

• Legion Notes •

A much-needed change was made in the beverage room, when the old refrigerator was sold to Brampton Golf Club and a modern cooling walk in type of refrigerator was put in. This, while extremely expensive, was a much needed addition, and we believe it is the general feeling of the membership, that it is more than worth the cost. The building was completely painted inside and out and the canteen remodelled. A cooling system to combat the excessive heat of the upstairs was ordered, but due to the hydro conversion taking place next year was placed in abeyance as it was not deemed advisable to instal 25 cycle window units with 80-cycle conversion coming to town next summer. However, this is a definite MUST in our book and should be gone ahead with just as soon as it seems feasible.

These are just a few of the many things accomplished by your Legion this year, not to mention all the many donations given, the Poppy Fund work, the Picnic, New Year's Eve party and the annual Christmas Tree. All these events are only made possible through the active help and cooperation (AND criticisms, if constructive) of each and every member, and to any of our members who haven't been taking too active a part, it's never too late to start!

The sports chairman have had the pool table recovered, so how about it, fellows, take it easy. We like to see it in use, but those little rips can mainly be avoided.

Please Note: It has been a standing rule that New Year's Eve is a closed night at the party... just members and the W.A. and their respective spouses. Please cooperate. It's always embarrassing when as usually happens — people other than Legion members want admission, but the ruling has to be abided by. You can help by passing the word along to non-members.

And now at long last we have the entries judged for the essay contest that was held in Georgetown schools last spring. Through various unforeseen circumstances, they have been delayed until now, but possibly the prizes will come in handy at this time. The winners were:

Public School: 1st, Jean Penrice; 2nd, Kathleen Wareing; 3rd, Helen Muckart.

High School — 1st, Ola Berg; 2nd, Pat Vickers; 3rd, Don Souther. Congratulations to the winners — also a big thank you to genial Ed Wilson who 'came through' and offered to judge the essays himself. It's a big job and anyone taking it on has his hands full.

We reprint the two 1st prize essays.

And to everyone as a last thought may we express our heartfelt wish that the next year will bring happiness, health and prosperity to all our members, and their families.

In 1954—"May your joys be as deep as the ocean; Your sorrows as light as its spray!" —Les Clark.

Canada's Place In the Empire

by Ola Berg
The British Empire, or in modern

phraseology, the British Commonwealth, is that great organization to which Canada and a group of other sovereign nations under the British crown belong. Canada's part in this organization is, and for some time, has been of the utmost significance.

From the acquisition of New France by the British general Wolfe in 1759, Canada became a notable member of the British Empire. It later obtained self government, due partly to the United Empire Loyalists, who were used to it in the United States.

With reference to the Empire, Canada continued to increase in importance, until in 1917, the prime minister of the United Kingdom recognized the Dominions as equal in status to the Mother country and field marshal Smuts of South Africa introduced the term British Commonwealth of Nations, in place of the British Empire.

In 1931 the British government passed the Statute of Westminster, which insured the Dominions' independence, and allowed them to pass laws without the consent of Britain. From 1931 onward the Dominions were not to be considered colonies and the term Commonwealth came to be used in a legal sense.

Canada's growing importance was shown by the choice of Ottawa for the Commonwealth Economic Conference in 1932. Canada, and all parts of the Commonwealth and Empire, played important parts in the World War and established their fame by doing so.

At the present time, Canada's contributions to the Commonwealth are the most important in her history. Through the Colombo Plan, it is helping with technical and economic help to the underdeveloped Asian nations, such as India, Pakistan and Ceylon, and is thus increasing the standard of living of a large proportion of the world's population.

At the 1952 Commonwealth Economic Conference in London, England, Canada was regarded as the second member of importance. The change in the queen's official title, in regard to Canada, brought out several points to show Canada's great importance as a nation. One of these factors was the omission of the title Dominion which the Canadian government felt, placed Canada in a subordinate position in respect to the United Kingdom.

Canadians should be proud to belong to the Commonwealth of Nations in these troubled times of cold wars in Europe and hot wars in Korea. The Commonwealth can show the world that there is perhaps yet hope, when one-quarter of the world's population can live harmoniously together and look forward to a greater prosperity.

The Story of Queen Elizabeth

by Jean Penrice

Almost 27 years ago there was born a baby girl to HRH Duke of York, second son of George V and her mother was HRH Duchess of York, daughter of the Earl of Strathmore. The baby's name was Elizabeth Alexandra Mary. It was unknown that one day this small girl would become Queen Elizabeth II. She lived in White Lodge, Richmond Park, until she was nine. At nine she studied in London under many tutors. But in 1936 a sad thing happened, King George V died and Edward VIII became King only to abdicate in less than a year. Thus the Duke of York became king and Princess Elizabeth became heiress presumptive to the throne. Now Princess Elizabeth's education became sterner in preparation for the great tasks ahead. In 1939 Germany declared war on Britain and at the age of 17 Princess Elizabeth joined the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service to fight for her country.

After the war the Princess toured Cape Town, South Africa in 1947. Now Lt. Philip Mountbatten, RN, formerly Prince Phillip of Greece and Denmark sought her hand in

marriage. In November, 1947 the Princess and Duke as he was now called were married in Westminster Abbey by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Their marriage was followed by the birth of HRH Prince Charles in November, 1948, and the birth of HRH Princess Anne in 1950.

When the King died February, 1952, Elizabeth assumed full responsibilities of Queen of the British Empire.

Although she has had these responsibilities for over a year it was not until June 2nd of this year that she was crowned Queen Elizabeth the II of England, Scotland and Ireland, Canada, and all other nations of the British Commonwealth.

The Coronation service was held in Westminster Abbey, London England. The great pageantry of this celebration did not overshadow the deeply religious nature of the service and the vows our Queen took are very serious. They no doubt brought to her mind the words of her speech on her 21st birthday on which she said:

"I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our Great Imperial Family to which we all belong... God help me to make good my vow and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it."

Let us all pray to God for his strength and guidance to our most gracious Queen.

"God Save the Queen."



Designed for that lower, longer look so prized in modern automotive styling, the new Chevrolets meet other high standards besides eye appeal. The 1954 series have more power, better performance and chassis improvements that will substantially increase the pleasure and convenience of motoring. For 1954, a total of 13

body models are available in three series of cars. The Powerglide automatic transmission, teamed with a new 125-horsepower engine, is now optional on all cars. Another outstanding development, also available as an option in all series, is Power Steering. Above is pictured the Bel Air four-door sedan.

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Christmas Gifts... a Custom at Christmas

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