

LEGION NEWS

Last Thursday night the regular meeting of the Branch was held at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Although a fair crowd was on hand, there were not as many there as have been turning out the last few meetings.

This meeting was one of the shortest on record, lasting about three-quarters of an hour. Although there was a little business to discuss, actually, very little has been happening, things have been running fairly smoothly.

There were five new members accepted at this meeting. Every meeting seems to see at least three and sometimes as many as seven men putting in their applications for membership. How about it, Any of you ex-servicemen who are not yet members.

The new paint job looks very attractive and now since the chairs have all been sent away and fixed, things are beginning to take shape. The chairs, as you all know, were loosening up and had become quite rickety. There is still a lot of painting to be done, but in due course it will be taken care of.

The main business of course, was the hockey that the Legion is sponsoring locally. Although interest centres on the juveniles, burning up the ice, it must be remembered that the Branch also took care of PeeWee and Midget hockey. The manager, Alf Sykes gave a very comprehensive report of the picture to date, and assisted by the secretary, Marsh Timbers, he had compiled one of the most readable and informative financial reports that it has ever been our pleasure to see. Financially the sponsorship of the hockey program has not been as heavy as expected — but naturally since the long road trips of the playoffs have started, the amounts entered for expenses have started to jump alarmingly. It has been the policy that on long trips no one should have to take his car for nothing, and what with meals, etc., the expense soon mounts. We had to laugh a few days ago (although it wasn't funny) at the groan of anguish wrung from Alf Sykes when he received the bill for sticks for February... \$145.00! And the boys on the team are pretty careful with them — mainly we understand, because they can't stand to see the tears of reproach that form in coach Jawn's eyes every time they break one! However, all told we think that the members should be well satisfied with the whole hockey picture in Georgetown. The PeeWees will finish their schedule on Saturday morning at the Arena. It was originally intended to finish last week, but could not be completed.

Although this is hardly the place to comment on hockey as much as we have, we would like to mention a few things about it. Due to a misunderstanding on the part of the



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sponsors, NOT the Arena Board, we did not have the loudspeaking system working on Friday night. In fact, we were approached in the third period by board member Jack Gibbons and intermediate vice proxy to see why we didn't want it. So we'll have the next game announced. And right here and now we would like to say that we certainly appreciate the way that the hockey committee and Arena Board have solved the various difficulties that have arisen. Naturally, the arena Board are primarily concerned in operating the arena efficiently, as well as making it a financially-sound operation — and it is only natural that at times certain difficulties would arise between these two organizations. This year, however we are very happy to say that there have been no major differences, and the few minor ones have been settled by both organizations in a realistic businesslike manner. And right here and now, as head of the Legion, we'd like to thank Alf Sykes, Marsh Timbers, the other members of the hockey committee, and last but not least coach Seety Patterson for the wonderful job they have been doing on the hockey front. The whole group have carried the program out in such a manner that it ultimately has reflected great credit on the Legion as sponsors of the hockey, as well as we

think having been a good influence on the boys. Particularly, we are impressed by the efficient way that things have been handled on the road trips. And to the boys on the juvenile team, we'd just like to say, as you enter the playoffs, naturally with your hopes high for that championship you are heading for, just remember that you have had a wonderful season and can have no regrets regardless of how it ends. "It counts not that you won or lost, but how you played the game." Sunday morning's practice saw the election of a team captain for the juveniles: The choice being Blake Ingill; 2nd assistant, Dale Sedore. Particularly impressed by the number of 'allies' the fellows travel under: for instance the captain gets not only 'Digger' (Wonder where he gets that one?) and Julian. The one that really threw us for a loss, tho', were the initials 'D.D.' standing, we were told, for Dizzy Dean! That made it really simple, all we had to do was find out who Dizzy was! Meteorologists charts show that Canada's summer temperatures now are several degrees higher than three generations ago.

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Church Ladies Plan Easter Thankoffering

The WMS met for their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Jas. Kirkwood Wednesday afternoon. The meeting opened with the worship service led by the president Mrs. F. Shortill. Plans were made for the thank-offering to be held Easter Sunday evening. The supply allocation was read by Mrs. McKay which consists of sweaters, stockings and Christmas gifts. The topic dealing with refugees from Europe was led by B. Hilt assisted by the other members. It was the story of the work of the churches among these people and of the fine contributions they are making to our country. The roll call was answered by naming a mountain in the Bible and telling something about it. Service was withdrawn Sunday morning owing to the illness of the minister, Mr. Gibb. The Day of Prayer service was held Friday night in the church with a very good attendance. Mrs. N. Sinclair was in charge of the meeting and Mrs. R. Shortill was elected key woman for next year. Mrs. F. J. Shortill told the story of how the money is spent — which is collected at these gatherings. Mrs.

Gibb sang a very appropriate solo "Bless Thou My Soul."

ART HERBERT HEADS LORNE SCOTS BAND

Arthur Herbert was elected president of the Lorne Scots Band at the recent annual meeting. Other members of the new executive are: Vic Carter, vice president; Ernest Forgrave, treasurer; Norman Herbert, secretary; Bruce McKerr, K. Allen, committee members. Honorary presidents of the band include: Dr. G. I. Hoover, W. F. Bradley, Dr. Clifford Reid, Brigadier F. C. Wallace, Lt.-Col. Gordon Coulsen, W. G. Bell, Arthur Beaumont, Sig Silver, William Schenk, L. E. Flock and Amos Mason.

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