickey and Helen MacDonald are in charge of a bale being packed for the adopted school in Haliburton. Wool convener, Mrs. H. H. Rugg reported half of the knitted baby articles ready for overseas shipment. The next meeting was planned as a picnic supper at the home of Mrs. Erri. Batkin.

After the business meeting, the Cedarvale girls were invited in for a musical program arranged by Miss Ruth Evans. Mrs. Charles Willson played the piano for a quartette, Mrs. Calvin Clark, Mrs. Harold Hutchinson, Mrs. Ted Darling and Miss Evans and Mrs. Clark and Miss Evans sang duets. Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Darling sang a novelty in Chinese costume and the Cedarvale School pupils sang three numbers including "Thy House Forever" which won the shield at a choir contest in Toronto recently. After refreshments Mrs. O. M. Houston expressed the thanks of the school for a pleasant evening.

Ryerson Graduate Joins Acton, Milton Publication

James A. Dills has joined his father and brother on the staff of the Acton Free Press and Milton Champion. He graduated recently from the Ryerson Institute of Technology, winning one of the six silver medals awarded for general proficiency. He was a leading student in the journalism course at the School of Graphic Arts and editor of the student year book this year.

RURAL SCHOOL CLOSED PUPILS TO KILBRIDE

Cedar Springs public school will be closed next term and transportation provided to take the children to Kilbride School. This decision was taken by the school area board of Nelson Township when it was found that an increased number of pupils next term would mean the hiring of extra teachers. Another room will also have to be opened at Strathcona School next fall.



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