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LEGION NOTES

The biennial Legion Convention for the Dominion was held this year in Toronto at the Royal York Hotel. There were delegates and representatives from every province in Canada.

The convention opened on Sunday with a drumhead service held in the Varsity Stadium, with a parade from there along University Avenue, where Lt. Gen. Crerar, the man who commanded the Canadian troops in World War II, took the salute in front of the Military Institute. An interesting point of the parade was the fact that the Lorne Scots Band under Com. Alf Perrott were duty band for the day, and not only played for the service, but also played as each unit passed the saluting base, in all twelve times!

The Anglican Bishop of Toronto, Right Rev. Bishop Bevesley, was in charge of the sacred service. The various padres of the Toronto District took part in the ceremony, with the Bishop of Toronto giving a very inspiring talk and Dr. Lumsden, retiring president, leading in reaffirming the Legion oath of Allegiance. The Bishop closed the service with the Benediction.

At least four Branch members are attending this week, with Branch delegates Murphy, Shepherd, Day and Honey on hand.

Some of the items of business dealt with were pensions, an old sore with the legion, who have been pressing for substantial increases for years — housing, another contentious subject was dealt with and William Beech, MPP, head of this in the Toronto district, spoke on the project being pushed forward with the joint efforts of all levels of government and Legion Branches in the Toronto area. A motion introduced by Ray Mann, of Brantford, to reimpose rental controls was defeated.

Another subject was introduced — namely that of compelling the various Legion branches to subscribe to the official magazine 'Legionary', and brought forth sharp differences of opinion, however the motion was won and starting in 1956 all branches will be compelled to take copies of this magazine for each mem-

ber and pay an extra 90c per year for branch member. — In effect, therefore, as in Ontario, Provincial Command resolves \$2.78 of each \$4.00 of dues, this increase would mean that for each member, Command will in 1956, receive \$3.88.

The new president for 1954-56 is the Rev. Dean Anderson of Ottawa.

There was also quite a discussion upon the revised Dept. of National Defence regulation which forbids army, navy or air force units from taking part in Remembrance Day parades if there was a religious service in the ceremony. This matter was brought up by the Montreal delegation, who had had their last year's Remembrance service celebrated by both Protestant and Roman Catholic church heads only to have the armed services refuse to parade on an order from the Department of National Defence, because of the religious aspect of the service. The convention voted overwhelmingly to keep their service the same as in the past, whether or not the armed services took part.

The Thursday evening program for the convention featured Mayor Leslie Saunders presenting retiring president Dr. C. S. Lumsden with a set of cuff links. This was before 1,500 delegates and their families on the convention floor of the Royal York. The evening was highlighted by a speech to the convention by Premier Leslie Frost, himself a Legion member, at Lindsay, and a past zone commander.

AROUND THE ROOMS

The boys in the Dart Room took a trip by bus a few weeks ago to the 48th Highlanders Mess in Toronto, where they enjoyed a day of dart competition. We believe that the 48th are scheduled to return the visit in the near future. The drumhead service at the convention was disappointing in the poor turnout of people who gathered to see it. All told, we doubt if there were 2,000 people in the stands.

Our personal opinion of the move by both Dominion and Provincial Commands to foist a copy of the Legionary on each and every member, is a poor one! It is still our contention that each member is quite capable of deciding whether he wants to read it or not and he should not be forced to pay an extra 90c per year through his dues, — this will in most branches certainly mean an increase in dues, as certainly in this branch where dues are \$4.00, the branch will, under the new increase only have 32c out of each \$4.00 taken — One bright spot, is that possibly with the increased subscriber list, the powers that be might take some action and turn the magazine into something readable. In our opinion, at present, it is strictly a second rate, inferior magazine, with little or nothing of interest to the average reader — With the zone golf tournament this Saturday at the local Golf Club, the local boys hope to make it two years in a row by winning again. There's a good trophy, put up for annual competition, donated by Sybil Bennett, QC, MP, and the boys hope to win it in this Saturday's affair. For details, or last minute entries, contact Ken Nash or Scotty Patterson. Tee-off will be from 12:00 until 1:30 and there will be a buffet supper served at approximately seven. 21 members have already put their names on the board to play, and we have been asked to remind any embryo golfers that it is not just for members of the local golf club but any Legion members who wish to play — Members are coming to compete from Acton (20, we hear) Port Credit, Oakville, Brampton, and other centres in this zone. Congratulations to Rene Martin, on his marriage last week — the ranks of the Branch bachelors seem to be thinning these days. We can

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END OF TRAIL FOR BASEBALL JUVENILES

Georgetown Juveniles were ousted from further baseball competition last Tuesday when Acton overcame a four-run lead to win the sudden death match.

The 10-4 victory boosted them to a final playoff with Milton. Georgetown started off in winning style, scoring four runs in the first off the bats of Norton, Herrington, Timlock and Freestons. Acton picked off the game with four in the 5th.

RETURN FROM ENGLAND NOW LIVE IN GLEN

When Mrs. Desmond Earl and children return next week home-ward bound from England, they will have a new address, Glen Williams.

Last week, Mr. Earl moved from Queen Street into the Eva Thompson house to Glen Williams recently vacated by Mrs. Wally Loudon, who now lives on King Street, Georgetown.

Mrs. Earl, Christine, Pamela and Nicholas have been visiting in Strigton with her mother, Mrs. Janson, who was in Canada last year with the family. They dock at Quebec City on the 14th aboard the S.S. Samaria and Mr. Earl is planning to meet them there.

Local Orangeman Has Big Day in Belfast

"Went to Scarva village in County Armagh on the 13th to see a sham battle. King Wm, won again," says Cpl. Albert Carter on a postcard mailed from Belfast to the Herald editor.

An active Orangeman, Cpl. Carter used his army leave for a trip to Ireland and reports that on the 12th there was a big day in Belfast when about 25,000 men marched seven miles to Finaghy and return. Cpl. Carter is stationed in Antwerp, Belgium, with Canadian army troops.

Wins First Round In Ontario Amateur

Jim Linton, one of Georgetown's best golfers is feeling good these days, even if he didn't get to the finals in the Ontario Amateur at Thornhill.

It was match play and he won his first round against Tony Matlock of Kitchener and Sudbury in a thrilling 20th hole. He was put out in the second round, played in the rain, by Bruce Bradley, Oshawa, who has held the Ontario title.

Another Georgetowner Is Seen on Television

The Bob Hardmans got a thrill last week when they saw son Bill on television.

As reported last week, the young GHS cadet who is attending cadet camp at Banff was chosen for the Duke of Edinburgh's honour guard at the British Empire Games. The ceremony was televised and Bill could quite easily be picked out in the pictures.

think of a couple more who will no doubt surprise us and take the plunge one of these days (names supplied on request) — and still another competition. Chubby Stapleton wants to hold a branch contest for the most model husband. Says he's got a dark horse driver, or in it — For anyone who drives, or rides in a car there's a good Legion policy for \$3.00 a year — It also covers you if you are struck while crossing the street, etc. It's well worth looking into — We see details of a softball tournament and now on the board — Saw Zone Commander Hughie Lamb at the convention last week, along with the Major and others from Streetsville — met them in the lobby of the Ford Hotel, where a good many of the delegates were staying — We couldn't help but grin when the convention decided that they needed a song for their very own! The wording of the motion caught our eye — "there are times when a distinctive Legion song would add something" — how very right you are Comrade! — The CNE is looming up again, with Warriors Day on Saturday, August 28th. Free tickets are available for all vets and their families and we believe that buses will be provided once more by the branch. — Glad to see Bud Hill around again after a siege in Sunnybrook with a mastoid operation.

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